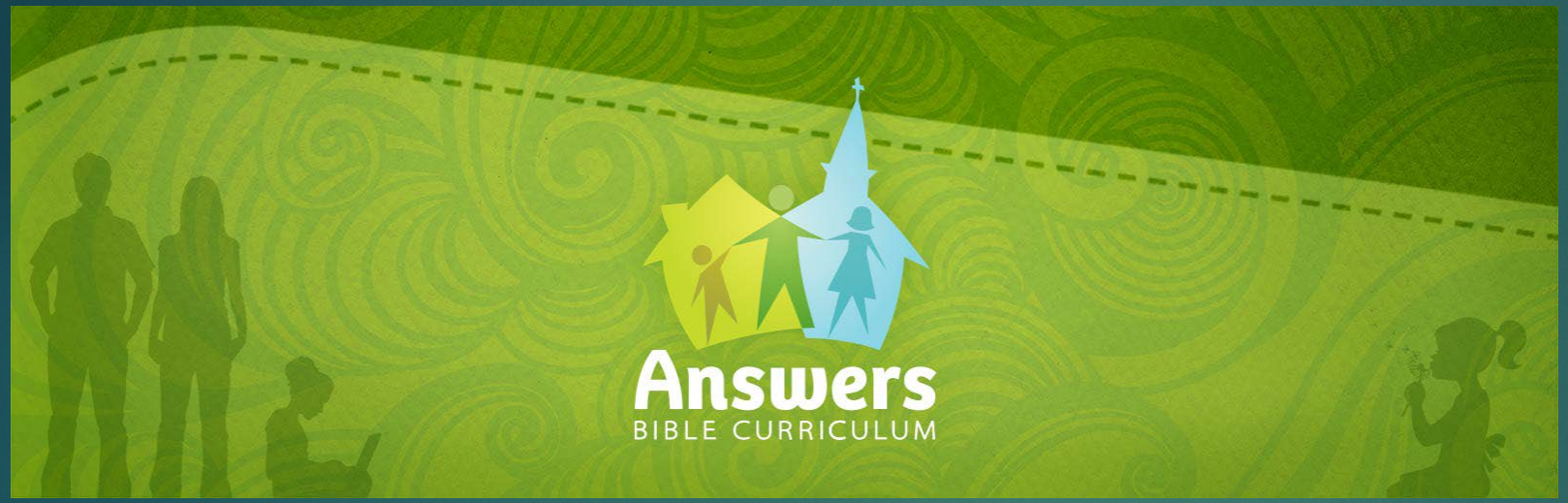
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L6: God Provides in the Wilderness



Exodus 20:1–3, And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (ESV)

Exodus 15:22–27, Observation

- Wilderness of Shur
- Three days of no new water
- Bitter water, Marah
- Complaining against Moses (and?)
- A tree makes the bitter waters sweet
- A test
- The rule/promise
- “Your healer”
- Springs at Elim



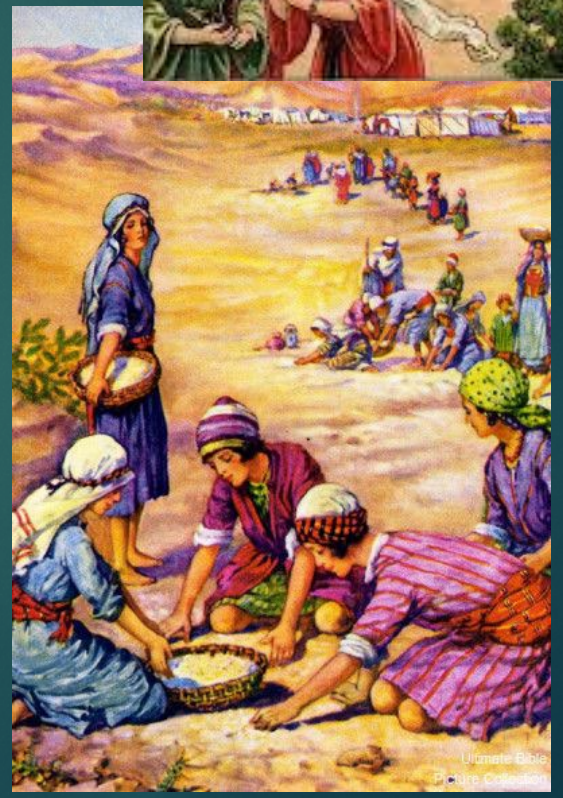
Exodus 15:22–27, Interpretation

- How did the tree make the bitter waters sweet?
- What is the significance of God leading the people to Elim after Marah?
- Though the statement of verse 26 is given positively, what will be the outcome if Israel does not listen, trust, and obey God?
- What does this passage show us about God?

Exodus 16:1–36, Observation

- Wilderness of Sin
- Grumbling against Moses/Aaron, Egypt memories
- Really grumbling against?
- Food from heaven, but another test
- Manna described
- Some people disobey God's commands
- God's complaint, provision
- No chastening or judgment
- Memorial portion gathered
- 40 years of manna



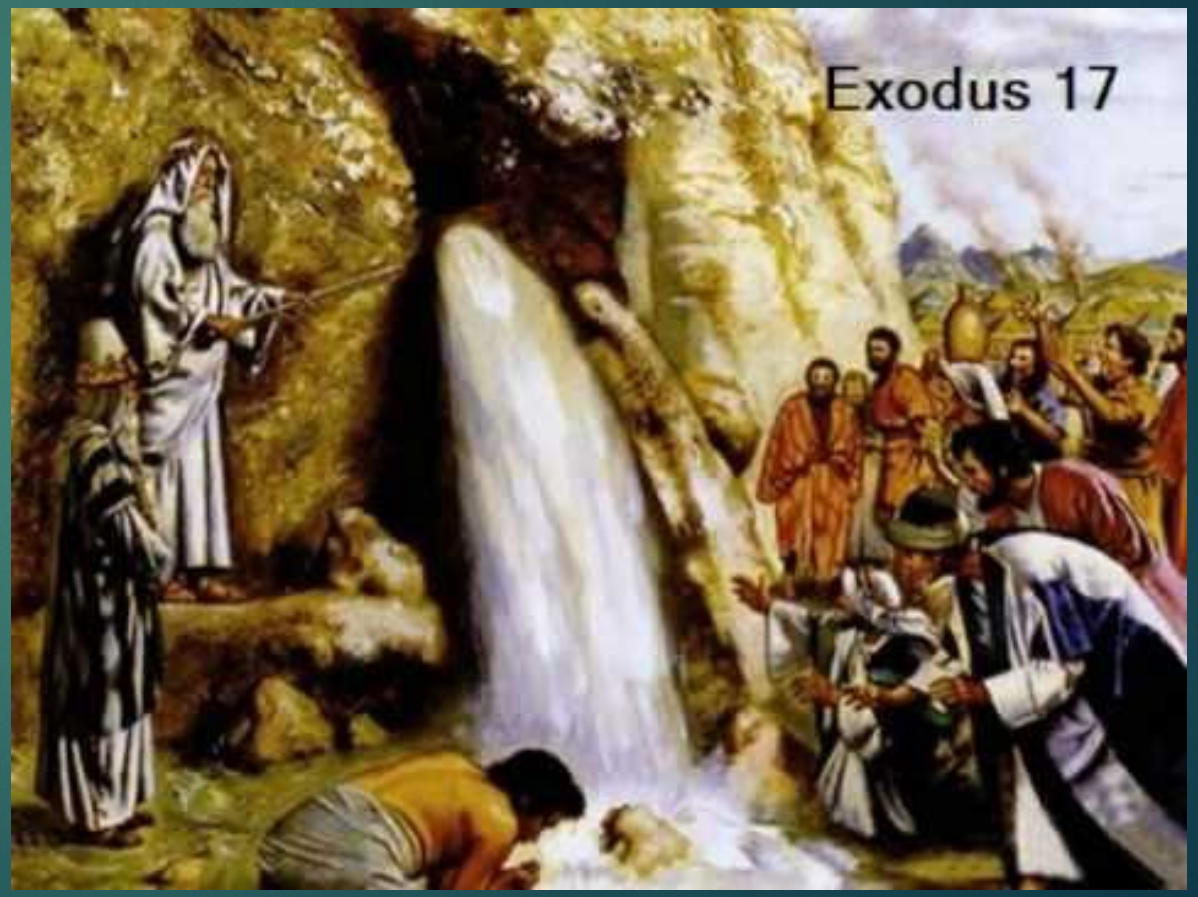


Exodus 16:1–36, Interpretation

- How did Israel do in its second test?
- How were the people's grumblings against Moses and Aaron really against God?
- Why did God make the people gather their own food?
- What exactly is manna?
- Why doesn't God chasten Israel?

Exodus 17:1–7, Observation

- Did Israel pass its third test?
- Behavior gets even worse?
- What does God do?
- The place named Massah and Meribah



Exodus 15:22–17:7, Application

- Main message of three passages today:
  - Complaining is (frequently) sin against God
  - God is gracious/patient and he knows how to provide
  - Listen to God! Trust and obey!
- 1. What type of things do people tend to complain about in an unrighteous way?
- 2. What thoughts/beliefs in the heart motivate and lead to sinful complaining?
- 3. How serious is God about the sin of complaining?