

Exodus 15 – 16

Day 1

Song of Moses: Read Exodus 15:1-21

For a review of Exodus go to <https://jointhebibleproject.com/>
Click on "All videos" and under "Read Scripture Old Testament", click on Exodus 1-18.

1. What was the theme/focus of Moses' song? 15:1

God's Power

2. List the titles and attributes given to the Lord in 15:2,3



IT'S HEBREW TO ME: Salvation OT:3444 *yeshuw`ah*; something saved, i.e. (abstractly) deliverance; hence, aid, victory, prosperity" - Strong's Concordance

"**My father's God** presents the Red Sea crossing as part of God's keeping His covenant promises to the ancestors." - The Woman's Study Bible (122) "**Warrior**": See Psalm 24:8; 35:1-3; Rev. 19:11

3. Underline how David referred to the Lord in the following psalms.
 - Psalm 18:1-2 "I love You, O LORD, my strength." The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. NAS
 - Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? NAS
 - Psalm 28:8 The LORD is their strength, And He is a saving defense to His anointed. NAS
 - Psalm 118:14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. NAS
 - Psalm 140:7 "O Sovereign LORD, my strong deliverer, who shields my head in the day of battle-- NIV
4. List who and what perished in the sea. 15:4
 - From 5:4,5,7,10,12, list the verbs/phrases that describe what happened to the enemy.
"hurled into the sea, drowned..."

5. What did the Israelites recognize about the Lord's power? 15:6,7

Digging Deeper
What does God's right hand symbolize? Psalm 89:13; Isaiah 63:12

6. Over what forces of nature did the Lord show power? 15:8,10 (List what happened to the waters.)

Digging Deeper
Compare Jesus' power in Matthew 8:23-27 or God's description of power in Job 38.

IT'S HEBREW TO ME: **Congealed** (15:8) Strong's OT:7087 qapha'; to shrink, i.e. thicken"
"coagulated, like gelatin."
- Henry Morris

7. From 15:9, what do you learn about the attitude and intentions that the Egyptians had?

8. What did the Israelites recognize about the Lord? 15:11

- What did they conclude about the Lord's leading? 15:13,17 (Cf. Ex. 6:6-8)

Food for Thought. "Led forth in *mercy*, redeemed in *grace*, guided by *strength*." - Companion Bible (94)

9. List the responses of the nations to God's victory over the Egyptians. 15:14-16 (Compare Joshua 2:10,11)

10. Where was Israel going to be established? 15:17 (See 2 Chronicles 3:1)

The Lord's reign

11. How does the song conclude? 15:18 (When will this song be sung again? Revelation 15:3)

- What amazing contrast ("but") did Moses emphasize in 15:19? (How many miracles with the water do you see?)

12. How did the women respond? 15:20,21 (What part of the song did the women repeat?)

FYI: "It is obvious...from the plentiful allusions to this song in holy scripture, that it is full of deep spiritual significance. It teaches us not only to praise God concerning the overthrow of Egypt, but to praise him concerning the overthrow of all the powers of evil, and the final deliverance of all the chosen." (Spurgeon)" - David Guzik

Applying the Word: *If you were to write a “song” about a time when the Lord powerfully guided or strengthened you, what names or adjectives would you use to describe the Lord?*

Or

Discuss as a group: What do you think it means to say that the Lord is your strength? Your song? Your salvation?

Day 2

Waters of Marah: Read Exodus 15:22-27

13. How soon did the people face a problem after the Red Sea? 15:22,23

- What was the difference between Moses’ and the people’s reaction to it? 15:24,25a

14. Why do you think the people didn’t take this problem to the Lord as they had in 14:10? (What does grumbling say about their understanding of God’s concern for them?)

GRUMBLED

15. Underline what is associated with grumbling in the following verses.

- Numbers 14:2,11 All the Israelites grumbled...11 The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them? NIV
- Deuteronomy 1:26-27 "Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; 27 and you grumbled in your tents and said, "Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us. NASU
- Psalm 106:25 But grumbled in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of the LORD. NAS

16. How did the Lord “sweeten” the waters? 15:25a

Digging Deeper

For other associations between trees and healing, see: 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 22:1,2

IT'S HEBREW TO ME: **Tree** `ets OT:6086, "tree; wood; timber; stick; stalk." - Vine's Expository Dictionary

"Sweet OT:4985 *mathaq* " A verb meaning to be sweet, to be pleasant. It indicates something having a taste like sugar or honey." - The Complete Word Study Dictionary (693)

17. How did the Lord emphasize and use this event? 15:25b

18. List the things the people were to do. 15:26a

- What did the Lord promise to do? 15:26b (Compare Deuteronomy 7:13-15)

Law/regulation/Ordinance (15:25) Strong's OT:4941 *Mishpat* "a judgment, a legal decision. - The Complete Word Study Dictionary (687)

"This miracle was connected with a promise; viz., from now on obedience to commands and statutes would bring healing, both physically and morally." - The Expositor's Bible Commentary

19. Underline why the Lord tests people.

- Deuteronomy 8:2 "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. NASU
 - Deut. 8:16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. NASU
 - Deuteronomy 13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. NASU
 - Judges 2:22 I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did." NIV
 - Psalm 66:10 For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. NIV
 - 1 Peter 1:6-7 ...you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; NAS
20. Where did the Lord lead them next? 15:27 (What were some of the things the people were learning about the Lord from these places? *e.g. Obstacles can come when you follow the Lord...*)

Applying the Word: Consider any bitter experiences in your life the Lord has healed. How did He heal them? Are there any that you still need to give to him and allow Him to sweeten your life?

Day 3

Wilderness of Sin: Manna and Quail: Read Exodus 16:1-36

21. Where did the people travel to next? 16:1 How long a time had passed since the Exodus? See 12:2,6

22. Why did the people grumble again? 16:2,3 (Consider: What replenishable food sources would they have had?)

- What did the people selectively remember about Egypt? What did they imagine about the Lord?

23. How was the Lord going to test the people? 16:4,5

24. What were the people going to “know” through this miracle? 16:6,12

- What were they going to “see” and why? 16:7,8 (Mark the word “hears” and “heard.” 16:7,8,9,12. What does the repetition of this word emphasize? See Psalm 4:3)

FYI: “the glory of the LORD: They would not see the glory of God as in His enthroned radiance; but in His great, loving provision for His people.”

- David Guzik

25. At whom were the people really grumbling? 16:7b, 8b

- Consider the song they had sung after the victory at the Red Sea. How do you explain their faithlessness just days later? (How had their focus changed? Compare 16:3 with 15:2,13,17)

26. In spite of their grumbling, what did the Lord want the people to do? 16:9

- Instead of a rebuke, how did the Lord respond? 16:10-12 (What does this say about God’s character - His patience, mercy, forgiveness...?)

GRUMBLED

27. How, when and what kinds of food did God supply? 16:13-15



FYI: "What is it?" (16:15) "In Hebrew the words would have been 'Man hu?', and this question is the source of the name given to this substance - 'manna.'" - The Africa Bible Commentary (106)

28. How much was gathered? 16:16-18 (What other miracle do you see?)

29. What rule were they given? 16:19

- What happened? 16:20 (Why do you think they did this?)

30. What was special about the manna on the 6th day? 16:22-24

31. What was different about the 7th day? 16:25-26

- What happened? 16:27-30 (Why do you think they did this?)

32. What was the manna like? 16:14,31 How did the people prepare it? 16:23

33. How did Moses memorialize it for future generations? 16:32-34

- How long were the people given manna? 16:35 (For the last day of manna see Joshua 5:10-12)

Digging Deeper
How did Christ compare Himself to manna? John 6:33,49-51

Applying the Word: What lessons about "gathering" and "resting" do you see for your life? (i.e. Are you worrying about his provisions for your needs? Are you looking for fulfillment in places where God has said there would be none?)

Day 4

34. Read through the following verses that address some of the attitudes, distorted thinking and fears that the people of Israel struggled with. Underline what is meaningful to you.

Grumbling	<p>Philippians 2:14,15 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.</p> <p>Heb 13:5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," NASU</p> <p>1 Peter 4:8-9 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. NIV</p>
Blaming others	<p>1 Peter 3:8-9 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. NIV</p> <p>Ephesians 4:2,32 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love...32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. NIV</p> <p>Gal 5:14-15 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. NIV</p>
Living in the past ("if only")	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. NIV</p> <p>Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. NIV</p> <p>2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. NASU</p>
Borrowing trouble/ worrying/ being fearful	<p>Matthew 6:33-34 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.</p> <p>Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. NIV</p> <p>1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. NIV</p> <p>Ps 56:3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. NASU</p>

<p>Giving up</p>	<p>Psalm 27:13-14 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD. NASU</p> <p>Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. NIV</p> <p>Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. NIV</p> <p>Hebrews 3:13-14 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today" so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, NASU</p> <p>Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. NIV</p>
<p>Doubting God's presence and goodness</p>	<p>Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. NASU</p> <p>Hebrews 13:5-6 God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" NIV</p> <p>Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. NIV</p> <p>Psalm 103:17 But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, NASU</p>
<p>Focusing on the negative</p>	<p>Colossians 3:1-4 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. NIV</p> <p>Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. NASU</p>

Applying the Word:

"Today, your assignment is not to criticize anybody about anything. Just for 24 hours, even if you have a legitimate criticism, don't offer it. Most of us are far too critical. We offer lots of grumbling and complaining about issues that frankly don't make much difference. All of the criticism has a very negative result. Critical people are often unhappy people. The act of criticizing drains positive energy from our lives." From "Hold that Criticism" by Jim Burns One Place.com

What things in life are you most tempted to complain or grumble about? What has this story taught you about handling those things?

Questions and Discoveries: