



EXODUS 16

IN 5 MINUTES

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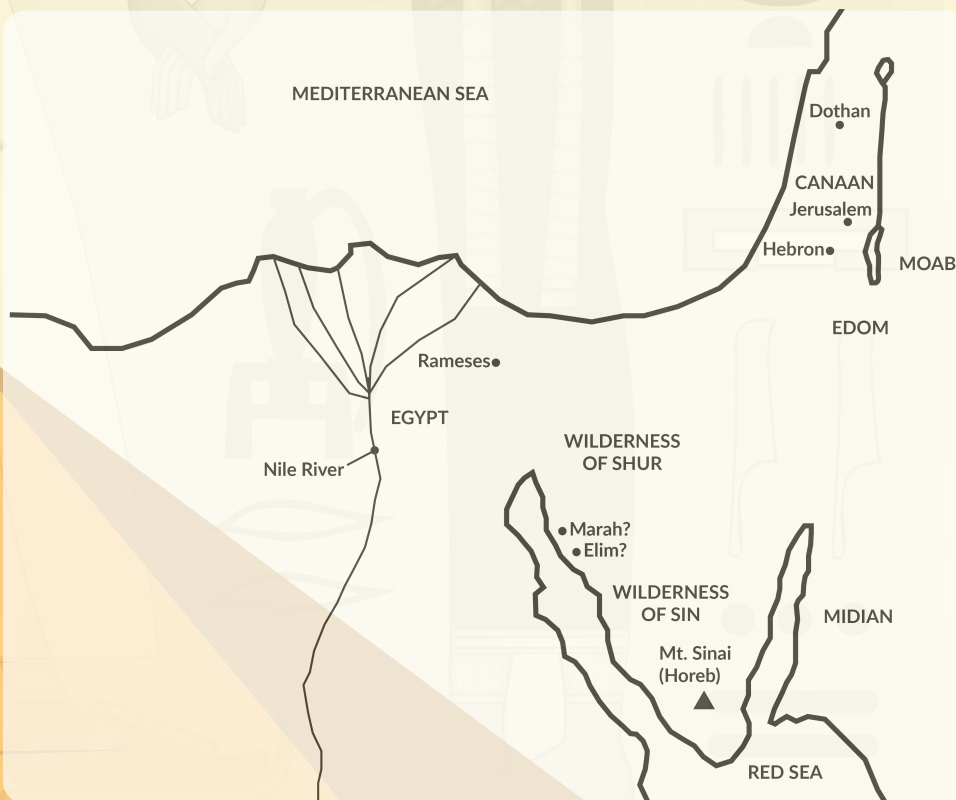
- According to Exodus 7:7, Moses was 80 years old when he stood before Pharaoh as the representative of God (1491 B.C.).
- God delivered the Israelites from slavery in approximately 1491 B.C.
- The events in Exodus 16 occurred 1 month after the Exodus (16:1).

Characters:

- **Israelites (Hebrews)** – They were the descendants of Jacob’s family that grew into a large nation while enslaved in Egypt.
- **Moses** – A Hebrew who grew up in the house of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in Exodus 2 and went to live in Midian. God called him back to Egypt to deliver the Israelites from slavery.
- **Aaron** – Moses’ brother who God selected to help him lead the Hebrews.

Where:

- The exact location of the Red Sea crossing is unknown.
- God led the Hebrews from the Red Sea to Marah and then on to Elim.
- Leaving Elim, they went to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai.



Outline:

- THE ISRAELITES GRUMBLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO FOOD (16:1-3):
 - + A month after leaving Egypt, the people of Israel were wandering in the wilderness of Sin and complaining they didn't have any food.
 - + They told Moses they would rather go back to Egypt where they at least had enough bread to eat.
- GOD GIVES BREAD FROM HEAVEN (16:4-31):
 - + Moses warned the people that their complaining wasn't against him and Aaron, but against God.
 - + God's glory appeared in the cloud and He told Moses He had heard the grumbling of the people and would send them meat at twilight and bread in the morning.
 - + That evening, God sent quail into the camp.
 - + In the morning, when the dew evaporated, a small, fine, flake-like bread appeared on the ground.
 - + It was unlike any bread the people had ever seen.
 - + God instructed each family to gather enough bread to eat for one day, no more and no less.
 - + Some people tried to gather more but it spoiled overnight and bred worms.
 - + The only day they were told to gather extra was on the 6th day of the week, because God set the 7th day apart as a special day of rest.
 - + The 7th day of the week was the Sabbath day.
 - + The people called the mysterious bread "manna."
 - + "It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."
 - + God told Moses to preserve a small amount of the manna in a jar as a memorial of how God fed the Hebrews in the wilderness.
 - + The Hebrews ate the manna for the 40 years they were in the wilderness.

Application:

- Many people try to characterize the "God of the Old Testament" as a heartless, impatient judge who loves punishing people.
- But the people who promote that portrayal of God have probably never read through the Old Testament.
- Notice God's patience in this passage? He delivered the Israelites from slavery with magnificent miracles and how did they respond? By constantly complaining after they received their freedom.
- Yet, through their complaining, God was patient with them and even blessed them with the things they requested.
- Make sure to discover God's character through reading the scriptures, don't depend on someone else to tell you who He is.
- There are a lot of so-called "experts" misrepresenting the character and nature of God.