



# LightHouse Ranch Bible Study

## Exodus 16-17 – Chiding and Tempting

### I. Bitter Waters

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**I Corinthians 10:1** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

**I Corinthians 10:2** And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

**I Corinthians 10:3** And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

**I Corinthians 10:4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**I Corinthians 10:5** But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**I Corinthians 10:6** Now **these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

**I Corinthians 10:7** Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

**I Corinthians 10:8** Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

**I Corinthians 10:9** Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

**I Corinthians 10:10** Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

**I Corinthians 10:11** Now **all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**

**I Corinthians 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

## Chiding and Tempting

After deliverance from Egyptian Bondage, celebrating the first Passover on Israel's last night in Egypt, beginning the unleavened Bread, and being redeemed across the Red Sea; Israel sang their "Song of the Redeemed" ([Exodus 15:13](#)). This makes them a type of all God's redeemed out of this earth, which we see a partial future view in [Revelation 14:1-5](#). Israel's walk, during this time, is an example and admonition to all on earth in the last days, to not murmur or lust as they did. ([I Corinthians 10:1-11](#)).

Coming to a place that looked like an oasis in the wilderness, the Children of Israel are brought out by Moses into the Wilderness of Shur for three days; but they could not drink the water, because it was bitter. The Bible itself defines *Marah* as "Bitterness", here, the place and the water they saw were named "Marah". God is teaching His people a great lesson concerning what needs to be the most important "work" in their lives. This was a trial for these people, but they did not believe **God's Word** in [Exodus 6](#) that He would deliver them **out of** Egyptian bondage **unto** the Land (The walk of faith), instead they murmured against Moses and God. God does not break His promise, but is Faithful; God is not going to let the people die of thirst. That murmuring, as well as, a host of other sins we will find brings bitterness. Now these people are a type and warning of our walk through our trials with God; and if we do the same self-destructive things they did during their trials, it will bring bitterness in our lives as well because, "Without faith it is impossible to please God". ([Hebrews 11:6](#))

[Hebrews 4:1](#) Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

[Hebrews 4:2](#) For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

[Hebrews 4:3](#) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. What these people needed, and we need today, is "Water". But not the natural water - not the "Bitter water" of Marah, but the Spiritual Water of life everlasting; which only Jesus can provide. ([John 4:7-15](#)) We need this Water more than we need the things that are necessary to keep our natural bodies functioning. They and we need to develop a water craving and" needs to be greater than our need for natural sustenance. Because many of them failed this test of faith, they fell in the wilderness and **shall not enter into His Rest**. "Water is a type of two very important "needs", more needful than physical food and drink. What are those two? **God's Word** needs to be mixed with a **walk of faith**.

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### I. Bitter Waters

[Exodus 15:21](#) And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

**The Children of Israel go three days into the wilderness to face a trial**

[Exodus 15:22](#) So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

**The Children of Israel arrive at Marah and find bitter waters**

[Exodus 15:23](#) And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

[Exodus 15:24](#) And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

[Exodus 15:25](#) And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,



### Last Time we left Israel singing the Song of the Redeemed

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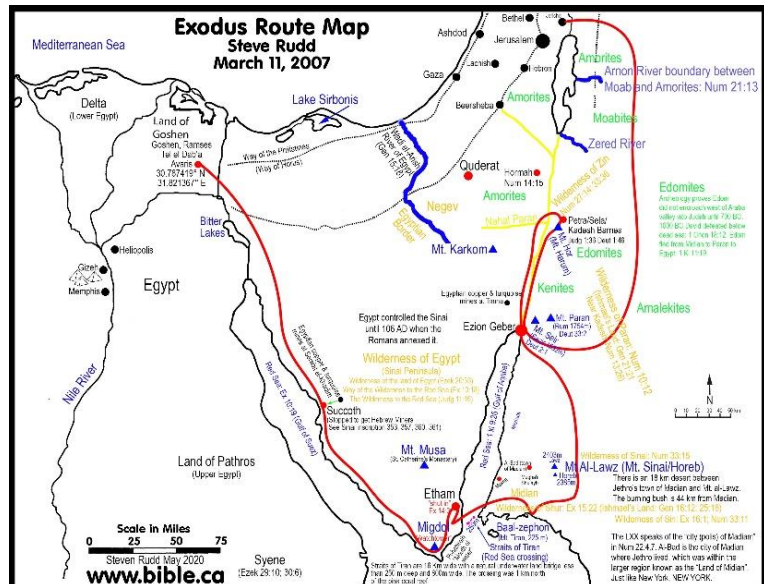
**Exodus 15:22** So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

### God's Word of encouragement and warning (Act on God's Word)

**Exodus 15:26** And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

**The LORD is gently leading His people Israel, encouraging them to walk by faith**

**Exodus 15:27** And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.



### Having prepared Israel for the next trial, God leads the people to their next trial

**Exodus 16:1** And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

### Will the long suffering of the LORD be seen at this second failure?

**Exodus 16:2** And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

**Exodus 16:3** And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

### Bread from heaven

**Exodus 16:4** Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

**Exodus 16:5** And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

### The Murmuring is against the LORD. Why? They believe everything except God's Word – It's a trial

**Exodus 16:6** And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

**Exodus 16:7** And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

**Exodus 16:8** And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

**Behold, the glory of the LORD**

**Exodus 16:9** And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

**Exodus 16:10** And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

**The LORD gives His Word to Moses**

**Exodus 16:11** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

**Exodus 16:12** I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

**Evening**



**Morning**



**Evening Quail – Morning Mana**

**Exodus 16:13** And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

**Exodus 16:14** And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as small as the hoar frost on the ground.*

**Exodus 16:15** And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, *It is manna:* for they wist not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, *This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.*

**Exodus 16:16** *This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.*

**The Children of Israel obey the LORD**

**Exodus 16:17** And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

**Exodus 16:18** And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

**Exodus 16:19** And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

**Some decided now not to obey – they experienced worms and stink**

**Exodus 16:20** Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

**It appeared just like the LORD said it would**

**Exodus 16:21** And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

**II. The Rest of the Holy Sabbath – 6<sup>th</sup> Day**

**Exodus 16:22** And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

**Exodus 16:23** And he said unto them, *This is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow is **the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD**: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

**There were no worms or stink if they obeyed God**

**Exodus 16:24** And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

**Moses teaches to observe the Sabbath**

**Exodus 16:25** And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

**Exodus 16:26** Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

**But some tested the LORDs Word – Is this faith – they have already had evidence**

**Exodus 16:27** And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

**The LORD defines Israel's act as refusing to keep His commandments**

**Exodus 16:28** And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

**Exodus 16:29** See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

**Exodus 16:30** So the people rested on the seventh day.

**The bread from heaven is named**

**Exodus 16:31** And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

**Moses exhibits obedience**

**Exodus 16:32** And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 16:33** And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

**Exodus 16:34** As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

**Exodus 16:35** And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

**Exodus 16:36** Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

**Leaving the Wilderness of Sin, they then arrive at Rephidim – another trial. Will they pass this one?**

**Exodus 17:1** And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

**Exodus 17:2** Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? **wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?**

**Exodus 17:3** And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

**Exodus 17:4** And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

**Again, the long suffering of the LORD and Moses' obedience**

**Exodus 17:5** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

**Exodus 17:6** Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

### **The Bread from Heaven is named**

[Exodus 17:7](#) And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

### **III. The Bread sent from Heaven – After feeding the 5,000, the people search for Him**

[John 6:26](#) Jesus answered them and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.*

#### **Labor for the meat that endureth unto everlasting life**

[John 6:27](#) Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

#### **How shall we labor?**

[John 6:28](#) Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Believe on Him whom God sent – [Deuteronomy 18:15-18](#); [John 20:21](#)

[John 6:29](#) Jesus answered and said unto them, *This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*

#### **They want a sign – Moses had a sign - Manna**

[John 6:30](#) They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

[John 6:31](#) Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

#### **Jesus' definition of True Manna (The antitype)**

[John 6:32](#) Then Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.*

[John 6:33](#) *For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.*

#### **Now they want it**

[John 6:34](#) Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

**Jesus continues His Definition – He was “sent by the Father”** – [Deuteronomy 18:15-18](#); [John 20:21](#)

[John 6:35](#) And Jesus said unto them, *I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

[John 6:36](#) But I said unto you, *That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

[John 6:37](#) *All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

[John 6:38](#) *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

[John 6:39](#) *And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*

[John 6:40](#) *And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

#### **The Jews in the Croud murmur against Him**

[John 6:41](#) The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

[John 6:42](#) And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

#### **Jesus quiets the murmuring – Notice the context of the Father's draw – Calvin didn't get it**

[John 6:43](#) Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, *Murmur not among yourselves.*

[John 6:44](#) *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

[John 6:45](#) *It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*

**You have not seen the Father, but He that was sent has [John 1:18](#) – But...**

**[John 6:46](#) Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.**

**[John 6:47](#) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**

**[John 6:48](#) I am that bread of life.**

**[John 6:49](#) Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

**[John 6:50](#) This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

**[John 6:51](#) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**

**The Jews don't get it either – [Revelation 10](#)**

**[John 6:52](#) The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?**

**[John 6:53](#) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

**[John 6:54](#) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**[John 6:55](#) For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.**

**[John 6:56](#) He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

**[John 6:57](#) As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

**[John 6:58](#) This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.**

#### **IV. They shall not enter into My Rest**

**Contrast of faithful Christ and faithful Moses**

**[Hebrews 3:1](#) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;**

**[Hebrews 3:2](#) Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house.**

**[Hebrews 3:3](#) For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.**

**[Hebrews 3:4](#) For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is* God.**

**[Hebrews 3:5](#) And Moses verily *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;**

**[Hebrews 3:6](#) But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.****

**Today, don't do what the Israelites did in the Wilderness – They shall not enter into My Rest**

**[Hebrews 3:7](#) Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,**

**[Hebrews 3:8](#) Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:**

**[Hebrews 3:9](#) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.**

**[Hebrews 3:10](#) Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.**

**[Hebrews 3:11](#) So I swear in my wrath, **They shall not enter into my rest.**)**

**Take heed – Unbelief in God's Word is departing from the living God**

**[Hebrews 3:12](#) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

Rather, exhort one another daily, Why? – Not hardened by the deceitfulness of sin

**[Hebrews 3:13](#) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

**[Hebrews 3:14](#) For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;****

**Hebrews 3:15** While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

**But there is a remnant – The LORD was grieved by those who will not enter in**

**Hebrews 3:16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

**Hebrews 3:17** But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

**Hebrews 3:18** And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

**Hebrews 3:19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

**Hebrews 4:1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

**God always wants His Word given out**

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**Hebrews 4:3** For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

**God prepared His Rest on the seventh day of Creation (After His Work was done) – Genesis 2:1-3**

**Hebrews 4:4** For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

**Hebrews 4:5** And in this *place* again, **if** they shall enter into my rest.

**A remnant will enter, but not those that don't walk by faith**

**Hebrews 4:6** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

**The Holy Ghost spake through David – Psalm 95**

**Hebrews 4:7** Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Hebrews 4:8** For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

**Hebrews 4:9** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

**The one that entereth into God's Rest is finished with his work**

**Hebrews 4:10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

**Let us labor therefor to enter into His Rest – Get the Word out – The Word of God has eyes**

**Hebrews 4:11** **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest,** lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but **all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

**Christ, our High Priest, is at the right hand of the Father, Let Us Hold fast**

**Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.