

L8 | Prophecy 102 | The Day of Temptation Pt. 2 | Ps. 95

I. Intro/Review:

- God's activity toward and for Israel in that which He did and didn't do and the timing of it all provide an education of Himself to those that received His blessings or curses.
 - Israel were infants in their understanding of God and His Jehovahhness (reflected in Moses question - "who shall I say sent me")
- The day of temptation began when God redeemed Israel from the hand of the enemy that was stronger than them - from Egypt and confronted with a need of deliverance at the Red Sea.
 1. The day of temptation continued on their sojourning to the Mt. Sinai (The Beginning of Provocation)
 2. It continued and known well during the 40 years of Israel's wandering in the wilderness around Mt. Sinai (The Wandering of Provocation)
 3. Finally, the seeds of such provocation dwelt in successive generations in Israel evident with Israel's merit of curses of the law. (The Continual Provocation)

II. Preview:

- 5 Proofs for Israel
 - Like Egypt like Israel

III. Lesson:

- 5 Proofs for Israel's Education of God's Jehovahhness and Israel's Sinfulness
 1. Bitter Waters - Exodus 15:22-27
 2. Hunger in the Wilderness of Sin - Exodus 16:1-36
 3. No Water at Rephidim/Meribah - Exodus 17:1-7
 4. Battle with Amalek - Exodus 17:8-16
 5. Influence upon Gentiles - Exodus 18:1-27
 1. Bitter Waters - Exodus 15:22-27
 - **[23]** - three days without water (:22) come to bitter waters
 - Why are these waters bitter?
 - :26 - diseases upon Egypt
 - **[24]** - Israel "murmured"
 - "murmur" - obstinate; complain; unthankful (Rom. 1:21)

- Opposite of "faith" (Heb. 11:6)
 - Deut. 32:20
 - Gal. 3:12

- [25] - "shewed Him a tree"
 - A tree near these bitter waters seemingly would affect the life of the tree - to corrupt the tree, cause it to rot, to kill the tree
 - Yet, the tree is alive, a living tree amongst the impact of the bitterness from the plagues upon Egypt.
 - The tree when cast into the bitter waters wasn't made unclean by the bitter waters, but turned the waters from bitter to sweet, from undrinkable to drinkable.
 - Living water - John 4:10-14
 - Drinking deadly things - Mark 16:14-18; Rev. 8:8-11

- [25] - "he proved them"
 - "proved" - To try; to ascertain some unknown quality or truth by an experiment, or by a test or standard
 - Not for God, but "proved" for them
 - They had already "provoked" Him at the Red Sea (Ps. 106:7; Ex. 14:10-12)
 - This provoking indicates a failure to understand what He had done in Egypt, to be thankful, and humbly call upon His deliverance.
 - Now, they "murmur" forgetting His power, forgetting His Jehovahness.
 - Such "murmuring" God used to prove them. God knows they have bitterness in them that they are unclean and underscores for them that bitterness is deserving of His wrath - the same wrath they just came out of.
 - Pharaoh experienced God's wrath and destruction because of His hard heart and so will Israel.
 - 1 Sam. 6:6
 - 2 Ki. 17:14

- [26] - "for I am the LORD that healeth thee."
 - Israel was to understand this wasn't a future provision of God's Jehovahness
 - Israel was to understand that they needed to be healed just as those waters needed to be healed.

2. Hunger in the Wilderness of Sin - Exodus 16:1-36

- [:2] - "murmur" again
- [:3] - say similar thing when they provoked God at the Red Sea
- [:4] - "prove" them again that they are not only inherently bitter, but they therefore will not keep His commandments and be the people meet to carry His plan and purpose with her.
 - To see if they will walk in His law or not
- [:4] - "certain rate" each day and twice as much on the 6th day [:5]
- [:7] - education | 1. "see the glory of the LORD", and 2. "what are we"
 - [:8] - murmuring are against the LORD
- [:28] - they fail, they go out the sabbath when they were to take double the 6th day
 - [:33] - before they ever get to the law contract they were to realize they were "bitter" unable to keep His laws. In other words, they were unrighteous and dead to God to bring forth fruit to His pleasing.
 - Heb. 9:4 - manna in the ark (ark represents a coffin the issue of death)
 - Josh. 5:12 - manna for the 40 years (mercy)
 - Neh. 9:20
 - Ps. 78:20-32
 - Matt. 6:11 - remnant in the future
 - John 6:25-71

IV. Conclusion: