

## God's Provision

### 5 Steps for Studying Lesson 8 Exodus 15:22-17:16

#### Step 1:

Pray! Pray before, during, and after your study time!  
Ask God to help you understand His Word!

#### Memory Verse

And God spoke all of 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."

– Exodus 20:1-3

#### Step 2:

Observe the text.

One tool for observing a text is to mark words and phrases as you read and reread the text. As part of your study materials, you were provided a 'Marking Key' - a sheet with all of the words and phrases that you will be marking for this study in Exodus. Locate this Marking Key in your study materials. If you have not already, take a moment to decide how you are going to mark each item on the list and mark it on your Marking Key. Reference your key often so that you are using the same method for marking each word and phrase throughout the study.

After reading through Exodus 15:22-17:16 once, reread it and mark the specified words/phrases:

- ◇ Time phrases
- ◇ Geographical locations (Egypt, Wilderness)
  - ◇ The land (references to the Promised Land)
- ◇ God / LORD
- ◇ Moses
- ◇ Repeated phrases and their variations
  - ◇ Know that I am the LORD
- ◇ Believe
- ◇ Grumble
- ◇ Bread, manna
- ◇ Commandments of God, laws, statutes

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### Step 3:

Observe, interpret, and apply as you answer the study questions.

A transition is taking place now in the life of Israel. Having been freed from Egypt, they were now headed to meet with the Lord on Mount Sinai to worship Him there like He had promised Moses when He called Moses to serve Him.

1. Put yourself in the sandals of the Israelites at this time. Think through how God has made Himself known to them so far. Based on evidence from the Exodus account so far, what would the average Israelite have known about God?
2. Starting in 16:22, Moses leads Israel out from the Red Sea and into the wilderness of Shur where they find no water. When they finally find water at Marah, what is wrong with it and who do the people of Israel blame for the lack of water?
3. Parallel statements are made in verse 26 (chapter 16). These statements state and restate God's desire for the people. Write down the two things that God wants them to do.
4. What did the LORD teach Israel about Himself through making the water drinkable?

Chapter 16 begins with the people setting out from Elim where they had water and palm trees. They quickly come to the wilderness of Sin.

5. Approximately how many days had passed from the time they left Egypt until they arrived at the wilderness of Sin?
6. Who did Israel grumble against and what was their complaint?
7. In 16:6, Moses and Aaron set the record straight. Who do they give credit for bringing Israel out of Egypt and how does this contrast with the Israelites' statement in 16:3?

### Comment on Exodus 16

"While the people forgot God, He did not forget them... The characters of God and of Israel are both delineated here with clarity."

- Allan Harman, Exodus, God's Kingdom of Priests, pg 173

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8. Ultimately, who did the Israelites grumble against?
9. What things are you most tempted to grumble about?
10. Thinking about everything that we have seen God's sovereignty over for the Israelites and understanding that God is just as sovereign in your life, how should you think about grumbling in your life?
11. In Exodus 16:13, God provides both meat and bread to satisfy the Israelites' hunger. The bread comes to be known as 'manna'. According to the descriptions of it provided in chapter 16, describe what manna is.
12. What rules did God give to Israel for gathering and consuming the manna?  
Days 1-5:  
  
Day 6:  
  
Day 7:
13. On days 1-5, what happened if they kept some until the next morning?
14. On day 6, what happened if they kept some until the next day?
15. Exodus 16:4 says that God would rain bread from heaven each day, providing for the people a day's portion each day. What reason does He give for this?
16. Given that the LORD is omniscient (knows everything), to whom would He be revealing the state of the Israelites' hearts?

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17. How might God use this testing to help the Israelites?  
(What would it teach them about God?)

18. Describe is a time or situation (maybe one right now!) that you have had to trust God to provide for you day after day.

19. In Exodus 16:32-35, God gave the Israelites commands to help them remember His provision for them. What can you do to help you always remember God's ability (and willingness) to provide?

20. In Exodus 17:1-7, the people of Israel are again put in a position of needing water. Would God have known that they would need water when they came to this place?

21. What purpose could God have had in allowing them to thirst then providing for them in this miraculous way?

22. Exodus 17:8-16 recounts Israel going to fight with Amalek. Describe how the staff of God was used in the battle with Amalek.

23. This would have caused the Israelites to give the credit for the victory to whom?

24. Describe a time in your life when God helped you in such a way that only He could receive the glory for the success, deliverance or victory.

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Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth....

Deuteronomy 8:11-18

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### **Step 4:**

Review and learn together—notes from class

### **Step 5:**

Reflect, Pray and Apply

*Before moving on, look back over your notes from the lesson. Pray through it. Ask God to show you where and how you need to apply this to your life. Ask God to help you!*

*Take a moment to make a note for yourself about personal application.*