

A. Preliminary steps 15:23-18:27

1. The waters of Marah 15:23-27

Note in particular vs 26..a theme that shows up rather often. What God does in this passage is to show that he supplies the water of life. Israel had left a land of abundant water (normally) and come into a territory where water is more scarce. But God is the supplier of this commodity in all areas and it was nothing for Him to bring out what they needed. As I will probably remark many times, a redemption that leaves you to die of thirst is of questionable value. Try Isaiah 55 and John 4 for further indications of this.

2. The Manna provision 16:1-36

- a. One year and one month 16:1
- b. A complaint for food 16:2-3
- c. The manna (What is it?) 16:4-15
- d. The regulations 16:16-26
- e. The memorial 16:27-36

I won't repeat the above but the giving of the manna indicates the bread of life comes from God as well. Think of John 6. And the manna is pretty remarkable stuff anyway. You could cook it in just about any way and serve it for any occasion. They will live on it as a staple until they settle in Canaan.

3. The Horeb incident 17:1-7

Another in the water sequence..but this is the first episode of the rock. See vs. 16

4. The Amalek war 17:8-16

Amalek is a real pain in this case and the ultimate judgement is that God will wipe them out of the land. The battle is led by Joshua but it is prayer and the help of God that gets the victory. As he leads the battle Moses intercedes with Aaron and Hur holding his hands up to God. The name..The Lord is my Banner is give in vs. 15.

5. Jethro and Moses family arrive 18

Apparently at the onset of the contest with Pharaoh Moses had sent his family back to their home in