

EXODUS LESSON SIX

I. GOD PROVIDES ISRAEL WITH SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA AND SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS

(Chapters 14-16).

- A. Moses is commanded to “turn” and encamp against *Baalzephon* (14:1-4).
 - 1. If *turn* means “turn aside” then the change could be from a southeast direction to more of a southern direction.
 - 2. If *turn* means “turn back” then turning from a southern direction to a northern direction is to be understood.
 - 3. A hardened Pharaoh will see the opportunity to capture a bottled up Israel.
 - 4. God will have opportunity to be known and honored.
- B. Pharaoh’s army pursues Israel – Israel is afraid. (14:5-12).
- C. Moses comforts Israel – “Stand still ...the Lord will fight for you.” (14:13-14).
- D. Moses is instructed to stretch forth his hand with the rod and divide the waters of the Red Sea (14:15-31).
 - 1. An all night strong east wind causes waters to divide and dry up the sea bed for Israel (v.21).
 - 2. Moses stretches forth his hand again to cause water to cover the Egyptian army in the Sea (v.26).
- E. Moses’ song of victory praising God’s greatness (15:1-21)
 - 1. God praised for his great power over the Egyptians on behalf of His people.
 - 2. Miriam as prophetess sings and dances for joy in the victory.
- F. The bitter waters of *Marah* made sweet (15:1-26)
 - 1. Moses at God’s command throws tree into water.
 - 2. God proves His people – if they obey- none of the diseases brought on Egypt will be brought upon them.
- G. Israel encamps at *Elim* (15:27)
 - 1. Twelve springs of water
 - 2. Seventy palm trees.
- H. Israel murmurs for hunger as they journey from *Elim* into the *wilderness of Sin*. (16:1-4).
 - 1. Journey: fifteenth day of the second month after departing Egypt.
 - 2. People complain that they would have rather died in Egypt than suffer the hunger in the wilderness.
- I. God provides Israel with flesh and manna from heaven (16:5-36)
 - 1. Flesh of quail provided in the evening.
 - 2. Bread of Manna provided in the morning.
 - a. One omer for every man.
 - b. Sixth day – gather twice as much- rest on the seventh day.
 - c. An omer(3 quarts, 1 ½ pints) collected in a pot for testimony of God’s faithfulness to future generations.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did God command Moses and Israel to TURN from their present course of travel?
2. Which direction did they turn?
3. At least how many chariots pursued Israel?
4. What were the thoughts of Pharaoh's hardening heart?
5. Why did the people think they had been led into the wilderness?
6. How did God keep the camp of Israel comforted and the Egyptian camp away from them?
7. What did Moses mean when he said, "*stand still...*" to Israel?
8. The Red Sea parting was not a miracle, but only the result of an east wind (T) (F)
9. How did God make himself known to the Egyptian army as they pursued the Israelites into the Red Sea ?
10. How many of the Egyptian army survived the Red Sea?
11. What did Moses and the children of Israel do after their deliverance from Egypt in the Red Sea?

12. Miriam was a _____ and sister to _____ .
13. What was so disappointing to Israel when they arrived at Marah?
14. What did God tell Moses to solve the problem at Marah?
15. After departing Marah, where did the children of Israel encamp?
What was there?
16. What did the children of Israel complain of in the wilderness of Sin?
17. God provided manna in the morning and dove in the evening for Israel (T) (F).
18. Describe the manna given to Israel:
19. Does chapter 16 teach that the Sabbath day was sanctioned before the giving of the law of Moses, therefore, it is not part of the Law of Moses that has been taken out of the way?
20. How was God's sustaining Israel in the wilderness to be remembered in the future?