

Moses—Exodus 16

Quail and Manna Given

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. 16:13... The quail is a bird of the gallinaceous kind, somewhat less than a pigeon, but larger than a sparrow. Hasselquist describes the quail of the larger kind as very much resembling the red partridge, but not larger than the turtle dove; found in Judea as well as in the deserts of Arabia Petraea and Egypt; and affording a most agreeable and delicate dish. Num_11:31-33; Psa_78:27-28; 105:40 [TSK],
2. 16:14... HOAR frost is WHITE frost (Ps 147:16).
3. 16:15... It is manna: or, What is this, or, It is a portion, Exo_16:31, 33; Deut 8:3, 16; Josh 5:12; Neh 9:15, 20; Jn 6:31-32, 49, 58; Heb 9:4; Rev 2:17 [TSK].
4. There is a natural substance that has some qualities like the manna described in this chapter. Critics have tried to take away the miraculous nature of this gift from God by saying it was available to anyone. That the Manna was not some natural substance, but rather supernaturally provided by the Lord can be seen in that...

Qualities of the Natural Substance	Qualities of Manna
Is NEVER found in the desert at this place.	Does appear in the desert.
Found only in the Spring	Fell throughout the year during the wilderness wanderings
Does not melt in the sun	Does melt in the sun (Ex 16:21)
Does not stink and breed worms	Did stink and breed worms when kept till the morning (Ex 16:20)
Cannot be ground or beaten so as to make cakes	Can be ground or beaten so as to make cakes
Medicinal and purgative, thus not nourishing	Was nourishing and sustained Israel for 40 years
Does not fall in double portions on the sixth day	Did fall in double portions on the sixth day
Only in limited places can it be found	It followed the children of Israel around wherever they went

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Wilderness Wandering.**

III. Summary.

In this chapter we read about the marvelous provision the Lord made for the children of Israel. Rather than appreciate all of the wonderful provision God had already blessed them with, the people chose to complain and murmur. They state their preference of having died in Egypt rather than to die out in the desert—WHAT TREMENDOUS LACK OF FAITH they demonstrated. The Lord graciously tells Moses that He has heard the cry of His people and he will rain bread from heaven. There would be regulations attached to this blessing to prove or show the faithfulness of lack thereof, however. The word MANNA means: “What is it.” When they saw this bread from the Lord that was their question and this stuck as the name by which this bread was called. On the sixth day they would gather twice as much as on the other days so that there would be no gathering of food on the seventh day. Moses was to tell the

people that the seventh day was “the rest of the holy sabbath.” There was to be no work done on this day. No manna would fall on the seventh day. Among this people there were some so stubborn as to go out on the sabbath to gather manna and, of course, just as the Lord has told them through His prophet, Moses, there was no manna on the seventh day. Moses was instructed to save an omer of the manna to be kept for the generations to follow, so that they might see the bread with which the Lord fed the children of Israel during the wilderness wandering. The children of Israel ate manna for forty years.

IV. Outline.

1. In the Wilderness of Sin (Ex 16:1).
2. The whole congregation murmurs about no food (Ex 16:2-3).
3. The Lord will “rain down” from heaven food for the people (Ex 16:4).
4. Regulations regarding the bread from the Lord (Ex 16:5-14).
5. The bread from the Lord is given the name MANNA (Ex 16:15).
6. More instruction about gathering the manna (Ex 16:16-26).
7. Some tried to gather manna on the seventh day (Ex 16:27-30).
8. A description of the manna (Ex 16:31).
9. An omer of manna is to be saved for succeeding generations (Ex 16:32-34).
10. Manna was to feed them for 40 years (Ex 16:35).
11. Definition of an omer (Ex 16:36).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ The children of Israel complained that they were about to starve to death.
02. _____ Every day the people gathered in the same amount of manna.
03. _____ Moses rebuked the children of Israel by telling them that their murmurings were not against him, but against the Lord.
04. _____ There were certain restrictions regarding the gathering of the manna.
05. _____ The people who went out to gather manna on the seventh day found a double portion of manna.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ For how many years did the children of Israel eat manna: (a) part of one year; (b) ten years; (c) forty years.
07. _____ The taste of the manna from the Lord was like wafers made with: (a) honey; (b) bitter herbs; (c) salt.
08. _____ On the sixth day the people would gather how much manna per person: (a) one omer; (b) two omers; (c) ten omers.
09. _____ The children of Israel longed for the time they spent in Egypt as they sat by: (a) the Nile River; (b) flesh pots; (c) their friends.
10. _____ At evening the—(a) quails; (b) clouds; (c) fire—came up and covered the camp.

Fill in the Blanks

11. “And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is _____: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the _____ which the Lord hath _____ you to eat.”
12. When some of the people left the manna till the next morning, in violation of the instructions from the Lord, it _____ and _____.
13. The Israelites called the bread from the Lord _____ and it was like _____ seed, _____.

14. One omer of manna was kept for the _____ of the children of Israel and it was laid up before the _____ to be kept.
15. “And the whole _____ of the children of Israel _____ against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.”

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-62 ... [01—True, Ex 14:20; 02—True, Ex 14:3; 03—False, Ex 14:7; 04—True, Ex 14:24-27; 05—True, Ex 14:31; 06—b, Ex 14:3; 07—c, Ex 14:10; 08—a, Ex 14:22; 09—c, Ex 14:12; 10—a, Ex 14:19; 11—peace, stayed, Isaiah; 12—wall, Ex 14:29; 13—graves, Egypt, die, Ex 14:11; 14—east, wind, Ex 14:21; 15—fight, peace, Ex 14:14.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron...** (Ex 16:2). In the last chapter we found the children of Israel singing high praises to the Lord for the mighty deliverance from the army of Pharaoh. Now we find them murmuring against God’s prophets. How fickle and faithless can a group of people be??? Let us never follow their evil ways, but rather count our blessings and thank God for them!
2. **...a certain rate every day that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no** (Ex 16:4). Sometimes we hear people deny the essentiality of baptism, calling such “works salvation.” However, here in this context, as well as in all the record we have of God’s dealing with men, there has always had to be a demonstration of our trust in the Lord. God is always faithful, and needs no testing, however, man is not so and if we would please the Lord, we **must** follow His instructions (Luke 6:46).
3. **...he heareth your murmurings against the Lord** (Ex 16:7). Verse 2 tells us that the children of Israel were murmuring against Moses and Aaron. Here is a great lesson about the work of a prophet. Moses and Aaron were simply delivering the message of the Lord to the people. It was not possible to reject those words and not be rejecting the Lord. Their murmuring was not really against Moses and Aaron, but against the Lord. When a gospel preacher faithful delivers the word of God, those who reject the teaching are not rejecting the preacher, but rather they are rejecting the Lord.
4. **...but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms and stank...** (Ex 16:20). The instruction was crystal clear in verse 19 that they were not to leave the manna over night. However, some simply will not listen to God, but they will ALWAYS find that it is foolish not to listen! Jesus said, “Take heed therefore how ye hear...” (Luke 8:18).
5. **And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?** (Ex 16:28). We are simply amazed at the patient longsuffering shown by the Lord toward this people. A clear instruction was given about how to deal with bread from the Lord on the seventh day and this people stubbornly went on their own way, rather than to listen to the Lord.
6. **...that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness...** (Ex 16:32). The Lord was concerned for those who would be coming along in the future. he wanted to provide proof whereby they could know of His lovingkindness and watchcare over His people. This was one of the items that was kept in the ark of the covenant (Heb 9:4).

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL]

Ex 16:31-35... ³¹And 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**. ³²And 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**. ³³And 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. ³⁴As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the **Testimony, to be kept**. ³⁵And 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.