

II. THEIR SECOND DISAPPOINTMENT-NO FOOD v.16:1-36

A. The timing of their disappointment v.1

1. Came to the wilderness of Sin
2. "on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt v.6
3. "Then they set out from Elim"

B. The cause of their disappointment v.3b

1. hunger
2. Millions of hungry Israelites

C. Their response to their disappointment v.2,3

1. "grumbled" v.2
2. "The whole congregation"
3. "against Moses and Aaron"
4. "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt" v.3
5. "when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full"
6. "for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly"
 - a. To starve us to death
 - b. Where did they get that idea from?

D. Moses' response to their disappointment?

E. God's response to their disappointment v.4-7

1. "I will rain bread from heaven for you"
2. "the people shall go out every day and gather a day's portion every day"
3. "that I may test them whether or not they will walk in My instruction"
4. On the sixth day, they were to gather twice as much v.5

F. Moses and Aaron's words to the people v.6-8

1. "At evening, you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt" v.6
2. "and in the morning, you will see the glory of the LORD"
3. "for He hears your grumbings against the LORD"
4. "and what are we, that you grumble against us?"
5. "when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening" v.8
6. "and bread to the full in the morning"

G. Moses calls for the people to come near before the LORD v.9-12

1. "Come near before the LORD" v.9
2. Why?
3. "the glory of God appeared in the cloud" v.10
4. God told Moses and the people what would happen v.11-12

H. God fulfilled His promise v.13-15

1. At evening, quails covered the camp v.13
2. In the morning there was a layer of dew on the ground v.13
3. When the dew evaporated, there was a fine flake like thing
4. The people asked what is it? v.15
 - a. Moses said it is the bread which the LORD has given you
 - b. manna

I. Moses gave instructions v.16-21

1. "Gather as much as he should eat"
2. "An omer apiece"
3. "some gathered much and some little" v.17-18
4. They were not to leave any of it till morning" v.19
5. Some did not listen to Moses and notice the result v.20

6. As soon as the sun grew hot, the manna would disappear
7. What stands out in this gathering?

J. The Sabbath observed v.22-30

1. What would this teach them about God?
2. What would this teach them about their lives?

LIFE OF MOSES
WINNING THE BATTLE BEFORE US
EXODUS 17:8-16

I. THE ATTACK THE ISRAELITES FACED v.8

A. The timing of the attack

1. After multiple testing
2. After multiple blessings
3. At Rephidim 17:1
4. About two months after the Israelites left Egypt

B. The enemy of the attack

1. Amalek
2. The Israelites and the Amalekites will have ongoing troubles

C. The method of the attack

1. A surprise attack
2. An un-provoked attack
3. The cruelty of the attack Deuteronomy 25:17-18

II. THE ISRAELITE RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK v.9-13

A. Joshua v.2

1. This is the first time Joshua is mentioned
2. When he is mentioned there is no background given on him
3. Joshua was appointed to something like a general

B. "Choose men for us and go out fight against Amalek"

1. Why would those words be unusual?
2. Who was a military leader who could train them?

C. "Tomorrow"

1. Why tomorrow?

D. Joshua did as Moses told him v.10

E. Moses went up on top of the hill v.10,11

1. "station myself" v.10
2. "with the staff of God in my hand"
3. Aaron and Hur went with Moses

F. "When Moses held his hand up, Israel prevailed"

1. What is Moses doing on top of the hill?
2. Why would Israel prevail if his hands were held up?

G. Moses' hands were heavy v.11

1. They put a stone under him
2. Aaron and Hur supported his hands
3. His hands were steady until the sun set

H. The Israelites won the battle v.13-16

1. Joshua overwhelmed Amalek with the sword
2. What really won the battle?
3. Moses was to write a memorial v.14
4. That God will utterly blot out the memory of the Amalek
5. Why would God declare that?

I. Moses built an altar there v. 15

1. Moses named it "The LORD is my Banner"
2. Why an altar?

J. God swore war against Amalek v.16

III. THE CONFLICT WE FACE

A. The enemy in the conflict

1. Bible is clear that it is Satan
2. Ephesians 6:12
3. It takes place in the spiritual realm not an earthly battlefield
4. Satan declared war on us the moment we trusted in Christ
5. It is a very real enemy we face and a very real battle
6. The Amalekites were the most powerful army in that area at the time
7. The Amalekites were nothing compared to Satan and his army Eph. 6:12

B. The timing of the attack

1. Like Israel, often when we least expect it
2. Often after great blessings and victories
3. Often when we are tired and worn out spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally
4. Satan knows when we are vulnerable
5. 1 Peter 5:8

C. The enemy's strategy

1. He seeks to hinder us
2. He seeks to defeat us
3. He seeks to discourage us

4. He uses weapons of people, situations, thoughts

D. Our weapons

1. The armor of God Ephesians 6:13-17

a. Having girded your loins with truth v. 14

b. The Breastplate of righteousness

c. The Gospel of Peace v. 15

d. The Shield of faith v.16

e. The Helmet of Salvation v.17

f. The sword of the Spirit

2. Prayer v. 18

E. Just as with the Amalekites, our enemy's future is certain Revelation 20

F. Just as with the Israelites, our trust is in God alone

G. What makes this conflict so difficult?

H. What weapon do we often neglect as we face this battle?

I. Pray for victory in this battle