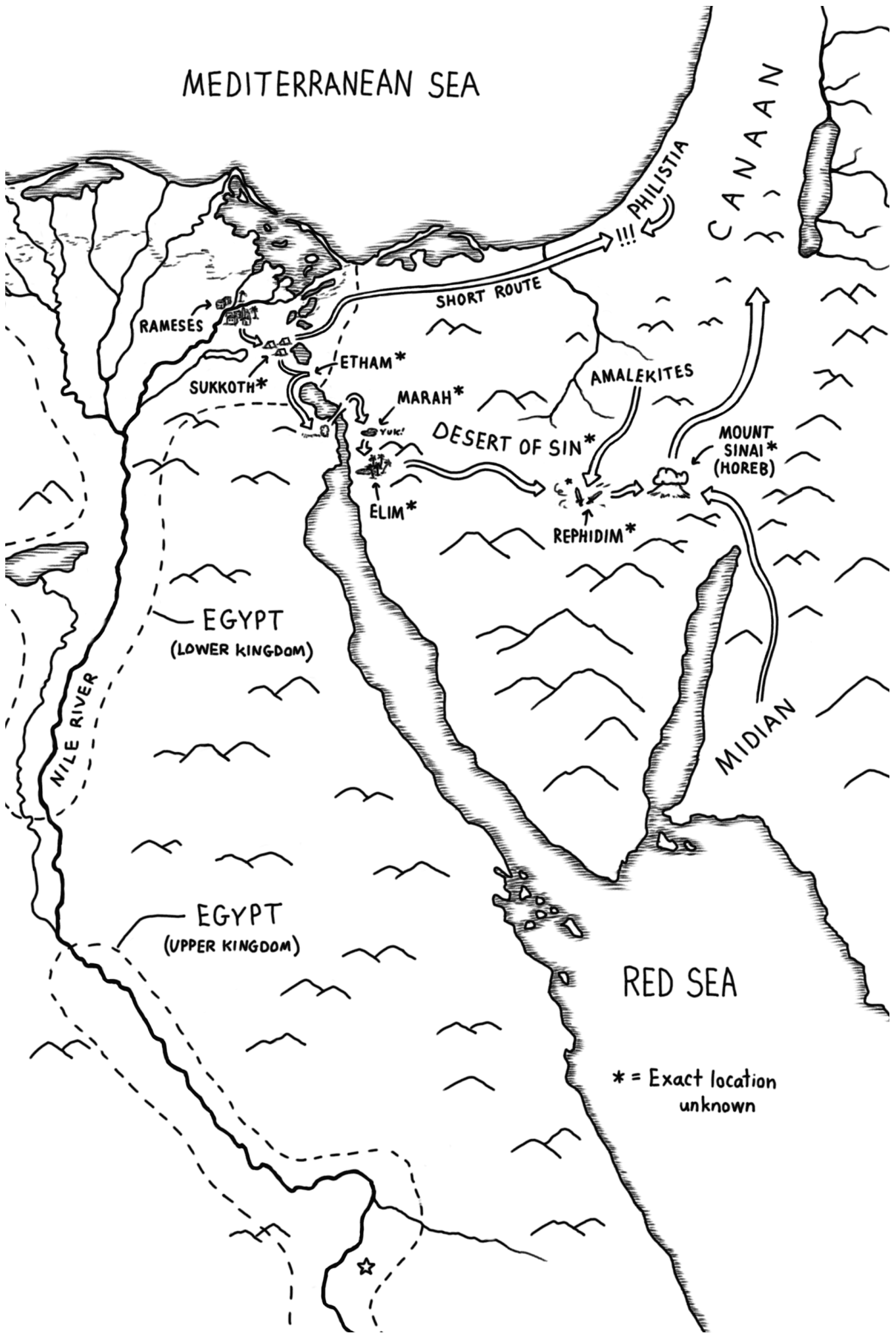


MEDITERRANEAN SEA



RAMESES

SUKKOTH*

ETHAM*

MARAH*

ELIM*

REPHIDIM*

AMALEKITES

MOUNT SINAI*
(HOREB)

EGYPT
(LOWER KINGDOM)

EGYPT
(UPPER KINGDOM)

NILE RIVER

SHORT ROUTE

PHILISTIA

CANAAN

MIDIAN

RED SEA

* = Exact location
unknown

Lesson 12

Psalm 146:2

I will praise the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

The Song of Moses and Miriam

Exodus 15:1–21

¹Here is the song that Moses and the people of Israel sang to the Lord. They said,

“I will sing to the Lord.

He is greatly honoured.

He has thrown Pharaoh's horses and chariot drivers
into the Red Sea.

²The Lord gives me strength and protects me.

He has saved me.

He is my God, I will praise Him.

He is my father's God, and I will honour Him.

³The Lord goes into battle.

The Lord is His Name.

⁴He has thrown Pharaoh's chariots and army
into the Red Sea.

Pharaoh's best officers
drowned in the sea.

⁵The deep waters covered them.

They sank to the bottom like a stone.

⁶“Lord, Your right hand
was majestic and powerful.

Lord, Your right hand
destroyed Your enemies.

⁷Because of Your great majesty,

You threw down those who opposed You.

Your burning anger blazed out.

It burned them up like straw.

⁸The powerful blast from Your nose
piled up the waters.

The rushing waters stood firm like a wall.

The deep waters stood up in the middle of the sea.

- ⁹“Your enemies bragged,
‘We will chase Israel and will catch them.
We’ll divide up what we take from them.
We’ll eat them alive.
We’ll pull our swords out.
Our powerful hands will destroy them.’
¹⁰But You blew with Your breath.
The Red Sea covered Your enemies.
They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.
¹¹“Lord, who among the gods is like You?
Who is like You?
You are majestic and holy.
Your glory fills me with wonder.
You do amazing things.
¹²You reach out Your right hand.
The earth swallows up Your enemies.
¹³“Because Your love is faithful,
You will lead the people You have set free.
Because You are so strong,
You will guide them to the holy place where You live.
¹⁴The nations will hear about it and tremble.
Pain and suffering will take hold of the Philistines.
¹⁵The chiefs of Edom will be terrified.
The leaders of Moab will tremble with fear.
The people of Canaan will melt away.
¹⁶Fear and terror will fall on them.
Your powerful arm
will make them as still as a stone.
Then Your people will pass by, Lord.
Then the people You created will pass by.
¹⁷You will bring them in.
You will plant them on the mountain You gave them.
Lord, You have made that place Your home.
Lord, Your hands have made Your holy place secure.
¹⁸“The Lord rules
for ever and ever.”

¹⁹Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the Red Sea. The Lord brought the waters of the sea back over them. But the people of Israel walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰Aaron’s sister Miriam was a prophet. She took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her. They played

tambourines and danced. ²¹Miriam sang to them,
 “Sing to the Lord.
 He is greatly honoured.
 He has thrown Pharaoh’s horses and chariot drivers
 into the Red Sea.”



Questions

- 1 What was Aaron’s sister, Miriam? She was a _____. (Ex. 15:20)
- 2 What instrument did Miriam play? She played the _____. (Ex. 15:20)
- 3 What did the other women do when Miriam sang and played the tambourine? The women _____ her, _____ tambourines, and _____. (Ex. 15:21)

The Waters of Marah and Elim

Exodus 15:22–27

²²Then Moses led Israel away from the Red Sea. They went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they travelled in the desert. They didn’t find any water there. ²³When they came to Marah, they couldn’t drink its water. It was bitter. That’s why the place is named Marah. ²⁴The people told Moses they weren’t happy with him. They said, “What are we supposed to drink?”

²⁵Then Moses cried out to the Lord. The Lord showed him a stick. Moses threw it into the water. The water became fit to drink.

There the Lord gave a ruling and instruction for the people. And there He tested them. ²⁶He said, “I am the Lord your God. Listen carefully to Me. Do what is right in My eyes. Pay attention to My commands. Obey all My rules. If you do, I will not send on you any of the sicknesses I sent on the Egyptians. I am the Lord who heals you.”

²⁷The people came to Elim. It had 12 springs and 70 palm trees. They camped there near the water.

Questions

- 4 For how many days did the people of Israel travel in the desert and not find any water? For _____ days Israel travelled in the desert and didn’t find any water. (Ex. 15:22)
- 5 When the people got to Marah, could they drink the water there? (Yes/No) _____. The water was _____. (Ex. 15:23)

- 6 Just three days ago, the Israelites had been praising the Lord for all the amazing things He had done for them. What were the Israelites doing now? They were **com**_____ (rhymes with “training”). (Ex. 15:24)
- 7 What did the Lord do when Moses cried out to Him? The Lord _____ Moses a _____. When Moses _____ it into the bitter _____, the water became fit to _____.
(Ex. 15:25)
- 8 What ruling and instruction did the Lord give His people? The Lord told His people to _____ carefully to Him, do what is _____ in His eyes, pay attention to His _____, and _____ all His rules. (Ex. 15:26)

1 John 5:3

In fact, here is what it means to love God. We love Him by obeying His commands. And His commands are not hard to obey.

- 9 How would the Lord bless His people if they obeyed His instructions? The Lord would protect His people from **s**_____ and **h**_____ them. (Ex. 15:26)
- 10 Where did the Lord lead the people? The Lord led them to _____, which had _____ springs and _____ palm trees. (Ex. 15:27)



That place must have been like Palm Springs in California!

The Lord Gives Israel Food Every Day

Exodus 16:1–36

¹The whole community of Israel started out from Elim. They came to the Desert of Sin. It was between Elim and Sinai. They arrived there on the 15th day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt.

²In the desert the whole community told Moses and Aaron they weren’t happy with them. ³The Israelites said to them, “We wish the Lord had put us to death in Egypt. There we sat around pots of meat. We ate all the food we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert. You must want this entire community to die of hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people must go out each day. Have them gather enough bread for that day. Here is how I will test them. I will see if they will follow My directions. ⁵On the sixth day they must prepare what they bring in. On that day they must gather twice as much as on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron spoke to all the people of Israel. They said, “In the evening you will know that the Lord brought you out of Egypt. ⁷And in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. He has heard

you say you aren't happy with Him. Who are we? Why are you telling us you aren't happy with us?"

⁸Moses also said, "You will know that the Lord has heard you speak against Him. He will give you meat to eat in the evening. He'll give you all the bread you want in the morning. But who are we? You aren't speaking against us. You are speaking against the Lord."

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Talk to the whole community of Israel. Say to them, 'Come to the Lord. He has heard you speak against Him.'"

¹⁰While Aaron was talking to the whole community of Israel, they looked toward the desert. There was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud!

¹¹The Lord said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the people of Israel talking about how unhappy they are. Tell them, 'When the sun goes down, you will eat meat. In the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp. In the morning the ground around the camp was covered with dew. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes appeared on the desert floor. They looked like frost on the ground. ¹⁵The people of Israel saw the flakes. They asked each other, "What's that?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It's the bread the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶Here is what the Lord has commanded. He has said, 'Everyone should gather as much as they need. Take three pounds for each person who lives in your tent.'"

¹⁷The people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, and some gathered a little. ¹⁸When they measured it out, the one who gathered a lot didn't have too much. And the one who gathered a little had enough. Everyone gathered only what they needed.

¹⁹Then Moses said to them, "Don't keep any of it until morning."

²⁰Some of them didn't pay any attention to Moses. They kept part of it until morning. But it was full of maggots and began to stink. So Moses became angry with them.

²¹Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed. But by the hottest time of the day, the thin flakes had melted away. ²²On the sixth day, the people gathered twice as much. It amounted to six pounds for each person. The leaders of the community came and reported that to Moses. ²³He said to them, "Here is what the Lord commanded. He said, 'Tomorrow will be a day of rest. It will be a holy Sabbath day. It will be set apart for the Lord. So bake what you want to bake. Boil what you want to boil. Save what is left. Keep it until morning.'"

²⁴So they saved it until morning, just as Moses commanded. It didn't stink or get maggots in it. ²⁵"Eat it today," Moses said. "Today is a Sabbath day to honour the Lord. You won't find any flakes on the ground today. ²⁶Gather them for six days. But on the seventh day there won't be any. It's the Sabbath day."

²⁷In spite of what Moses said, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather the flakes. But they didn't find any. ²⁸Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "How long will all of you refuse to obey My commands and My teachings? ²⁹Keep in mind that I have given you the Sabbath day. That is why on the sixth day I give you bread for two days. Everyone must stay where they are on the seventh day. No one can go out." ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seeds. It tasted like wafers made with honey. ³²Moses said, "Here is what the Lord has commanded. He has said, 'Get three pounds

of manna. Keep it for all time to come. Then those who live after you will see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert. I gave it to you when I brought you out of Egypt.”

³³So Moses said to Aaron, “Get a jar. Put three pounds of manna in it. Then place it in front of the Lord. Keep it there for all time to come.”

³⁴Aaron did exactly as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law. He put it there so it would be kept for all time to come. ³⁵The Israelites ate manna for 40 years. They ate it until they came to a land where people were living. They ate it until they reached the border of Canaan.

³⁶The jar had three pounds of manna in it.



Questions

- 11) Where did God lead the Israelites after they left Elim? God led them to the _____ of _____. (Ex. 16:1)
- 12) Were the Israelites happy, one month after their exodus from Egypt, now that they were free and no longer slaves? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 16:2)
- 13) What was the people’s wish? They wished that the _____ had put them to _____ in Egypt. (Ex. 16:3)
- 14) What were the people longing for in the desert, more than their freedom that they had longed for in Egypt? The Israelites were longing for _____ of meat and all the _____ they had when they lived in Egypt. (Ex. 16:3)
- 15) Did the people go to Moses trusting God to provide food for them? (Yes/No) _____. They **C** _____ (means “grumbled”) instead and accused (means “blamed”) Moses of wanting them to all to _____ of _____. (Ex. 16:3)
- 16) Despite the people’s anger and mistrust, what did the Lord say He would do for them? The Lord said He would _____ down _____ from _____ for them. (Ex. 16:4)

- 17 Would the Lord rain down bread for them every day? (Yes/No) _____. The Lord would rain down bread only for the first **S** _____ days of each week. On each of the first five days, the people were to _____ enough bread for that day only. But on the _____ day, they were to gather _____ as much, because the seventh day was to be a day of _____. (Ex. 16:4–5, 23)

Genesis 2:3

God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day He rested from all the work He had done.

- 18 Why did the Lord test His people? The Lord tested them to see if they would _____. His _____. (Ex. 16:4)
- 19 Whom were the people of Israel really speaking against when they were getting angry with Moses? They were really speaking against the _____. (Ex. 16:8)
- 20 What did the Lord give the Israelites in the evening? In the evening, the Lord sent _____ that _____ the camp. (Ex. 16:13)
- 21 How did the Israelites see the glory of the Lord in the morning? In the morning, when the dew was gone, thin _____ appeared on the desert floor. They looked like _____ on the ground. They were _____ like _____ seeds and tasted like wafers made with _____. (Ex. 16:14, 31)
- 22 What instructions did God give the Israelites for gathering the bread? The people were to gather _____ pounds of bread for _____ person who lived in their tent, but were not to _____ any of it until morning. (Ex. 16:16, 19)
- 23 Did *most* of the people obey the Lord's instructions? (Yes/No) _____. However, *some* of them didn't. (Ex. 16:20)
- 24 What happened to the bread if it was kept until morning? The bread became full of _____ and began to _____. (Ex. 16:20)
- 25 What was Moses' response to the people who didn't obey God's instructions? Moses was _____ with them. (Ex. 16:20)
- 26 When it got hot, what happened to the bread flakes left over on the ground? They _____ away. (Ex. 16:21)
- 27 Why was it important for the people to have a day of rest on the seventh day? Because the seventh day was to be a _____ Sabbath day, set _____ for the Lord. (Ex. 16:23)

- 28 Did the bread flakes that were saved for the Sabbath day get maggots and stink? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 16:24)
- 29 Did everyone in the camp obey the Lord’s command not to go out on the seventh day to gather the flakes? (Yes/No) _____. _____ of the people still went out on the seventh day to gather the flakes. (Ex. 16:27)
- 30 What did the people of Israel call the bread? They called it _____. (Ex. 16:31)
- 31 What were the people to do to remind themselves of what God had done for them? The people were get _____ pounds of manna to _____ for _____ time to come. (Ex. 16:32–34)
- 32 What do we have to remind us of what God has done for us? We have the **B**_____, or Word of God, to remind us of what God has done for us.



Just like the Israelites, we too can easily forget what God has done for us. That’s why it’s important for us to study God’s Word regularly, so our faith doesn’t waver.

Psalm 63:6

As I lie on my bed I remember You [God]. I think of You all night long.

- 33 Where did Aaron put the three pounds of manna that the people were to keep forever as a reminder? Aaron put the manna in a _____. (Ex. 16:33)
- 34 Where did Aaron put this jar of manna? He put the jar of manna with the _____ of the covenant law. (Ex. 16:34)



These tablets of the covenant law were made of stone and had the Ten Commandments written on them. We will learn more about those in Lesson 15.

- 35 How long did the Israelites eat manna? They ate manna for _____ years, until they came to the land where _____ were living, when they reached the border of _____. (Ex. 16:35)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God’s Word?
