

Sunday School Notes

January 17, 2021

Exodus 17:8-16 **Israel's first battle after the Exodus from Egypt**

Compare Exodus 13:17-18, 21-22 not the quickest way, pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

What did Moses ask Joshua to do? Exodus 17:9. Why is this unique? Who is Joshua? Exodus 24:13-14; 34:15-21, Numbers 14:6-9, 30; Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:1-9.

What did Moses tell Joshua he was going to do? Exodus 17:9. Why is this unique? Compare: Luke 24:50; 1 Timothy 2:8; and Galatians 6:2.

Who was Hur? See also Exodus 24:14

What did God tell Moses to do after the victory and why? Exodus 17:14

Who were the Amalekites? Genesis (26:34-35 and 28:8-9) 36:12, 15 and 16 and note Romans 9:10-15. For more information about the nature of what the Amalekites did to the Israelites see: 1) Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 2) A year later see Numbers 14:39-45 Amalekites and Canaanites defeated the Israelites after they failed to take Joshua and Caleb's advice about taking the promised land; 3) 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-35 and 28:16-19 Saul's failure in obedience; and 4) 1 Samuel 30:1-19 the Amalekites plundered David's village of Ziklag when David was with the Philistines about to war against Saul and the Israelites.

Exodus 18:1-12 **A reuniting of family members.**

Let's go back to when Moses met, and then left his father-in-law, and sent back Zipporah: 1) Exodus 2:15-22 meets Jethro's daughters; 2) Exodus 3:1-4 fire in the bush; 3) Exodus 4:18-20 Moses asks permission to go back to Egypt; 4) Exodus 4:24-26 husband and wife disagreement on the way.

What initiated Jethro, Zipporah, Gershom and Eliezer reuniting with Moses? What was Moses attitude towards his father-in-law? What was Jethro's profession? At what location did this family re-union occur? What would have Moses' son's names reminded him of? What did Jethro now have to say about the God of Israel? Who did Jethro have an opportunity to meet? What did they eat at the feast? Who supplied the food for the burn offerings and other sacrifices?

Exodus 18:13-27 **Wise advice from a caring father-in-law.**

Who was Moses wearing out? What was Moses preventing? Parallel passages about delegating spiritual and civil authority: Numbers 11:14-17, 24-30 (Mark 9:38-41, also compare with 9:25-30) and Deuteronomy 1:9-18 Other Scriptures about judges and law courts Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and 17:8-13

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Exodus 17:1-7 **No water at camp and putting God to the test**

Israelites leave the Desert of Sin, where they were provided meal of quail for an evening meal. The following morning they are provided manna (the bread of angels) which they gather every morning six days a week. They were provided manna for forty years. After leaving the Desert of Sin the Israelites camp three places prior to Rephidim, where there is no water for the people to drink. Numbers 33:12-14

Compare three previous Israelite failures to remember what God has done for them in the past: 1) Exodus 14:8-14 the approach of the Egyptians. What did they do right in this case (see Exodus 15)? 2) Exodus 15:22-27 three days without water, then Marah where the water was bitter. 3) Exodus 16:1-5 no pots of meat.

Read Exodus 17:1-7 again. How is today's story different? How were the Israelites testing God in this story? Exodus 17:4 and 7. What did the rock represent? 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 11-13.

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