

From Egypt to the Promised Land - Part 4



“There's so many times I let you down

So many times I've played around

I tell you now, they don't mean a thing

Every place I go, I'll think of you

Every song I sing, I'll sing for you

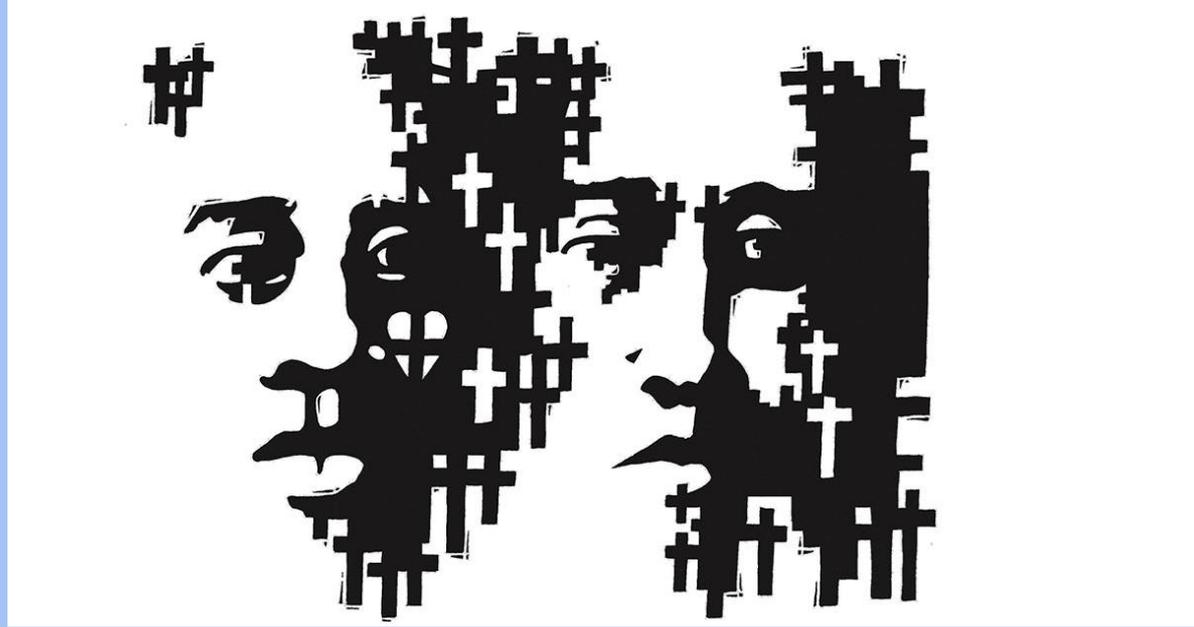
When I come back, I'll bring your wedding ring”

(verse 2 Leaving on Jet Plane, John Denver 1966)



- Caravan Routes
- - - Journey of the Israelites Through the Wilderness





Manna!



Exodus 16ff

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin,...

2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled (murmured) against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,

3 and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you,

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

10 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11 And the Lord said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

14 And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"

For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled (murmured) against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, (Exodus 16:2).

“Murmur” - Literally meant to indicate the action of stopping, over night, making camp. Eventually it came to mean to stay for a long time (wear out your welcome!)

In time, the word took on the sense of being obstinate, dig in your heels!

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What are the people threatening to do?

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What is it? Literally what is it? Hebrew word “man” manna

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Randy: "Meatloaf, smeatloaf, double-beatloaf. I hate meatloaf."

Father: "Alright, I'll get that kid to eat. Where's my screw driver and my plumber's helper? I'll open up his mouth and I'll shove it in."



4 Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, **“Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”**

7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. 8 The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. 9 When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the **anger of the Lord blazed hotly**, and Moses was displeased. (Numbers 11:4-10).

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“Now the rabble that was among them” - In Hebrew it means a “mixed multitude.”

Scholars believe this refers to Egyptians (?) and other non-Israelites who became part of the assembly of Israel!

How and why were “outsiders” allowed to be part of the larger assembly?

Were the Israelites accepting of “foreigners” among them?

Why would anyone else want to be associated with this ragtag group?

The Fourth Petition (Luther's Catechism)

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.



"When you look for the bad, expecting it, you will get it.
When you know you will find the good—you will get that..."

-Quote from "Pollyanna" by Eleanor H. Porter, 1913

-Image from Disney film, 1960