



**“And the Children of Israel  
No Longer Had Manna”**

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- “And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.”

# God's Promises

- Abraham

- Gen. 13:14-17 - “And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are-northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. 16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. 17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

# God's Promises

- Isaac
  - Gen. 26:3 - “Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.”
- Jacob
  - Gen. 28:13-14 - “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

# God's Promises

- Joseph
  - Gen. 50:24 - “And Joseph said to his brethren, I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”
- Moses
  - Ex. 6:6-8 - “Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.’”

# What The Manna Provided

- God's grace to His people - Ex. 16:1-5, 14-35
- It was small
  - Ex. 16:14 - “And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.”
  - God does not need the large and impressive

# What The Manna Provided

- It was round
  - Ex. 16:14
  - God uses natural and logical forms
- It was white
  - Ex. 16:31 - “And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.”
  - God used symbols familiar and comfortable to His creation; white represents purity and health

# What The Manna Provided

- It came at night
  - Ex. 16:13-14 - “So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. 14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.”
  - God did not need man to observe His activity in order for it to occur

# What The Manna Provided

- It was misunderstood by those who found it
  - Ex. 16:15 - “So when the children 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, This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.”
  - They called it “Manna,” which means, “What is it?” God doesn’t need to explain everything to us in order for Him to act in our wellbeing

# What The Manna Provided

- It was sufficient for every person's need
  - Ex. 16:17-18 - “Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. 18 So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.”
  - For 40 years the Manna was sufficient for the nutritive needs of young and old, rich and poor, man and woman, leader and follower.
  - Reminiscent of the gospel, isn't it?

# What The Manna Provided

- It was sweet to the taste
  - Ex. 16:31 - “...wafers made with honey”
  - Psalm 34:8 - “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him”
- It was to be passed on to others
  - Ex. 16:32 - “Then Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”
  - Characteristic of all of God’s blessings

# What The Manna Provided

- It was gathered by bowing down
  - Ex. 6:14-15
  - God expects us to share in the work or receiving His bounty

# What The Manna Provided

- For nearly 13,000 days the people of Israel picked up the manna, baked it, and ate it. They tried a number of ways to make the manna more appetizing
  - Num. 11:8 - “The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil.”
- It supplied them with hope.
  - When they ate each day’s meal, there was the promise that there would be more food tomorrow. They could lie down at night with the assurance that God had their needs on His heart.

# What The Manna Promised

- The manna ceased the day after the children of Israel had eaten of the fruit of Canaan.
  - Every day, when the people of Israel picked up and ate the Manna, it said, “There’s a better day coming. You are headed to a land flowing with milk and honey.”
  - The Manna promised, “Things will be better down the road.”

# What The Manna Promised

- The Christians' feast with promise
  - 1Cor. 11:23-26 - "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me. 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

# What The Manna Promised

- When will our “manna” cease?
  - Phil. 3:8-11 - “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”