

BIBLE STUDY

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The Glory of Yahweh on Mt. Sinai

Exodus 24:15-18

- A. (15) So Moshe went up the mountain,
B. and the cloud covered the mountain;
C. (16) The Glory of YHWH took up dwelling on Mount Sinai.
D. The cloud covered it for six days
D. and he called to Moshe on the seventh day from amidst the cloud.
C. (17) And the sight of the Glory of YHWH (was) like a consuming fire on top of the mountain in the eyes of the Children of Israel.
B. (18) Moshe came into the midst of the cloud
A. when he went up the mountain. And Moshe was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Glory of Yahweh in the Tabernacle

Exodus 40:34-38

- (34) Now the cloud covered the Tent of Appointment, and the Glory of YHWH filled the Dwelling. (35) Moshe was not able to come into the Tent of Appointment, for the cloud took-up-dwelling on it, and the Glory of YHWH filled the Dwelling. (36) Whenever the cloud goes up from the Dwelling, the Children of Israel march on, upon all their marches; (37) if the cloud does not go up, they do not march on, until such time as it does go up. (38) For the cloud of YHWH (is) over the Dwelling by day, and fire is by night in it, before the eyes of all the House of Israel upon all their marches.

Luke 4:1-14
Temptation Play

Narrator: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil spoke to Him.

Devil: If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.

Jesus: It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone."

Narrator: And the devil led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Devil: I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if you worship before me, it shall all be Yours.

Jesus: It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

Narrator: And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple.

Devil: If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning You to guard You," and "On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone."

Jesus: It is said, "You shall not tempt/test the Lord your God."

Narrator: When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Temptations:

Luke 4:3
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Luke 4:5-7
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Luke 4:9
And the devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here...

Scriptural answers:

Yahweh said, "You shall not put Yahweh your God to the test..."

Moses to the children of Israel:
Yahweh humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

Yahweh said, "You shall serve/worship Yahweh your God..."

Scriptural address:

Deuteronomy 6:13

Deuteronomy 8:3

Deuteronomy 6:16

In each case, Israel failed!
Jesus represents Israel, God's son.
Jesus was tested in the wilderness in the same areas that Israel was tested in the wilderness.
Jesus was the obedient Son of God.

EXODUS 16 MANNA

NARRATOR: [Before they arrived at Sinai], the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness

ISRAEL: Would that we had died by the hand of Yahweh 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.

YAHWEH [to Moses]: Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may **test** them, **whether they will walk in my law or not.** On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.

NARRATOR: So Moses and Aaron spoke to all the people of Israel.

MOSES AND AARON: At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of Yahweh, because he has heard your grumbling against Yahweh. For what are we, that you grumble against us? When Yahweh gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because Yahweh has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against Yahweh.

MOSES [to Aaron]: Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before Yahweh, for he has heard your grumbling.

NARRATOR: 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 Yahweh appeared in the cloud.

YAHWEH [To Moses]: 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 Yahweh your God.'

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

MOSES: It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat. This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

MOSES: Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.

NARRATOR: But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with

them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted. On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told

Moses.

MOSES: This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.'

NARRATOR: So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms.

MOSES: Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none.

NARRATOR: On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. And Yahweh spoke to Moses.

YAHWEH: How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? See! Yahweh has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.

NARRATOR: So the people rested on the seventh day. Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

MOSES: This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'

MOSES [to Aaron]: Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the LORD to be kept throughout your generations.

NARRATOR: As Yahweh commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the testimony to be kept. The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

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Exodus 32:1-6

First generation Israelites in the Wilderness

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation

and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

Numbers 25:1-3

Second generation Israelites in the Wilderness

While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.²These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. ³So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Israel.

Do not Harden Your Hearts...

At the Beginning of the Wilderness Trek

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Syn, according to the command of Yahweh, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink."

And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Yahweh?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." 5 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He named the place Massah (test) and Meribah (quarrel) because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh among us, or not?"

At the End of the Wilderness Trek Numbers 20:1-13

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel . . . came to the wilderness of Tzyn...; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 There was no water for the congregation, and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron. 3 The people thus quarreled with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before Yahweh! 4 Why then have you brought Yahweh's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here? 5 Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? 6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of Yahweh appeared to them; 7 and Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink." 9 So Moses took the rod from before Yahweh, just as He had commanded him; 10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. 12 But Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 Those were the waters of Meribah (quarrel), because the sons of Israel quarreled with Yahweh, and He proved Himself holy among them.

Hebrews 3:7-11 (from Psalm 95)

Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
“Today if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as at
Meribah/quarrel,
As in the day of Massah/test in the
wilderness,
Where your fathers tried Me by testing
Me,
And saw My words for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with this
generation,
And said, “They always go astray in their
heart,
As I swore in My wrath,
They shall not enter My rest”