

Exodus 15-16

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Study Guide

Suggested Prayer before You Begin: Dear Lord, as I study the unfolding story of Your call and care of Israel, enlighten me with your Holy Spirit. Help me remember that You chose me. You take care of me because You cherish me. Forgive me for grumbling when I should be praising Your name and telling others of the good things You've done. Thank you for Your goodness and guidance. Amen.

Read through **Exodus 15-16**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

Exodus 15:1-21

1. Read **Exodus 15:1-18** | Moses had just taken part in a glorious miracle in which God's people had been delivered and the enemies of the Lord had been destroyed. How wonderful that Moses should write this song and lead Israel in their praise to the Lord! As you read through these verses, circle words/phrases that Moses used to describe the Lord's character and actions. List what you find below.

Fun Fact

Hebrew poetry is different from much of common, present-day poetry because instead of using *rhyme* the thoughts are connected using *parallelism*. After stating a thought in a certain way, the same thought is repeated in different words. The second statement echoes the first. For example (verse 4),
Pharaoh's chariots and his army
He has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh's officers are
drowned in the Red Sea.

2. How would singing the Song of Moses and Miriam throughout the years to come continue to help Israel to praise the Lord?

Exodus 15:22-27

3. Complete this sentence: If I were in a hot desert without drinking water for three days, I would...

4. After their deliverance at the Red Sea, the Israelites traveled through the wilderness of Shur. For such a large number of people in a dry desert, of course water was a problem. At Marah, the Israelites came to a small spring where the water was so bitter they could not drink it. Why do you think God led the people to Marah with its bitter water?

5. In their usual way the Israelites grumbled. How did Moses respond to their grumbling (**verse 25**)? Would you say his response was more effective and compassionate than lecturing them? In what way?

6. God is faithful whether or not we please Him, but He does expect obedience. What did God require of Israel? What did God promise? (**verse 26**)

7. Describe how the Lord again miraculously took care of them (**verse 27**).

Exodus 16:1-18

8. The Lord provided bread from heaven. What were the people expected to do? (**verse 4-5**)

9. God knew the Israelites needed food. What did He want them (and us) to realize about the source of their (and our) food supply? (**verse 8**)

10. Envision the glory of the Lord appearing in a cloud (verse 10). Why do you think the Lord would give the people such a sign?

Exodus 16:19-36

11. Manna was provided on a daily basis six days a week. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us to ask for our daily bread. Why only "daily"? (**see Matthew 6:34**)

12. In **Exodus 16:23**, the word *Sabbath* occurs for the first time in the Bible. What instructions were given as the Lord was training Israel to observe the Sabbath (**verses 23, 29-30**)?

13. *Personal reflection; sharing optional.* What are some practical things you do to keep Sunday as a day set apart for rest and worship? (If you must work on Sundays, how do you accomplish its purpose on other days of the week?)