

Parsha Beshalach OverView

- The children of Israel to depart from Egypt, Pharaoh chases after them to force their return, and the Israelites find themselves trapped between Pharaoh's armies and the sea.
- YHWH tells Moshe to raise his staff over the water; the sea splits to allow the Israelites to pass through, and then closes over the pursuing Egyptians. Moses and the children of Israel sing a song of praise and gratitude to YHWH.
- In the desert the people experience thirst and hunger, and repeatedly complain to Moses and Aaron.
- YHWH miraculously sweetens the bitter waters of Marah

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- Later Moses bring forth water from a rock by striking it with his staff.
- YHWH causes manna to rain down from the heavens before dawn each morning, and quails to appear in the Israelite camp each evening.
- The children of Israel are instructed to gather a double portion of manna on Friday, as none will descend on Shabbat, the divinely decreed day of rest. Some disobey and go to gather manna on the seventh day, but find nothing. Aaron preserves a small quantity of manna in a jar, as a testimony for future generations.
- In Rephidim, the people are attacked by the Amalekites, who are defeated by Moses' prayers and an army raised by Joshua.

Exodus 13:17 - 19

17 After Pharaoh had let the people go, Yah did not lead them along the road to the land of the Philistines, although that was nearby, for Yah said, "The people might change their minds if they see war and return to Egypt."

18 So Yah led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds, ***and Bnei-Yisrael went up out of the land of Egypt armed.***

19 Moses also took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made Bnei-Yisrael swear an oath saying, "Yah will surely remember you, and then you are to carry my bones away with you."

Exodus 13:20 - 22

20 So they journeyed from Succoth and encamped in Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.

21 YHWH went before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead the way and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light. So they could travel both day and night.

22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never departed from the people.

Exodus 14

1 Yah spoke to Moses saying,

2 “Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, so that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You are to camp by the sea, opposite Baal-zephon.

3 Pharaoh will say concerning Bnei-Yisrael, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land—the wilderness has shut them in!’

4 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so he will follow after them. Then I will be glorified over Pharaoh along with all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Adonai.” So they did so.

Exodus 14

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we let Israel go from serving us?"

6 So he prepared his chariots and took his people with him.

7 He took 600 of the finest chariots, along with all other chariots of Egypt, and captains over them.

8 Yah hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so he pursued Bnei-Yisrael, for Bnei-Yisrael went out with a high hand.

The complaints

- At the Sea Of Reeds

Exodus 14

10 When Pharaoh drew near, Bnei-Yisrael lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them! So they were terrified, and Bnei-Yisrael cried out to Yah.

11 They said to Moses, “Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you dealt this way with us, to bring us out of Egypt?”

12 Did we not say to you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone, so that we may serve the Egyptians?’ It was better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness!”

Exodus 14

13 But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid! Stand still, and see the salvation of Yah, which He will perform for you today. You have seen the Egyptians today, but you will never see them again, ever!

14 YHWH will fight for you, while you hold your peace.”

15 Then YHWH said to Moses, “Why are you crying to Me? Tell Bnei-Yisrael to go forward.

Exodus 14

16 Lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it. Then Bnei-Yisrael will go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

17 Then I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them, so that I will be glorified over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and his horsemen.

18 Then the Egyptians will know that I am YHWH, when I have been glorified over Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

Exodus 14

19 Then the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them. Also the pillar of cloud moved from in front and stood behind them,

20 and so came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel—there was the cloud and the darkness over here, yet it gave light by night over there—neither one came near the other all night long.



Exodus 14

22 Then Bnei-Yisrael went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, while the waters were like walls to them on their right and on their left.

23 But the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen.

24 Now it came about during the morning watch that Yah looked at the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and caused the army of the Egyptians to panic.

Exodus 14

25 He took off their chariot wheels and caused them to drive heavily, so that the Egyptians said, “Get away from the presence of Israel! For YHWH fights for them against the Egyptians!”

26 Then YHWH said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters come back upon the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.”

27 So Moses stretched his hand out over the waters, and the sea returned to its strength at the break of dawn. The Egyptians were fleeing from it, but Adonai overthrew them in the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen and the entire army of Pharaoh that went after them into the sea. Not one of them remained.

29 But Bnei-Yisrael had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were like walls to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 So Yah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 When Israel saw the great work that Yah did over the Egyptians, the people feared Yah, and they believed in YHWH and in His servant Moshe.

Exodus 15 – Wilderness of Shur

22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Sea of Reeds. They went out into the wilderness of Shur. But they travelled three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink from the waters because they were bitter. On account of this it was called Marah. 24 So the people complained to Moses saying, “What are we going to drink?”

25 So he cried out to Adonai, and Adonai showed him a tree. When he threw it into the waters, they were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them.

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Exodus 16

4 Then Yah said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day’s portion every day, so that I can test them to find out whether they will walk according to My Torah or not.

5 So on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather day by day.”

Exodus 16

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all Bnei-Yisrael, "In the evening you will know that Yah has brought you out from the land of Egypt,

7 and in the morning, then you will see the glory of Yah. For He heard your complaining against Him. What are we? You complain against us?"

8 Then Moses said, "Yah will give you meat to eat in the evening and enough bread to fill you in the morning, since Adonai hears your complaints that you mutter against Him, what are we? Your complaining is not against us, but against Adonai!"

Exodus 16

10 Then, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of Bnei-Yisrael, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of Yah appeared in the cloud.

11 Yah spoke to Moses saying,

12 “I have heard the complaining of Bnei-Yisrael. Speak to them saying, ‘At dusk you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am Yah your Elohim.’”

Exodus 16

13 So when evening fell, quails came up and covered the camp. Moreover, in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp.

14 When the layer of dew was gone, on the surface of the desert was a thin, flake-like frost, as fine as the frost on the ground.

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- Provisions of food in the wilderness of Sin
- Water from the rock in Rephidim

Exodus 17

1 All the congregation of Bnei-Yisrael journeyed from the wilderness of Sin in stages, according to the command of Yah, and camped in Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YHWH?"

3 But the people thirsted for water there, and they complained against Moses and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt? To kill us with thirst, along with our children and cattle?"

Exodus 17

4 So Moses cried out to Yah saying, “What am I to do for these people? They are about ready to stone me.”

5 YHWH said to Moses, “Walk before the people, and take of the elders of Israel with you, along with your staff with which you struck the river. Take it in your hand and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you, there upon the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people can drink.” Then Moses did just so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

7 The name of the place was called Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of Bnei-Yisrael, and because they tested Yah saying, “Is Yah among us, or not?”

Exodus 15

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Ecclesiastes 12

13 A final word, when all has been heard:

Fear Yah and keep His mitzvot!

For this applies to all mankind.

14 Yah will bring every deed into judgment including everything that is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

שַׁבַּת שִׁירָה Shabbat Shira – Sabbath Of Song

Exodus 15:1 – 18

Song Of The Sea

1 Then Moses and Bnei-Yisrael sang this song to Adonai: I will sing to YHWH, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea.

2 YHWH is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

This is my Elohim, and I will glorify Him, my father's Elohim, and I will exalt Him.

3 YHWH is a warrior—YHVH is His Name!

Song Of The Sea

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has hurled into the sea,
and his chosen captains have sunk into the Sea of Reeds.

5 The deeps cover them. They sank to the depths like a
stone.

6 Your right hand, Yah, is glorious in power. Your right hand,
Elohim, dashes the enemy to pieces.

Song Of The Sea

7 In the greatness of Your excellency You overthrow those who resist You. You send forth Your wrath— it consumes them as stubble.

8 With the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up. The floods stood upright as a heap. The deeps became firm ground in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil. My lust shall gorge on them! I will draw my sword—my hand will destroy them.”

Song Of The Sea

10 You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like You, YHWH, among the gods? Who is like You,
glorious in holiness, awesome in praises, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

Song Of The Sea

13 You in Your lovingkindness led the people You have redeemed. You guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

14 When the peoples hear, they will tremble— anguish will seize the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom are terrified. Trembling grips Moab's mighty men. All of Canaan's inhabitants will melt away.

Song Of The Sea

16 Terror and dread will fall on them. By the greatness of Your arm they become still as a stone, till Your people cross over, Yah,
till the people whom You purchased cross over.

17 You bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, Elohim, that You have made for Yourself to dwell in— the Sanctuary, YHWH, which Your hands have prepared.

18 YHVH will reign forever and ever!

Taking What What Was Sweet And Making It Bitter

Exodus 15

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. So they camped there by the waters.

Taking What Was Sweet And Making It Bitter

- In the face of victory, we tend to look for opportunity to fail
- We complete a moment of blessing and anticipate our sudden demise
- We allow our hearts to be guided by what is next rather than what YHWH is working with right at that moment
- We become unfaithful and lose our hope
- What may seem like a battle lost for us is actually a set up for the enemy to fail
- We fail to realize that the “stories” we read are not for entertainment, they are to educate us and correct us in our paths

Taking What Was Sweet And Making It Bitter

James 3

10 From the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be.

11 A spring doesn't pour out fresh and bitter water from the same opening, does it?

12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh water.

Taking What Was Sweet And Making It Bitter

Luke 6

45 “Out of the good treasure of his heart the good man brings forth good, and out of evil the evil man brings forth evil. For from the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks.”

Proverbs 4

23 Guard your heart diligently, for from it flow the springs of life.

Matthew 15

8 ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

Taking What Was Bitter And Making It Sweet

Psalms 51

10 Create in me a clean heart, O Yah, and renew a right spirit within me.

Enter As A Captive, Exit As An Army

Genesis 37 – Parsha Vayashev

28 When some men, Midianite merchants, passed by, they dragged Joseph up and out of the pit and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver, ***and they brought Joseph to Egypt.***

Exodus 12 - Parsha Bo

50 So all Bnei-Yisrael did so. They did just as Yah commanded Moses and Aaron.

51 ***It was on that very day that YHWH brought Bnei-Yisrael out of the land of Egypt as armies.***

Exodus 13 – Parsha Beshalak

18 So YHWH led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds, and ***Bnei-Yisrael went up out of the land of Egypt armed.***

Revelations 21 A New Heaven and Earth

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 I also saw the holy city—the New Jerusalem—coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 I also heard a loud voice from the throne, saying,
“Behold, the dwelling of YHWH is among men, and He shall
tabernacle among them.

They shall be His people, and YHWH Himself shall be among them
and be their Elohim.

Revelations 21 A New Heaven and Earth

4 He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And the One seated upon the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new!” Then He said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 Then He said to me, “It is done! I am the Aleph and the Tav, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will freely give from the spring of the water of life.

Overcoming and Inheriting By Testimony

Revelations 21

7 The one who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his Elohim and he shall be My son.

Revelations 12

11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even in the face of death.