

No more Manna?

Joshua 5: 10-12

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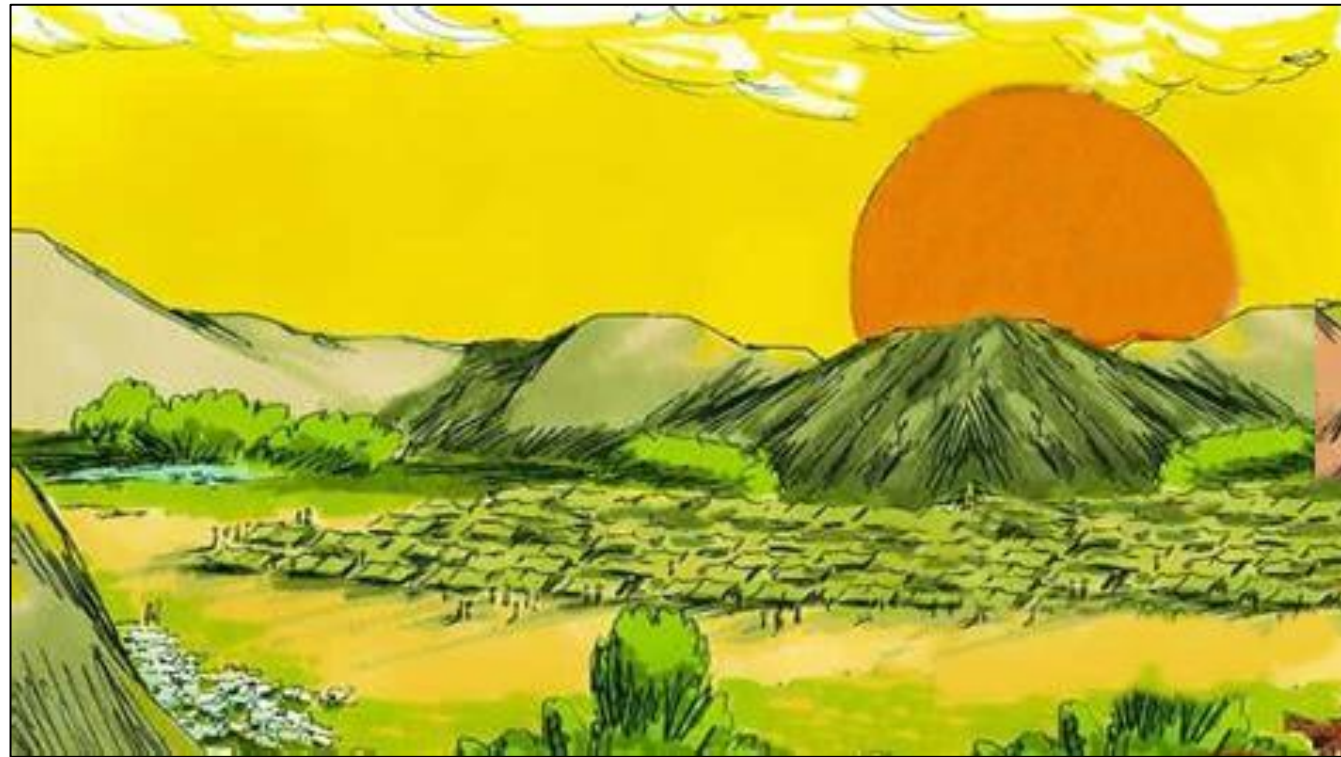
How did they measure time?



The time of year – Spring

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The Camp at Gilgal



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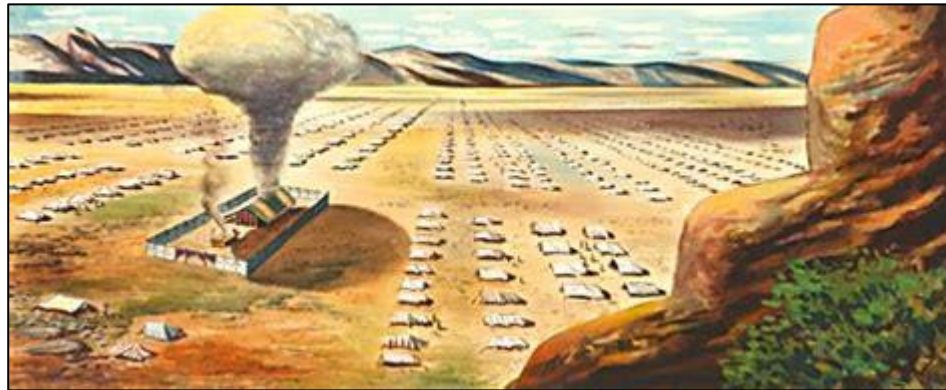
Another great deliverance



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At last after 38 years?

Numbers 9:4-5 So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover, and they did so in the Desert of Sinai at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.



Amos 5:25 "Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?"

At last !



Exodus 12:25-27 **When you enter the land** that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'"

Is this the way to run a military campaign?

Circumcised army + 7 day feast before they start



the Israelites celebrated the Passover.

They observed their Spiritual priorities



They remember what God has done with thanks
They make a statement of faith about the land

After this they will be ready to go.

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New food! And the feast of Unleavened bread
The fields around Jericho had been abandoned



7 weeks later Shavuot marked the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel.

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No more manna.

How it used to be.

Numbers 11:4-6 ... and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"



The same breakfast every day!

No more manna (what is it?)

Exodus 16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat."



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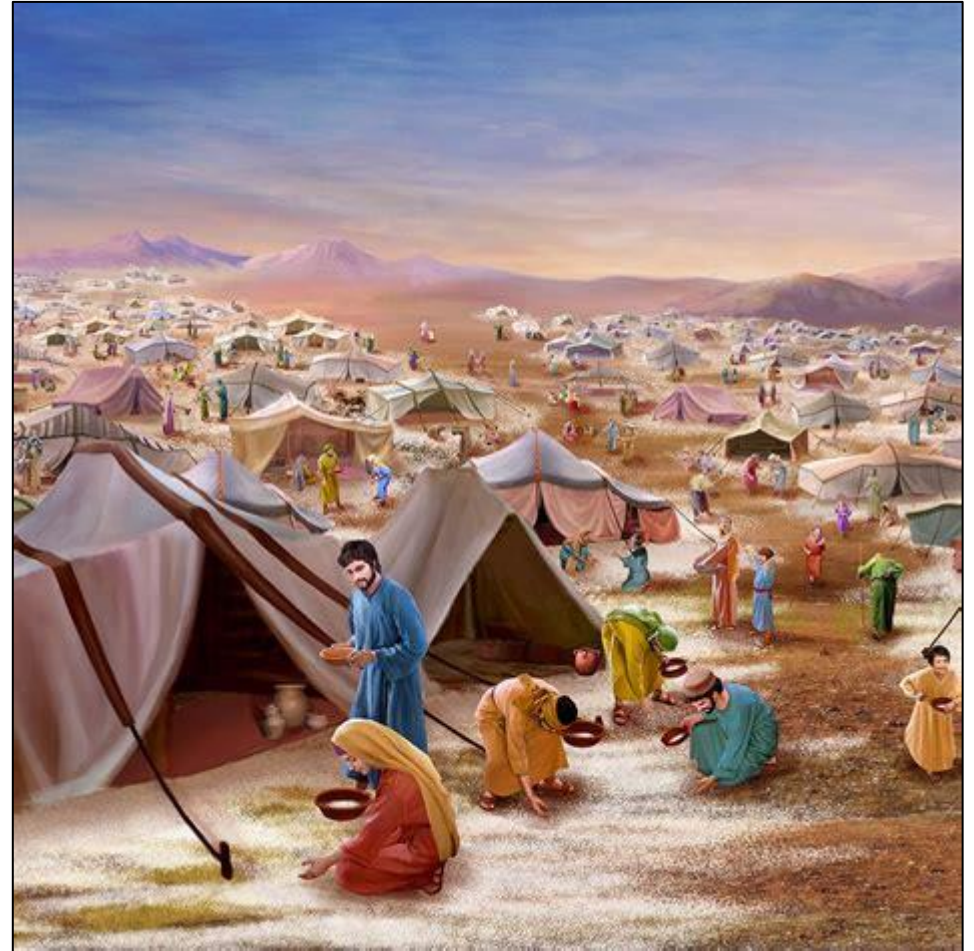
Exodus 16:31 The people of Israel called the bread 'manna'. It was **white** like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with **honey**.

A promise of milk and honey?

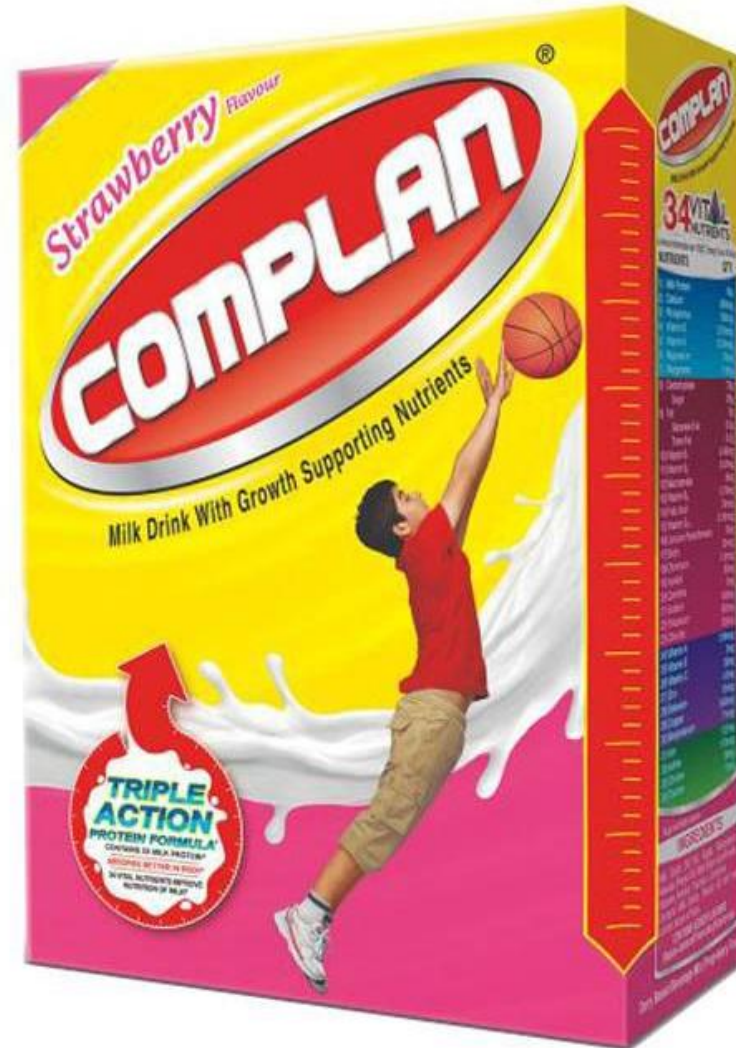


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Numbers 11:8 The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a hand mill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into loaves. And it tasted like something made with olive oil.



Superb Nutritional value ?



To keep a nation healthy for 40 years?

How it used to be.

God's miraculous provision

Exodus 16:16-19 This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning."

Exodus 16:33 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the LORD to be kept for the generations to come."



Lessons for the people from the manna

1, The Sabbath

Exodus 16:4-5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

Exodus 16:29-30 Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out." So the people rested on the seventh day.



A people separated for God

Exodus 10:22-23 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Exodus 11:7 But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

It was God's purpose that through the manna, the Sabbath along with the food laws would help to maintain Israel as a separate nation among the peoples of the world.

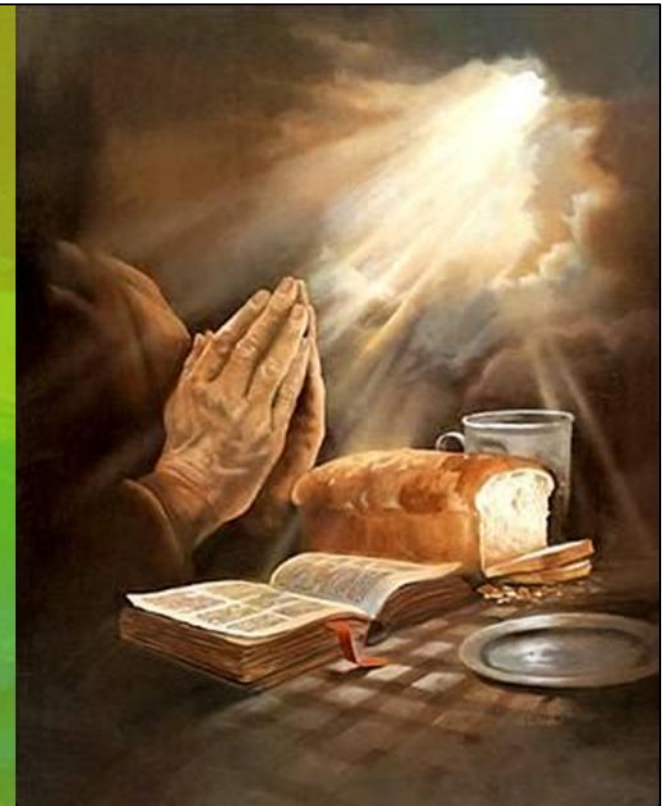
A separate people in the promised land for the Messiah to come.
Israel was on the way to fulfil the promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you
And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will
bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



Lessons for the people from the manna

2, Daily dependence on God to supply our needs
and time from work to worship



Lessons for the people from the manna

3, The Spiritual lesson

Jesus quotes Moses in Deuteronomy 8:3

Deuteronomy 8:3 *God* humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'

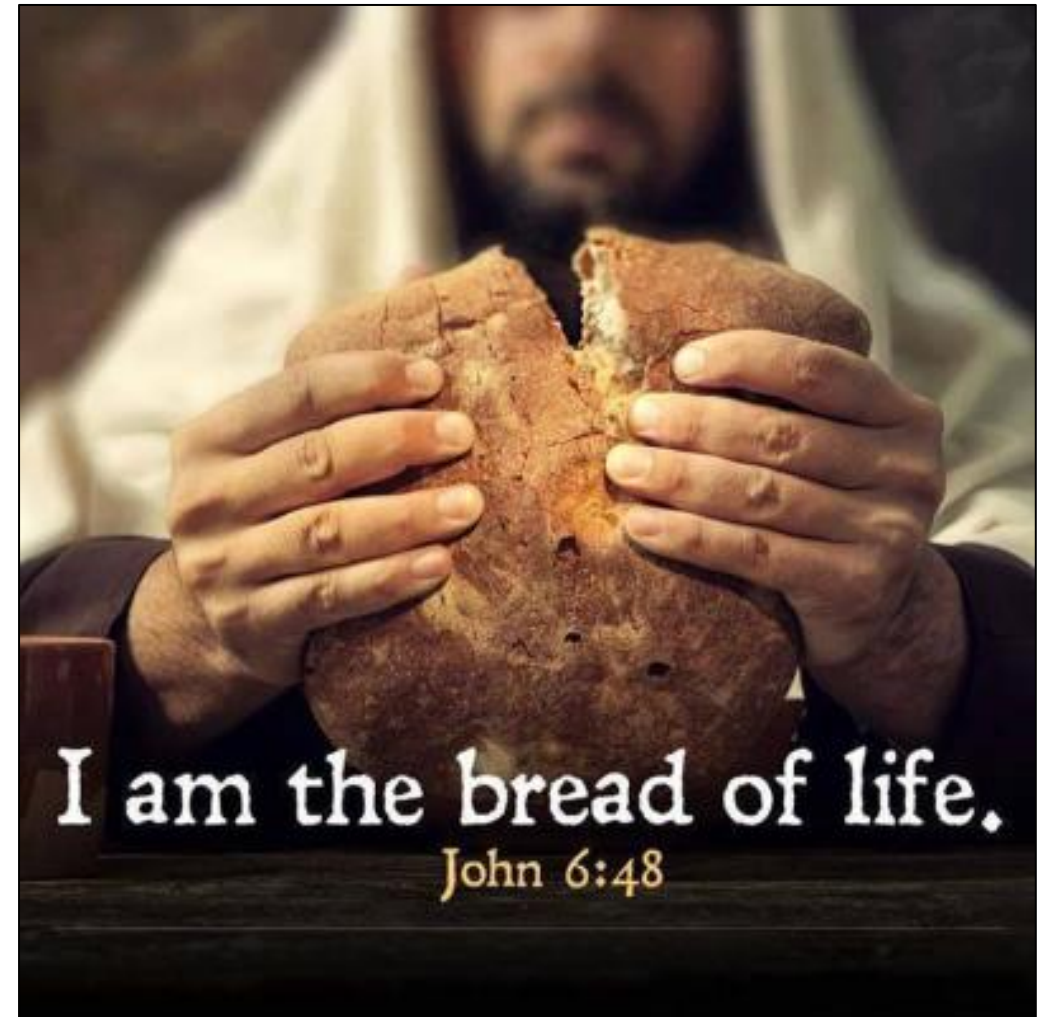
-Matthew 4:4

There's more to life than just the material world.

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4, The Manna was to sustain life – not to give it

John 6:47-51 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."



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When one thing stops another begins!

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.