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Parshah: Beshalach

(Exodus 13:17-17:16)

Covenant & Conversation: Exodus

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1st

2nd

Death of the Egyptians → Battle against Amalek

Revelation at Sinai → Tabernacle

1st Tablets → 2nd Tablets

Exodus 14:10-11

... So the sons of Israel cried out to **Adonai**. Then they said to **Moses** ...

Israel's Four Complaints:

Exodus 14:11-12

1 – Mockery

They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?”

2 – Hatred

“What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?”

3 – Ridicule

“Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’?”

FEAR

Slaves
Regress
Weak

4 – Accusation

“For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Complaints against godly authority
are complaints against God Himself.

Exodus 14:30

Thus Adonai saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

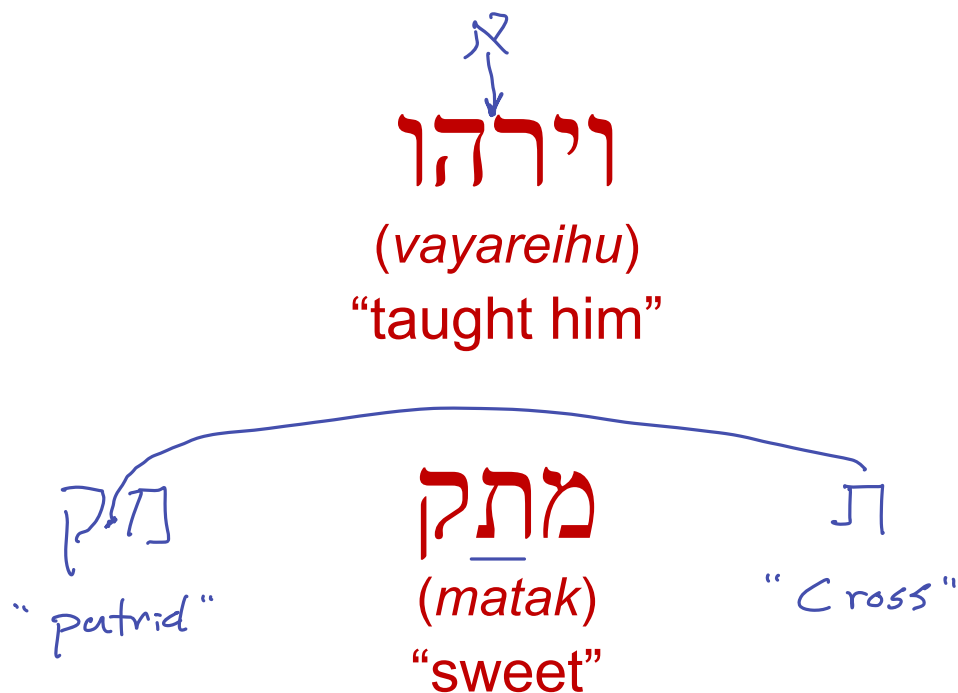
Revelation 12:10-11

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

The Song at the Sea Exodus 15

Exodus 15:25a

And he cried to Adonai, and Adonai **showed him** a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became **sweet**....



God instructed and taught Moses about the way of the Holy One, Blessed is He, namely, that He sweetens bitter things with something that is itself bitter.

∞ Ramban

Exodus 15:25b-26

There Adonai made for them a **decree** and a **rule**, and there He tested them, saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of Adonai your God, and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am Adonai, your Healer."

DECREE

חֹק
(chok)

Illogical

FAITH

"Listen diligently to God's voice ...

&

Do what is right in His eyes"

SPIRITUAL



RULE

מִשְׁפָּט
(mishpat)

Logical

REASON

Give ear to His commandments ...

&

Guard all of His **decrees**"

PHYSICAL

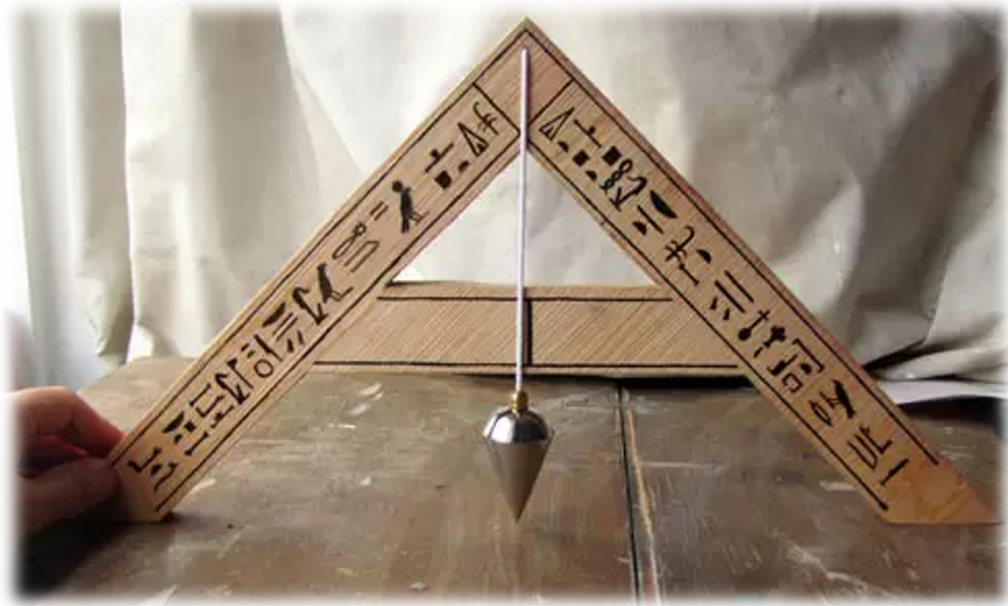




Plumb Bob



Level



Ancient Egyptian Level

Discussion Questions:

- Is it possible for a believer to be more “Satan-centered” than “God-centered”?
- In what areas of your life is God asking you to be more responsible and cooperate with Him?
- Can you think of examples in your own life when you complained against the authorities He established in your life? Who were you *really* complaining against?
- Describe how salvation is a process.
- Which are you better at: hearing God’s voice? Or following God’s rules?

NOTES:

Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Isaiah 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Adonai will punish the host of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

Isaiah 14:16-17 “Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?’”

John 6:32-35 Yeshua then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Yeshua said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”

1 Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire, but Adonai was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a thin [קַד, *dak*] whisper.