

# Exo 13:17-17:16 Beshalach Expanded Chiasm



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## 1A.1) 13:17-22 GOD LED THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL ON THEIR JOURNEY by the way of the wilderness; {p}

**1a) 13:17-18a** And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that **God led them** not by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said: ‘Lest perhaps the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt.’  
**18** But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea;

**1b) 13:18b** And the children of **Israel went up** armed out of the land of Egypt;  
**central axis) 13:19** And **Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had made the children of Israel solemnly swear, saying: ‘God will surely remember you; and you shall carry up my bones away from here with you;’**

**2b) 13:20** And **they** took their journey from Succoth, and **encamped** in Etham, on the edge of the wilderness;

**2a) 13:21-22** And **YHVH went before them** by day in a pillar of cloud, **to lead them in the way**; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; that they might go by day and by night: **22** the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people; {p}

## 1A.2.1) 14:1-15:21 BATTLE AND VICTORY; [*i.e., Egypt fought with Israel; but YHVH defeated them through Moses; 14:1-31 {px3} / Song of Moses and dance of Miriam: YHVH is highly exalted; 15:1-21 {sx18+p+s}*];

**1a) 14:1-31 Battle:** Egypt fought with Israel, but YHVH defeated them through Moses; {px3}

**1a) 14:1-14** The enemy pursued, but **YHVH assured Israel of deliverance**;

**1A) 14:1-4** YHVH instructed Moses to **CAMP BEFORE PI-HAHIROTH, OPPOSITE BAAL-ZEPHON** by the sea;

**1a) 14:1-2** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **2** ‘Speak to the children of Israel, **that they turn back and camp** before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon; over against it you shall camp by the sea;

**central axis) 14:3-4a** And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel: ‘They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has shut them in.’ **4** And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he shall follow after them; and I will gain honor on Pharaoh, and on all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am YHVH;

**2a) 14:4b** And **they did so**;

**1B.1) 14:5** And it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and **THE HEART OF PHARAOH AND OF HIS SERVANTS WAS HARDENED TOWARDS THE PEOPLE**, and they said: ‘What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us;’

**1b.2) 14:6-7** And he made ready his chariots, and took his people with him. 7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and **ALL THE CHARIOTS OF EGYPT**, with captains over all of them;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 14:8B** FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WENT OUT WITH A HIGH HAND;

**2b.1) 14:8A** And YHVH **HARDENED THE HEART OF PHARAOH** king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel;

**2b.2) 14:9A** And the Egyptians pursued after them, **ALL THE HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF PHARAOH**, and his horsemen, and his army;

**2A) 14:9B-14** The Egyptians overtook them **CAMPING** by the sea, **BESIDE PI-HAHIROTH, IN FRONT OF BAAL-ZEPHON**; {p}

**1a) 14:9b-10a** And overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. **10** And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of **Israel lifted up their eyes**, and, behold, **the Egyptians were marching after them**;

**1b) 14:10b** And **they were very afraid**; and the children of Israel cried out to YHVH;

**1c) 14:11a** And they said to Moses: 'Because there were no graves in Egypt, you have taken us away **to die in the wilderness**?

**central axis) 14:11b** Why have you dealt so with us, **to bring us forth out of Egypt**?

**2c) 14:12** Is not this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying: "Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?" For it is better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that **we should die in the wilderness**;

**2b) 14:13a** And Moses said to the people: '**Fear not**;

**2a) 14:13b-14** Stand still, and see **the salvation of YHVH, which He will work for you today, for the Egyptians you have seen today, you shall see them again no more for ever**. **14** YHVH will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace;' {p}

**1b.1) 14:15-16** And YHVH said to Moses: 'Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward. **16** And lift up your rod, and **stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it**; and **the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground**;

**1b.2) 14:17a** And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of **the Egyptians**, and they **shall go in after them**;

**1b.3) 14:17b-18** **I will gain honor on Pharaoh and all his host**;

**1A) 14:17B** And **I WILL GAIN HONOR ON PHARAOH**, and on all his host, on his chariots, and on his horsemen;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 14:18A** AND THE EGYPTIANS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM YHVH;

2A) 14:18B When I HAVE GAINED HONOR ON PHARAOH, on his chariots, and on his horsemen;'

central axis) 14:19-20 *And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them, and stood behind them; 20 and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness here, yet it gave light by night there, and the one came not near the other all the night;*

2b.1) 14:21-22 And *Moses stretched out his hand over the sea*; and YHVH caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, *and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground*; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left;

2b.2) 14:23 And *the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them* into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen;

2b.3) 14:24-25 And it came to pass in the morning watch, that YHVH looked forth on the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians. 25 And He took off their chariot wheels, and made them to drive heavily; so that the Egyptians said: 'Let us flee from the face of Israel; for *YHVH fights for them against the Egyptians*;' {p}

2a) 14:26-31 *YHVH overthrew the Egyptians* in the midst of the sea; {p}

1A) 14:26-27 And YHVH said to Moses: 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.' 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and **YHVH OVERTHREW THE EGYPTIANS** in the midst of the sea;

1B) 14:28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; **THERE REMAINED NOT SO MUCH AS ONE OF THEM**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 14:29 **BUT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WALKED ON DRY LAND IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA; AND THE WATERS WERE A WALL TO THEM ON THEIR RIGHT HAND, AND ON THEIR LEFT**;

2B) 14:30 Thus YHVH saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw **THE EGYPTIANS DEAD ON THE SEASHORE**;

2A) 14:31 And Israel saw **THE GREAT WORK WHICH YHVH DID ON THE EGYPTIANS**, and the people feared YHVH; and they believed in YHVH, and in His servant Moses; {p}

2a) 15:1-21 **Victory**: Song of Moses and dance of Miriam: YHVH is highly exalted; {sx18+p+s}

1a) 15:1-19 *The song of Moses*: YHVH is highly exalted;

**1A.1) 15:1A** Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to YHVH, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to **YHVH**, for He **IS HIGHLY EXALTED**;

**1A.2) 15:1B-5 PHARAOH’S HORSES, CHARIOTS, and HORSEMEN HE HAS CAST INTO THE SEA;**

**1a) 15:1b The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea;** {s}

**1b) 15:2a Yah is my strength** and song, and **He is** become **my salvation**;

central axis) **15:2b This is my God El**, and I will glorify Him; my father’s God, and I will exalt Him; {s}

**2b) 15:3 YHVH is a man of war**, YHVH is His name; {s}

**2a) 15:4-5 Pharaoh’s chariots** and his host **He has cast into the sea**, and his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea. {s} **5** The deeps cover them—they went down into the depths like a stone; {s}

**1B) 15:6-12** By **THE GREATNESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY** YHVH overthrew the Egyptians; {sx7}

**1a) 15:6 Your right hand**, O YHVH, glorious in power; Your right hand, O YHVH, dashes the enemy in pieces; {s}

**1b) 15:7a** And in **the greatness of Your excellency**;

**1c) 15:7b You overthrew them that rose up against You**; You sent forth Your wrath, it consumed them as stubble; {s}

**1d) 15:8** And with **the blast of Your nostrils** the waters were piled up—the floods stood upright as a heap; the deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea; {s}

central axis) **15:9** The enemy said: ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied on them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them;’ {s}

**2d) 15:10a You blew with Your wind**, the sea covered them;

**2c) 15:10b They sank** as lead **in the mighty waters**; {s}

**2b) 15:11 Who is like You, O YHVH, among the mighty?** Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? {s}

**2a) 15:12** You stretched out **Your right hand**—the earth swallowed them; {s}

CENTRAL AXIS) **15:13A YOU, IN YOUR LOVE, HAVE LED THE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE REDEEMED;**

**2B) 15:13B-17** Because of **THE GREATNESS OF HIS ARM** the peoples fear YHVH’s people; {sx5}

**1a.1) 15:13b You have guided them** in **Your strength**;

**1a.2) 15:13c** To **Your holy habitation**; {s}

**1b) 15:14a The peoples** have heard, they **tremble**;

central axis) **15:14b-15** Pangs have taken hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. {s}

**15** Then were the chiefs of Edom frightened; the mighty men of Moab,

trembling takes hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away; {s}

**2b) 15:16a** Terror and dread falls on them;

**2a.1) 15:16b** By **the greatness of Your arm** they are as still as a stone; **till Your people pass over**, O YHVH, till the people pass over that You have gotten; {s}

**2a.2) 15:17** You bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, **the place**, O YHVH, **which You have made to dwell in**, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established; {s}

**2A.1) 15:18** YHVH SHALL REIGN FOR EVER and ever;’ {s}

**2A.2) 15:19** For **THE HORSES OF PHARAOH** went in **WITH HIS CHARIOTS** and **WITH HIS HORSEMEN** into the sea, and **YHVH BROUGHT BACK THE WATERS OF THE SEA ON THEM**; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea; {p}

**2a) 15:20-21** And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. **21** And **Miriam sang to them**: ‘Sing to YHVH, for He is highly exalted: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea;’ {s}

**1A.2.2) 15:22-26** CONTENTION AT THE WATERS OF MARAH; {s}

**1) 15:22-23** And Moses led **Israel** onward from the Red Sea, and they **went out** into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, **and found no water**. **23** And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah (*bitterness*); [*i.e.*, **Contention at the waters of Marah**];

**2) 15:24** And **the people murmured against Moses**, saying: ‘What shall we drink?’

**3) 15:25a** And **he cried to YHVH**;

**4) 15:25b** And YHVH showed him a tree, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet [*i.e.*, **YHVH showed him how to get water**];

**5) 15:25c-26** There YHVH tested Israel; {s}

**1a) 15:25c** There He made for them **a statute and an ordinance**,  
**central axis) 15:25d** And there He tested them;

**2a) 15:26** And He said: ‘If you will diligently pay heed to the voice of YHVH your God, and will do that which is right in His eyes, and will give ear to **His commandments**, and keep all **His statutes**, I will put none of the diseases upon you, which I have put upon the Egyptians; for I am YHVH who heals you; {s}

**1B) 15:27-16:3** And they came to Elim, where were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees; and they camped there by the waters. **16:1** And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of

Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. **2** And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness; **3** and the children of Israel said to them: 'Would that we had died by the hand of YHVH in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us forth to this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger;' [*i.e.*, **LACK OF BREAD** in the wilderness]; {s}

**1C) 16:4-5** Then YHVH said to Moses: 'Behold, **I WILL CAUSE BREAD TO RAIN 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. **5** And it shall come to pass on the sixth day that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily;'

**1D) 16:6-12 ISRAEL SAW** the glory of YHVH;

**1a) 16:6** And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel: 'At evening, then **you shall know that YHVH has brought you out** from the land of Egypt;

**1b) 16:7a** And in the morning, then you shall see **the glory of YHVH**;

**1c) 16:7b** For **He has heard your murmurings** against YHVH;

**1d) 16:7c** And **what are we, that you murmur against us?**

**central axis) 16:8a** And Moses said: 'This shall be, when YHVH shall **give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full**;

**2d) 16:8b** For that YHVH hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him; and **what are we? Your murmurings are not against us**, but against YHVH;'

**2c) 16:9** And Moses said to Aaron: 'Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel: "Come near before YHVH; for **He has heard your murmurings**;"'

**2b) 16:10** And it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, **the glory of YHVH** appeared in the cloud; {p}

**2a) 16:11-12** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **12** 'I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying: "At dusk you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and **you shall know that I am YHVH your God**;"'

**1E) 16:13-15** And it came to pass at evening, that the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew round about the camp. **14** And when the layer of dew was gone up, behold, on the face of the wilderness a fine, scale-like thing, fine as the hoar-frost on the ground. **15** And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another: 'What is it?' [*i.e.*,

**MANNA]**—for they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them: ‘It is the bread which YHVH has given you to eat;

**IF) 16:16A** This is the thing which **YHVH HAS COMMANDED**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 16:16B-27 SABBATH REST TAUGHT**;

**1a) 16:16b-21 Gather manna day by day**;

*1a) 16:16b-18 Gather it every man according to his household*;

**1A) 16:16B GATHER IT EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS**

**HOUSEHOLD**; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, you shall take it, every man for them that are in his tent;

**1B) 16:17** And the children of Israel did so, and **GATHERED SOME MORE, SOME LESS**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 16:18A AND WHEN THEY MEASURED IT WITH AN OMER**;

**2B) 16:18B HE THAT GATHERED MUCH** had nothing left over, and **HE THAT GATHERED LITTLE** had no lack;

**2A) 16:18C THEY GATHERED EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS HOUSEHOLD**;

*central axis) 16:19-20 Let no one leave it till morning*;

**1) 16:19** And Moses said to them: **LET NO MAN LEAVE IT TILL THE MORNING**;

**2) 16:20A** Notwithstanding they did not pay heed to Moses; but **SOME OF THEM LEFT IT UNTIL THE MORNING**;

**3) 16:20B** And **IT BRED WORMS, AND ROTTED**; and Moses was angry with them;

*2a) 16:21* And *they gathered it* morning by morning, every man *according to his household*; and as the sun grew hot, it melted;

**2a) 16:22-27 Do not gather manna on the Sabbath day**; {s}

*1a) 16:22* And it came to pass that *on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread*, two omers for each one; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses;

*1b) 16:23a* And he said to them: This is that which YHVH has spoken: ‘*Tomorrow is* a solemn rest, *a holy Sabbath to YHVH*;

*1c) 16:23b Bake* that which you will bake, *and boil* that which you will boil;

*central axis) 16:23c-24 Lay it up until morning*;

- 1) 16:23C And all that remains left over, LAY UP for yourselves to be kept UNTIL THE MORNING;
- 2) 16:24A And THEY LAID IT UP TILL THE MORNING, as Moses commanded;
- 3) 16:24B And IT DID NOT ROT, NEITHER was there any WORM IN IT;

2c) 16:25a And Moses said: *Eat that today*;

2b) 16:25b For *today is a Sabbath to YHVH*; today you shall not find it in the field;

2a) 16:26-27 *Six days you shall gather it*; but *on the seventh day* is the Sabbath, in it *there shall be none*. 27 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people to gather, and they found none; {s}

2F) 16:28-30 And YHVH said to Moses: 'How long will you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?' 29 'See that YHVH has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.' 30 So the people rested on the seventh day; [*i.e., Sabbath rest is YHVH'S COMMANDMENT*];

2E) 16:31 And the house of Israel called the name of it **MANNA**; and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey;

2D) 16:32 And Moses said: 'This is the thing which YHVH has commanded: **LET** an omerful of it be kept throughout **YOUR GENERATIONS**; that they may **SEE** the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt;'

2C) 16:33-34 And Moses said to Aaron: 'Take a jar, and put an omerful of **MANNA** in it, and lay it up before YHVH, **TO BE KEPT** throughout your generations.' 34 As YHVH commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up **BEFORE THE TESTIMONY**, to be kept; [*i.e., The test produces the testimony*];

2B) 16:35-36 And the children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna; until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan. 36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah; [*i.e., PROVISION OF BREAD in the wilderness*]; {p}

2A.1) 17:1A And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, by their stages, according to the commandment of YHVH, and encamped in Rephidim; [*i.e., GOD LED THEM on their journey from the wilderness of Sin*]; {p}

2A.2.2) 17:1B-7 **CONTENTION AT THE WATERS OF MASSAH** and **MERIBAH**; {p}



1) 17:1b And there was no water for the people to drink; [*i.e.*, **Contention at the waters of Massah and Meribah**];

2) 17:2-3 The people complained against Moses;

*1a) 17:2a* Therefore *the people strove with Moses*;

*1b) 17:2b* And said: ‘*Give us water* that we may drink;’

*central axis) 17:2c* And Moses said to them: ‘*Why do you strive with me? Why do you try YHVH?*’

*2b) 17:3a* And *the people thirsted* there for water;

*2a) 17:3b* And *the people murmured against Moses*, and said: ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst;’

3) 17:4 And Moses cried to YHVH, saying: ‘What shall I do to this people? They are almost ready to stone me;’

4) 17:5-6 And YHVH said to Moses: ‘Pass on before the people, and take with you of the elders of Israel; and your rod, with which you struck the river, take in your hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and there water shall come out of it, that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel; [*i.e.*, **YHVH showed him how to get water**];

5) 17:7 And the name of the place was called Massah, and Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they **tried YHVH**, saying: ‘Is YHVH among us, or not;’ {p}

**2A.2.1) 17:8-16 BATTLE AND VICTORY**; [*i.e.*, *Amalek fought with Israel, but YHVH defeated them through Joshua*; 17:8-13 {p} / *YHVH is my banner (who is high and lifted up)*; 17:14-16 {p}];

**1a) 17:8-13 Battle**: Amalek fought Israel, but YHVH defeated them through Joshua; {p}

*1a) 17:8-9a* Then came *Amalek*, and *fought with Israel* in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said to Joshua: ‘Choose men, and go out, fight with Amalek;

*1b) 17:9b* Tomorrow I will stand *on the top of the hill* with the rod of God in my hand;’

*central axis) 17:10a* So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek;

*2b) 17:10b-12* And Moses, Aaron, and Hur *went up to the top of the hill*. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun;

*2a) 17:13* And Joshua *discomfited Amalek* and his people with the edge of the sword; {p}

**2a) 17:14-16** And YHVH said to Moses: 'Write this for a memorial in the book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua; for I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' **15** And **Moses built an altar**, and called the name of it *YHVH-Nissi*, **YHVH is my banner**. **16** And he said: 'Because Yah has sworn, YHVH will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.' [*i.e., **Victory**: the Hebrew word for 'banner' comes from the Hebrew verb, 'to lift up on high, to exalt'*]. {p}