**2024 Parashah Reading #16 Name: Beshalach Torah Reading: Shemot 13:17-17:16**

 **Haftarah Reading: Shoftim 4:4-5:31 Gospel Reading: Mattithyahu 14:22-33**

**Torah Portion, Outline and Questions for Discussion Shemot 13:17-17:16**

**Chapter 13:17-22** **“Pillars of Cloud and Fire” Chapter 14:1-31** “**Crossing the Red Sea”**

**Chapter 15:1-21** “**The Song of Moshe”**  **Chapter 15:22-27** “**Bitter Water Made Sweet”**

**Chapter 16:1-36** **“Bread from Heaven**” **Chapter 17:1-7 “Water from the Rock”**

**Chapter 17:8-16 “Israel Defeats Amalek”**

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**Questions for Discussion**

1. Regarding the pillars of cloud and fire, two manifestations of YHWH’s presence:
2. Why do you think YHWH choose these, and can you see a correlation of these in other Scriptures?
3. What pillars is YHWH doing in your life?
4. What stands out to you concerning the crossing of the Red Sea account?
5. 14:8b states that ‘the children of Israel went out with a high hand.’ (JPS) Can you discern what this means, and did it have any bearing on events that transpired after they left Egypt?
6. In Chapter 15, what do you notice about the song of Moshe, and does the song of Moshe occur in other parts of Scripture?
7. In Chapter 15 regarding the account of the bitter water made sweet:
8. What do you learn from this account?
9. Share a time where the Lord made bitter water sweet in your life.
10. **BONUS QUESTION**-What Brit Hadashah (New Testament) verse in principle parallels this account’s outline subtitle “Bitter Water Made Sweet”?
11. **REVIEW SCHOLAR QUESTION**: In Chapter 16 we read of the bread from heaven and in Chapter 17 water coming from the rock. List ways these events have to do with Yeshua.

**Haftarah and Gospel Portions, Outlines and Questions for Discussion**

**Haftarah Parashah Shoftim 4:4-5:31**

**Chapter 4:4-24 “Deborah and Barak” cont. Chapter 5:1–31 “The Song of Deborah and Barak”**

The book of Shoftim (Judges) covers the 390 years of Israel’s history after the death of Yehoshua (Joshua) but before King Saul. During this period, all too often in Israel, “everyone did as he pleased.” (Shoftim 21:25b), falling away from following Torah by committing sexual immorality, idolatry, murder. As a result, though YHWH did not remove the Israelites from the land, He did allow Israel’s enemies to oppress them. These enemies came from the neighboring nations of Ammon, Canaan, Midian, Moab, and Philistia to punish the Israelites. Thus, the Israelites lived in their own land, but not always as a free people. This correction pattern by YHWH differs from later in Israel’s history where YHWH uses Israel’s enemies to conquer the land and exile the Israelites to foreign places, something that affects our world even today.

1. What stands out to you in this haftarah portion and why?
2. What was the role of Deborah before she became a judge, and can you name another judge who was similar in this manner?
3. Does Deborah being a judge over Israel affect us today in how we operate as the body of Messiah?
4. **BONUS SCHOLAR RESEARCH QUESTION**-Name the Shoftim and their tribal heritage.

**Gospel Parashah Mattithyahu 14:22-33**

**Chapter 14:22-33 “Yeshua Walks on the Water”**

**Questions for Discussion**

1. What stands out to you in this Gospel portion and why?
2. The phrase “walk on water” is a Biblical phrase that has entered our culture uncorrupted from its original meaning. Can you name other Biblical phrases that also have entered our culture uncorrupted from their original meaning? (Hint- one has to do with anatomy and one of the major prophets!)
3. Verse 26 states, “And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.” (KJV) Where else is Yeshua mistaken for a spirit, why would the disciples think he was a spirit, and what was a spirit to them?
4. In this Gospel Parashah we read the famous account of Kefa (Peter) and his strong faith and lack of faith showing up in close succession.
5. Talk about a time when you did “a Kefa”, having great faith at the beginning, faltering, then having Yeshua rescue you.
6. When does Kefa seem to recover from this pattern of behavior to a new pattern of unwavering faith that never falters?

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