

October 1
Exodus 16

Sufficient



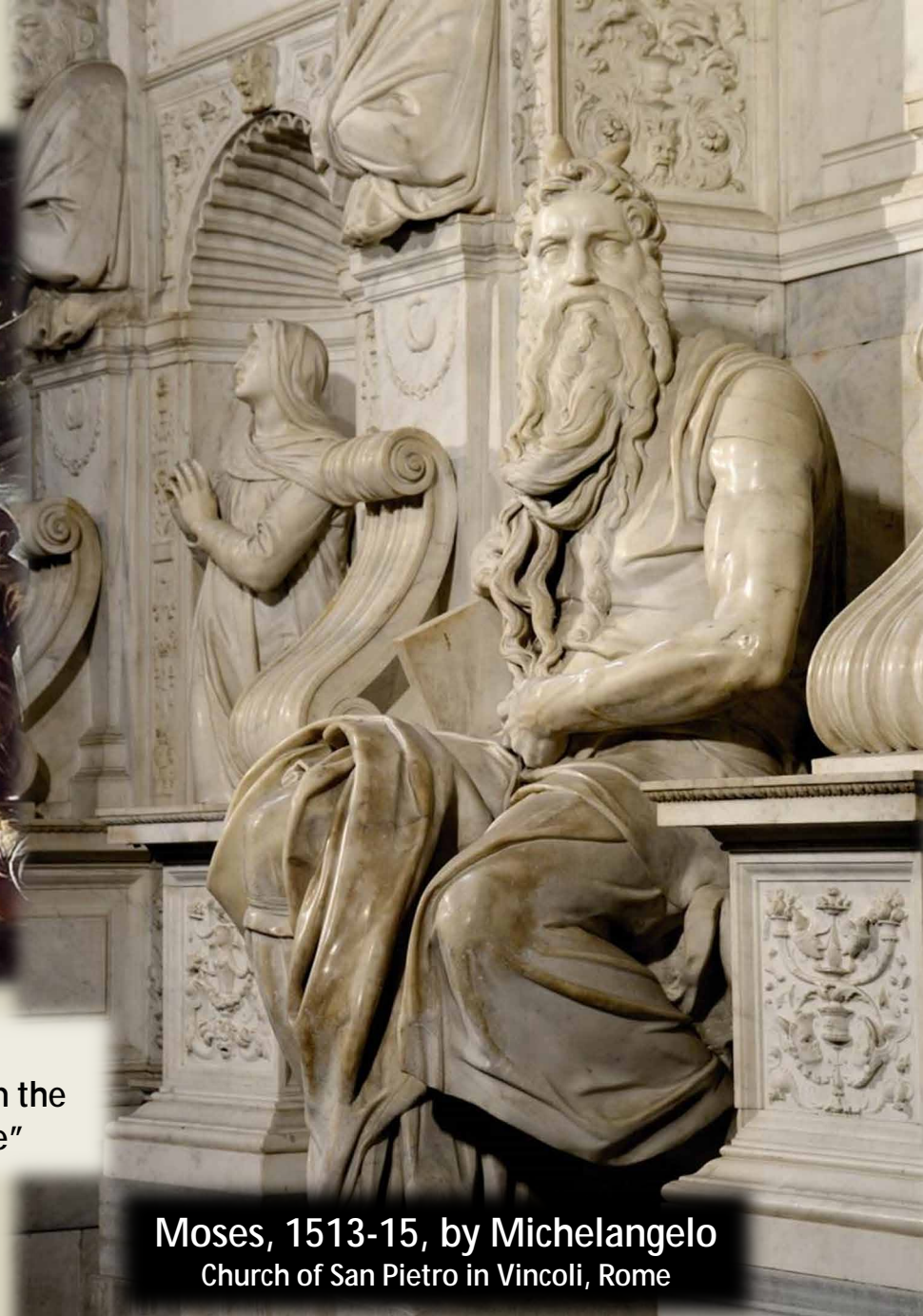
Miracle of Manna, 1577
by Jacopo Tintoretto
(1518-1594)



Over 100x throughout the O.T.:
“Yahweh ... the one who brought you up from the
land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”



Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome



Exodus

1.	Sept	3	Reluctance	3-4	Moses at Burning Bush
2.	Sept	10	Confrontation	7	Moses before Pharaoh
3.	Sept	17	Liberation	12	Passover – “When I see ... blood ”
4.	Sept	24	Victory	14	Moses—Parting of Red Sea
5.	Oct	1	Sufficient	16	Moses—Manna from Heaven
6.	Oct	8	Commanded	20	Moses—Ten Commandments
7.	Oct	15	Equipped	25-31	Moses—Building the Tabernacle
8.	Oct	22	Rebellion	32	Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
9.	Oct	29	His Presence	39-40	Glory of Lord Filled Tabernacle

Leviticus

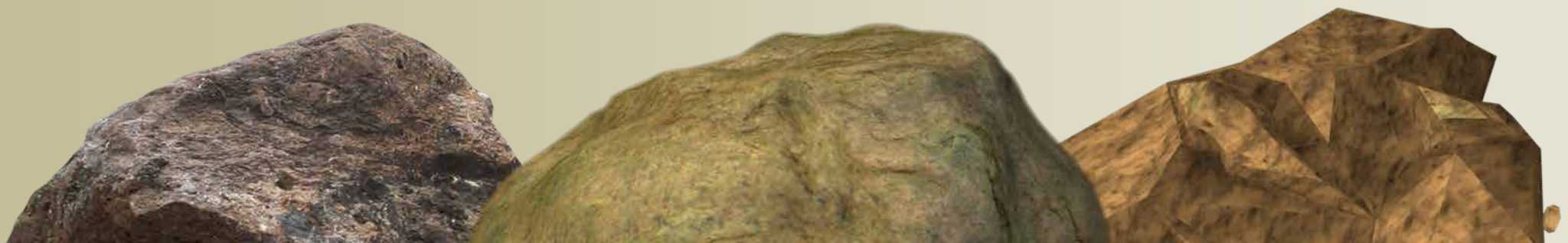
10.	Nov	5	Set Before	1-3	Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings
11.	Nov	12	Set Apart	9-10	Lord’s Fire Consumes Offerings
12.	Nov	19	Set Free	16 & 29	Annual Day of Atonement
13.	Nov	26	Set Futures	26	<i>If You Follow My Statutes</i>

Theme

God provides for the needs of His people

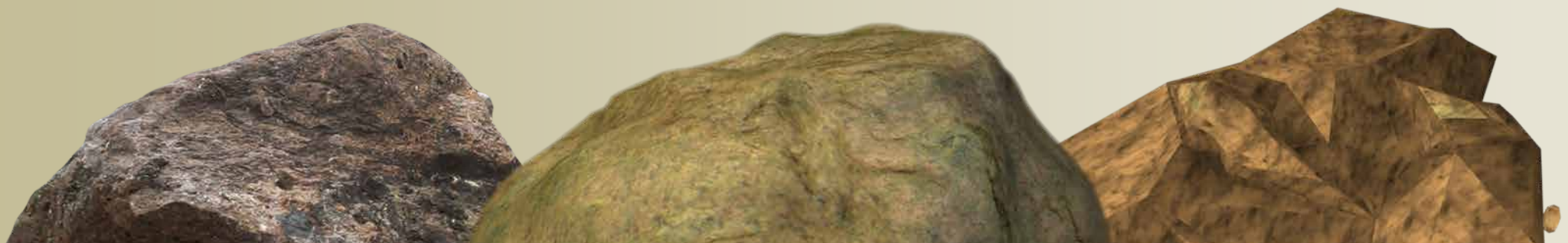
Exodus 16 Bread from Heaven

<i>verse</i>	1-3	Questioning the Future –	Crying for Egypt
	4-12	Questioning Their Obedience –	God Will Help
	13-18	Questioning the Provision –	Quail & Flakes
	19-20	Questioning the Next Meal –	Leftovers Rotted



Key Verse – the **Miracle** – Exodus 16:4

**Then the Lord said to Moses,
“I am going to rain bread
from heaven for you.”**



Alternate Title

Heavenly Meal

Don't know about YOU

Food from GOD?

Oh ... bet God can Cook!

Sizzle ... Sizzle



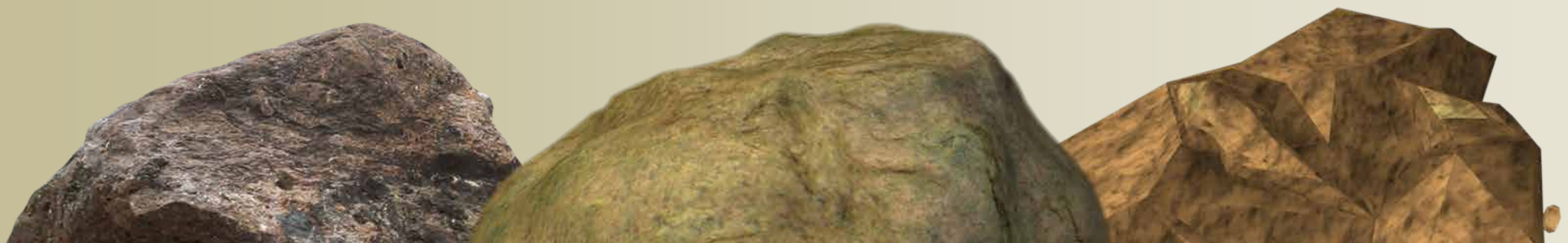
Key Verse – the **Message** – Exodus 16:8

Who are we?

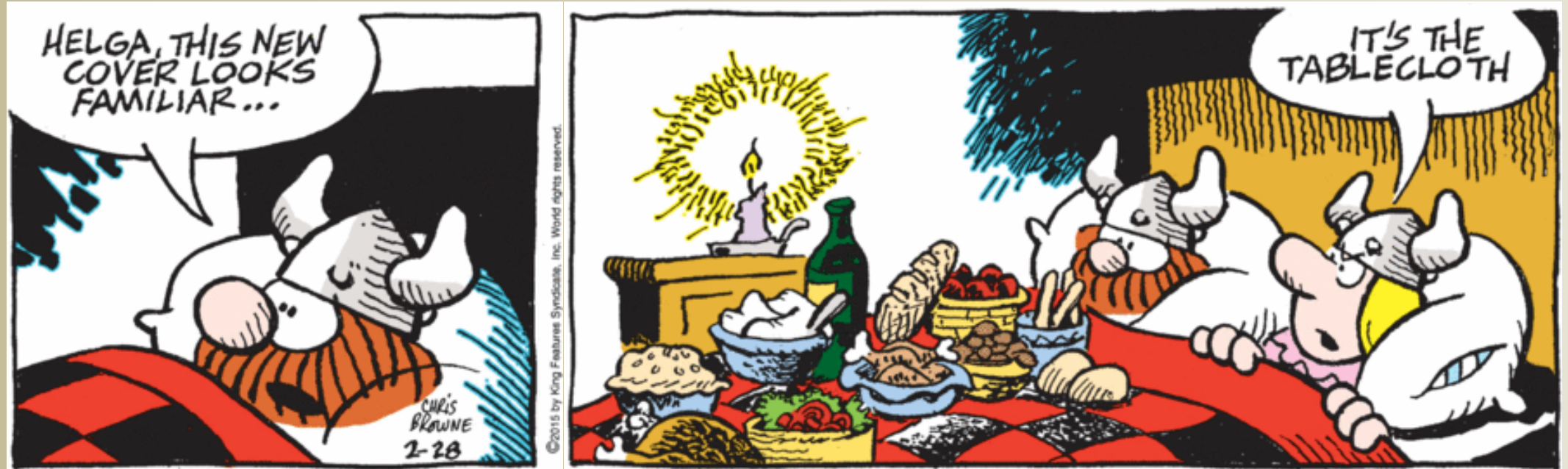
You are not

GRUMBLING against us

but against the LORD



Kind of reminds me of my favorite philosopher



Hagar likes his FOOD ... a little too much

Alternate Title #2

Meals with Deals

Or ... Traitor Treats

Or ... Tasty Tests

Or ... Taters for the Haters



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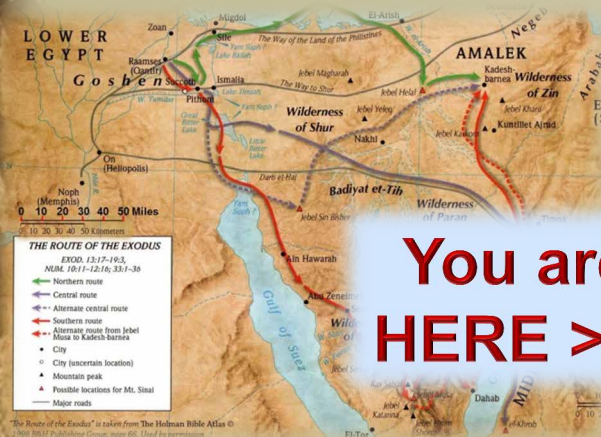


Lucky Eddie & Hagar

We LEFT Israel in the Wilderness



Exodus and MOSES



You are
HERE > >

we have come far ... fast

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|---|-----------------|
| I. Preparation for Deliverance | 1 to 4 |
| II. Moses Confronts Pharaoh | 5 to 12 |
| III. Freedom Gained | 13 to 15 |
| A. Journey from Egypt to Red Sea | 12:37-14:20 |
| B. Journey through the Red Sea | 14:21-31 |
| C. Songs of Moses and Miriam | 15:1-21 |
| IV. Into the Wilderness to Sinai | 15 to 18 |

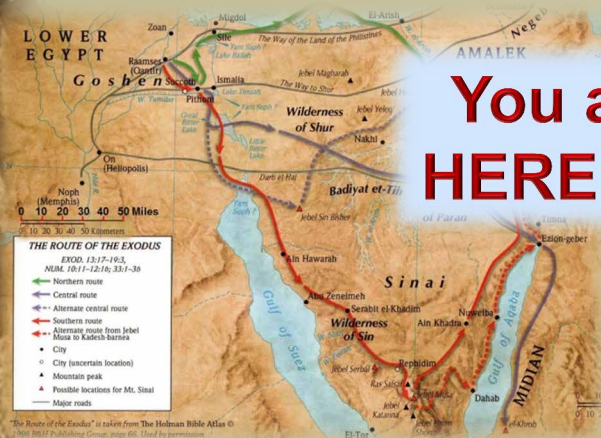
where we are going ... just as fast

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| V. At the Foot of Mount Sinai | 19 to 24 |
| Chapter 20 – Ten Commandments | |
| VI. Building the Tabernacle | 25 to 40 |

Exodus

and

MOSES



You are
HERE > >

IV. Into the Wilderness to Sinai 15 to 18

A. Red Sea to Wilderness of Shur 15:22-27

3 days to Marah, bitter water, wood into water
Then to Elim, 12 springs, 70 Palms

B. To Wilderness of Sin 16:1-36

Provision of quail and manna

C. Wilderness of Sin to Rephidim 17:1-7

1. Water from rock in Horeb 17:1-7

2. War with Amalek in Rephidim 17:8-16

3. Jethro advises Moses 18:1-27

V. At the Foot of Mount Sinai 19 to 24

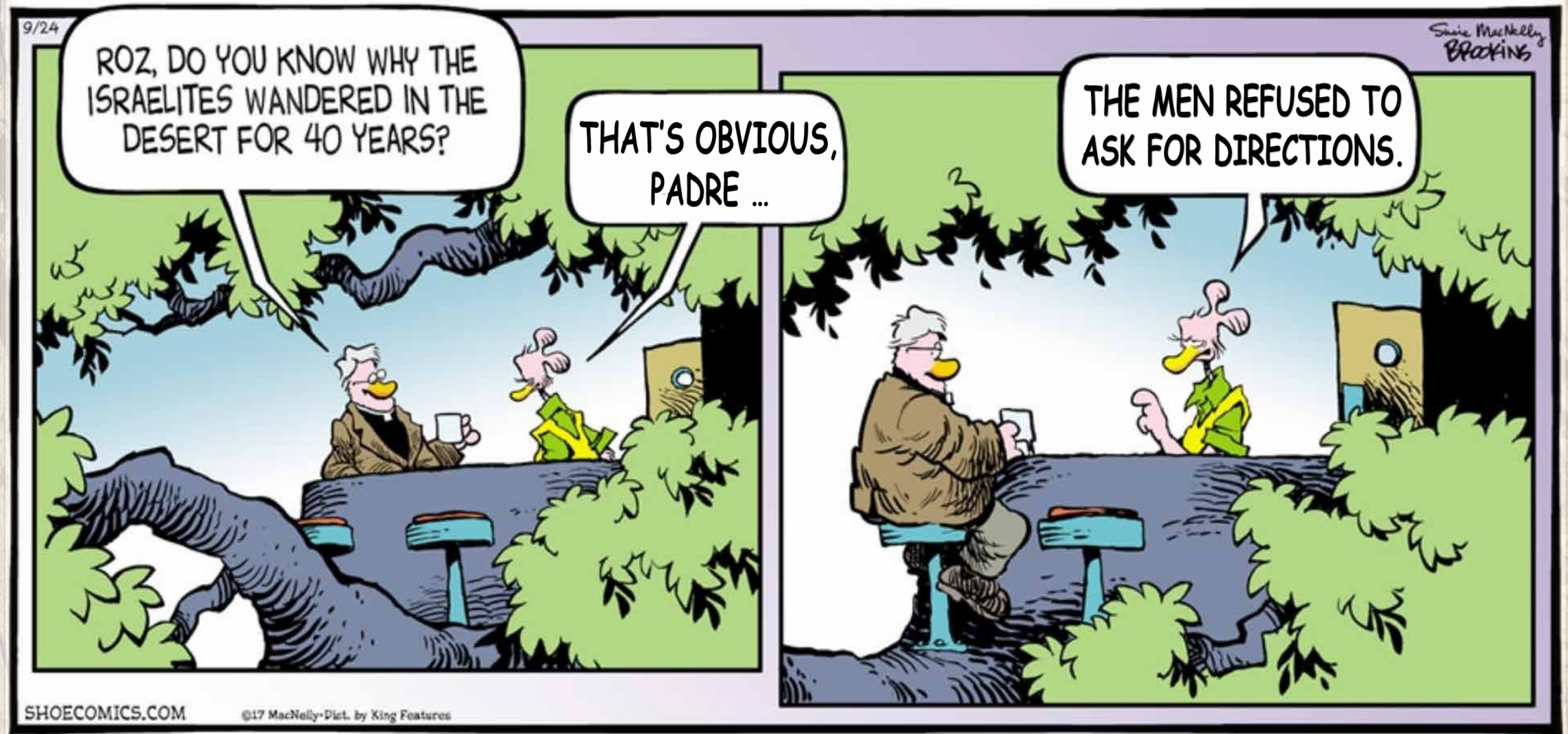
Chapter 20 – Ten Commandments

Next Week

Lot takes place in route to Sinai



On the Exodus Wandering – the Great SHOE speaks:



At the Bitter Waters in Marah ... Exodus 15:25-27

v. 25 ... God has Moses throw wood into water—Tada! *Fit to drink.*

²⁵ ... There the LORD issued a ruling ... put them to the test.

²⁶ He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God ...
if you pay attention to his commands ... I will not bring on
you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians,
for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

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

12 Springs ... going to need that for so many ...

Well now ... so far so good ... yet ... still ???

1-2 million ... logistics of WATER alone



Early on their journey ... they complain

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt.

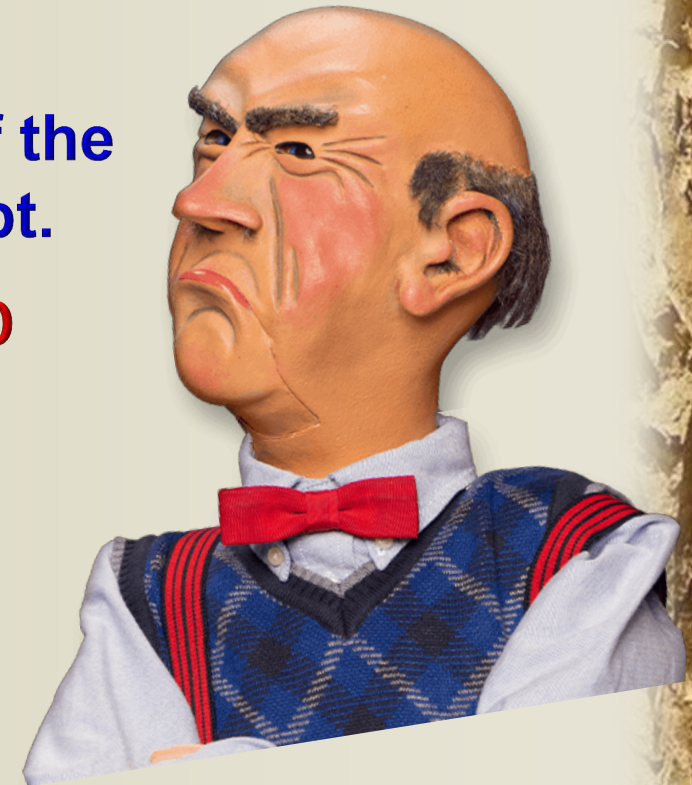
² In the desert the whole community **GRUMBLED** against Moses and Aaron.

Oh ... the “**GRUMBLERS**”

You know ... and dare I say we ALL KNOW

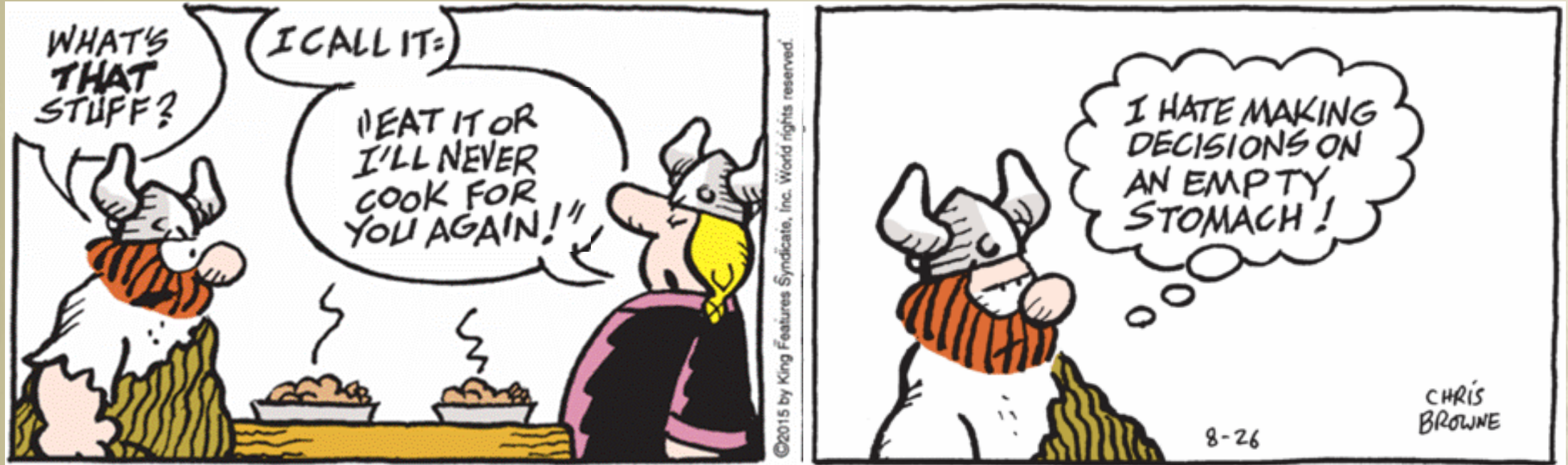
Because at times we **ALL** have “**GRUMBLED**”

Then ... there are those that are ... ah ...



Gifted Grumblers

Kind of reminds me of my favorite philosopher



Hagar & wife Helga

One ought to think about their decisions ...

³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to **STARVE** this entire assembly to **DEATH**.”

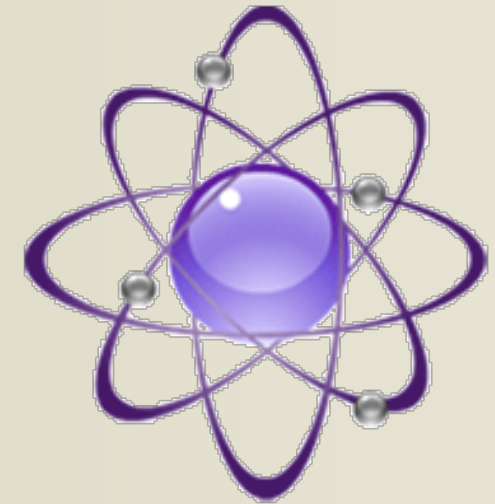
As bleak as can be ...

I, too, wonder about Ex. 12:37 and 600,000 men

Especially a total of 2,000,000 people ...

Many do note that Jacob’s family **COULD** have increased to that number after 430 years ...

No doubt ... logistics for land travel are



Mind Boggling!

Keil & Delitzsch note:

an army of 100,000 men,
arranged three abreast is

27 miles long

Impossible for them to go
through **some** of the passes
suggested and to arrive at
Sinai in the time the Bible gives

For 2,000,000 people or more

Feeding ... water ... waste

Oh, military books & charts
are printed for such



You are HERE

Some 300+ miles
from Raames

And ... catch this ...

About 400+ miles to
Jerusalem

Oh ... a long way off to the
Promised Land

A land they have only
Solely ... in a hope of wonder
DREAMED of ... for

430 YEARS



Sinai ... topographical ...
Coastal route a desert too ...

Jerusalem—NNW 400+ miles

2,000,000 souls

< Jebel Musa

Lot of RUGGED territory
... lot more trials ahead ...
next 40 years

0 10 20 30 40 50 Miles

From Elim to the
Wilderness of Sin
NOT yet to **Mt. Sinai**
Not yet to **Jebel Musa**
Not yet to **Mt. of Moses**
But a wearisome
Hot ... Dry ...
Thirsty ...
Desert ...

Their former **CAPTIVITY**
seemed to be better now

Their DREAM fading



Exodus 16:4-12 Questioning Their Obedience – God Will Help

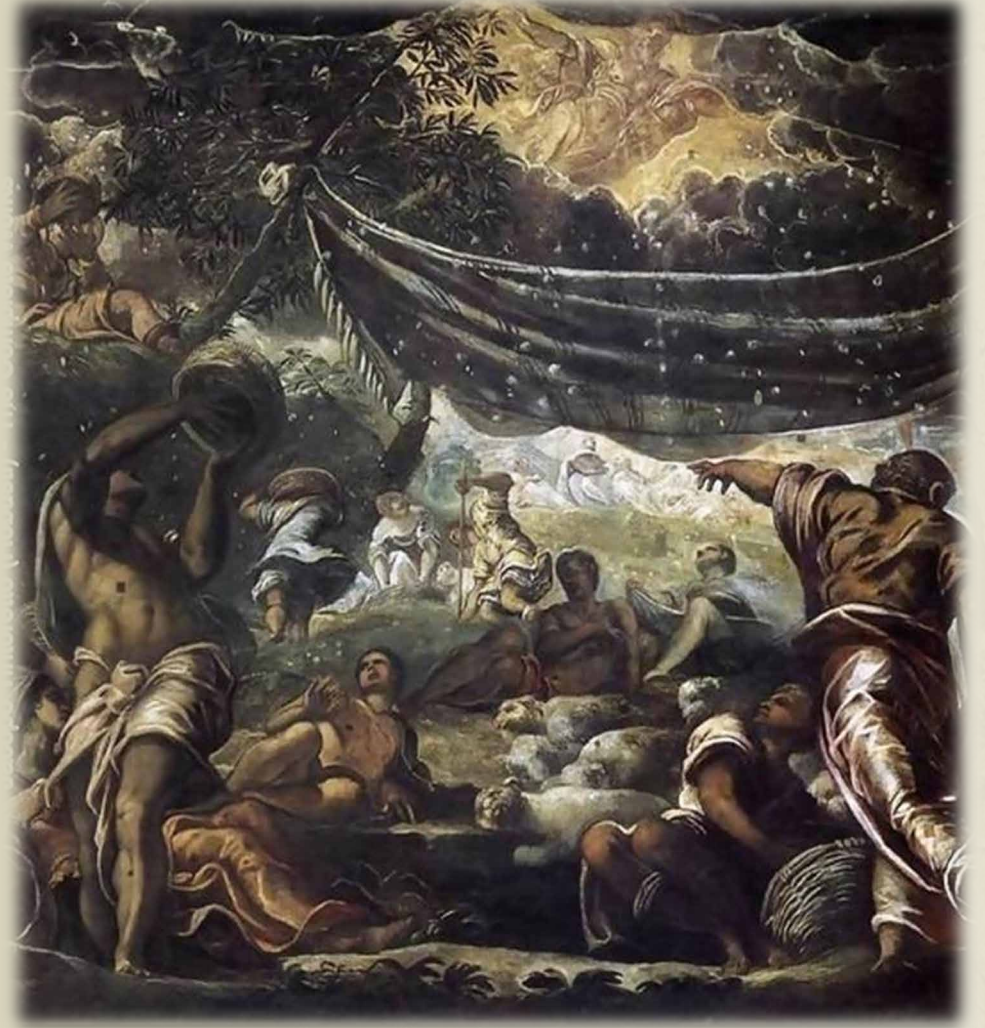
⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

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.

Does it seem strange to you that God provides **FOOD** ... as a **TEST?**

Oh ... I do **NOT** like that!



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Painter Jacopo Tintoretto

real name Jacopo Comin

One of the great Venetian painters

One of last great painters of the
Italian Renaissance

In youth called Jacopo Robusti

father was a “**robust**” soldier

For his phenomenal energy,

He was termed ***IL Furioso***

For dramatic use of perspective
of space and special lighting
precursor of baroque art

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God goes on ...

⁵ 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.”

These preparations ...

To help them **REMEMBER**

To **INCULCATE** ...

To even **MEMORIALIZE** ...

The Sabbath

Gathering of Manna, 1637
by Nicolas Poussin (1594-1665)



God goes on ... to Moses

⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare ...

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,
“In the evening **YOU WILL KNOW** that it was
the **LORD** who brought you out of Egypt,



Another lesson ... in the evening

YOU WILL KNOW

How many times & ways does Moses say

YOU WILL KNOW

⁷ and in the MORNING you will see the GLORY of the LORD, because he has heard your GRUMBLING against him. Who are we, that you should GRUMBLE against us?”

⁸ Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because [*pause, selah, wait for it*]

He has heard your GRUMBLING against him.

Who are we? You are not GRUMBLING against us, but against the LORD.”

KJV uses MURMUR and MURMURING



HEAVY
lesson
here

And to that

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your **GRUMBLING**.’ ”

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the

glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the **GRUMBLING** of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”



And once again

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

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.

The Lord’s provision ... once again.



Then Moses repeats instructions:



**¹⁶ 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.’ ”**

**¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told;
some gathered much, some little.**

**¹⁸ 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.**

Moses gives final instructions

¹⁹ Then Moses said to them,
“No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

²⁰ However, some of them ...

I think you know what “some of them” *DID*

²⁰ However, *some of them*
paid no attention to Moses;
they kept part of it until morning,
but it was full of maggots and began to smell.

So Moses was angry with them.

Grumblers ... and *DEAF Grumblers* to the end ...
even recalcitrant ... even determined apathy



So many ... get what they want
then just forget where it came from
then just **PRETEND** they don't have to listen

You've known many like that ...

NOT the coastal route through the land of Philistines

But there is a lesson here ... beyond the **APATHY**

HEAVY lesson here

that precedes the ***APATHY***

I kind of **HINTED** at it throughout ...



Let me show you ...

² In the desert the whole community **GRUMBLED**

⁷ heard your **GRUMBLING** against him....

should **GRUMBLE** against us?”

⁸ heard your **GRUMBLING** against him.

are not **GRUMBLING** against us, but against the LORD.

⁹ heard your **GRUMBLING**.

¹⁰ heard the **GRUMBLING** of the Israelites

²⁰ However ... **PAID NO ATTENTION TO MOSES**

So Moses was *angry* with them.

Some grumbling is normal ... YET ... **Moses was just human**



I'm sure you **know** where I am going

There's an inescapable application here

1. We will **Grumble ... Murmur—fact**
2. God MAY or may NOT hear ... or listen

Nothing
inherently
wrong with it

3. Moses & Aaron—God's Chosen—are working
4. In every church, there is a **Moses & Aaron**
5. In our Church, see our **Pastor & Worship Leader**
6. Sixth—important—when you GRUMBLE
it is NOT against THEM ...

Your Grumbling is

Against God

Be Careful, please.



There is a **False Christianity** afoot
Sense of unreal piety ... a kind of Lying Holiness
A DENIAL of reality ... *not the river in Egypt*
That makes the Christian want to be ... **dishonest!**
Do NOT Complain ... or you're **Sub-Holy!**
NOT TRUE ... *Hebrews were scared & thirsty!*
Believe it—**you'd murmur too!**
God wants HONEST feelings
In fact ... SOME expression
SOME release of feelings is
very GOOD for the
Soul



It is your duty to be honest ... of course
And God chooses ... and leads ...
If I had one suggestion
If I had one mild encouragement this morning
It is this ... just to think about ... to tenderly ponder
Before you GRUMBLE to our Pastor
Before you GRUMBLE to our Worship Leader
Pray for them ... and remember
What you take to them is really to

God

Be Careful, please.

