

# SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, **which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.**

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might **understand the scriptures,**

Last week, we began chapter 16 and observed the children of Israel murmuring and complaining, and then the Lord gave them a gracious introduction of “manna.”

## I. THE RETURN TO GRUMBLING, 16:1-3

## II. THE RESPONSE OF GRACE, 16:4

16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, **Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you**; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that **I may prove them**, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Tonight, we have the privilege of searching the Old Testament Scriptures to see a vivid and wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus as *The Bread of Life*.

### III. THE RAINING OF GLORY

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5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then **ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:**

7 And in the morning, then ye shall **see the glory of the LORD**; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, **behold, the glory of the LORD appeared** in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and **ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.**



13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, **It is manna: for they wist not what it *was*.** And Moses said unto them, **This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.**



16 This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, *according to* the number of your persons; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof **Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.**

**Original Word:** מַן Transliteration: man

**Definition:** manna (a kind of bread)

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#### IV. THE RECEPTION FROM GOD

Jn. 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.**

33 For **the bread of God is he** which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

## Manna: Symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ

Manna	Jesus Christ
God called the manna “bread” (Ex. 16:12, cf. v. 15).	Jesus called Himself the “bread of life” and the “living bread” (John 6:48, 51).
Manna provided the Israelites with temporal life.	Jesus the living bread provides all with eternal life: “I am the living bread . . . if any man <u>eat</u> of this bread, he shall live <u>for ever</u> ” (John 6:51).
Manna came from heaven: The lord told Moses, “I will rain bread from heaven” (Ex. 16:4).	Jesus is “the bread which cometh down from heaven” (John 6:50).
The lord God gave manna to the children of Israel.	God “gave his only begotten Son” (John 3:16) to the children of men.
There was enough manna for every person (Ex. 16:16–18).	The Atonement of Jesus Christ is infinite, sufficient to cover all of God’s children.
Every person received his fill of manna: “They gathered every man according to his eating” (Ex. 16:18; see also vv. 16–17).	Jesus fills those who are spiritually hungry: “I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger” (John 6:35).

Manna	Jesus Christ
Manna was undeserved. The lord said, “I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, . . . at even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread” (Ex. 16:12).	Jesus died for undeserving sinners: “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. . . . While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:6, 8).
The children of Israel ate manna for forty years (Ex. 16:35), a period of testing.	Jesus was tempted of Satan after fasting forty days and forty nights (Matt. 4:1–2).
Concerning those who overcome the world, they will be given “to eat of the hidden manna” (Rev. 2:17).	Jesus, the “living bread,” is “hidden,” or unknown, to the wicked but revealed to the righteous.

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## Summary

The manna came down from heaven. Jesus came down from heaven.

The manna lay upon the ground. Jesus is meek and lowly.

The manna was round, speaking of the eternality of Jesus.

The manna was white, symbolizing the purity of Jesus.

The manna had the taste of honey, symbolizing the sweetness of Jesus.

The manna had the taste of oil speaking of the anointing that was on the Lord Jesus.

The manna had to be picked up, speaking of the Resurrection of Jesus.

The manna had to be ingested, speaking of the partaking of Jesus.

The manna sustained physical life, symbolizing the eternal life that Jesus provides for believers.

Mt. 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Psa. 107:9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

## Conclusion

Psa. 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.  
25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

Luke 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.  
(Mt. 6:11)

Mt. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** (Luke 4:4)



Josh. 5:12 And the **manna** ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel **manna** any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Jesus is spiritual bread.

Jesus is supernatural bread,

Jesus is sustaining bread.

Jesus is satisfying bread.

Jn. 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life**: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.