



Ordinary Time



The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt.

There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Exodus 16:2-15; *CEB*

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days."

Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,
“This evening you will know that it was the
Lord who brought you out of the land of
Egypt. And in the morning you will see the
Lord’s glorious presence, because your
complaints against the Lord have been
heard. Who are we? Why blame us?”

Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

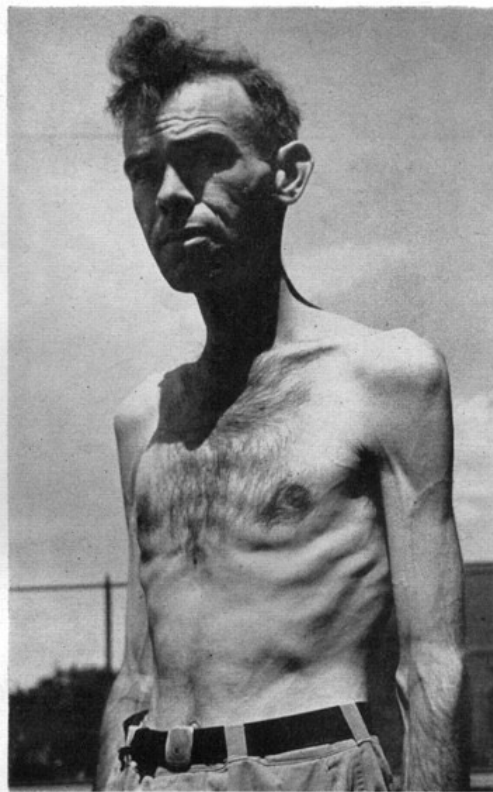
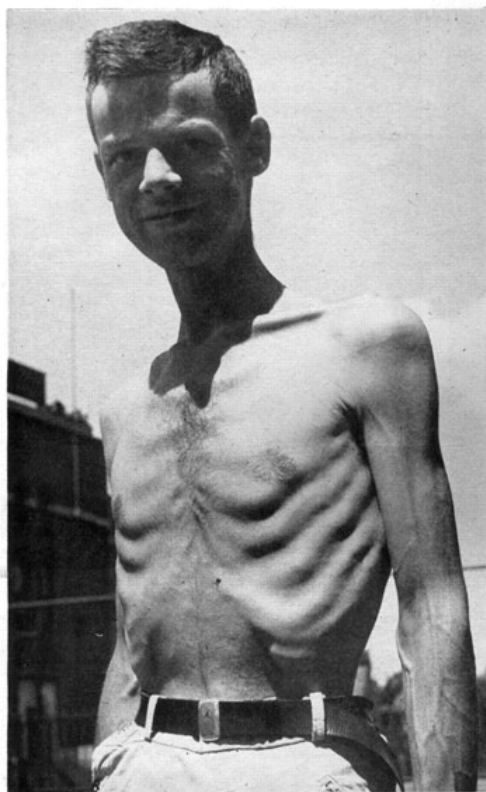
Exodus 16:2-15; CEB

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Exodus 16:2-15; *CEB*



WILL YOU *Starve* THAT
They BE BETTER FED?



AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF STARVATION DIET CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS SAMUEL LEGG (LEFT) AND EDWARD COWLES HAVE LOST 35 AND 30 POUNDS RESPECTIVELY

MEN STARVE IN MINNESOTA

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS VOLUNTEER FOR STRICT HUNGER TESTS TO STUDY EUROPE'S FOOD PROBLEM



Opening Israel's Scriptures

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"Both of these rules mark the manna economy as the exact opposite of the Egyptian food industry—first, because Egypt's economy...entailed the conscription of labor, the physical energy of the enslaved, whereas the manna economy entails the regular cessation of labor, including specifically that of the enslaved (20:10).

The second sense in which the manna economy is opposite to Egypt's is that it is an economy of sufficiency, not of excess. There is enough for everyone, not a glut for the few causing many to be enslaved, as in Egypt, or to starve, as in our global food economy...

In the wilderness, Israel must learn the reality that all food comes from God."

-Ellen F. Davis