

EXT. - REPHIDIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN - MORNING

SFX FOR MORNING: BIRDS CHIRPING, ROOSTER
CROWING, WALLA: CHILDREN CALLING AND CHATTING
EXCITEDLY 30-A

CHILD AZA

Moses! What is it? I'm hungry can I eat it?

MOSES

Yes. You can eat it. God has provided it.

EPHRATH

Are you sure Moses? It is strange. I've never seen anything like it. What is it?

MOSES

You asked "What is it?" So we shall call it Manna.

CHILD AZA

It tastes good, Imma! Like coriander or a little cake made with honey!

EPHRATH

I will trust your judgment Moses, but I'm not sure everyone will. Look, here come some of your grumblers!

EXT. REPHIDIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN - CONTINUOUS

Korah, Dathan and Abiram enter with Aaron, Hur and Joshua

START >>>

KORAH

Moses! What is this new outrage? The children are running about scooping up this sticky substance from the ground and are telling everyone you gave them permission to eat it!

DATHAN

What is this stuff? How do we know it is not poisonous?

AARON

You said the Lord would provide bread from heaven. Is this it?

JOSHUA

I've tasted some. I think its harmless.

HUR

Korah, why don't you and Dathan learn to trust Moses? Haven't we seen the marvelous acts God has done?

KORAH

We have seen some trickery Hur. Now this new magic. I expect if Pharoah's wizards were here they could do the same trick.

Moses stoops to scoop up some manna.

MOSES

Korah. Here. Try some of the manna. Taste and see that the LORD is good. The LORD told me he would provide and he has.

Aaron stoops to eat some manna.

AARON

I'll try it!

SFX EATING.

AARON (CONT'D)

Have faith Korah. It tastes good!

MOSES

The LORD has said there will be enough manna for each person every morning. We are to gather just enough and not store it overnight or it will become rotten. But on the sixth day we must gather enough for two days and so keep the seventh day as holy to the LORD because on the seventh day he rested from his work of creation.

ABIRAM

Moses, we want to believe and want to trust your leadership, but you seem intent on asserting your power over us.

DATHAN

Why do you always remove yourself
and go up into the hills?

AARON

He goes to listen to the voice of
the LORD.

KORAH

Pah! Listen to the voice of the
LORD! Then he comes down and tells
us what to do and it is always
Moses says this and Moses says
that!

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HUR

Be quiet Korah! If you are so
unhappy with Moses' leadership pack
up and go back to Egypt! There is
probably a new Pharoah by now who
will give you some building work.