

# BREAKDOWN ON THE THRESHOLD

<sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Joshua 5:10-12

- I. An End to Manna / No more survival food
  - A. It's hard to shut down a big enterprise. Change is a dirty word.
  - B. God sent Manna for 40 years. 14,600 days. 2080 weeks. 43,200 straight meals. 2M people at 6 pints of manna a day equals 12M pints a day. 9M pounds of manna a day. That's equal to 240 box cars a day and 480 boxcars on Fridays. The camp of Israel was 81 square miles covered every morning. In addition to 1080 tankers of water a day. If their number was 3M, 1,300 boxcars would have been needed each morning 9 1/2 miles long.
  - C. God must break the mentality of lack before we enter the next season before us.
  - D. Manna was survival food. Good but not best. It was temporary, not permanent. It was a means to an end, not an end in and of itself.

- E. Manna was an inadequate diet. Manna couldn't pull down a city. Manna couldn't defeat giants. Manna couldn't build cities. Manna couldn't conquer any of the promised land.
  - F. As long as they ate manna, they knew they were in the wilderness, locked in circularity. (Deuteronomy 2:3)  
<sup>3</sup> *"You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north."*
  - G. As long as they ate manna, they were no threat to their enemies.
  - H. As long as they ate manna, they were on the wrong side of Jordan.
  - J. Manna is maintenance food only.
  - K. In Egypt, they focused on "straw." In the wilderness they became addicted to "manna" over the "corn" of the promised land.
  - L. Every bite of manna was to be a surety of future hope in their Promised Land.
- II. Eight facts about potted plants
- A. Potted plants are entirely dependent on an external source for nourishment.
    - \* All water, fertilizer, etc. must be added daily. The plant is essentially on the life-support at all times.
  - B. Potted plants become "root bound."
    - \* Potted plants develop a circular root system. A root bound plant cannot effectively absorb nutrients or water, even from a nutrient rich environment. If nonfunctional roots are not trimmed, and the roots are not planted, the plant will die.
  - C. A potted plant is only as stable as its pot.

\* Attempts at growth or fruit are dangerous, as there is no foundation to ground them. (Gifts without character; growth without integrity.)

D. Potted plants can never enjoy the help and resources that come only from rooted relationships with other plants.

E. Potted plants can never positively influence their environment.

F. Potted plants are sensitive to adverse environmental conditions.

\* Excessive heat or cold will destroy roots. Excessive water will rot roots.

G. Potted plants “go” everywhere, but they “grow” nowhere. They are easily moved and look deceptive in groups.

H. A buried potted plant is still a potted plant.