

Reader Script/MOSES 2, BIBLE AS LITERATURE

- 1/ISRAELITE:**
(angrily) I am so hot! This desert heat is terrible! You know, I think I liked being a slave in Egypt better than this. Look at us!
- 2/ISRAELITE:**
(agreeing) You're right! We're just wandering around. Personally, I don't think Moses and Aaron know what they're doing! We have two BIG problems - no direction and no food.
- 3/ISRAELITE:**
(indignantly) Egypt was wonderful compared to this! Remember how we could sit down and eat as much meat and other food as we wanted? Remember? In Egypt, we wouldn't have starved – our children wouldn't have starved!
- 1/ISRAELITE:**
(defiantly) Aaron, did you bring us out here to kill us? We need *bread*– we need *meat* – we need *water*!
- 5/AARON (furiously):** You foolish and forgetful men – Egypt was NOT wonderful! You were SLAVES! Your lives were TERRIBLE! You PRAYED and BEGGED God to free you from your life in Egypt.
- 2/ISRAELITE:**
(sarcastically) Well, It's not easy to be "happy" about starving in the desert.
- 1,2 &3/ISRAELITE:**
(chanting) WE WANT FOOD! WE WANT FOOD! WE WANT FOOD!
- 5/MOSES (loudly):** God has heard your cries. He will send bread and meat.

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- 1/ISRAELITE:**
(crossly) How will He take care of us, Moses? Who will bake the bread –
- 2/ISRAELITE:**
(interrupts) – and where are we going to get meat? We haven't been able to find any meat!
- 4/MOSES:** The bread will come down from the sky each morning. You are to gather three quarts per person each day. You are NOT to take more than you need. This is a test.
- 3/ISRAELITE:**
(whispering to friends) I don't care what Moses says. I've been hungry long enough. I'm going to take a lot of bread. I'm not going to "hope" there will be bread every day.
- 6/NARRATOR:** That night, the camp was filled with quail, and the people had all the meat they desired.
- 3/ISRAELITE:**
(contentedly) Wow! I'm stuffed. That was a *great* meal. Those birds came out of nowhere!
- 2/ISRAELITE:**
(cautiously) This stuff doesn't look like bread. What is it?
- 3/ISRAELITE:** Hmm–um–hmmm. It's just a small white wafer, but it tastes a little like honey. It's good! I'm going to like *manna*. Here, try some!
- 1/ISRAELITE (slyly):** I'm taking six quarts for everyone in my family, not three.