

passage. Make No. 2 The Nature of the Test.

Those of you who are (not) [?] taking this for credit have made an assignment on ~~this~~ this particular section a couple of weeks ago. The rest of you may not have this section much in mind. You probably haven't read it recently. I will just briefly summarize it since it is 22 verses long. It says that if a man's wife go aside and commit a trespass against him, and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner; and the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: In other words he doesn't know; he is suspicious, he is jealous, but he doesn't know. Then the man brings his wife to the priest, and brings an offering, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal. The question has been raised, How could he bring barley meal in the wilderness? They had only the manna to eat. The manna was their main staple, but I don't think they had only the manna to eat. They -- The wilderness there was not like the Sahara desert. It's not an area in which nothing grows, but there are large stretches in which nothing grows, and many stretches in which very little grows. There are oases. There were some contacts with people along the way. Barley is the hardiest of all grains. They doubtless had access to ^a certain amount of it, certainly enough for him to bring this offering of barley. A tenth of an ephah of barley meal. No oil on it. No frankincense. None of these that are used for a joyful offering, because he said, It is an offering of jealousy. And the priest then takes water from the laver, holy water that is in an earthen vessel and takes the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and puts it in the water and sets the woman before the Lord and uncovers the woman's head and puts the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering, and the priest has in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse, and the priest charges her by an oath. If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the