

February 28/Day 59

Numbers 11

Verses 1-3

- Of what did the people complain?
- How did the LORD respond?
- Why do you think their complaining angered the LORD? Think about it, where had they come from, out of what, and who did this?
- What has He brought us out of? Do we complain in our adversity? What do you think is the purpose of adversity?

Verses 4-6

- Rabble means “disorderly mob”. Where did these people come from? Think about it.
- The rabble had what kinds of desire?
- They began to complain that their conditions in Egypt were better than their conditions in the wilderness. They said they ate for free in Egypt, is this true?
- What do they say has happened to their appetites?
- Who provided the manna? Do you remember Who it symbolizes? What a slap in the face.

Verses 7-9

- What did the manna taste like? What did it look like? How hard did the people have to work to get it?

Verses 10-15

- How many of the people were complaining?
- How did the LORD feel about this? How did Moses feel?
- In what way to Moses intercede for the people?
- Could Moses satisfy the people without God’s help?

Verses 16-23

- In what way did God delegate some of Moses’s burden?
- Who did God place on them?
- How long would God give them meat?
- What does verse 20 say they had rejected?
- Was the LORD capable of feeding this many men?

Verses 24-25

- What did the LORD give the seventy elders?
- What did they do when He did this? A prophet speaks for the LORD.

Verses 26-30

- What happened to the two men who remained in the camp? Funny, because it seemed like they didn't want to be noticed or involved.
- How did Moses respond when he heard this?
- This made me think of 1 Corinthians 3:

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men? What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Verses 31-35

- How did the LORD provide the meat He promised?
- What happened when they ate it?
- What word is used for those who were buried?

Numbers 12

Verses 1-5

- Moses's wife, Zipporah, was a Midianite, and because they were nomadic peoples, it's possible a term that was later used as Kushim or Cushite was used for her based on the area in which they dwelt. Cush was the eldest son of Ham, and brother of Canaan. The Cushites were dark-skinned people from the area of Kush, just below Egypt, in the area we now know as Ethiopia. Ethiopia conquered Kush in the 4th century.
- Some claim Miriam spoke against Zipporah because of her skin color; others because she was not of Hebrew descent since God had given specific instructions not to inter-marry with other nations (although the Midianites were also descendants of Abraham though not Jews); either way, she spoke against her.
- How is Moses's character described here?
- Which three people were summoned by God?

Verses 6-8

- If God speaks to Moses' mouth to mouth and not in dark sayings (previously it said like a man to his friend), why was Miriam not afraid to speak against him?

Verses 9-15

- What happened to Miriam because of her sin? (Note: we will see as we study that some sin is punished with health issues, but not all health problems are due to sin.)
- Who did Aaron beg for Miriam's pardon?
- Where was Miriam sent for seven days? Always remember the times we see something or someone outside the camp, it is significant.

Verse 16

- Where did the people now make camp?

Numbers 13

Verses 1-16

- What kind of men did God want Moses to send out? For what reason?
- Name them off by tribe.
- What did Moses call Hoshea? Have we seen him before?

Verses 17-20

- What was some of the information the spies were supposed to obtain?
- It was harvest season for what fruit?

Verses 21-22

- Are any of these city names familiar to you from Genesis?

Verses 23-24

- How large was a single cluster of grapes in the promised land?
- What other kinds of fruit are mentioned?

Verses 25-29

- How long did the men spy out the land? Does it seem 40 is a significant number in Scripture? Where have you seen it before?
- What flowed in the promised land?
- What were the people in the land like?
- What were the cities like?
- Review the other people-groups in the land.

Verses 30-33

- Who was excited about going up to possess the land?
- What did the other men say?
- What were some things the men said in their negative report?
- Do you remember the Nephilim from Genesis? They are thought to be giants like Goliath the Philistine we will see later. Goliath was about 9 feet, almost 10 feet tall according to Scriptures. Remember, “-im” is plural, so there was more than one.
- How did the men feel in size in comparison with the Nephilim?

See you tomorrow.