

## Numbers 11

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**11** And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. (They were constantly complaining all the time that they were in the wilderness)

<sup>2</sup> And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. (They should have cried to the Lord)

<sup>3</sup> And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them. (Taberah = a burning)

<sup>4</sup> And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? (Israelites and Egyptians that had inter-married)

<sup>5</sup> We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: (They did have all of that to eat, but, they were slaves. Now they are free people)

<sup>6</sup> But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes. (manna means- what's that)

(The flesh is weak. They prefer to eat well as slaves, then to lose the variety of food as free people)

<sup>7</sup> And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. (amber color) (Manna is called angel's food)  
Psalms-78:24-25

<sup>8</sup> And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. 1Corinthians-10:3

<sup>9</sup> And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. (Every night, they got fresh manna)

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled

greatly; Moses also was displeased. (The people were miserable, eating Manna cakes every day)

<sup>11</sup> And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? (Moses is losing patience with the peoples' constant complaining)

<sup>12</sup> Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? (Why do I have to be the father to all these cry babies?)

<sup>13</sup> Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. (Where will I get enough meat to feed so many people? They are asking for meat to eat)

<sup>14</sup> I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. (Moses is in despair)

<sup>15</sup> And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness. (Moses would rather be dead than to continue being over all these people)

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. (God told Moses - Appoint leaders to be over the people and they will report to you - a hierarchical ruling structure)

NOTE: (Unlike Moses, God is over every man woman and child. HE doesn't need lieutenants to rule over people. We can communicate directly to God at any time through our prayers and He hears us. A priest's job is not to rule over people; but to teach God's Word to the people. Unfortunately, most preachers believe that they are to rule over and profit from their flocks)

<sup>17</sup> And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. (God's Holy Spirit - One God, many offices)

<sup>18</sup> And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. (God provides)

<sup>19</sup> Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

<sup>20</sup> But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? (This is punishment for the complaining. They want meat. They'll get more than they bargained for) (They should have respectfully asked God, instead of complaining to Moses. Instead, they were ready to return to Egypt)

<sup>21</sup> And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

<sup>22</sup> Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? (Where will Moses get all the meat to feed so many people?)

<sup>23</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not. (If God said it – it will happen. Now, it looks like Moses also doubts God's ability to provide)

(God, as Jesus, fed 5,000 men and their families with two fishes and five loaves of bread. All things are possible with God)

<sup>24</sup> And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

<sup>25</sup> And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. (The same cloven tongue that will be spoken by the Elect who are delivered to the antichrist in the end days of this Age) Also see Acts-2:6-7 (At Pentecost)

<sup>26</sup> But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

<sup>27</sup> And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. (Symbolic of the 2 witnesses who will prophecy against antichrist in the end days)

<sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

<sup>29</sup> And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them! (Moses was not looking to glorify himself. He always glorified God)

<sup>30</sup> And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. (There were piles of quail all around for them to eat. They will eat quail until it comes out of their nostrils, as God judged)

<sup>32</sup> And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. (ten homers = 80 English bushels) (That's a lot of quail) (They probably sun dried or smoked them to preserve them until eaten)

<sup>33</sup> And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. (Judgment for the complaining)

<sup>34</sup> And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted. (Kibrothhattaavah = graves of lust, or the graves of greediness)

<sup>35</sup> And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

