

Book of Numbers - Part 4

Israel Leaves Sinai

Numbers 10:11-12 And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And the children of Israel **took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai**; and the cloud rested in the **wilderness of Paran**.

Numbers 10:33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD **three days' journey**: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

They Complained

Numbers 11:1-10 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.

2 And the **people cried unto Moses**; and when **Moses prayed unto the LORD**, the **fire was quenched**.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah [burning]: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

- 1 Now the people **complained about their hardships** in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. **NIV**

They Remembered foods of Egypt

4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"

5 **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**:

6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 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.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 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.

They Forgot all this

Exodus 1:11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to **afflict them with their burdens**. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Exodus 1:13-14 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to **serve with rigour**: 14 And they **made their lives bitter with hard bondage**, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Exodus 2:23-25 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the **children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried**, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And **God heard their groaning**, and **God remembered** his covenant with Abraham, with

Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And **God looked upon** the children of Israel, and **God had respect unto them.**

Exodus 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Description of the Manna

Exodus 16:14-16 And when the dew was gone, on the face of the earth was a small round thing, like small drops of ice on the earth.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, What is it? for they had no idea what it was. And Moses said to them, **It is the bread which the Lord has given you for your food.**

16 This is what the Lord has said, Let every man take up as much as he has need of; at the rate of one omer for every person, let every man take **as much as is needed for his family.**

27 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

Exodus 16:31-35 And this bread was named manna by Israel: **it was white**, like a **grain seed**, and **its taste was like cakes made with honey.**

32 And Moses said, This is the order which the Lord has given: Let one omer of it be kept for future generations, so that they may see the bread which I gave you for your food in the waste land, when I took you out from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot and put one omer of manna in it, and put it away before the Lord, to be kept for future generations.

34 So Aaron put it away in front of the holy chest to be kept, as the Lord gave orders to Moses.

35 And the **children of Israel had manna for their food for forty years, till they came to a land with people in it**, till they came to the edge of the land of Canaan.

The complaint of Moses.

Numbers 11:10-17

10 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.

11 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?

12 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?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 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.

16 And the Lord said to Moses, Send for seventy of the responsible men of Israel, who are in your opinion men of weight and authority over the people; make them come to the Tent of meeting and be there with you.

17 And I will come down and have talk with you there: and I will take some of the spirit which is on you and put it on them, and they will take part of the weight of the people off you, so that you do not have to take it by yourself.

God promises to provide meat for Israel.

18 And say to the people, Make yourselves clean before tomorrow and you will have flesh for your food: for in the ears of the Lord you have been weeping and saying, Who will give us flesh for food? for we were well off in Egypt: and so the Lord will give you flesh, and it will be your food;

19 Not for one day only, or even for five or ten or twenty days;

20 But every day for a month, till you are tired of it, **turning from it in disgust: because** you have gone against the Lord who is with you, and have been weeping before him saying, Why did we come out of Egypt?

21 Then Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and you have said, I will give them flesh to be their food for a month.

22 Are flocks and herds to be put to death for them? or are all the fish in the sea to be got together so that they may be full?

23 And the Lord said to Moses, **Has the Lord's hand become short?** Now you will see if my word comes true for you or not.

God brings meat to Israel.

Numbers 11:31-35

31 Then the Lord sent a wind, driving little birds from the sea, so that they came down on the tents, and all round the tent-circle, about a day's journey on this side and on that, in masses about two cubits high over the face of the earth.

32 And all that day and all night and the day after, the people were taking up the birds; the smallest amount which anyone got was ten homers: and they put them out all round the tents.

33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was tasted, the wrath of the Lord was moved against the people and **he sent a great outburst of disease on them.**

34 So that place was named Kibroth-hattaavah; because there they put in the earth the bodies of the people who had given way to their desires.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people went on to Hazeroth; and there they put up their tents.

Psalm 78:27-31 He also rained meat on them like the dust, feathered fowl like the sand of the seas; and He let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. So they ate and were well filled, for He gave them their own desire. They were not deprived of their craving; but while their food was still in their mouths, the wrath of God came against them, and slew the stoutest of them, and struck down the choice men of Israel.

Psalm 106:13-15 They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

John 6:29-35 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For **the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.** 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.