

Leaving Mount Sinai

Numbers 10-16

▶ **Numbers 10:11-36**

▶ 20th day, 2nd month, 2nd year.

▶ Israel sets out by tribes

Judah, Issachar, Zebulun

- The tabernacle disassembled & carried

Reuben, Simeon, Gad

- The holy furnishings carried by Kohathites

Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin, Dan, Asher,

Naphtali

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- ▶ **Numbers 10:11-36**
- ▶ **10:29-32** – Moses asks his father-in-law, Hobab, to go with them.
- ▶ **10:33-36** – Israel travels for 3 days.
Note the words of Moses – **35-36**

The people complain (again)

▶ **Numbers 11-12**

- ▶ Israel complains about no meat, recalling the fish and vegetables in Egypt.
- ▶ The LORD is angered, and fire breaks out in the outskirts of the camp. They cry to Moses
- ▶ Moses pleads with YHWH – **11:11-15.**
He is frustrated. The LORD tells him He would give them meat for 30 days. **Note vs. 23.**

The people complain (again)

▶ **Numbers 11-12**

▶ **11:16-30**, 70 elders are appointed to help and filled with the Spirit.

▶ There were also 2 others in the camp who also received the Spirit. Joshua asks Moses to forbid them.

Note the response of Moses – **11:29**.

The people complain (again)

▶ **Numbers 11-12**

- ▶ **11:31-35**, YHWH sends quail in great abundance.
- ▶ They give into cravings and the LORD strikes them with a plague.
- ▶ The people then move out.

The people complain (again)

- ▶ **Numbers 11-12**
- ▶ **12:1-16**, Aaron and Miriam challenge Moses.
- ▶ The text says they criticized him marrying an Ethiopian woman. But we also find them challenging his authority.
- ▶ YHWH challenges them (**6-8**) and strikes Miriam with Leprosy. She stays outside of the camp for 7 days.
- ▶ Israel then moves to the wilderness of Paran.

Spying the land of Canaan

▶ Numbers 13-16

- ▶ **13:1-25**, 12 spies sent to spy out the land. They are gone for 40 days.
- ▶ **13:26-29**, They give a report that the land is flowing with milk and honey, but the cities are fortified and the people giants.
- ▶ **13:30**, Caleb says, "Let's go!"
- ▶ **13:31-33**, but 10 spies bring a negative report and discourage the people.

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▶ **Numbers 13-16**

- ▶ **14:1-4**, the people again complain and seek to appoint a leader to return them to Egypt.
- ▶ **14:5-10**, Moses & Aaron grieve, Joshua and Caleb plead with the people to go.
The people refuse and want to stone Moses and Aaron.
- ▶ **14:10-25**, the glory of YHWH appears, and He wants to destroy them, but Moses intercedes.
(**Cf. Exodus 34:6-7**)

Spying the land of Canaan

▶ Numbers 13-16

- ▶ **14:20-38**, YHWH listens and pardons the people. But declares they will be punished.

All those over 20 would die in the wilderness and they would wander for 40 years. Their “little ones” would inherit the land.

Joshua and Caleb are exempted because of their faithfulness.

- ▶ **14:39-45**, the people regret their rebellion and attempt to enter the land but are defeated.

Spying the land of Canaan

▶ **Numbers 15-17**

- ▶ NOTE: Israel will wander in the wilderness for 38 more years. We are given little detail of that time period (**Deuteronomy 2** will record their travels)
- ▶ **15** records further instructions concerning offerings as well as people sinning unintentionally and intentionally.
NOTE **15:30-31**.

Spying the land of Canaan

▶ **Numbers 15-17**

▶ **15:32-36**, deals with one who violated the Sabbath.

▶ **Num. 16-17** – Korah and other men stage a rebellion against Moses. YHWH stands with Moses and Aaron. Korah and his followers are swallowed up by the land. (More in our next lesson).

Lessons from our text.

- ▶ We need to move forward – **Hebrews 6:1**
- ▶ A lesson in contentment – **1 Timothy 6:6-8, cf. Philippians 4:11-12**
- ▶ Bear one another's burden – Moses needed help. **Galatians 6:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:14**
- ▶ Take confidence that God can accomplish His will – **cf. Isaiah 29:16, Romans 9:20-21**

- ▶ What is our desire for God's people?
When 2 men in the camp are discovered filled with the Spirit. Moses desires that all were prophets.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 13:7

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Lessons from our text.

- ▶ The “grasshopper complex” –
 - 1) Did Israel exaggerate Canaan’s condition?
 - 2) They minimized their abilities and resources to deal with the problem
- ▶ Today, this describes one with weak faith.
 - 1) Let us not make our problems bigger than they are. **Cf. 1 Samuel 17**
 - 2) Realize that God is greater than he who is in the world – **1 John 4:4**

Lessons from our text.

- ▶ Sometimes others suffer consequences of our sins.

Do NOT let that happen!

Where are you at right now?

Are you resolving to move
out?

Let us pray!

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