

REVIEW: We left off our study of Exodus with God giving the people the 10 Commandments.

Moses is on the mountain, given the tablets.

The people built a Golden Idol.

Moses destroys it.

Moses goes back up to the mountain and returns with two new tablets.

They build and erect the tabernacle.

INTRO: If we were to discuss the details, it would take years, and I would hear, “Are we still in Exodus?”

So, our continued studies of the Israelites in the wilderness will cover the major stories and events that shaped them and may be relevant to us.

YOU MOVE WE MOVE

Numbers 9:15-23

(15) Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. (16) So it was always: the

cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

(17) Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. (18) At the command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped.

A) The Israelites knew when to leave and when to camp by the settling and uplifting of the cloud. In the wilderness God moved the people in with an outward sign. Today, God moves us with His Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

(19) Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. (20) So it was, when the cloud was

above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped, and according to the command of the LORD they would journey. (21) So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. (22) Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey.

(23) At the command of the LORD they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed; **they kept the charge of the LORD**, at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 40:31

(31) But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

YOUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES YOUR ALTITUDE

The wilderness stint was not easy. Their behavior and attitude will ultimately be their doom and the reason they wander the wilderness for 40 years.

Our attitude today will determine what we will get tomorrow.

Numbers 11:1-15

(1) Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. (2) Then the

people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. (3) So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them.

A) We think what God was doing was cruel. But if we truly understand how infectious and dangerous people who complain can be, it is understandable.

1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

(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 ate freely in Egypt**, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks,

the onions, and the garlic; (6) but now our whole being is dried up; **there is nothing** at all except this manna before our eyes!"

(7) Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. (8) The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. (9) And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

(10) Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased.

(11) So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?"

(12) Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a

nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? (13) **Where am I to get meat to give to all these people?** For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

(14) **I am not able** to bear all these people alone, because the **burden is too heavy for me.**

(15) If **You treat me like this**, please **kill me here and now**—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!"

Numbers 11:16-30

(16) So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

(17) Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

(18) Then you shall say to the people,
'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "**Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt.**"
Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat.

(19) You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

(20) but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "**Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?" ' "**

(21) And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are **six hundred thousand men on foot;** yet You have said, '**I will give them meat,** that they may eat for a whole month.'

(22) Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, **to provide enough for them?** Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, **to provide enough for them?"**

(23) And the LORD said to Moses, "**Has the LORD's arm been shortened?**

Now you shall see whether what **I say will happen to you or not.**"

(24) So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.

(25) Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and **took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders;** and it happened, when **the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied,** although they never did so again.

(26) But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.

(27) And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

(28) So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!"

(29) Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

(30) And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

Numbers 11:31-35

(31) Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.

(32) And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the

quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

(33) But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

(34) So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

(35) From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.