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## WILDERNESS (PART 2)

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<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:1–13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. <sup>2</sup> Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. <sup>3</sup> So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

Numbers 11:1–3 (ESV)

MISFORTUNES = רָע = ra = evil. In context, טָוֹב = tov = good that God has promised (5x in vs. 29,32) Can be translated adverbally = they complained bitterly.

IN THE HEARING OF THE LORD = They complained directly to God.

FIRE = Divine punishment = supernatural miracles can serve as punishment as well as salvation.

MOSES PRAYED = prophetic intercessor

<sup>4</sup> Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup> But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” <sup>7</sup> Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. <sup>8</sup> The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. <sup>9</sup> When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

Numbers 11:4-15 (ESV)

RABBLE = riff-raff – those governed by their stomachs

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE FOOD IN EGYPT AND MANNA. They are literally remembering the days of slavery as “the good ole days.” Fish and the vegetables listed all require large amounts of water. Goshen was the breadbasket of Egypt. Now, in the wilderness they are “dried up.”

MOSES WAS DISPLEASED = Lit. in (his) eyes evil.

NOTICE THE “I”, “YOU” AND “THEY”.

MOSES IS DONE. He would rather die than continue his leadership role over Israel.

<sup>16</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. <sup>17</sup> And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. <sup>18</sup> And 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 better for us in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. <sup>19</sup> You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, <sup>20</sup> but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?” ’ ”

<sup>21</sup> But Moses said, “The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!’ <sup>22</sup> Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?” <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Is the LORD’s hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup> Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**Numbers 11:16–30 (ESV)**

70 = FULLNESS. THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION MAKES THEM DISTINCT FROM THE 70 JUDGES IN EXODUS 18:25-26.

BETTER = טוב = tov = good in Egypt = BLASPHEMY.

<sup>28</sup> “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

**Joel 2:28–29 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> Then a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. <sup>32</sup> And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. <sup>33</sup> While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague. <sup>34</sup> Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. <sup>35</sup> From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

Numbers 11:31–35 (ESV)

WIND = רוּחַ = ruah = SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT HAD GIVEN THE ELDERS PROPHETIC GIFTS NOW BRINGS MEAT.  
A DAYS JOURNEY = 12-15 MILES = >400 SQUARE MILES  
Kibroth-hattaavah = The graves of longing.

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:5–11 (ESV)