

“The Pentateuch”
Numbers 11
Wednesday Oct 13, 2010

- 1. Numbers 1:1-10:10 – Order and Organization:**
- 2. Numbers 10:11-22:1 – Testing’s and Failures:**

Numbers is a picture of people who have come out of Egypt but who have not yet reached Canaan.

Numbers 11 – “From Worship To Whining” or “Contentment To Complaining”

Psalm 107:8

Numbers 11:1-3 – The Israelites Complain: Numbers 11:1

Numbers 10:33

Ex. 15:22-27

It takes faith to be able to accept God’s providential leading, and Israel’s faith wasn’t very strong.

Ex. 9:23-24

Phil 2:14-16

Numbers 11:2

Luke 23:34

Numbers 11:3 Taberah – “Kindle, burning”

Lesson – When We Complain, God Hears! 1 Cor 10:10-11

Numbers 11:4-9 The Mixed Multitude Complains: Numbers 11:4

“The rabble” - This is the only place in the Old Testament where the Hebrew word is used, and it describes “the riffraff”; mixed multitude

“had greedy desires;” – Their complaints came as a result of a desire to please the flesh, to satisfy the flesh. James 4:1-3

Heb. 4:1-2

Jesus taught that wherever the Lord “plants” His true children, the devil comes along and plants counterfeits. Matt 13:25; Jude 4; 2 Peter 2:1-2

Gal 5:24-25

Numbers 11:5-6

Psalm 78:24; 105:40

Numbers 11:7-8

Manna – “What is it?”

Numbers 11:9

Ps 34:8

Numbers 11:10-15 – The Complaint of Moses: Numbers 11:10-11

Numbers 10:35-36

Listen to the personal pronouns in his complaint: 6X “I” and 7X we read the word “me”

Numbers 11:12

Num 20:1-13

Numbers 11:13-14

Focus upon Self – results in a distortion of the facts:

Matt 11:28-30

Numbers 11:15

1 Peter 5:7

Numbers 11:16-25 – Seventy Elders to Assist: Numbers 11:16
Ex. 18

Numbers 11:17-22

Moses misses the fact that God is going to do it, not him!

Numbers 11:23-25

Numbers 11:26-30 Eldad And Medad: Numbers 11:26-28

Joshua – Here we have the 3rd mention of Joshua. He is called Moses' assistant – the word means to serve; Joshua was Moses' servant

1. We first saw him in Ex 17 battling the Amalekites – he was a courageous man
2. We saw him later waiting on the mountainside for Moses while he was receiving God's commands – Ex 24:13 he was a faithful man
3. Now he is defending the ministry of his leader – he was a loyal man

John the Baptist faced, John 3:27

Jesus, Luke 9:49-50

Paul, Phil. 1:15-18

Numbers 11:29

Joel 2:28

Numbers 11:30

Numbers 11:31-35 – The Quail and the Plague: Numbers 11:31

On both sides of the camp, a days journey (20 miles) there were quail 3 feet deep

Numbers 11:32 – Ten homers would be about sixty bushels of meat! But God told them they would have enough meat to eat for a month; Num. 11:19-20

Numbers 11:33

As they were eating it, the Lord sent a plague upon them – Why?

When God really wants to judge people, He lets them have their own way
Rom. 1:24, 26, 28

Numbers 11:34-35

Application:

1. We Are Prone to Forget God's Blessings and to be Ungrateful:
2. Whining is Contagious: Affects Those Around us and Even Leaders.
3. When We Focus Upon Self - The Results Will Be The Distortion of the Facts:
4. Ministers are Under-Shepherds: The Great Shepherd is the Shepherd of the Flock.
5. When God really wants to judge people, He lets them have their own way: