

## Session 25

### Numbers II

Ch 9 : First month of the second year, celebrate the Passover according to the rites and ceremonies.

V19-14: the defiled persons can celebrate Passover. Worse if a clean person is in the camp and does NOT celebrate it.

Stranger can keep Passover according to rites and ceremonies. Only one ordinance.

V15-23: children of Israel moved at the command of the LORD. Did not matter how much time passed; they moved with the Cloud.

Ch 10 : 2 silver trumpets. Signal to gather as a congregation, gather just the leaders, break camp in a precise order, sound alarms. Trumpets blown by the sons of Aaron, the priests. They get the information first.

Blow the trumpets in time of war, at feasts, at beginning of months. Always the priests. They are a memorial. Shows confidence in God.

V11: The Cloud moves. Had been encamped at Mt. Sinai for 11 months and 29 days. Rested after slavery and exodus, got the Law and the Covenant, and organized themselves.

Moved to Wilderness of Paran. Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun move first with their banners. Then the Tabernacle is taken down and carried by sons of Gershon and Merari.

Then Reuben, Simeon, and Gad move. Then Kohathites carry the holy things. (So the Tabernacle will be set up when they get there). The Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin. Then Dan, Asher, and Naphtali.

Precise marching order so that the Tabernacle and the holy things were protected.

<sup>35</sup>So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said:

“Rise up, O LORD!

Let Your enemies be scattered,

And let those who hate You flee before You.”

<sup>36</sup>And when it rested, he said:  
“Return, O LORD,  
To the many thousands of Israel.”

Ch 11: People start to complain about eating manna. They had fish and vegetables in Egypt. Complain to Moses but they are actually complaining to God. After deliverance, they still think about Egypt. Comparison to sin. The manna was perfect food-shown in its description.

V10-15 Moses is overwhelmed by the complaining. How can he satisfy this huge multitude? Feels he has lost favor with God.

God tells Moses to call 70 elders to the Tent. God will put the Spirit that Moses has on them. They will tell the people to get ready to eat meat. There is a strong rebuke in the language because they want to go back to Egypt after they had been delivered.

Moses questions how is there going to be enough meat or fish for all these people. God answers “you’ll see.” Questioned God after all the provision he had seen.

Spirit rested on the elders and they prophesized – then but never again. Evidence that they had received the Spirit.

2 men, Eldad and Medad who were supposed to be there but were in the camp received the Spirit and prophesized. Joshua objected

<sup>29</sup>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!”

Wind brings huge number of quail. People gather them for 2 days and 1 night. Gathered more than they could use. Anger of the LORD strikes them with a plague. They had complained from desire and not from necessity.

Kibroth Hattavah means graves of lust.

Ch 12: Rebellion. Aaron and Miriam complain about Moses’ wife. Jealous of the new system of elders and influence of Zipporah’s relatives. Does the LORD really speak only through Moses. He may speak through us also. Moses was very humble.

God calls the 3 of them to the Tent. Calls Aaron and Miriam forward.

V. 6-8 LORD speaks to prophets through visions and dreams. NOT Moses. I speak to him face to face and plainly.

Moses intercedes for both Aaron and Miriam.

Miriam becomes totally leprous. Out of the camp for 7 days.

Ch 13: The Spies.

God tells Moses to send 1 man from each tribe to spy out the Land of Canaan.

Joshua and Caleb are included. Get information about the people and see how prosperous and fertile the Land is. Grape season shows it is 2 months after Sinai.

Moses tells them to see how many people, strong or weak, what the cities are like, what the land is like. Bring back some fruit.- grapes, figs, pomegranates.

Went to Land through Hebron and the Valley Eschol. 40 days.

Went back to the camp in Paran. Report that the Land is good and fertile. Milk and honey. Here is the fruit. The cities are fortified

Reports what people groups are there.

Caleb says let's go now and take possession; we can do it!

The other men reported that the Land devours its inhabitants, the people are giants and we were like grasshoppers.

Ch 14 Rebellion by the people.

People complained against Moses and Aaron. Why did we come out here in this wilderness. Now we will fall by the sword and our wives and children also.

Let's pick a new leader and go back to Egypt.

Moses and Aaron fall on their faces. Joshua and Caleb tear their clothes. They tell the people that the LORD is with them and has removed protection from the Canaanites. Don't rebel against the LORD.

People wanted to stone them.

V10 The Glory of the LORD appeared before all the children of Israel.

V 11-12 God says how do they not believe after all the signs they have seen? I will kill them all and make a greater nation from **you**.

Moses intercedes for the people. The Egyptians know what happened and how You appear to your people in the Cloud. If You kill them all, the nations will say that You could not deliver them to the Land You promised. Please forgive them.

God replies all the earth will be filled with the Glory of God.

Because of what the people did:

<sup>27</sup>“How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup>Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: <sup>29</sup>The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup>Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. <sup>31</sup>But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. <sup>32</sup>But *as for* you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup>And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup>According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, *namely* forty years, and you shall know My rejection. <sup>35</sup>I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me.

The other 10 spies were struck dead.