

Numbers 11:1-35 How to Make God Angry

Making God angry should be the last thing a confessing child of God should want to do. However, during Israel's time in the wilderness with God, after He delivered them from their bondage in Egypt, Israel managed to anger God often.

The complaints of Israel and the mixed multitudes demonstrated and displayed a total lack of faith and trust in Moses' leadership and YeHoVaH's ability to provide for them what they wanted. This caused great frustration for Moses and Aaron. Frustrated, Moses demanded help from YeHoVaH; His response brought great calamity to the people and addressed Moses' request for help.

Three days after Israel left Egypt, they began to complain.

- They complained about water in Exodus 15.
- They complained about the manna in Exodus 16.
- They complained about water again in Exodus 17.
- They made idols in Exodus 32 while Moses was on the mountain.

In Exodus 5, before they ever left Egypt, the people complained about how Moses and Aaron made them look in the eyes of Pharaoh.

The people of Israel complained and angered YeHoVaH. The fire of YeHoVaH consumed some of them.

Nu 11:1 And *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.*

Nu 11:2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

Moses' prayer to YeHoVaH appeased YeHoVaH's anger.

Nu 11:3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

Taberah – **08404** תַּבְּעָרָה Tab`erah {tab-ay-raw'}

Meaning: Taberah = "burning" 1) a place in the wilderness of Paran

Usage: AV - Taberah 2; 2

The mixed multitude fell a-lusting.

Nu 11:4 And the mixed multitude that *was* among them fell a-lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

Mixed multitude – **0628** אֲסַפְּסָפִים 'acpecuph {as-pes-oo'f}

Meaning: 1) collection, rabble, collected multitude

Usage: AV - mixt multitude 1; 1

Ex 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

Looking back to Egypt.

Nu 11:5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic:

Nu 11:6 But now our soul is dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.

The people craved flesh to eat. YeHoVaH had provided manna, and once quail, for them. The appetite of the people spoke. The people complained because they were tired of the manna. They desired variety in their diet.

If it was simply hunger, they would have a legitimate request. However, YeHoVaH had provided manna for them. They complained about what YeHoVaH had provided for them. They displayed cravings or lust for something they did not have based on the name that was given to the place where it happened.

Nu 11:7 And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

Nu 11:8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

Nu 11:9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

The cries of the people angered YeHoVaH and Moses. This led to Moses' complaints and questioning YeHoVaH.

Nu 11:10 Then Moses **heard the people weep** throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

Moses asked questions of YeHoVaH. Moses wanted to know what he did to deserve this type of treatment.

Nu 11:11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou **afflicted** thy servant? and wherefore **have I not found favour in thy sight**, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

Nu 11:12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

Moses felt he needed to remind YeHoVaH that these were His people.

Conceived – **02029** הָרָה *harah* {haw-raw'}

Meaning: 1) to conceive, become pregnant, bear, be with child, be conceived, progenitor 1a) (Qal) to conceive, become pregnant 1b) (Pual) to be conceived 1c) (Poel) to conceive, contrive, devise

Usage: AV - conceive 38, woman with child 2, with child 2, again 1, bare 1, progenitors 1; 43

Begotten – **03205** יָלַד *yalad* {yaw-lad'}

Meaning: 1) to bear, bring forth, beget, gender, travail 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to bear, bring forth 1a1a) of child birth 1a1b) of distress (simile) 1a1c) of wicked (behaviour) 1a2) to beget 1b) (Niphal) to be born 1c) (Piel) 1c1) to cause or help to bring forth 1c2) to assist or tend as a midwife 1c3) midwife (participle) 1d) (Pual) to be born 1e) (Hiphil) 1e1) to beget (a child) 1e2) to bear (fig. - of wicked bringing forth iniquity) 1f) (Hophal) day of birth, birthday (infinitive) 1g) (Hithpael) to declare one's birth (pedigree)

Usage: AV - beget 201, bare 110, born 79, bring forth 25, bear 23, travail 16, midwife 10, child 8, delivered 5, borne 3, birth 2, labour 2, brought up 2, misc 12; 498

Nu 11:13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

Nu 11:14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

Ex 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

Ex 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

Moses would have rather died at the hand of YeHoVaH than continued to be in the position he was in amongst a dissatisfied and complaining people.

Nu 11:15 And if thou deal thus with me, **kill me**, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

Moses was commanded to select seventy elders to assist him.

Nu 11:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

Remember

Ex 12:37 ...about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

Ex 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

It was estimated that there were more than two million people that Moses was leading.

- 600,000 divided by 70 = 8,571 meaning equally divided, each elder would carry the burden of 8,571 people.
- 2,000,000 divided by 70 = 28,571 meaning equally divided, each elder would carry the burden of 28,571 people.

Nu 11:17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and **I will take of the spirit which is upon thee**, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

Nu 11:18 And say thou unto the people, **Sanctify** yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was well* with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

YeHoVaH took the people's complaints personally and gave them what they complained about, at a cost to the people.

Be careful what you ask for.

Nu 11:19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

Nu 11:20 *But* even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that **ye have despised the LORD which is among you**, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

Despised – **03988** סָמָא'ac {maw-as'}

Meaning: 1) to reject, despise, refuse 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to reject, refuse 1a2) to despise 1b) (Niphal) to be rejected 2) (Niphal) to flow, run

Usage: AV - despise 25, refuse 9, reject 19, abhor 4, become loathsome 1, melt away 1, misc 17; 76

Nu 11:21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I *am*, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

Footmen – **07273** רַגְלִי {rag-lee'}

Meaning: 1) on foot 1a) man on foot, footman, foot soldier

Usage: AV - footman 7, footman + 0376 4, foot 1; 12

Moses, in his own mind and calculations knew that what YeHoVaH was proposing was practically impossible.

Nu 11:22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

Nu 11:23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

It is those words that YeHoVaH has spoken that should put the fear of going against Him in our hearts and minds.

Nu 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

People for generations have questioned what YeHoVaH can and cannot do or what He will or will not do.

Trusting Him at His Word is not the easiest thing to do because we are a people who are fleshly, carnal, emotional, selfish, and walk mostly by sight than by faith.

- Trusting YeHoVaH requires walking by faith and not by sight.
- Trusting YeHoVaH means denying ourselves.
- Trusting YeHoVaH means putting our fleshly carnal nature under.
- Trusting YeHoVaH means renewing our minds.
- Trusting YeHoVaH means taking Him at His Word.

- Moses has numbered the Children of Israel by Tribes.
- Moses has set in place the Priests to serve in the Tabernacle.
- Moses has set in place the Levites to serve the Priests in the Tabernacle.
- Moses is given Instructions for the Elders to help him carry the burden of the people.

Nu 11:24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

Nu 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took **of the spirit that was upon him**, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

Prophesied – **05012** נָבֵא naba' {naw-baw'}

Meaning: 1) to prophesy 1a) (Niphal) 1a1) to prophesy 1a1a) under influence of divine spirit 1a1b) of false prophets 1b) (Hithpael) 1b1) to prophesy 1b1a) under influence of divine spirit 1b1b) of false prophets

Usage: AV - prophesy 111, prophesying 2, prophet 2; 115

Nu 11:26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

Nu 11:27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

Nu 11:28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

Nu 11:29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

YeHoVaH heard Moses and incorporated Moses' desires in a prophecy given to Joel.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joel 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel's prophecy began to come to pass on Pentecost.

Ac 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Ac 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Ac 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Nu 11:30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

Nu 11:31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth.

Nu 11:32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten **homers**: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

2 days and a night, the Children of Israel gathered quail.

A homer is not to be confused with an omer.

Omer – **06016** עֹמֶר `omer {o'-mer}

Meaning: 1) omer 1a) a dry measure of 1/10 ephah (about 2 litres) 2) sheaf

Usage: AV - sheaf 8, omer 6; 14

Homer – **02563** חֹמֶר chomer {kho'mer}

Meaning: 1) cement, mortar, clay 1a) mortar, cement 1b) clay 1c) mire 2) heap 2a) swelling, surging (of water) 3) homer - a unit of dry measure about 65 imperial gallons (300 l)

Usage: AV - clay 11, homer 11, mortar 4, mire 2, heap 2; 30

Ten homers is equivalent to about fifty bushels.

Nu 11:33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

The Children of Israel lacked faith. Psalms 78 captured it like this:

Ps 78:21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

Ps 78:22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

Ps 78:23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

Ps 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Ps 78:25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

Ps 78:26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

Ps 78:27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

Ps 78:28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

Ps 78:29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

Ps 78:30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

Ps 78:31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

Ps 78:32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

It is written in Psalms 106 :

Ps 106:13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

Ps 106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

Ps 106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

07332 רָצוֹן razown {raw-zone'}

Meaning: 1) leanness, scantness, wasting 1a) leanness 1b) wasting (of disease) 1c) scantness (of measure)

Usage: AV - leanness 2, scant 1; 3

Nu 11:34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

Kibroth-hattaavah – **06914** קִבְרוֹת הַתְּאֵוָה Qibrowth hat-Ta'avah {kib-roth' hat-tah-av-aw'}

Meaning: Kibroth-hattaavah = "graves of lust" 1) a station of Israel in the wilderness 3 campsites away from Sinai near the gulf of Akabah

Usage: AV - Kibrothhattaavah 5; 5

Nu 11:35 *And* the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

- First Fire
- Then Flesh
- Then the curse of a Plague

YeHoVaH did not want Israel to experience plague; He had warned them.

- Numbers 8:19
- Leviticus 26:21

Just as YeHoVaH sent plagues on Egypt and the Israelites, **in the last days, YeHoVaH will send plagues on the nations of the world according to the Book of Revelation**, starting in Chapter 9.