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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**WE ARE JOURNEYING UNTO THE PLACE OF WHICH**

**THE LORD SAID, I WILL GIVE IT YOU**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **NUMBERS 10: 29-36,**

**NUMBERS 11:1-3,10,11-17,31-33, NUMBERS 12:1-15**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the July 11, 2021 Evening Message for the Background.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Today we take our text from the book of **Numbers chapter 12**.
- b. From time to time, God tells us that we need to reflect on the activity of the Nation of Israel because it is good for our admonition and our learning. **1 Corinthians 10:11, Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**
- c. Our primary focus will be on **chapter 12**, but we will look at **chapters 10 and 11** for context as it will give a clear understanding of what is about to happen in **chapter 12**.
- d. At last, Israel is making preparation for the march into the wilderness.
- e. In **chapter 10** there is a part of the preparation. Two trumpets were made.
- f. This march will begin in **chapter 11**.
- g. Two is the number of witnesses. We are told that in the mouth of two or more witnesses a matter will be established. **Matthew 18:16, But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**
- h. The two trumpets will be used to organize and move Israel into the wilderness.
- i. Upon close examination we see that the trumpet was blown seven times.
- j. In the book of **Revelation** there is the blowing of seven trumpets. **Revelation 8:6, And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**
- k. These seven trumpets are associated with the nation Israel. In the great Tribulation Period, the blowing of these trumpets will move the children of Israel from the four corners of the earth back into the land. **Isaiah 11:12, And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**
- l. Many people try to associate the last trump that is mentioned in **1 Corinthians 15:52**, with the last trump in the book of **Revelation** and they try to draw the conclusion that this means the church is going through the Tribulation Period. **1 Corinthians 15:52, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
- m. God not only preserves His church, which is called out before the Tribulation Period, but He also preserves the Old Testament saints who have died as believers. **Psalms 37:28, For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall**

**be cut off.**

- n. The Last trump mentioned in **1 Corinthians** is the voice of the Son of God. **1 Thessalonians 4:16 bears this out. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**
- o. The voice of the archangel is like the sound of a trumpet. **Revelation 1:10-11, I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11: Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.** This is the voice of the glorified Christ.
- p. All of the preparation of Israel and the review of the instructions, to include the order of the march, are laid out in **chapter 10 of Numbers.**
- q. In **chapter 11**, the people are beginning to complain to Moses and they wanted flesh to eat. We will see God provided flesh for them.
- r. Although He provided their request it presented real problems for His chosen people.
- s. In **chapter 12**, we will find jealousy in the heart of both Moses' brother Aaron and sister Miriam.
- t. This jealousy caused a severe judgment from God.
- u. Believers today tend to think they can get away with whatever they want.
- v. The Bible tells us in no uncertain terms that there is chastisement coming. It might come immediately, or it might be a while before it ensues; however, it is surely to come. **Galatians 6:7, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**
- w. The Bible does not tell us a lot about Moses' home life or about his family.
- x. We will see a little bit of activity within his family, today as we review **chapter 12 of Numbers.**
- z. With that Introduction, let's get into the meat of the message today and see if we can gain some insight into Moses' family and see what God would have us to learn from their examples.

### 3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. **We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you**
  - 1. **Numbers 10:29-30, And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you; come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel. 30: And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred 31: And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.**
  - 2. Here is an encounter with Moses' father-in-law. An invitation is given for him to come along on the wilderness march.
  - 3. When an invitation is given by the Lord Jesus Christ to the church (**Matthew 11:28, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest**) many times, that invitation is refused resulting in a lost condition of mankind.
  - 4. This particular invitation is given to a relative of Moses but is not going to be accepted.
  - 5. Moses wanted to use his father-in-law as a guide; **thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.** However, he did not need a guide because the Lord was going to provide a guide for him.
  - 6. We need to see at this point that none of us are worthy of salvation. God will invite us to His table of salvation, many times that invitation is refused, and Hell will be the lot of those who refuse it.
- b. **And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day.**
  - 1. **Numbers 10:33-36, And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. 34: And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. 35: And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. 36: And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.**
  - 2. God never leaves His covenant people without a guide.
  - 3. In application to the church, it reminds me of **Hebrews 13:5, Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**
  - 4. God is always with us; when we are in or out of danger, He is with us.
  - 5. There is a passage of Scripture that is often taken out of context; **Psalms 23:4, Yea, though I walk**

***through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*** This does not speak of the time of death; but reflects on our walk through this life.

6. Notice, Moses did not need his father-in-law as a guide; the cloud guides Israel.
7. Moses had a prayer ritual. He started the morning out in prayer, and then in the evening. **35: *And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. 36: And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.***
8. In the next point all appears to be going well until there is a problem that arose on the way to Kadesh-Barnea.

**c. And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD.**

1. **Numbers 11:1-3, 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. 2: And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. 3: And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.**
2. The complaining started with the mixed multitude.
3. As we make application to the church; most of the time, the problem in the church comes from those who are not really sold out to the Lord.
4. When we are truly sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have our mind on the things of Christ, and not on our circumstances that surround us, we can line up and do a work for God.
5. We are instructed, as a church family, to not have any division among us as we move out to accomplish God's will. **1 Corinthians 1:10, *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.***
6. Division in the church and the attitude in the church cause people to question whether we are sincere Christians or not.
7. God has promised us spiritual blessings. **Ephesians 1:3, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:***
8. However, the Lord tells us to put on the whole armor of God that we can stand the wiles of the devil. **Ephesians 6:11, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*\*\*\* add verses**
9. In the camp of Israelites there was gross complaining invoking the anger of the Lord. Judgment followed and it was Moses' prayer that caused judgment to be withheld.

**d. Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families.**

1. **Numbers 11:10 and 13-17, 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. 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. 14: I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. 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. 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. 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.**
2. Moses is a little weary of his mission and getting worn down resulting in frustration and agony. ***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.***
3. He needs some encouragement and reinforcement from God.
4. When there is bickering and complaining, a pastor can get worn down.
5. We are not to be weary in well doing because we are serving the Lord. **Galatians 6:9, *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.***
6. We are also told to be steadfast. **1 Corinthians 15:5, *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye***

**stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

7. God hears Moses and provides two things. He provides flesh for the people to eat and then he provides seventy elders to assist Moses.
8. God tells Moses that He will put the same Spirit upon these men that He put upon him. **(Vs. 16-17)**
9. This is the first introduction of some assistance for Moses approved by God.
10. As we apply this to the church; there is no duty that is below the pastor's dignity.
11. However, the main focus of a pastor should be studying the Word of God and he needs to have time to do it. **Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**
12. As God sent quail for these people to eat, at the same time He sent leanness to their bones and there was judgment that would ensue as a result of the complaining and bickering.

**e. And there went forth a wind from the LORD.**

1. **Numbers 11:31-33, 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. 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. 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.**
2. The Lord provides for His people's need, but they were very persistent in what they wanted, and it was not the best thing for them resulting in judgment.
3. **1 Corinthians 11:31-32, For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32: But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**
4. My challenge to believers today is to make sure you are in God's will when we ask for something. We must make sure that it is in the will God for us. **1 John 5:14-15, And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**
5. Now that we have some insight into **chapters 10 and 11**, let's analyze **chapter 12**.

**f. And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses.**

1. **Numbers 12:1, And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.**
2. There are two things we must see; jealousy on the part of Miriam and Aaron, and secondly, this is a challenge to the authority of Moses.
3. **Exodus 18:2, Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,** There is no explanation what has happened to Zipporah and we will not speculate.
4. We do know that now Moses is married to an Ethiopian woman, a Cushite. This could not have been Zipporah because she was a Midianite.
5. Because Scripture is silent on this issue, I too will be silent because God placed what He wanted here in Scripture.
6. The point is that Miriam uses this marriage to challenge the authority of Moses.
7. Apparently, she did not like her. I am of the opinion, that when you marry a person– you also marry the family.
8. It amazes me how much rebellion there is among family members. It causes many problems and great difficulties.
9. These incidents are nothing more than family matters and they happen from Sinai all the way to Kadesh-barnea. There is rebellion in high places among the leadership.
10. When there is fighting among the leadership there is chaos in the church.
11. I have said often that nothing can hurt the church from the outside; it is from the inside that it falls apart.
12. This is reason why God tells us to be like-minded, to be of one mind. **Philippians 2:5-7, Let this**

**mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:6: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you need to come to Him for salvation.
- c. We have seen that when God saves us, He changes us.
- d. As a matter of fact, we are to avoid murmuring and complaining.
- e. Remember God wiped out most of that whole generation of Israelites because of complaining.
- f. The first thing is you need to do is come to Jesus for salvation.
- g. The Bible says that all have sinned. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- h. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- i. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- j. Would you please stand?

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