



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE NUMBERS 11:24-35 GOD SENDS QUAIL AND PLAGUE— October 10, 2021

## INTRODUCTION:

**Chapter 11:16-23** Complaining didn't sit well with God, so He tells Moses to gather seventy men of the elders of Israel known as the elders of the people, and the officers over the people to the tabernacle of the congregation to stand there with him, for God will come down and talk with him. And all the people God had told Moses to gather and stand with him would receive the same spirit that was in Moses to help bear the burden of the people, for he was not to bear it alone. God was going to put Moses' spirit upon the 70. God tells Moses to tell these weeping people, "*Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, for you shall eat the flesh.*" They had cried for in the ears of the Lord, "**Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt.**" Yes, God was sending the meat, but it became a very great "Plague" (affliction, curse) (11:33) because the people were not satisfied with what they had when they made that awful statement. The meat would not just come for one, or two, or five, or ten, or even twenty days. It would come continuously until they hated it. The meat would be for a whole month, well until they vomit it through their noses because they had despised the Lord who was among them covering and protecting them. And they whined before Him saying "*why did they ever leave Egypt?*" They should have been filled with hope and gratitude? And now, Moses is apprehensive. He's reminding God of how many people He has to feed (600,000). He even thinks of a scenario, or another way God would provide the meat for all, by killing the flocks and the herds, or the fish in the sea to be enough for them. God had to remind Moses that He's got this, by putting a question before him while stating a fact — "***Has God's arm been shortened? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true.***" God is the only solution to any complaint!

## LESSON: I. PROPHETS AMONG THE PEOPLE NUMBERS 11:24-30

**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. Moses entrusted himself to God, knowing that everything that happens is totally up to God. Moses did as the Lord commanded. The seventy men of the elders were set around the tabernacle.

**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. The Lord came down in a cloud, speaking to Moses, and He takes the Spirit that was upon Moses and gave it n to the seventy elders, and they began to prophesy, declaring God's Will unceasingly.

**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. Two of the seventy that the spirit rested upon, Elidad and Medad remained in the camp and did not go to the tabernacle as commanded

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of all the seventy, but prophesied in the camp. God's power didn't leave any out.

**11:27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.** Moses was told by a young man that Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp.

**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.** Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant wanted them to stop, saying to Moses "My lord Moses, forbid them." God is always doing a new thing in people we least expect, and we don't know how to handle it. Joshua didn't know what was going on with the two that weren't in the place of the tabernacle, but in the camp. They weren't where they were supposed to be, but God was using them. Don't forbid what God provides. Moses' spirit was upon them. I don't know if they're prophesizing about a plague or not, because one is about to come upon the people.

**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!** And Moses asked Joshua if he was jealous, for Moses wished that all the Lord's people would be prophets; that the Lord would put His Spirit upon all God's people, not just the 70.

**11:30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.** This simply means that Moses along with the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## II. PLAGUE AMONG THE PEOPLE NUMBERS 11:31-35

**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.** The Lord sent a wind that brought quail from the sea. Quail began to fall all over the camp. If you walked a day's journey on each side of the camp, there laid quail about two cubits high.

**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.** And the people were standing up and catching and killing quail all day even throughout the night, and all the next day gathering two homers (more than 100 bushels) and they spread them all out to be cured for themselves round about the camp.

**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.** God had already told Moses to tell the people what was to happen, for He would send meat not for one, two, five, ten, nor twenty days, but for a whole month till they hated it (11:19-20). So, now as they began to eat and chew the meat, the anger of the Lord rose against the people and He killed large numbers of them with a very great plague. It began to come out of their nostrils because they had despised the Lord who was among them (11:20). He was the One who brought them out of Egypt and they wanted to go back.

**11:34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.** The name of the place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (graves of greediness) because there they buried the people that lusted. The food was their god, for they had complained to God that they wanted

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meat, and then actually saying what foods they were accustomed to in Egypt (fish, meat, cucumbers, melons, leeks, and garlic) and saying, "Why did we leave Egypt?" You can imagine God's angry.

**11:35 And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth. And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah to Hazeroth, where they stayed awhile.**

## SUMMARY:

Moses entrusted himself to God, knowing that everything that happens is totally up to God. Moses did as the Lord commanded. The seventy men and elders were set around the tabernacle. The Lord came down in a cloud, speaking to Moses, and the Spirit that was upon Moses was given to the seventy elders, and they began to prophesy, and did not cease. Two of the seventy that the spirit rested upon, Elidad and Medad remained in the camp and did not go to the tabernacle as commanded of all the seventy, but prophesied in the camp. Moses was told by a young man that Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp. Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' servant wanted them to stop, saying to Moses "My lord Moses, forbid them." And Moses asked Joshua if he was jealous, for Moses wished that all the Lord's people would be prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon all the Lord's people. This simply means that Moses along with the elders of Israel returned to the camp (11:24-30).

The Lord sent a wind that brought quail from the sea. Quail began to fall all over the camp. If you walked a day's journey on each side of the camp, there laid quail about two cubits high. And the people were standing up and catching and killing quail all day even throughout the night, and all the next day gathering two homers (more than 100 bushels) and they spread them all out to be cured for themselves round about the camp. And as they began to eat and chew the meat, the anger of the Lord rose against the people and He killed large numbers of them with a very great plague. The name of the place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, meaning graves of greediness because there they buried the people that lusted. And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah to Hazeroth, where they stayed awhile (11:31-35).