

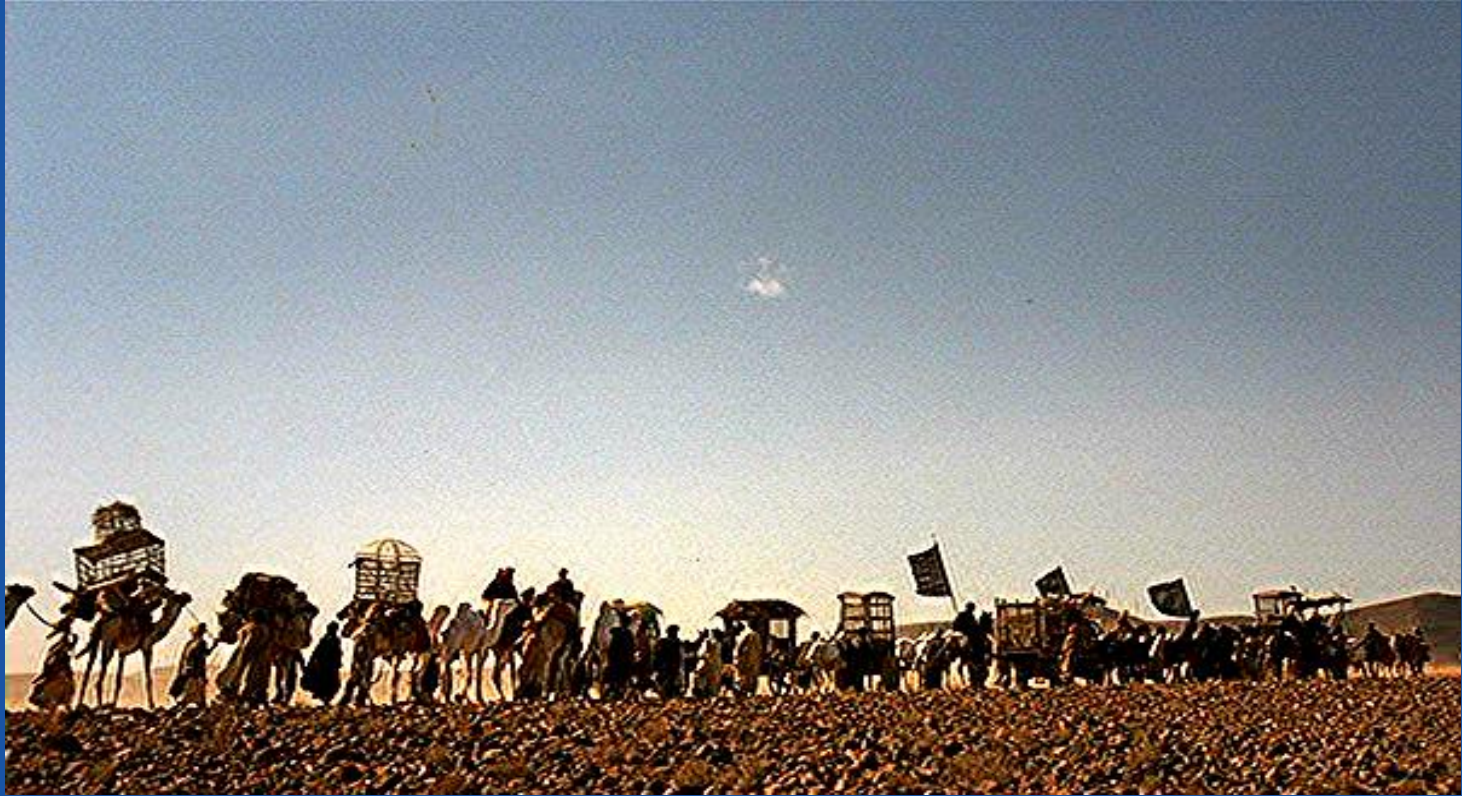
NUMBERS 11

- Beginning of the wandering in the wilderness
- St. Paul was also fascinated with the Book of Numbers
- He saw great parallels between the Exodus Israelites and the Corinthians
- 1Cor.10: 1 - 12





- St. Paul, a well-educated Rabbi
- Romans 15: “....*whatever was written in the former days was written for our instruction....*”
- Wages of sin = curse of the Law = *spiritual death*
- Believers are not immune from God’s moral justice
- Romans 11: “....*behold then the kindness and severity of God.....*”

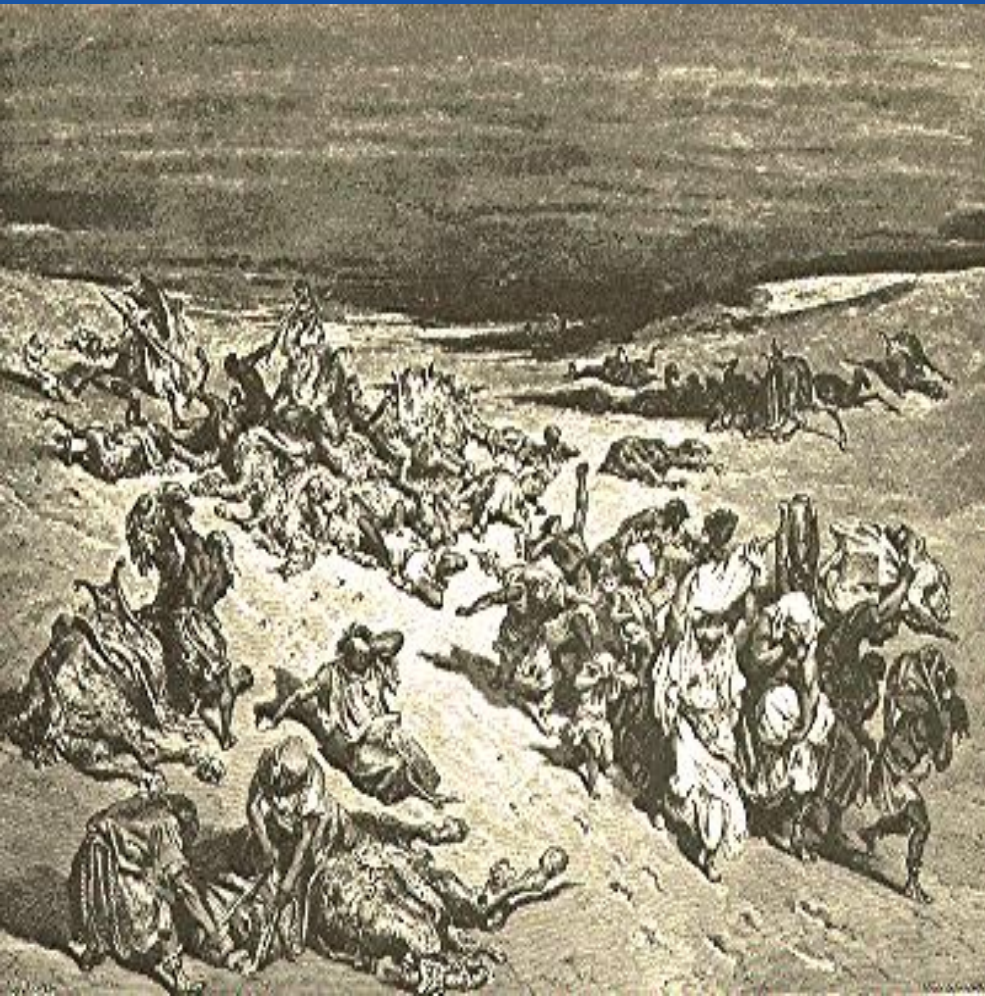


- Numbers 11 sets down guiding fundamental principles
- First thing to happen upon leaving Mt. Sinai was rebellion
- 6 different rebellions, each rebellion is a “type”
- Numbers rebellions are “patterns” of rebellion that we can expect to happen within the Church

FROM PRAISE TO COMPLAINT IN ONLY 3 DAYS!

- Chapter 10 ends with a poem of joy
- Chapter 11 begins with griping and defeat
- Our failures are connected to our wills
- Humanness and failure before God go hand-in-hand
- THIS is why we need Yeshua!
- THIS is why obedience to God is also needed

CONDITIONS WERE DIFFICULT



- The dust from 2-3 million people was horrendous
- Not on a groomed highway
- 100 degree days
- Below freezing at night
- Bitter complaint to the Lord
- *'al-ra* = evil complaint
- Israel responded to God's TOV with RA

PUNISHED WITH FIRE

- Divine and supernatural
- May have been lightning
- Was on the outskirts of the camp
- Moses intercedes, and God stops His wrath
- ***Taberah*** = burning
- Rebellion #1

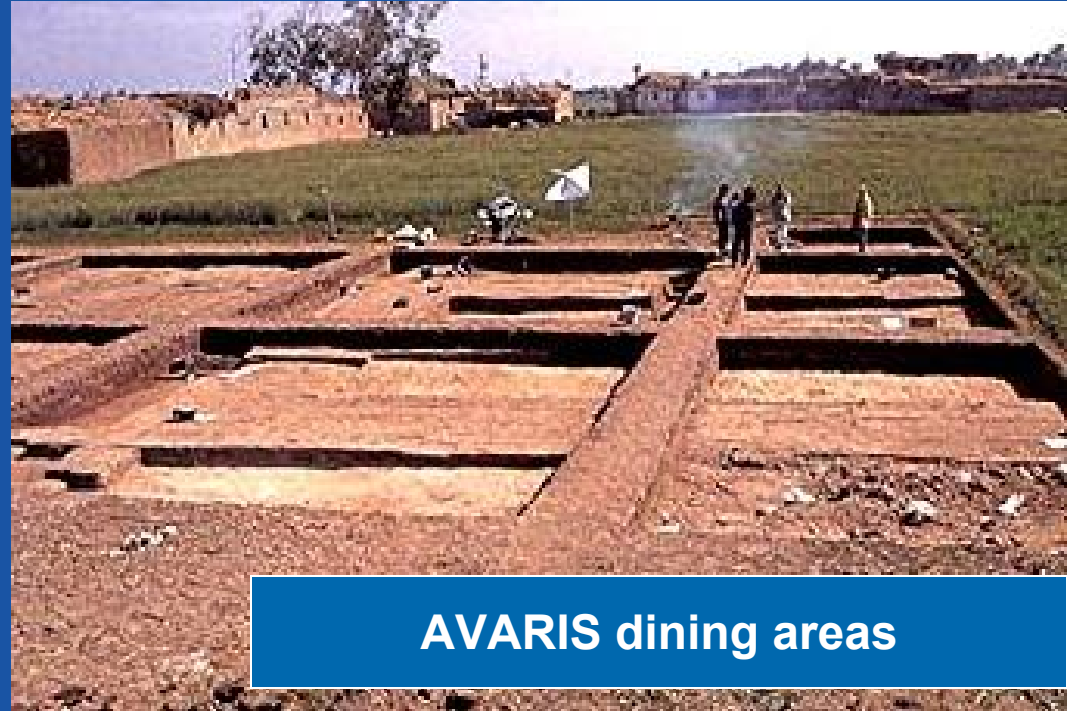


2nd REBELLION: FOOD

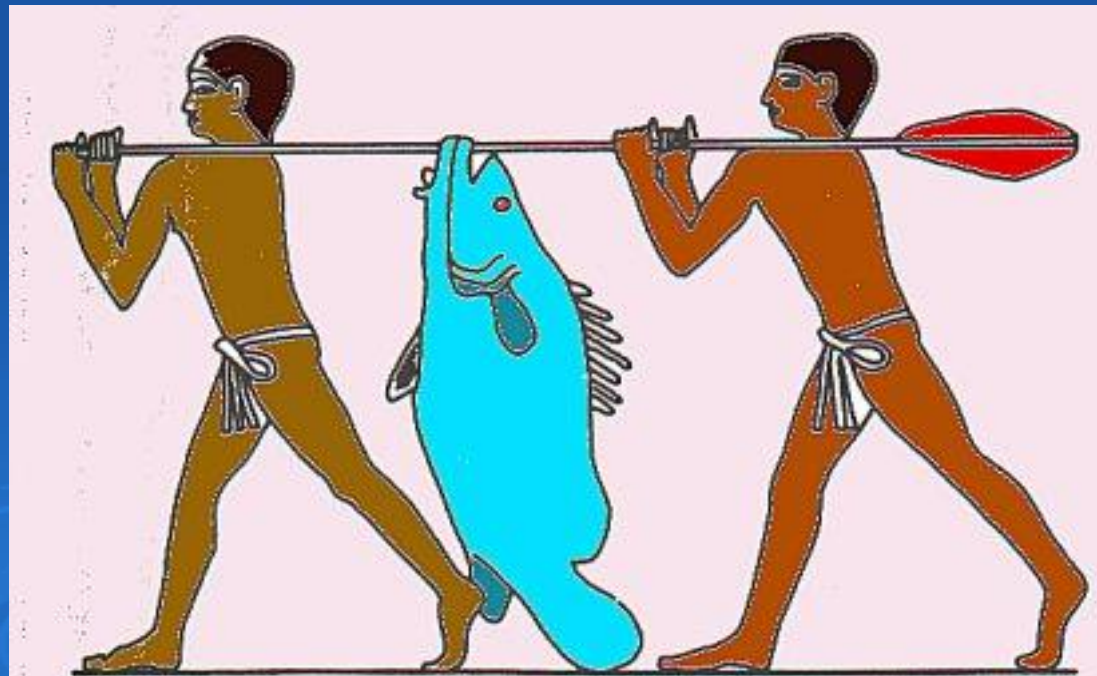
- Taberah and Kibroth-Hataavah probably the same place
- Several parallels between travel from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, and then Mt. Sinai to Kadesh
- The group who first demanded meat is called the '*asafsuf*' = riff-raff
- Refers to the mixed-multitude, required to camp on the outskirts of the camp
- First 2 rebellions began among the pagans who attached themselves to Israel, but did not share Israel's faith

THE MEAT THEY WANTED WAS FISH!

- The meat staple in Egypt was fish
- Reason: fish was abundant in the Nile, easy to preserve
- Verse 5, they also demand fresh vegetables



AVARIS dining areas



MANNA TO THE MAX

- Folks were sick of Manna!
- Moses was sick of the people!
- Moses goes to the Lord and says: “I didn’t create this people”
- Moses had an honest relationship with God

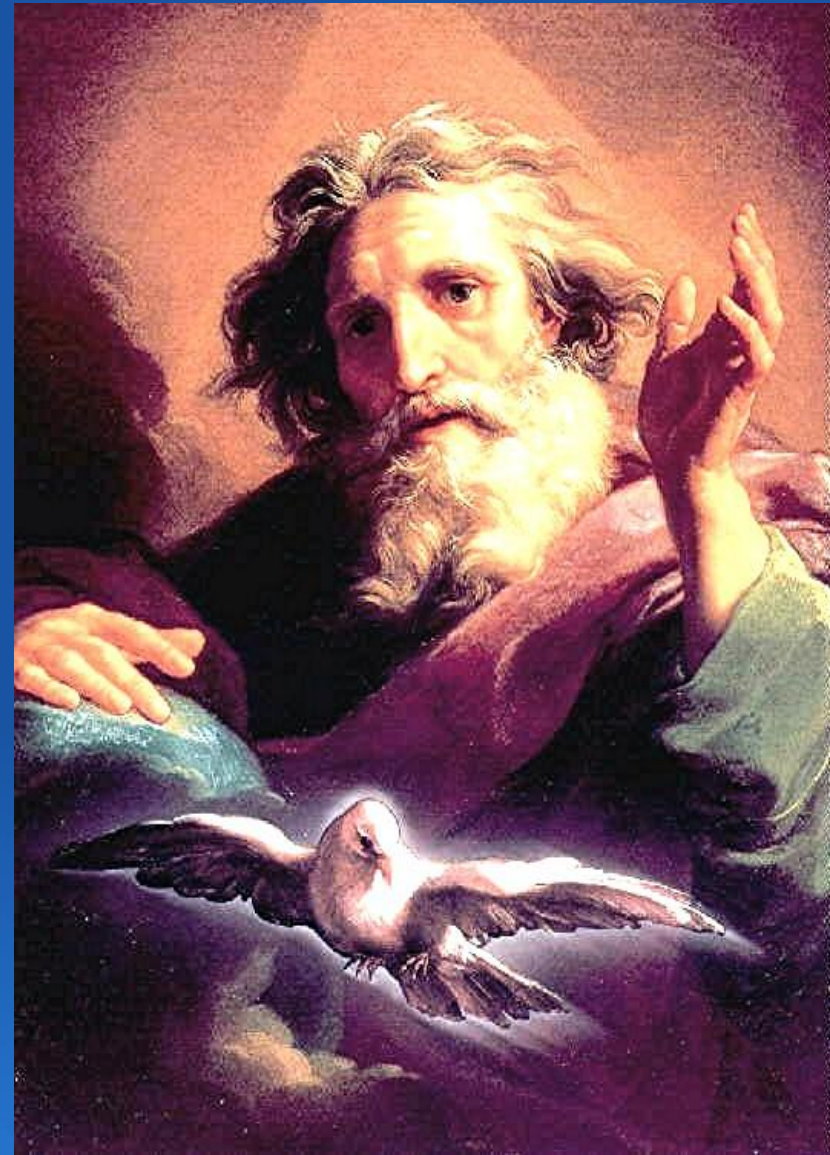


- God instructs Moses to anoint 70 elders
- Elders are to be presented to God at the Tabernacle
- Ruach = spirit
- These were to be special leader assistants so they had to have the same spirit as Moses did
- They were to DO, not to provide more advice!



A SPIRIT TRANSPLANT?

- God would “draw upon” the spirit in Moses to give to the 70 elders
- *Ve-'atsalti min* = to withdraw
- Would happen again 1300 years later, at Pentecost
- Shavuot = Pentecost
- Moses as the sole container of the Ruach HaKodesh for a time
- Yeshua as the sole container ON EARTH of the Ruach HaKodesh for a time



HOLY SPIRIT



- Every Believer is instructed to “feed the flock”
- We do so in the same power Christ had
- When Yeshua was on earth, He bore the burden alone
- WE are to share that burden with Him, now
- Pattern of Numbers follows to Pentecost