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COMPLAINING AND MURMURING

This theme is extensive throughout the wilderness wanderings of Israel and is a valuable theme to research using a concordance.

Look up the words **COMPLAINING** (also *complained*) and **MURMURING** (also *murmured, murmurings, murmer, chode*).

Use a colour band down your inside margin for the following quotes as well as those you have looked up.

Num 11:1-2, 4, 10, 13, 18, 20

Num 14:1-3, 27, 36, 39

Num 16:11, 41

Num 17:5,10

Num 20:3-5

Num 21:5

Can you see the relevance of:

1 Cor 10:10

Phil 2:14

THE TEN PLAGUES OF NUMBERS

The following table will fit at the top of Numbers 11

1. Fire for grumbling - the misuse of the tongue (Num 11:1-3)
2. Sickness - because of the planned revolt stimulated by lust for Egypt, excited by the tongue (Num 11:4-35)
3. Leprosy - Misuse of tongue caused through jealousy. (Num 12:1-10)
4. Plague - rebellion stimulated by the tongue (Num 13:31 - 14:37)
5. Earthquake - usurption of authority (Num 16:1-3, 29-33)
6. Overthrow in the wilderness - a provocation (Num 14:11-35)
7. Fire - evil example (Num 16:34-35)
8. Divine wrath and plague - an evil accusation (Num 16:41-49)
9. Fiery serpents - complaining (Num 21:5-9)
10. Slaughter and plague - idolatry and adultery (Num 25:5-9)

STUDY ON QUAILS

Use a Bible concordance as well as a Bible dictionary to find some interesting facts about quails.

Note some of these in your margin next to the section Numbers 11:31-35. For example:



Quails:

- In Spring move from Africa north following Red Sea to Sinaitic peninsula crossing at narrow part and return in Autumn.
- Only fly short distances at a time as are very sluggish.
- Overeating can cause sickness

SINS OF NUMBERS 11

Mark this chart in Numbers 11 to show the progression of sins the children of Israel introduced.

SIN OF UNBELIEF, LACK OF FAITH (Psa 78:22)

This resulted in 10 specific sins

1. COMPLAINING	v1
2. LUSTING	v4
3. BITTERNESS	v4,10,18,20
4. REMEMBERING EGYPT	v5
5. REGRETTING OF EGYPT	v20
6. DISSATISFACTION	v6,18
7. PROVOKING YAHWEH	v1,10
8. PROVOKING MOSES	v10-15
9. UNBELIEF THAT YAHWEH WOULD PROVIDE	v4,18
10. DESPIGING YAHWEH	v20



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CAUSES OF MURMURING AGAINST MOSES

This chart may help to summarise the problems of the children of Israel.

1. Lack of water Ex 15:24-26
2. Lack of food Ex 16:2-8
3. Lack of water Ex 17:3-7
4. Jealousy Num 12:1-5
5. Unbelief Num 14:2-38
6. Korah's envy Num 16:1-35/ Ps 106:16
7. Bitterness Num 16:41-50
8. Lack of water Num 20:1-13
9. Lack of food Num 21:4-9

Reason: Lack of faith and trust in God (Psa 78:18,41; 95:9; 106:14; 1 Cor 10:9)

MOSES AND PRAYER

Take the time to look up every time Moses prayed to Yahweh. You will find this a very useful exercise.

AN HOMER - NUMBERS 11:32

Do you know the weights and measures of your Bible? Take the time to check them out and you will be surprised just how much they gathered each day. Can you believe they each gathered almost 3 years worth of food each day?

WEIGHTS OF THE BIBLE

Weight	= to	Metric Equiv	Reference
Gerah		0.6 grams	Exod 30v13
Bekah	10 gerahs	6 grams	Exod 38v26
Shekel	2 bekahs	12 grams	Gen 24v22
Maneh	50 shekels	500 grams	1 Kgs 10v17
Talent	60 manehs	30 kgs	Exod 37v24

MEASURES OF THE BIBLE

Weight	= to	Metric Equiv	Reference
Finger		18mm	Jer 52v21
Palm	4 fingers	76mm	Exod 25v25
Span	3 palms	230mm	Exod 28v16
Gomed	1½ spans	360mm	Judg 3v16
Cubit	2 spans	445mm	Gen 6v15
Long cubit	cubit + palm	520mm	
Fathom	4 cubits	1.8m	Acts 27v28
Reed	1½ fathoms	3m	Ezek 40v5
Line	13.3 reeds	37.5m	Ezek 47v3

MANNA: WHAT IS IT?

The following chart is designed to fit at the top of the page of Numbers 11.

MANNA IS DESCRIBED AS:

- Corn of heaven Psa 78:24
- Angels' food Psa 78:25
- What is it? Ex 16:15
- Bread from heaven Ex 16:4 John 6:30-31
- Manna Num 11:6

Typical of Yahweh's provision to man. Speaks of His word i.e. that which can give life (Rev 2:17). Christ was the Word made flesh - from heaven (John 1:14; 6:32-33).