

INTRO. 10:11-22:1, wanderings in the wilderness

TEXT OUTLINE AND NOTES

I. 12:1-16, MIRIAM AND AARON COMPLAIN

- A. 1, *Then Miriam and Aaron...*
 - 1. *spoke...*
 - a) *against Moses*
 - b) *because of the Cushite woman he had married, probably Zipporah, a Midianite, which bordered Ethiopia.*
 - 2. 2, *said, "Has the Lord...*
 - a) *indeed spoken only through Moses?*
 - b) *not spoken through us as well? Their real problem: n.b. for disgruntled people, everything is a potential target.*
- B. 3, *And the Lord heard it.*
- C. 3, *(Moses was humble...*
 - 1. *very*
 - 2. *more that any man who was on the face of the earth)*
- D. 4, *the Lord...*
 - 1. *Suddenly said...: N.B.: Thank God He operate with the same immediacy every time!*
 - 2. 5, *Came down in*
 - 3. 6, *said... enumerating clear evidence of Moses' privileged position:*
 - a) *"Hear My words*
 - b) *a prophet...I make Myself known to him...*
 - (1) *in a vision*
 - (2) *in a dream*
 - c) 7, *Not so Moses...*
 - (1) *My servant*
 - (2) *He is faithful in all My household*
 - (3) 8, *With him I speak...*
 - (a) *mouth to mouth*
 - (b) *even openly*
 - (c) *not in dark sayings*

N.B.: satan never gives up: the hits just kept coming, and these from those closest to him! Cf. Job.

Pt.: Moses had not abused his role /had an improper air of authority.

- (4) *and he beholds the form of the Lord*
- d) *Why then were you not afraid to speak against...*
 - (1) *My servant*
 - (2) *Moses?*
- 4. 9, *the anger of...burned against them*
- 5. *He departed*
- E. 10, *But when the cloud had withdrawn...Miriam was leprous, white as snow {actually an act of mercy}*
- F. 11, *Aaron said to Moses...*
 - 1. *My lord*
 - 2. *I beg...*
 - a) *you*
 - b) *do not account this sin...*
 - (1) *to us*
 - (2) *in which we acted foolishly*
 - (3) 12, *Do not let her be like one...*
 - (a) *dead*
 - (b) *whose flesh is...eaten...*
 - i) *half*
 - ii) *away*
 - iii) *when he comes from his mother's womb*
- G. 13, *Moses cried to the Lord...*
- H. 14, *But the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face...."*

- *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Mt. 5:44).*
- N.B.: this is included in what God meant by "faithful in all My household."

- Never ever question God's choices. (This is a, just one, specific application of a general principle.)
- What all did God mean by "faithful in all My household"? Cf. Ex. - Nu. 10, "Moses did as the Lord commanded." N.B.: Hb. 3:1-6:
 - And prophecies of Jesus (or in the pictures in the symbolism of the LOM).
 - As great as Moses was he was only a servant; Jesus, as Son, is greater. Appl.: Never ever question His position - in this case "Master!"

II. 13:1-14:45, THE SPIES AND NATION MISTRUST THE LORD

- A. 1, *The Lord spoke...* 2, *Send...*
1. *out*
 2. *for yourself*
 3. *men...*
 - a) *so that they may spy out the land of Canan...*
 - b) *a man from each tribe...*
- B. 3, *So Moses...*
1. *sent them....* ...16, *what would become of them ill. baby.*
 2. 17, *said to them...*
 - a) *Go...*
 - b) 18, *See...*
 - (1) *what the land is like*
 - (2) *whether the people who live in it are...*
 - (a) *strong or weak*
 - (b) *few or many*
 - (3) 19, *How is the land...*
 - (4) *How are the cities...are they like open camps or with fortifications*
 - (5) 20, *...make an effort to get some of the fruit of the land*
- C. *Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes, late July (ESVSB).*
- D. 21, *so they...*
1. *went up....*
 2. 23, *cut down...a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole in between them....*
 3. 25, *returned at the end of 40 days*
 4. 27, *they told him...*
 - a) *it certainly does flow...*
 - b) 28, *Nevertheless...*
 - (1) *the people...*
 - (2) *the cities...*
 - (3) *we saw the descendants of Anak (33, Nephilim)*
 - (4) 29, *Amalek...*
- E. 30, *Caleb...*
1. *quieted the people*
 2. *said, "We..."*
 - a) *should...by all means...*
 - (1) *go up*
 - (2) *and take possession of it*
 - b) *for we will surely overcome it*
- F. 31, *But the men...*
1. *said, "We are not able...for they are too strong for us.*
 2. 32, *gave out a bad report of the land...*

They didn't need to go - God was fighting for them and had told them of the land; God was testing them.

- Sometimes God puts us places just to test us: be ready!
- N.B.: *Lead us not into temptation* (Mt. 6), cf. Nu. 13:1-24.
- N.B.: It was Israel's idea to send spies (cf. Dt. 1:22). God could have said, "Just go," and saved Israel 40 years. Life is about proving our faith, not preserving our comfort.

When discussing the theory, we always do well; when in the situation we begin to doubt/think/excuse/etc.

- In the heat of the moment, remember no matter how seemingly impossible..., trust God and do what He said ill. airline pilots get vertigo, hence instruments.
- N.B.: specifically unreasonable fear: *Amalek* (cf. Ex. 17:14) - they should have been saying, "Let's GO!" Cf. 2 Tm. 1:6-8, *...the Lord has not given us a spirit of timidity...therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...* (w. Lk. 10).

- G. 1, *Then...the congregation...*
 1. *all*
 2. *lifted up their voices...*
 3. *2, grumbled against Moses*
 4. *said...*
 a) *“Would that we died in the land of Egypt!*
 b) *Or that we had died in this wilderness*
 c) *3, Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword?*
 d) *Our wives and our little ones will become plunder*
 e) *would it not be better for us to return to Egypt.*
 f) *4, Let us...*
 (1) *appoint a leader*
 (2) *and return to Egypt.*

- Someone could have countered, “But God is with us!” This alone implies their faithlessness.
- Instead they said, “...Let’s go back to Egypt.” This alone implies their depravity.
- N.B.: many people come up to the Promised Land but stop just before entering.

- H. 5, *Then...*
 1. *Moses and Aaron fell on their faces...*
 2. *6, Joshua and Caleb...*
 a) *tore their clothes*
 b) *7, spoke...saying,*
 (1) *The land ...is an exceedingly good land*
 (2) *8, If the Lord is pleased...then He will...*
 (a) *bring us into this land*
 (b) *and give it to us*
 (3) *9, Only do not rebel against the Lord*
 (4) *and do not fear the people...*
 (a) *of the land*
 (b) *for they will be our prey*
 (c) *Their protection has been removed from them*
 (d) *and the Lord is with us*
 (e) *do not fear them*

Could Joshua and Caleb see this? FAITH: if God said it, I know it!

I. 10, *But all the congregation said to stone them*

- J. *Then...*
 1. *the glory of the Lord appeared...*
 2. *11, The Lord spoke to Moses...*
 a) *...this people...*
 (1) *How long...spurn Me*
 (2) *How long...not believe...*
 (a) *in Me*
 (b) *despite...the signs...*
 i) *all*
 ii) *which I have performed in their midst?*
 (3) *12, I will smite them...*
 b) *you I will make into a nation...*

- K. 13, *But Moses said...*
 1. *Then the Egyptians will...*
 a) *hear of it*
 b) *...and tell the inhabitants of this land*
 c) *They have heard that You...are in the midst of Your people, for You...are seen eye to eye...*
 2. *15, If you slay...*
 a) *this people...*
 b) *the nations...*

- (1) *who have heard of Your fame*
- (2) *will say, 16, Because the Lord could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them*
- 3. 17, *let the power of the Lord be great...*
- 4. 18, *The Lord is slow to anger...*
- 5. 19, *Pardon...just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even til now*

L. 20, *So the Lord said...*

- 1. *I have pardoned...*
 - a) *them*
 - b) *according to your word*
- 2. 21, *But...Surely all the men who have...*
 - a) *seen My glory...*
 - b) *yet have put Me to the test these ten times...*
 - c) 23, *Shall by no means see the land...*
 - d) 24, *But...Caleb...*
 - (1) *My servant*
 - (2) *because he had a different spirit*
 - (3) *has followed me fully, lit. "walked behind Me."*
 - (4) *I will bring into the land... (and Joshua, 30)*

N.B.: Eleazar entered too (Jos. 14:1), with the whole tribe of Levi?

- It pays to trust God.
- N.B.: the difference wasn't evidence, etc., but courage and trust. Cf. "If I do X, bad will happen to me." (a) assumes you know the future; (b) assumes you know better than God; (c) lack of trust and courage. Eg. treasury; evangelism; worship.

3. ...28, *Surely...*

- a) *just as you have spoken...*
- b) 29, *your corpses will fall in this wilderness...from twenty years upward*
- c) 31, *Your children...*
 - (1) *whom you said...*
 - (2) *I will bring them...*
 - (3) 33, *they...*
 - (a) *shall be shepherds for forty years*
 - (b) *they will suffer for your unfaithfulness...*
- d) 34, *According to the number of days which you spied...for every day you shall bear your guilt a year...*
 - (1) *even forty years*
 - (2) *and you will know My opposition*
- e) 35, *I the Lord, have spoken, surely I will do this to all this...congregation*
 - (1) *evil*
 - (2) *who are gathered together against Me*

They couldn't handle one year, what about 40! Cf. 39.

M. 39, *...the people...mourned...*

- 1. *when Moses spoke these words*
- 2. *greatly*
- 3. 40, *In the morning, however, they...*
 - a) *rose up early*
 - b) *and went up to the ridge*
 - c) *saying...*
 - (1) *"Here we are*
 - (2) *we have indeed sinned*
 - (3) *but we will go up to the place...*

- Purpose matters. So does timing: Done the same thing, if only earlier, cf. *Strive to enter by the narrow door...Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door...* (Lk. 13:24-25).
- What they wanted happened: God gives you what you want (Rm. 1; 2 Thess. 2:11).
- What they said would happen did not: Man doesn't know very much. Until they died they kicked themselves: "We should have listened."
- A few good men: the importance of good leadership (13:32 w. 14:1-4).
- The first notes of Israel as a nation are blemishes instead of records of amazing faith. Why would God save Israel (some have memorials to remember how great they were; Israel...)? Grace!

N. 41, *But Moses said...*

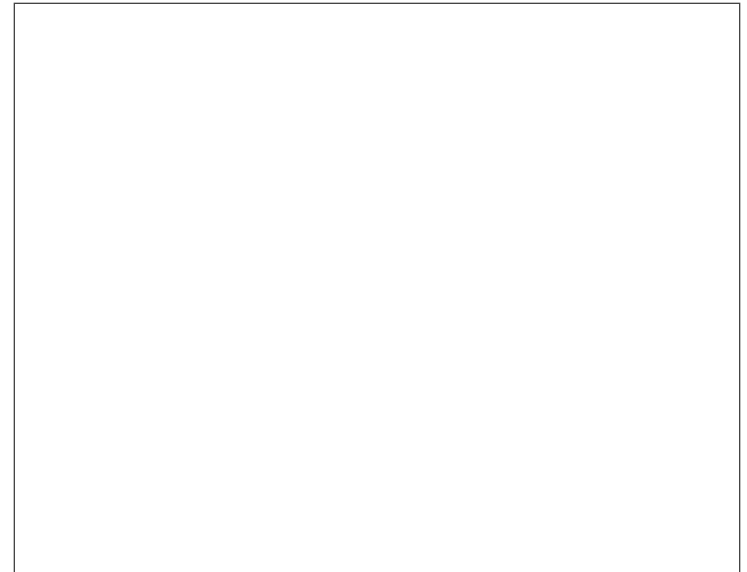
- 1. *"Why then are you transgressing...when it will not succeed?"*
- 2. 42, *Do not go up or you will be struck...*
 - a) *down*
 - b) *for the Lord is not among you*
 - c) 43, *For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there in front of you....*

O. 44, *But they went up heedlessly..., too little too late*

III. 15:1-31, LAWS FOR OFFERINGS UPON ENTERING CANAAN

IV. 15:32-36, A CASE OF BREAKING THE SABBATH

V. 15:37-41, THE LAW OF TASSELS



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VI. 1:1-10:10, AT SINAI. 10:2, you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camp set out, cf.: 9, when you go to war; 10, in the day of your gladness [spontaneous celebrations, eg. victory?] and appointed feasts.... N.B.:

- A. 8, the priestly sons of Aaron...shall blow the trumpets, religious significance ill. I didn't know the Yaroslavl siren was practicing for an air-raid, but I knew it was official: God would be involved in all aspects of their lives, especially the most important.
- B. 9, when you go to war...that you may be remembered...and be saved from your enemies. This was not to get God's attention. Cf. Mt. 6:8b; Lk. 18:...8.

VII. 10:11-22:1, WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS

- A. 10:11-36, leaving Sinai.
 - 1. 11, 2/20/02, c. 25 days short of a year.
 - 2. 12, Paran (c. 160 miles; arrive in 12:16), cf. 33, three days.
 - 3. 29, come with us....
 - a) 30, I will not come, later we see them living in Canaan (Jdg. 1:16; 4:11; 1 Sm. 15). My own land...relatives or God's family. Ct. Rahab, Ruth.
 - b) 32, whatever good the Lord does for us, we will do for you, salt of the earth. There should never be an occasion where God's people are not wanted.
- B. 11:1-3, at Taberah. 1, the people complained of adversity..., first incident worthy of recording was this sin, how sad (1 Co. 10:...13).
 - 1. the fire of the Lord burned among them..., ingratitude will be punished.
 - 2. Moses prayed to the Lord and the fire died out, intercessory role, a type.
- C. 11:4-35, at Kibroth-hattaavah.
 - 1. 4, ...the sons of Israel wept again, 1-3 hadn't taught them anything. Cf. 10, throughout their journey each man at the doorway of his tent.
 - a) 4b-5, what they didn't have.
 - b) 6, what they did have. ...this manna, their very sustenance ill. air. N.B.: 8, tasted like cakes baked with oil, c. 1,000 meals in a row - a "reason" to complain. Be careful!
 - 2. 11, so Moses said to the Lord...
 - a) Why have You been so hard on Your servant? Why have I not found favor in Your sight... (everyone who has, more shall be given), the burden was evidence of God's favor. Moses forgot God's presence...in Egypt, cf. 20, You rejected the Lord.... Cf. Col. 3:5, idolatry. N.B.: They didn't have what they idolized, it's more about perspective than possession.
 - b) 13, Where am I to get meat...? Moses forgot God's providence.
 - c) 14, I alone am not able to carry all this people..., Moses forgot God's presence.
 - d) 15, if You are going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once.
 - 3. 16, The Lord said to Moses
 - a) Gather for Me seventy..., cf. 17, I will take of the Spirit that is on you..., cf. Sam. N.B.: 26, Prophesied, first mentioned here.
 - b) 18, the Lord will give you meat to eat....
 - 4. 21-22, But Moses said..., Moses forgot God's power (Jn. 6, Philip). Cf. 23, The Lord said to Moses, "Is the Lord's power limited? Now you shall see..." (Ex. 5:22-6:9). God always delivers ill. sun.
 - 5. 19-20a, until it becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the Lord... saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" Cf. (Ex. 15:24, 16:2), this same sin was not punished so severely. Now they knew the Lord better, and their responsibilities were dedicated to how bad they were.
 - 6. 34, Kibroth-hattaavah...greedy, some have memorials to remember how great they were. This memorial was dedicated to how bad they were.

"Count your many blessings..." (GB643),
"I would see their families about me."

• 4, greedy desires, Your sight... (everyone who has, more shall be given)...in Egypt, cf. 20, You rejected the Lord.... Cf. Col. 3:5, idolatry. N.B.: They didn't have what they idolized, it's more about perspective than possession.
• On the way to Sinai saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" Cf. (Ex. 15:24, 16:2), this same sin was not punished so severely. Now they knew the Lord better, and their responsibilities were dedicated to how bad they were.

D. 12:1-16, at Hazeroth (16)

1. 1, *Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses*, trouble may come from your very closest and strongest allies (Lk. 21:16; Ac. 20:30).
 - a) *because of the Cushite woman whom he had married*, probably Zipporah, a Midianite, which bordered Ethiopia.
 - b) 2, *has the Lord indeed spoken through Moses only*, the real cause of jealousy. For disgruntled people, everything is a potential target.
2. 3, *Moses was very humble...*, a witness of the unworthiness of the accusation.
3. 4...7, *The Lord said...*
 - a) ...8, ...*With him I speak mouth to mouth, openly, not in dark sayings*, ct. 6, *vision...dream. And he beholds the form of the Lord*. Moses' privileged position.
 - b) "*Why were you not afraid to speak against My servant...?*"
4. 10, *Miriam was leprous*

- (1 Sm. 24:6; 26:9; 2 Sm. 1:14). Elders, 1 Tm. 6:19-22.
- Hb. 3:1-6. More privileged implies greater authority: be even more afraid!

E. 13:1-14:45, at Paran. 13:1, *The Lord spoke to Moses...*, "~~Send out men so that they may spy...~~" cf. 18-20. N.B.:

1. 13:21, *so they went up and spied...* N.B.: 23, land of dreams.
 - a) 13:25, *When they returned...*
 - (1) ...28, *the people who live in the land are strong...*, cf.: 31-33 (Ge. 6).
 - (2) 30, *Caleb...*, "*...we will surely overcome...*"
 - (3) 13:31-14:2, *All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron*, cf.: 4, "*Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt*"; 10, *...stone them*.
 - b) 14:11-12, *the Lord said, "...I will smite them..."*
 - (1) 13, *But Moses said*, intercession.
 - a) "*...then the Egyptians will hear of it...*", cf. 16, "*the Lord could not*," impotent God. Moses appeals not to Israel's worth but God's reputation.
 - b) 18, cf. Ex. 34:6-7. Moses appeals to God's own words. Saved by grace!
 - (2) 20, *The Lord said*,
 - a) "*I have pardoned them...*," not a moment's delay recorded.
 - b) 22, *surely all the men (29, all your numbered men...twenty years old and upward)*
 - i) *who have My glory and My signs...*, should know better.
 - ii) *yet have put me to the test these ten times...*, not literally.
 - iii) 23, *shall by no means see the land*, sin must be punished.
 - iv) 24, *but my servant Caleb...* "Followed Me," literally, "walked behind Me." Cf. 30, *Joshua*, Eleazar entered too (Jos. 14:1), with the whole tribe of Levi?
 - v) 33, *forty years*
 2. 14:40, *...they rose up early, saying*,
 - a) *...we have sinned*
 - b) *we will go up...*, Dt. 1:41, *regarded it as easy to go up...*, a clear view of punishment can change perspective (Ac. 17:31; 2 Co. 5:10, 11). Problem is not ability but perspective.
 - c) 41, *Moses said*
 - (1) "*Why then are you transgressing*, new commandment superseded previous commandment.
 - (2) *it will not succeed*, cf. 45. Too little, too late. 44, Moses and the ark not going was a token of the Lord not being with them.

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- 24, *a different spirit*,

14:21, God's power displays His glory. God's punishment displays His glory.

- Confession without repentance is worthless.
- Just because something would have pleased God

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TEXT OUTLINE

VIII. 12:1-16, MIRIAM AND AARON COMPLAIN

- A. 1-3, Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses
- B. 4-16, the aftermath
 - 1. 4-9, the Lord verbally chastises Miriam and Aaron
 - 2. 10-15, Miriam suffers a bout of leprosy

IX. 13:1-14:45, THE SPIES AND NATION MISTRUST THE LORD

- A. 1-16, the spies named
- B. 17-20, the spies commanded
- C. 21-24, the spies spy
- D. 25-33, the spies report
 - 1. 25-29, the ten give a bad report about the people
 - 2. 30, Caleb gives a good report
 - 3. 31-33, the ten counter with another bad report of the people
- E. 1-4, the people grumble
- F. 5-9, Moses and Aaron and Joshua and Caleb petition the people not to rebel
- G. 10, the people are going to stone the faithful
- H. 11-45, the Lord appears and pronounces 40 years judgment
 - 1. 11-12, the Lord threatens to destroy the nation and begin again with Moses
 - 2. 13-19, Moses intercedes
 - 3. 20-39, all but Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua, will die in the wilderness beginning tomorrow; the people mourn
 - 4. 40-45, the people try to enter the land as they should have at first, but are killed

X. 15:1-31, LAWS FOR OFFERINGS UPON ENTERING CANAAN

- A. 1-16, accompanying grain offering
- B. 17-21, dough offering
- C. 22-31, unintentional non-observance of the sacrifices
 - 1. 22-26, the congregation
 - 2. 27-31, a single person

XI. 15:32-36, A CASE OF BREAKING THE SABBATH

- A. 32-34, sabbath breaker imprisoned
- B. 35-36, punishment: stoning

XII. 15:37-41, THE LAW OF TASSELS

