



Torah écrite (pentateuque) - Nombres

Chapter 11

- 11,1 And the people were as murmurers, speaking evil in the ears of the Lord; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp.
- 11,2 And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto the Lord, and the fire abated.
- 11,3 And the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.
- 11,4 And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept on their part, and said: "Would that we were given flesh to eat!
- 11,5 We remember the fish, which we were wont to eat in Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;
- 11,6 but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all; we have nought save this manna to look to." --
- 11,7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and the appearance thereof as the appearance of bdellium.
- 11,8 The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and seethed it in pots, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was as the taste of a cake baked with oil.
- 11,9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. --
- 11,10 And Moses heard the people weeping, family by family, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased.
- 11,11 And Moses said unto the Lord: "Wherefore hast Thou dealt ill with Thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in Thy sight, that Thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
- 11,12 Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that Thou shouldest say unto me: Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth the sucking child, unto the land which Thou didst swear unto their fathers?
- 11,13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they trouble me with their weeping, saying: Give us flesh, that we may eat.
- 11,14 I am not able to bear all this people myself alone, because it is too heavy for me.
- 11,15 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 look upon my wretchedness."
- 11,16 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 tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee.
- 11,17 And I will come down and speak 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.
- 11,18 And say thou unto the people: Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying: Would that we were given flesh to eat! for it was well with us in Egypt; therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.
- 11,19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;
- 11,20 but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have rejected the Lord who is among you, and have troubled Him with weeping, saying: Why, now, came we forth out of Egypt?'
- 11,21 And Moses said: "The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and yet Thou hast said: I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month!



- 11,22 If flocks and herds be slain for them, will they suffice them? or if all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, will they suffice them?'
- 11,23 And the Lord said unto Moses: "Is the Lord's hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether My word shall come to pass unto thee or not."
- 11,24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent.
- 11,25 And the Lord came down in the cloud, and spoke unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders; and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no more.
- 11,26 But there remained two 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 recorded, but had not gone out unto the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp.
- 11,27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said: "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."
- 11,28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his youth up, answered and said: "My Lord Moses, shut them in."
- 11,29 And Moses said unto him: "Art thou jealous for my sake? would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His spirit upon them!"
- 11,30 And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.
- 11,31 And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought across quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth.
- 11,32 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails; he that gathered least gathered ten heaps; and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.
- 11,33 While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague.
- 11,34 And the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people that lusted.
- 11,35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.