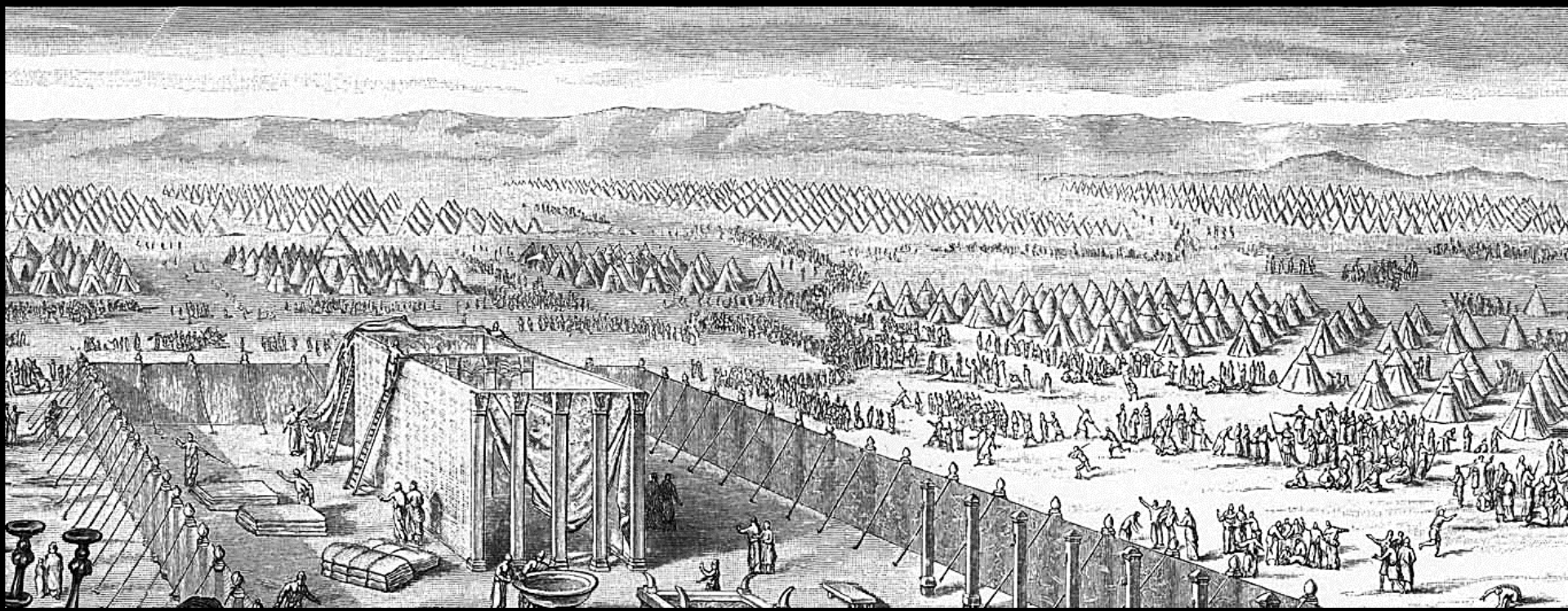


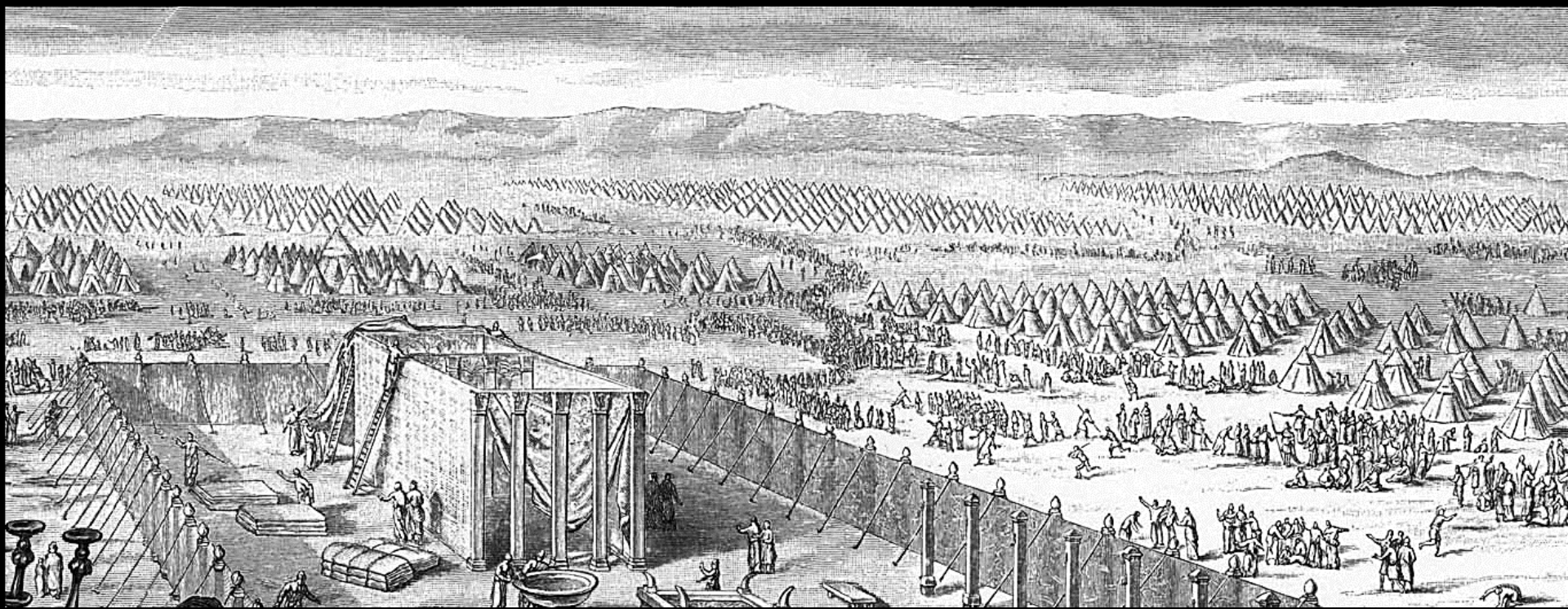


**THE TWELVE
SPIES**

After one year at Mount Sinai, the cloud lifted. The silver trumpet sounded. Judah lead the march and the people were on their way (Numbers 10:33). The camp was organized with military precision. The 12 tribes surrounded the tabernacle while the Levites encamped directly around the court. When they traveled the procession was just as orderly.



Now that the law had been delivered to them and the tabernacle had been constructed they were ready to enter the promised land. God's plan was for them to send in spies from the south. The report of the spies would be a test to again "prove" the people. Their reaction to a detailed account of what awaited them in Canaan would determine whether they were willing and worthy to accomplish the task of claiming the land. But, the journey from Sinai to the southern border of Canaan was a challenge they must face first.



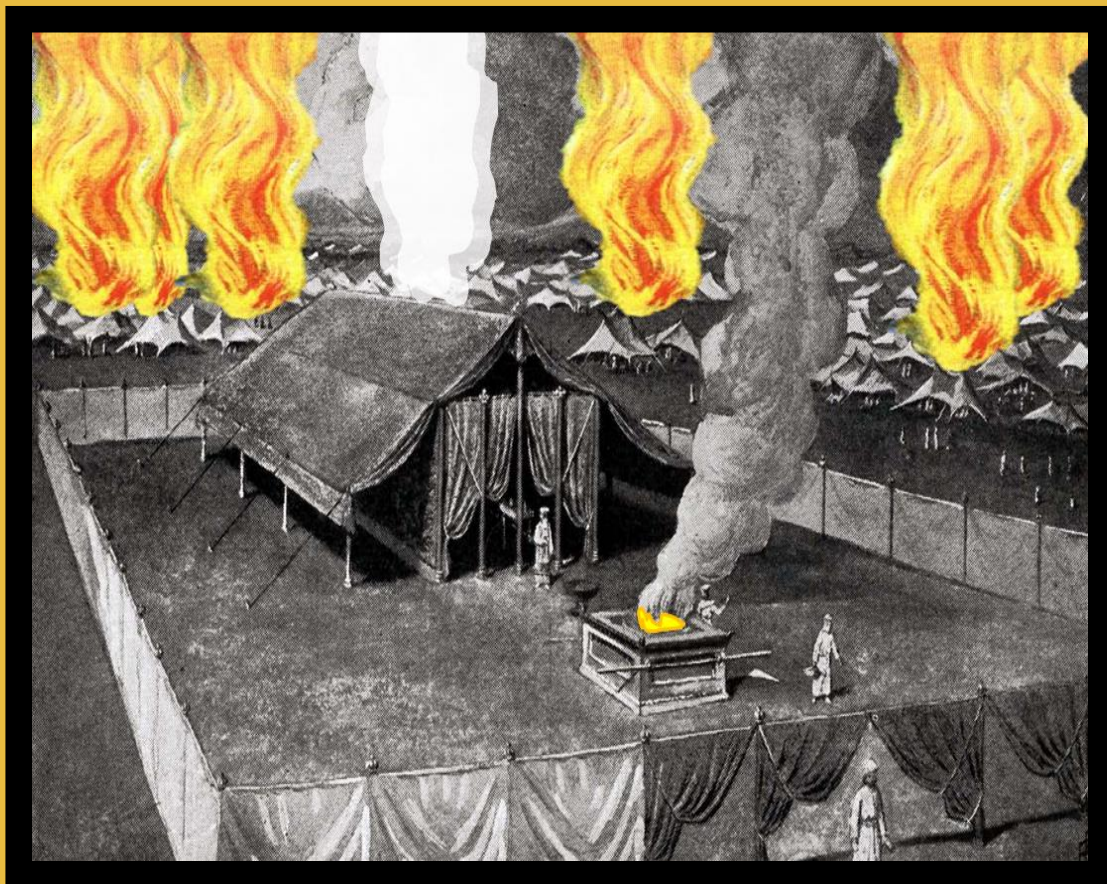
NUMBERS

Chapter 11

**Numbers 11 presents a dismal scene
as they moved from Sinai to Canaan.
Their murmurings began again.**

“¹And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. ²And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. ³And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.”

FIRE IN THE CAMP



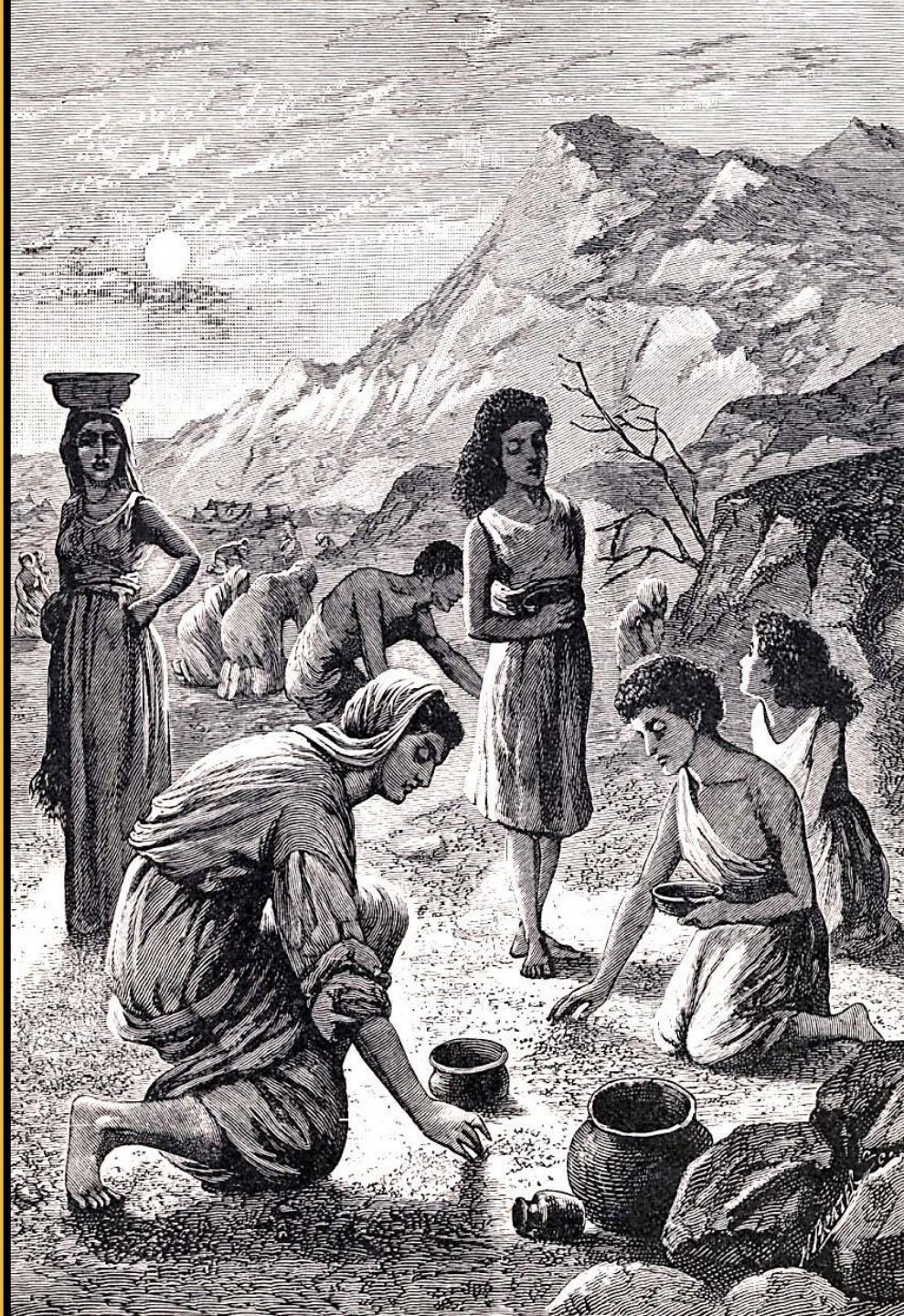
The quail which God sent the people just before they reached Mt. Sinai did not continue daily as the manna. The Israelites were tired of the manna and hungered for flesh. Moses went to God with the



people's grievances and also requested help because of his enormous responsibility. God promised to gratify them both, to appoint help for Moses, and give the people flesh.

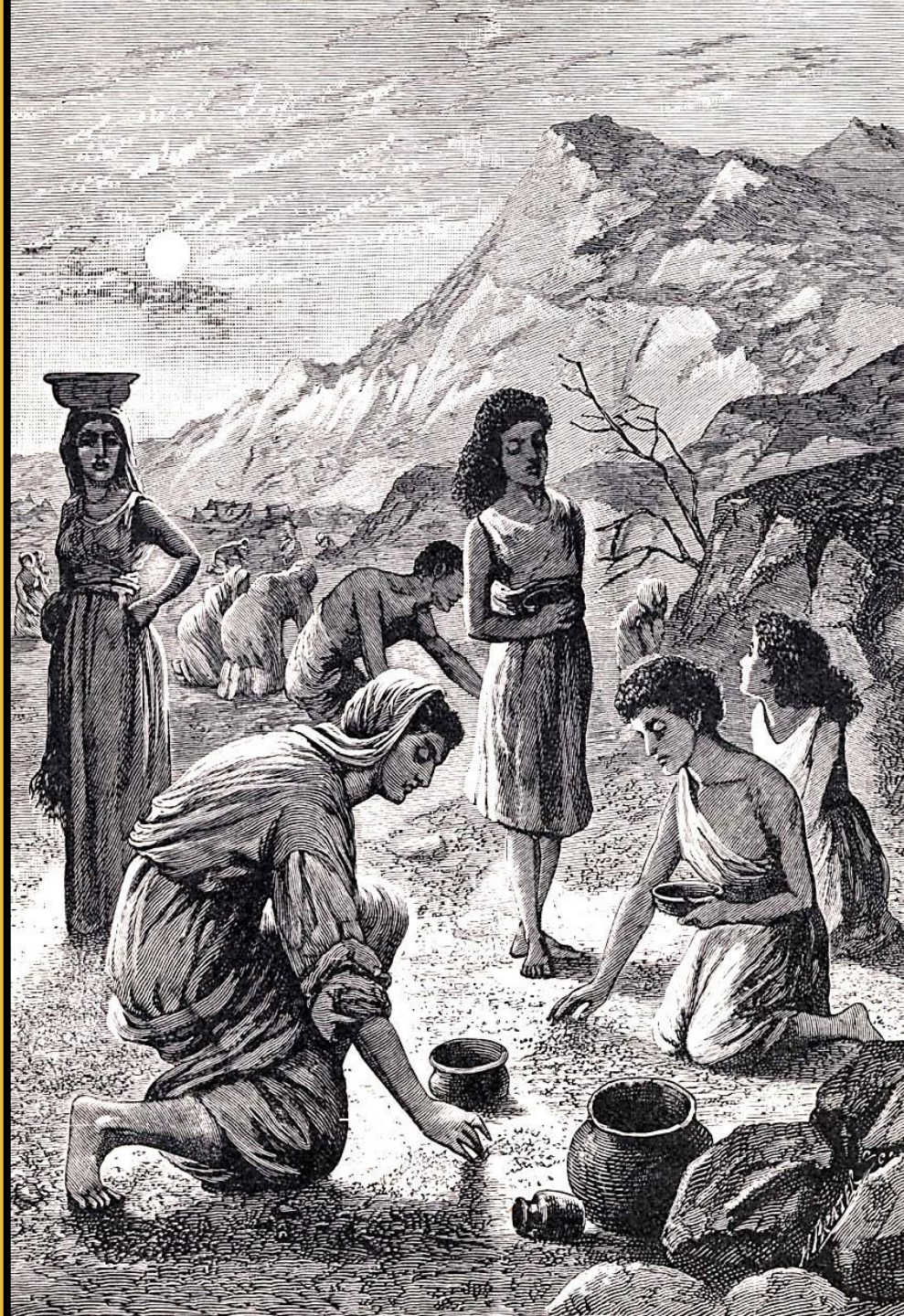
Numbers 11

“⁴And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? ⁵We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: ⁶But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.”



Numbers 11

“⁷And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. ⁸And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. ⁹And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. ¹⁰Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.”



Numbers 11

“¹¹And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? ¹²Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?”



Numbers 11

“¹³Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. ¹⁴I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. ¹⁵And 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 see my wretchedness.”



Numbers 11

“¹⁶And 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 tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. ¹⁷And I will come down and talk 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.”



Numbers 11

“¹⁸And 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, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. ¹⁹Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; ²⁰But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?”



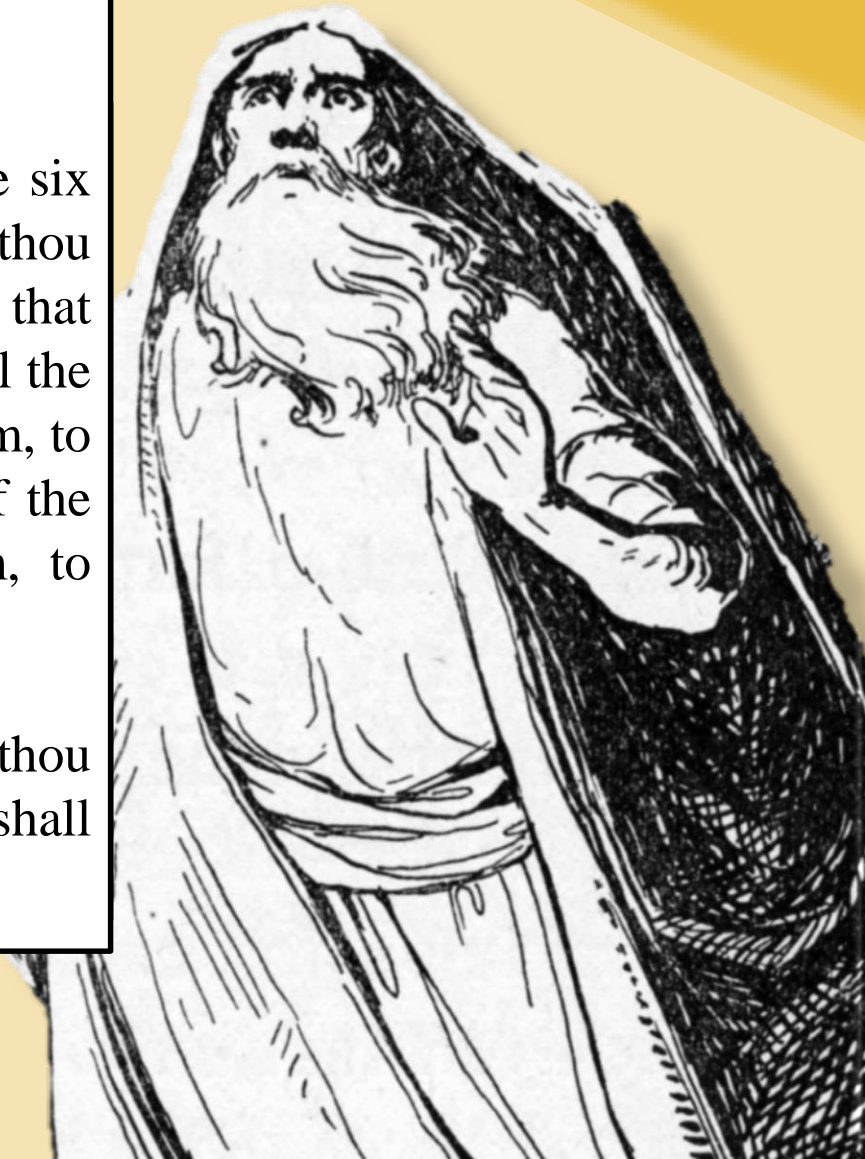
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“²¹And Moses said,

The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. ²²Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

²³And the LORD said unto Moses,

Is the LORD’S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.”



Numbers 11

“²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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.”



Numbers 11

“²⁶But 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.
²⁷And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, **Eldad and Medad** do prophesy in the camp.”



Eldad and Medad were nominated by Moses to be among the 70 elders but they didn't go to the tabernacle as the rest had done.

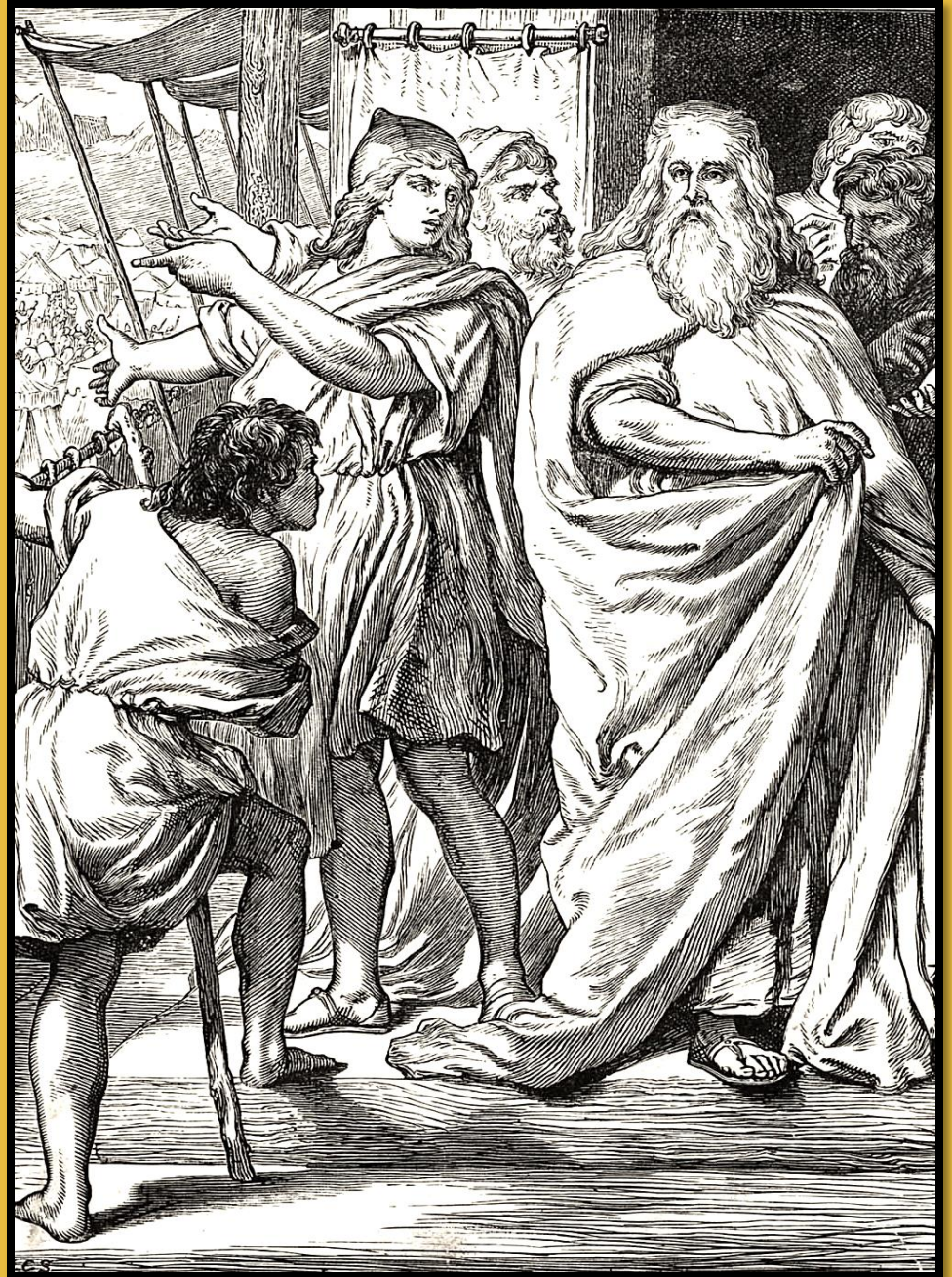
They were prophesying in the camp, possibly in a private tent, yet their gift of prophecy was from God just as all the 70 elders.

Whoever the person was that told Moses about Eldad and Medad seems to have looked upon it as irregular.

Numbers 11

“²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. ²⁹And 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! ³⁰And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.”

Joshua wanted to have Eldad and Medad silenced. It is possible that Joshua was one of the 70. Moses reproved Joshua.



Numbers 11

“³¹And 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.
³²And 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.”



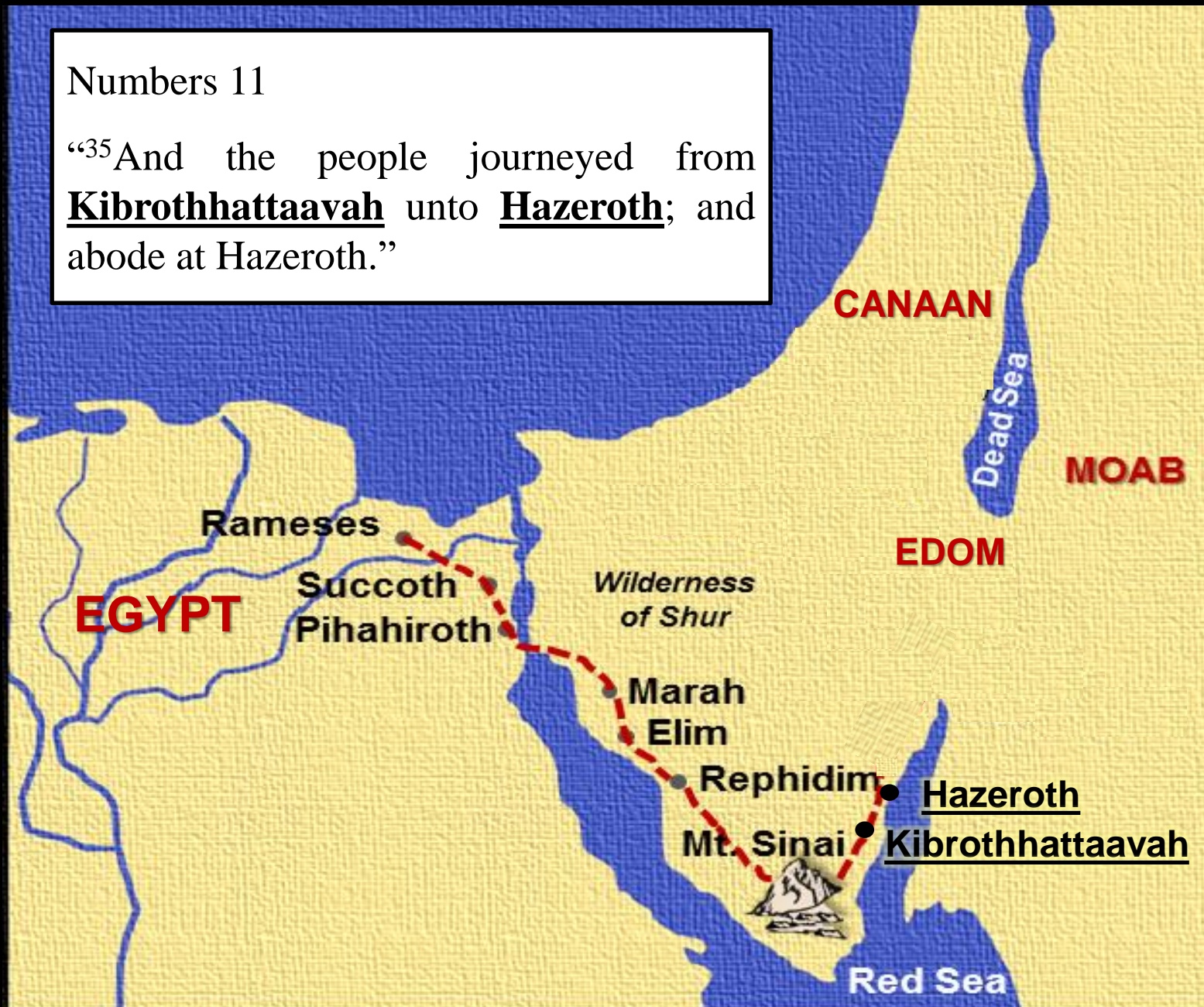


Numbers 11

“³³And 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. ³⁴And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.”

Numbers 11

“³⁵And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.”



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Chapter 12

PREVIEW SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 12

Miriam and Aaron, Moses's brother and sister, were jealous of him, and they spoke against him. It seems Miriam began the quarrel, and Aaron, not having been consulted in the choice of the 70 elders, was easily drawn in to take sides with his sister. They had two quarrels against Moses: His marriage, and his monopolizing the leadership.

Numbers 12

“¹And **Miriam and Aaron** spake against **Moses** because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.”



There is no mention here of Moses' first wife, Zipporah. It may be that she returned to Midian with her father after visiting Moses at Sinai, or she may have been among the many that had already died.





Numbers 12

“²And they said,
Hath the LORD
indeed spoken only by
Moses? hath he not
spoken also by us?

And the LORD heard it.

³(Now the man Moses was
very meek, above all the
men which were upon the
face of the earth.)”

Numbers 12

“⁴And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam,

Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation.

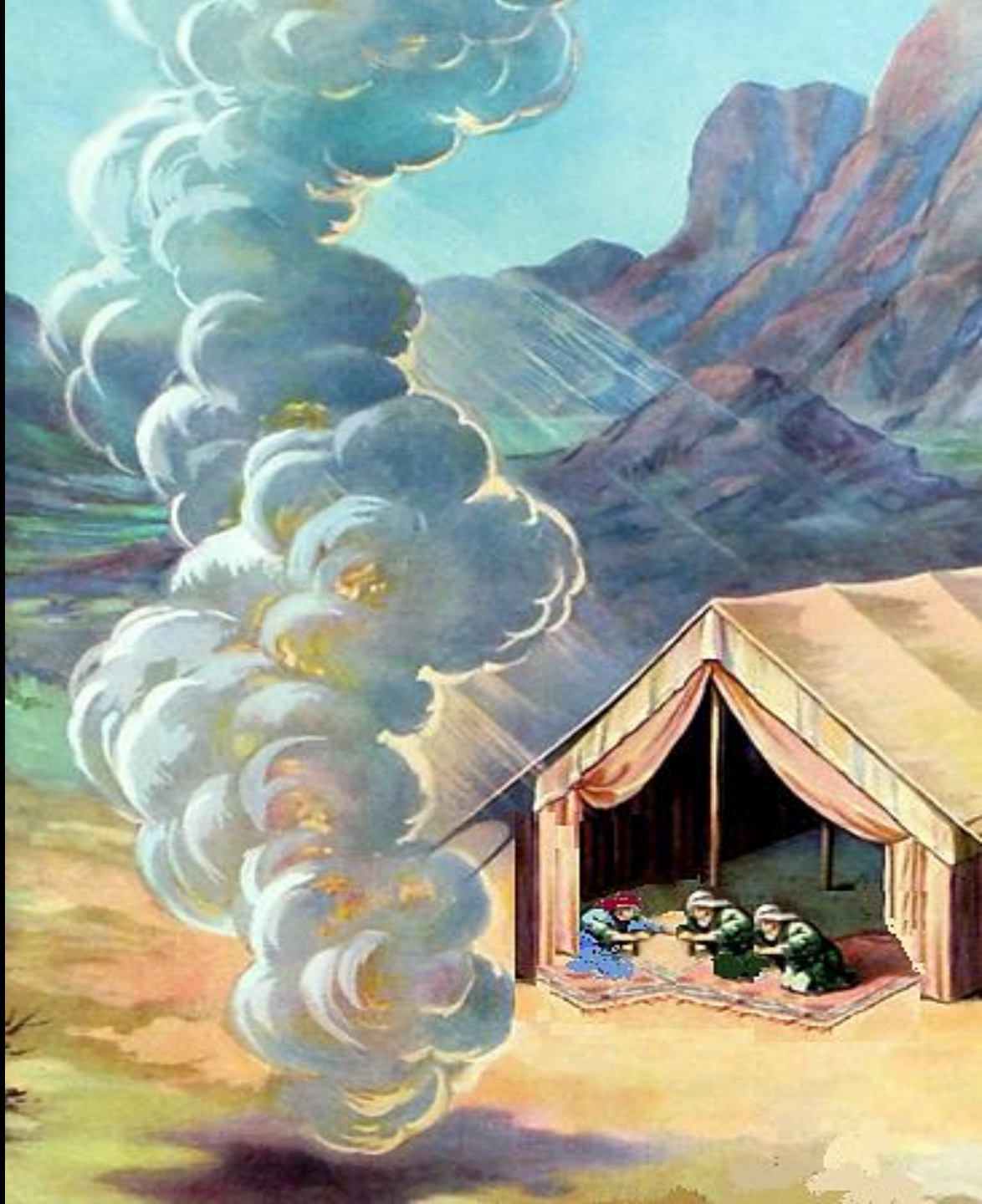
And they three came out.

⁵And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.”



Numbers 12

“⁶And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. ⁷My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. ⁸With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: **wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?**”



Numbers 12

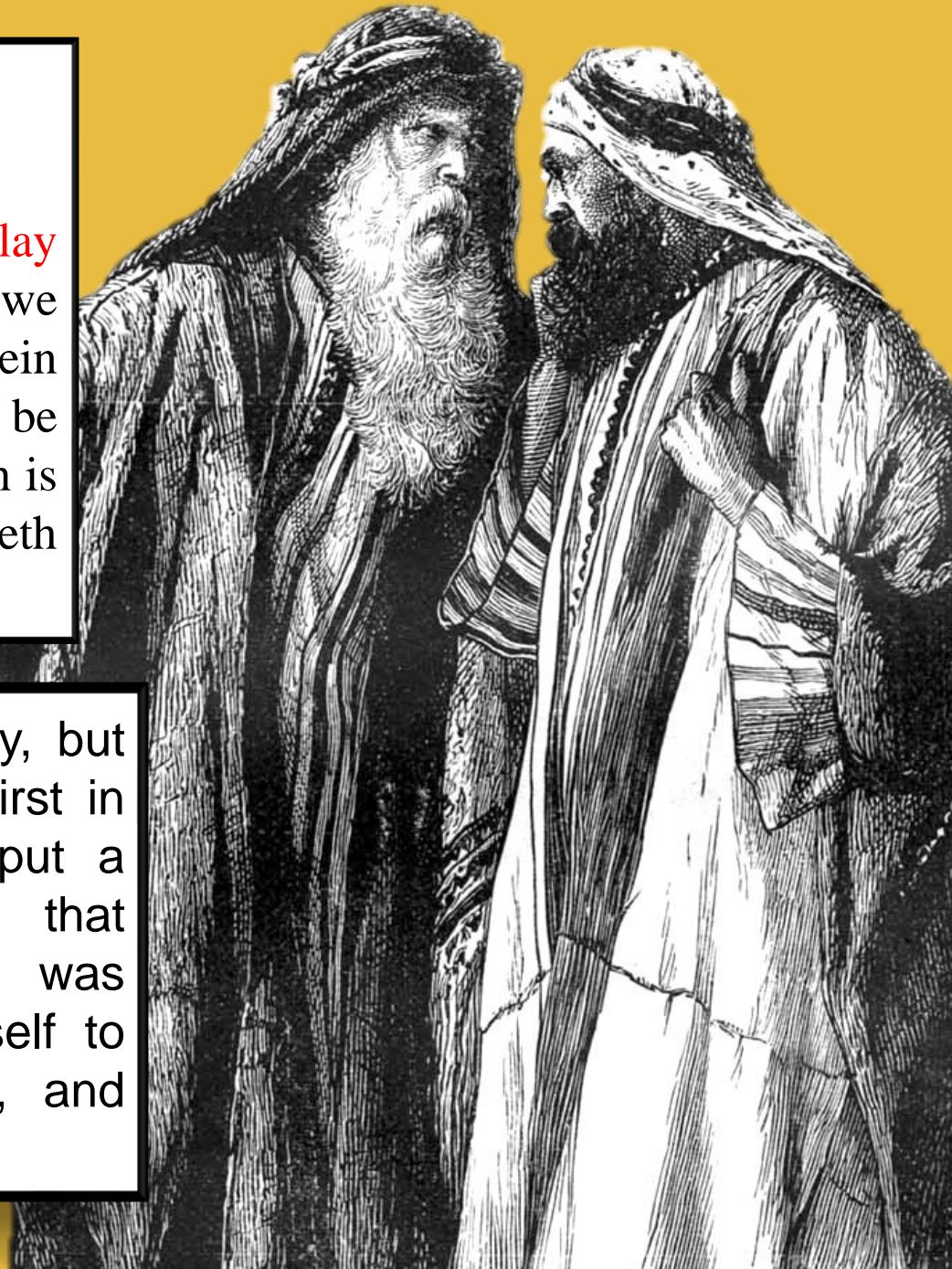
“⁹And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. ¹⁰And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, **Miriam became leprous**, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.”



Numbers 12

“¹¹And Aaron said unto Moses,
Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, **lay
not the sin upon us**, wherein we
have done foolishly, and wherein
we have sinned. ¹²Let her not be
as one dead, of whom the flesh is
half consumed when he cometh
out of his mother’s womb.”

Miriam was struck with leprosy, but not Aaron because she was first in the transgression, and God put a difference between the one that mislead and the one that was mislead. Aaron humbled himself to Moses, confessed his fault, and begged his pardon.



Numbers 12

“¹³And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. ¹⁴And the LORD said unto Moses,

If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

¹⁵And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.”



Numbers 12

“¹⁶And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.”



The city of **Kadesh-barnea** is eleven day's journey from Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai) according to Deuteronomy 1:2. Of course, Israel took much longer than the eleven days to reach there for they camped in **Kibrothhattaava** and **Hazeroth**.



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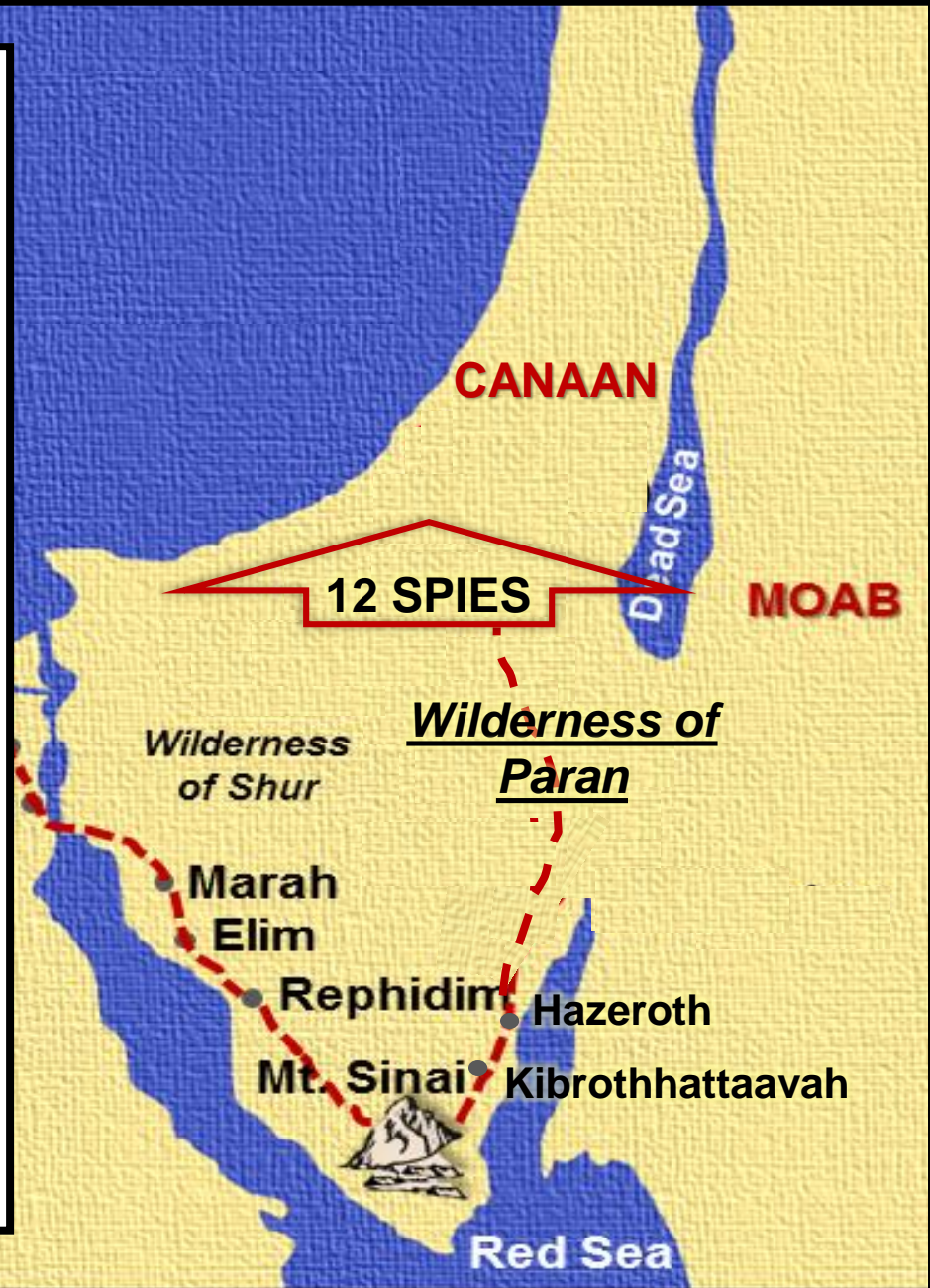
Chapter 13

Numbers 13

“¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

³And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from *the wilderness of Paran*: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.”



**The names of
the spies that
were sent and
their tribe.**

TRIBE	SPIES
Ruben	Shammua
Simeon	Shaphat
Judah	Caleb
Issachar	Igal
Ephraim	Joshua
Benjamin	Palti
Zebulun	Gaddiel
Manasseh	Gaddi
Dan	Ammiel
Asher	Sethur
Naphtali	Nahbi
Gad	Geuel

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