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In last weeks portion, we saw how when the cloud (YHWH/Yeshua) moved all of Israel physically followed, tribe by tribe, **Num 10:35-36** *When the ark moved forward, Moshe said, "Arise, YHWH! May your enemies be scattered! Let those who hate you flee before you!" When it stopped, he said, "Return, YHWH of the many, many thousands of Isra'el!"* But as we are about to read, Israel even though followed physically, they did not follow spiritually, when YHWH wanted to communicate with them, they refused, and wanted Moses to be the mediator between them...

Exo 20:18-21 (20:15-18) *All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled. Standing at a distance, they said to Moshe, "You, speak with us; and we will listen. But don't let Elohim speak with us, or we will die." Moshe answered the people, "Don't be afraid, because Elohim has come only to test you and make you fear him, so that you won't commit sins." So the people stood at a distance, but Moshe approached the thick darkness where Elohim was.*

If they would have accepted, there would have been an outpouring of the Ruach on the spot, he would have communicated with the people through the Ruach Ha Kodesh, but because of this rejection, we don't see an outpouring of the Ruach on Elohim's people until **Acts 2**. So now Israel is following the cloud (Spirit) outwardly but not inwardly. Tonight's recurring theme is Flesh vs Spirit...

Num 11:1-9 *But the people began complaining about their hardships to YHWH. When YHWH heard it, his anger flared up, so that fire from YHWH broke out against them and consumed the outskirts of the camp. Then the people cried to Moshe, Moshe prayed to YHWH, and the fire abated. That place was called Tav`erah [burning] because YHWH's fire broke out against them. Next, the mixed crowd that was with them grew greedy for an easier life; while the people of Isra'el, for their part, also renewed their weeping and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt — it cost us nothing! — and the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, the garlic! But now we're withering away, we have nothing to look at but this manna." The manna, by the way, was like coriander seed and white like gum resin. The people would go around gathering it and would grind it up in mills or pound it to paste with mortar and pestle. Then they would cook it in pots and make it into loaves that tasted like cakes baked with olive oil. When the dew settled on the camp during the night, the man came with it.*

- This is actually the **fifth** time that they complained since they left Egypt...

1. Did you bring us into the desert to die at the hand of the Egyptians by the sea **Exo 14:11-12**
2. We only have bitter water **Exo 15:23**
3. We're going to die of Starvation **Exo 16:3**
4. We're going to die of thirst **Exo 17:2**

And every time YHWH listened and saved them from their distress...

1. He protected Israel with fire, He split the sea and destroyed the Egyptians **Exo 14:20-21**
2. He made the water sweet **Exo 15:25**
3. He sent Bread from Heaven **Exo 16:4**
4. He sent a Rock that followed them (Yeshua) and gave them water **Exo 17:6**

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So why this time is he angry with them, and actually ends up destroying some of them? I found possible two reasons why this time and not the last four times... The first four times were in the first year before the giving of the Torah, Now we are in the second year (**Num 10:11**) and the Torah has been given, I think some maturity is expected by now. Also the other complaints are actually concerns for necessity; this instance was a greedy lust for meat and an attack on the manna provided.

Yeshua has a lot to say about the manna that **YHWH** provided them...

John 6:32-35 *Yeshua said to them, "Yes, indeed! I tell you it wasn't Moshe who gave you the bread from heaven. But my Father is giving you the genuine bread from heaven; for Elohim's bread is the one who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread from now on." Yeshua answered, "I am the bread which is life! Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty. **v48-51** I am the bread which is life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert; they died. But the bread that comes down from heaven is such that a person may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that I will give is my own flesh; and I will give it for the life of the world."*

Also the word used for "meat" in Hebrew is **בֶּשֶׂר** Bawsar which also means "flesh". The flesh is the opposite of the spirit, so because they rejected the spirit, they didn't want the manna or "living bread" and instead wanted to seek flesh.

John 3:6 *What is born from the flesh is flesh, and what is born from the Spirit is spirit.*

John 6:63 *It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh is no help. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life,*

Rom 8:5-8 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards Elohim; for it is not subject to Elohim's law, neither indeed can it be. Those who are in the flesh can't please Elohim.*

- **v1 & 2** So because of sin the camp is surrounded by fire, in the future the camp is not at fault and is surrounded by the enemy and fire consumes them...

Rev 20:9 *and they came up over the breadth of the Land and surrounded the camp of Elohim's people and the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them.*

- **v6** So they had free fish and veggies in Egypt, also with that came free bondage! Egypt one of the "Beasts" in scripture, used **fear** and the promise of "security" to control the people, free or cheap food, but attached to that was great bondage both physical and spiritual. Today the world system or the "Beast" uses the same tactic, FEAR! Give up your freedoms to have food on the table, gas in your tank, fill in the blank _____ etc... Or as it says in **Revelation...**

Rev 13:16-18 *Also it (the Beast) forces everyone — great and small, rich and poor, free and slave — to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead preventing anyone from buying or selling unless he has the*

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mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This is where wisdom is needed; those who understand should count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person, and its number is 666

The Israelites got dependant on the security that the “Beast” Egypt provided, and made the same demands of Moses “*Feed us, feed us*” & “*Why did we ever leave Egypt?*” (**v20**) despite have ample supply of cattle and livestock...

Exo 12:37-38 *The people of Isra'el traveled from Ra`amses to Sukkot, some six hundred thousand men on foot, not counting children. A mixed crowd also went up with them, as well as livestock in large numbers, both flocks and herds.*

They were greedy and wanted someone else to provide security without using their own resources. Now back to the Parsha...

Num 11:10-29 *Moshe heard the people crying, family after family, each person at the entrance to his tent; the anger of YHWH flared up violently; and Moshe too was displeased. Moshe asked YHWH, "Why are you treating your servant so badly? Why haven't I found favor in your sight, so that you put the burden of this entire people on me? Did I conceive this people? Was I their father, so that you tell me, 'Carry them in your arms, like a nurse carrying a baby, to the land you swore to their ancestors?' Where am I going to get meat to give to this entire people? — because they keep bothering me with their crying and saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' I can't carry this entire people by myself alone — it's too much for me! If you are going to treat me this way, then just kill me outright! — please, if you have any mercy toward me! — and don't let me go on being this miserable!" YHWH said to Moshe, "Bring me seventy of the leaders of Isra'el, people you recognize as leaders of the people and officers of theirs. Bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the Spirit which rests on you and put it on them. Then they will carry the burden of the people along with you, so that you won't carry it yourself alone." Tell the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you will eat meat; because you cried in the ears of YHWH, "If only we had meat to eat! We had the good life in Egypt!" All right, YHWH is going to give you meat, and you will eat it. You won't eat it just one day, or two days, or five, or ten, or twenty days, but a whole month! — until it comes out of your nose and you hate it! — because you have rejected YHWH, who is here with you, and distressed him with your crying and asking, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" ' ' But Moshe said, "Here I am with six hundred thousand men on foot, and yet you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!' If whole flocks and herds were slaughtered for them, would it be enough? If all the fish in the sea were collected for them, would even that be enough?" YHWH answered Moshe, "Has YHWH 's arm grown short? Now you will see whether what I said will happen or not!" Moshe went out and told the people what YHWH had said. Then he collected seventy of the leaders of the people and placed them all around the tent. YHWH came down in the cloud, spoke to him, took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy leaders. When the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied — then but not afterwards. There were two men who stayed in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad, and the Spirit came to rest on them. They were among those listed to go out to the tent, but they hadn't done so, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moshe, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" Y'hoshua, the son of Nun, who from his youth up had been Moshe's assistant, answered, "My lord, Moshe, stop them!" But Moshe replied, "Are you so zealous to protect me? I wish all of YHWH's people were prophets! I wish YHWH's would put his Spirit on all of them!"*

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So back to the original concept of the rejection of the Ruach by the people of Israel in **Exo 20**. There are some excellent concepts here...

Why was Torah and the Ruach Ha Kodesh (The Holy Spirit) given on the same day (Shavuot)? Because having the Ruach speak to your heart, is the same as Elohim's own instruction (The Torah) on your heart, this is the "New Covenant" promise...

Jer 31:31-35 (31:30-34) "Here, the days are coming," says YHWH, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says YHWH. "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says YHWH: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their Elohim, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know YHWH'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more." This is what YHWH says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — YHWH-Tzva'ot is his name: (See also Heb 8)

Elohim's original intention was to speak directly to the people, aka Israel having the Ruach on their hearts! Moses also wanted this as he did not enjoy being the "mediator" nor was that YHWH's intention, if they would have accepted YHWH speaking to them in **Exo 20**, Moses' position as sole leader and mediator would have become extinct! YHWH would have poured out the Ruach on all Israel on the spot; **Acts 2** would have taken place in **Exodus 20**. Then all of the people would be leaders and prophets, that's why in **Revelation** the "Two Witnesses" which are the entire body, prophecy and do miracles...

Rev 11:3-6 "Also I will give power to my two witnesses; and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before the Lord of the earth. If anyone tries to do them harm, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies — yes, if anyone tries to harm them, that is how he must die. They have the authority to shut up the sky, so that no rain falls during the period of their prophesying; also they have the authority to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.*

Or in Jesse's translation, they will do everything that Moses and Aaron did! Also 1,260 days is 42 Months, there were 42 stops on the exodus!

***Revelation** is quoting the book of **Zechariah**...

Zec 4:2-6 and asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I've been looking at a menorah; it's all of gold, with a bowl at its top, seven lamps on it, and seven tubes leading to the lamps at its top. Next to it are two olive trees, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left." I then asked the angel speaking with me, "What are these, my Lord?" The angel speaking with me said, "Don't you know what these are?" I said, "No, my Lord." Then he answered me, "This is the word of YHWH to Z'rubavel: 'Not by force, and not by power, but by my Spirit,' says YHWH -Tzva'ot.

v11-14 I replied by asking him, "What are those two olive trees on the right and left sides of the menorah?"

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Then I asked the question again: "What are those two olive branches discharging gold [-colored oil] through the two gold spouts?" He replied, "Don't you know what they are?" I answered, "No, my Lord." He said, "Those are the two who have been anointed with oil; they are standing with the Lord of all the land."*

Maddeningly the question is still not answered, but Paul answers it much later in **Romans 11:17-27** These "Two Witnesses" or "Two Branches" are the "**Wild Branch**" or the **Gentiles** being grafted into Israel and the "**Natural Branch**" or the **Jews**. He poured out His Spirit so that Jew and Gentile could be ONE BODY IN MESSIAH, performing great miracles together in the end times! Or as Paul puts it ...

Gal 3:28 *there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one.*

The only difference between us today, and the Israelites in the Exodus is this, we have the benefit of being alive post Yeshua's sacrifice, because He died on the tree for us, it enabled us to accept what we had rejected in the desert, the Ruach...

Acts 1:3-8 *After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of Elohim. At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to "wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me." For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!" When they were together, they asked him, "Master, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?" He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority. But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!" (Then in **Acts 2** this happens on Shavuot)*

It was by **YHWH** and Yeshua's love that He made this sacrifice (**John 3:16**) And the two people that prophesied Eldad and Medad, both have that in their names...

- Eldad אֵלְדָד "El has loved"
- Medad מֵיָדָד "loving; affectionate"

Now Yeshua's death given to us through His love, enabled the Ruach to be on the people, what did they do? They prophesied! Because the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy...

Rev 19:10 *I fell at his feet to worship him; but he said, "Don't do that! I'm only a fellow-servant with you and your brothers who have the testimony of Yeshua. Worship Elohim! For the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of prophecy."*

This enables the building of the Body/Assembly of Messiah, the restoration of Israel with Messiah at it's head! **1Cor 14:3-5** *But someone prophesying is speaking to people, edifying, encouraging and comforting them. A person speaking in a tongue does edify himself, but a person prophesying edifies the congregation, but even more I wish you would all prophesy (Moses said the same **Num 11:29**). The*

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person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless someone gives an interpretation, so that the congregation can be edified.

Now back to the Parsha...

Num 11:30-35 Moshe and the leaders of Isra'el went back into the camp; and **YHWH** sent out a wind which brought quails from across the sea and let them fall near the camp, about a day's trip away on each side of the camp and all around it, covering the ground to a depth of three feet. The people stayed up all that day, all night and all the next day gathering the quails — the person gathering the least collected ten heaps; then they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. But while the meat was still in their mouth, before they had chewed it up, the anger of **YHWH** flared up against the people, and **YHWH** struck the people with a terrible plague. Therefore that place was named Kivrot-HaTa'avah [which means graves of greed], because there they buried the people who were so greedy. From Kivrot-HaTa'avah the people traveled to Hazerot, and they stayed at Hazerot.

The manna was enough! They greedily lusted for more, Elohim provided every need yet they were not content!

Pro 30:8 keep falsehood and futility far from me, and give me neither poverty nor wealth. Yes, provide just the food I need today;

2Cor 9:8 Moreover, Elohim has the power to provide you with every gracious gift in abundance, so that always in every way you will have all you need yourselves and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause

Scripture gives many “recaps” on what happened during the exodus, please read **Psalms 106**, and **Psalms 78:17-72**. Greed for worldly things...

Psa 10:3 For the wicked boasts about his lusts; he blesses greed and despises **YHWH**.

Psa 106:14 In the desert they gave way to insatiable greed; in the wastelands they put El to the test.

Pro 28:16 A prince without discernment is a cruel oppressor, but one who hates greed will prolong his life.

Mark 7:20-23 "It is what comes out of a person," he went on, "that makes him unclean. For from within, out of a person's heart, come forth wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, arrogance, foolishness.... All these wicked things come from within, and they make a person unclean."

Col 3:5 Therefore, put to death the earthly parts of your nature — sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed (which is a form of idolatry);

Haf Torah

Jdg 6:1-16 But the people of Isra'el did what was evil from **YHWH**'s perspective, so **YHWH** handed them over to Midyan for seven years. Midyan exercised its power harshly against Isra'el, and because of Midyan the people of Isra'el hid themselves in mountains, in caves and in other safe places. One time, after Isra'el's sowing season, Midyan, with `Amalek and others from the east, attacked them. They set up camp by them

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*and destroyed the produce of the country all the way to `Azah; they left nothing for people to live on, no sheep, no oxen, no donkeys. For they came up with their cattle and tents, and they came in as thick as locusts; both they and their camels were beyond numbering, and they came into the land to destroy it. Isra'el became very discouraged because of Midyan, and the people of Isra'el cried out to **YHWH**. When the people of Isra'el cried out to **YHWH** because of Midyan, **YHWH** sent a prophet to the people of Isra'el, who said to them: " **YHWH** the Elohim of Isra'el says, 'I brought you up from Egypt, out of a life of slavery. I delivered you from the power of the Egyptians and from the power of all your oppressors. I drove them out ahead of you and gave you their land. And I said to you: "I am **YHWH** your Elohim; you are not to be afraid of the gods of the Emori in whose land you are living." But you paid no attention to what I said!' " Then the angel of **YHWH** came and sat under the pistachio tree in `Ofrah that belonged to Yo'ash the Avi`ezri. His son Gid`on was threshing wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from Midyan. The angel of **YHWH** appeared to him and said to him: "You valiant hero! **YHWH** is with you!" "Excuse me, sir," answered Gid`on, "but if **YHWH** is with us, then why is all this happening to us? And where are all his miracles our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Didn't **YHWH** bring us up from Egypt?' For now **YHWH** has abandoned us and handed us over to Midyan." **YHWH** turned to him and said, "Go in this strength of yours and save Isra'el from the hands of Midyan. Haven't I sent you?" But Gid`on answered him, "Forgive me, my Lord, but with what am I to save Isra'el? Why, my family is the poorest in M'nasheh, and I'm the youngest person in my father's house!" **YHWH** said to him, "Because I will be with you, you will strike down Midyan as easily as if they were just one man."*

Brit Chadesha

Mat 6:25-30 *"Therefore, I tell you, don't worry about your life — what you will eat or drink; or about your body — what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds flying about! They neither plant nor harvest, nor do they gather food into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they are? Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to his life? "And why be anxious about clothing? Think about the fields of wild irises, and how they grow. They neither work nor spin thread, yet I tell you that not even Shlomo in all his glory was clothed as beautifully as one of these. If this is how Elohim clothes grass in the field — which is here today and gone tomorrow, thrown in an oven — won't he much more clothe you? What little trust you have!*