

Chapter 6

Are We There Yet?



“...on the 12th day of the second month of the second year...”

Numbers 10:11

“....now the people complained about their hardships”.

Numbers 11:1



“At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.



**They gave Moses this account:
"We went into the land to which
you sent us, and it does flow with
milk and honey! Here is its fruit.
But the people who live there are
powerful and the cities are
fortified and very large. We even
saw descendants of Anak there."
Numbers 13:25-28**



“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it. But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” Numbers 13:30-31



“We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” Numbers 13:33

“Then the entire congregation raised a large cry and the people wept that night.” Numbers 14:1



All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!" Numbers 14:2.



“Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” Numbers 14:3-4



“Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly,



"The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us."

Numbers 14:5-8



**“But the whole assembly talked
about stoning them.”
Numbers 14:10**



The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?"



**I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."
Numbers 14:11-12**



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**The LORD replied, "I have
forgiven them, as you asked."
Numbers 14:20-21**



“The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say:



In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me.



Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.” Numbers 14:26-30



“As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. But you—your bodies will fall in this desert. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years,



**suffering for your unfaithfulness,
until the last of your bodies lies in
the desert.” Numbers 14:31-33**



Why did God do this?

Those who choose murmuring as their lifestyle will spend their lifetime in the wilderness.



Why did God do this?

1. We chose our Attitudes and the Israelites chose to Complain.

“And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes.....”

Numbers 11:1



Why did God do this?

2. GOD HEARS OUR COMPLAINTS.

“And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes..... ”

Numbers 11:1



Why did God do this?

God does not want to hear his children complaining about their lot in life.



Why did God do this?

3. GOD HEARS OUR COMPLAINING.

“Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused.”

Numbers 11:1



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