**DTB Highlights Numbers Pt 1 Moses**  © 2017 WF Cobb Truthbase.net  ***DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

*See Truthbase.net for Numbers Themes “Getting Egypt of of Israel” (spend some time meditating on the stmts from that sermon listed below.)*

a.God’s has a promised purpose and plan to bless us. We miss it and wander in the wilderness when we disbelieve and disobey.

b. Divinely directed difficulties are the doorway to the blessings of victory when we face them in faithful obedience to God’s will.

c. We can fulfill our responsibilities, believing that God’s way is best, and win, or we can blame God/others/circumstances for trials and lose.

d. God requires precise obedience; those who rebel against His authority and provision will suffer irreversible consequences.

e. God trains those He’ll bless by teaching them the discipline of daily dependence leading to contentment, eventual conquest, and joy.

**I. For NT believers** 1Cor 10:1 all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed thru sea, 2 all were baptized 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 all drank...spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not desire/lust after **evil things** as they....7 do not become idolaters as some...8 Nor commit sexual immorality as some...in one day 23k fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as...destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as...destroyed by the destroyer. 11 all these things happened to them as examples and written for our admonition 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation....common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. 22 provoke the Lord to jealousy? stronger than He? 24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

Rm 15:2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. 3 For even Christ did not please Himself...4 written for our learning, that we thru the endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be like-minded toward one another, acc to Christ Jesus, 6 that may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God...

*Unsanctified believers focus on their temporal needs (power:security/significance; pleasure/comfort; possessions) rather than eternal.*

*Rebellion against God's authorities (praise good/punish evil) and agents (Neb) is really rebellion cx God, and a failure of faith-fulness*

**II. Moses: Mighty and Meek and Mad**

Heb 11:24 Moses refused...25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of the Messiah *Acts 7:25* greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. *Cf Ex 34 show me your glory*

Moses gains encouraging perspectives on his problems by remembering God's purposes, and seeing the Person/glory of God. *Ex 34*

Num 11:1 people complained, it displeased the LORD..heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some...2 Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched.

4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? 5 We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

10 Then Moses heard the people weeping...anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. 11 "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?

13 Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now --- if I have found favor in Your sight --- and do not let me see my wretchedness!" 33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

12:1 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. 2 "Has the LORD indeed spoken only thru Moses? Has He not spoken thru us also?" And the LORD heard it...leprosy

3 (Moses was very humble, more than all men on the face of the earth.) 8 Why not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

**III. Kadesh-Barnea** 14:2 all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." 8 If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." 10 all said to stone them...glory

11 How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs...12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." 13 “Then the Egyptians will hear...

16 'Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.' 17 And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 18 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in hesed, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity...

19 Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your hesed, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." 20 Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, acc to your word; 21 but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD ---22 because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, 23 they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

24 But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land...inherit it. 27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints cx Me. 28 Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:

29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness twenty years old and above 30 Except for Caleb and Joshua, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. 31 But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. 33 And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

34 you shall know My rejection. 35 I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.' " 36 made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, 37 those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD. 40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!" 41 And Moses said, "Now why do you transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed. 42 Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD is not among you. 43 because you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you." 44 But they presumed

**IV. Sin** 15:30 person who does anything presumptuously, brings reproach on LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.

31 'Cs he has despised the word of LORD, broken His commandment000shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.' "

16:1 Now Korah...250 leaders 3 gathered together cx Moses & Aaron, “You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" 4 So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; 30 if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit...understand that these men have rejected the LORD."

41 the next day all the congregation complained cx Moses & Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD." 42 the glory of the LORD appeared. 45 "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces. 46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun." ~15k killed

17:10 "Bring Aaron's rod...Testimony, to be kept as a sign cx the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die

20:2 Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together cx Moses and Aaron. 3 And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! 4 Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink."

6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them. 7Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." 9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank. 12 "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

Ps 106:32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses (suffered *HCSB*) on account of them; 33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly/unadvisedly *KJV* with his lips.

**V. Dumber than a Donkey** 23:16 LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth: "Go back to Balak...19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? 20 I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it 26 Did I not tell you 'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?" 24:3 oracle..utterance of the man whose eyes are opened, 4 who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open: 9 "Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you." 31:16 Rev 2:14

33:51 crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 drive out all the inhabitants..destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; 55 if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. 56 Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.' "

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

**1.** What were some of the evil things that the Israelites desired? Aren't those legitimate needs (ie, water, food, safety, etc)? What's wrong?

2. Why are we tempted to complain, grumble, rebel and despise God, His Word/promises, and servants? What is our focus? Why?

3. How can people experience God’s deliverance and provision, yet still rebel against Him by being discontent and disobedient?

4. Why do we tend to blame and grumble against others when the problem is really our own carnal cravings? What’s the solution?

5. What do you learn from Moses not being allowed to go into the promised land after all he had been thru? How is God glorified?