

Challenge of Dissatisfaction Numbers 10:11-12:16

I. Divine Leadership - 10:11-36

1. Journey under God's leadership – 11-28
 - God's cloud begins to move northward - 11-13
 - God's cloud stopped for rest at Paran – 12
 - God led by the hand of Moses - 13
 - Tribes of Israel follow in orderly march - 14-28
 - Judah's Division with Issachar & Zebulun - 14-16
 - Levites: Gershon & Merari with Tabernacle parts 10:17
 - Reuben's Division with Simeon & Gad - 18-20
 - Levites: Kohath with their part of Tabernacle - 21
 - Ephraim's Division with Manasseh & Benjamin – 10:22-24
 - Dan's Division with Asher & Naphtali - 25-27
2. Moses' father-in-law invited to go - 29-32
 - Join with us under God's blessing – 29
 - He declines and wants to go back home – 30
 - Moses urges him to go with them – 31-32
 - You know the area and can be a help to us
 - You can enjoy God's goodness with us
3. Ark leads & Cloud is over them - 33-34
 - Lord provided rest along the way - 33
4. Moses praises God for leadership – 35-36

II. Dissatisfied Followers - 11:1-9

1. Journey is difficult, people complain - 1-3
 - God sent fire as judgment upon the people
 - Moses interceded and God held back the fire
2. People complained about the food - 4-9
 - There was a "mixed multitude among them
 - They longed for the food they had in Egypt
 - Complained about the manna God provided
 - God's food provided perfect nourishment
 - It was easy to prepare
 - It tasted good
 - It was very accessible - fresh every day

III. Discouraged Leader - 11:10-35

1. Moses vents frustration on God - 10-15
 - Why have you burdened me with leadership?
 - Where can I get meat to satisfy the people?
 - Why not just kill me & end my misery?
2. God makes a gracious provision - 16-32
 - 70 elders to share leadership burden – 16-17
 - God promises meat for one month - 18-20
 - Moses questions this promise - 21-23
 - 70 elders empowered by God - 24-30
 - God sent quail as promised - 31-32
3. God judged for lust & discontent - 33-35

IV. Dissatisfied Co-workers - 12:1-16

1. Discontent spread to Moses family – 1-2
 - Miriam & Aaron challenge Moses' leadership
 - Use his choice of a wife as reason for challenge
2. God defends Moses as meek -3-9
 - He is not self-seeking
 - Consider Moses' response to Joshua Numbers 11:27-29
 - God has right to choose His spokesman - 12:6-8
3. God departed in anger - 9-12
 - God's cloud departed from the tabernacle – 10
 - Miriam is judged with leprosy – 10
 - Aaron confessed their sin to Moses – 11-12
4. Moses interceded for her before God - 13
5. God responds to Moses' prayer – 14-15
 - He will restore her completely
 - But she must suffer consequences
 - Isolated as a leper for one week
6. Miriam restored, Journey continues - 16