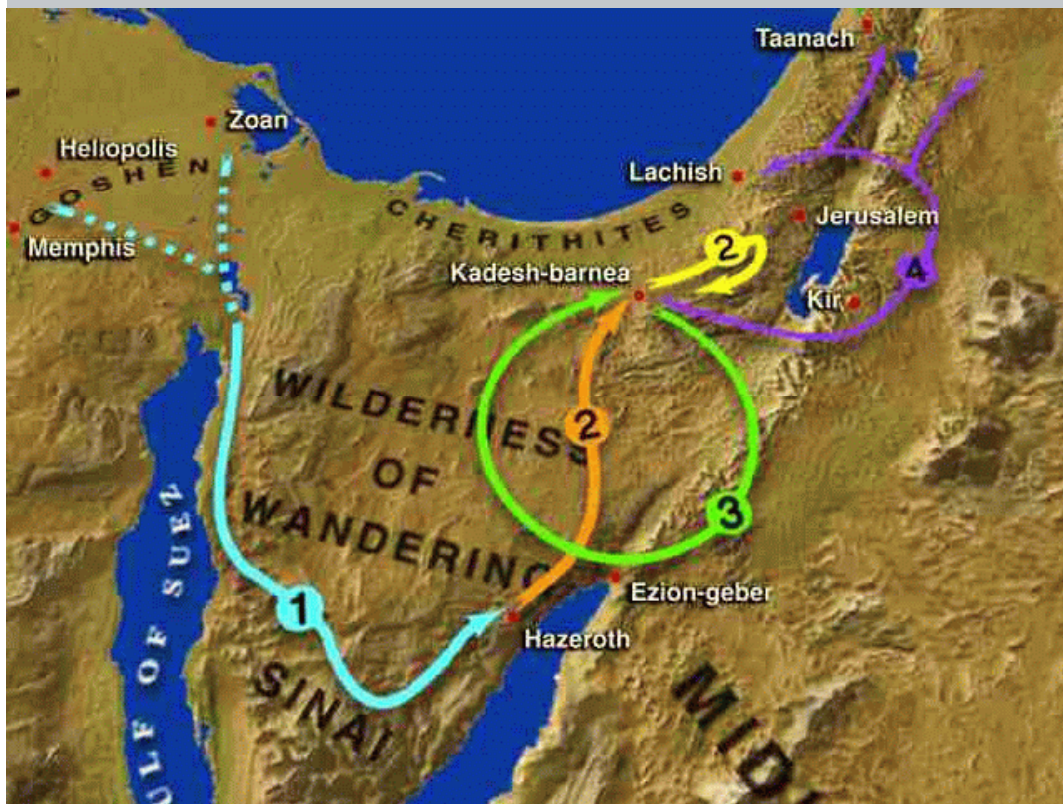
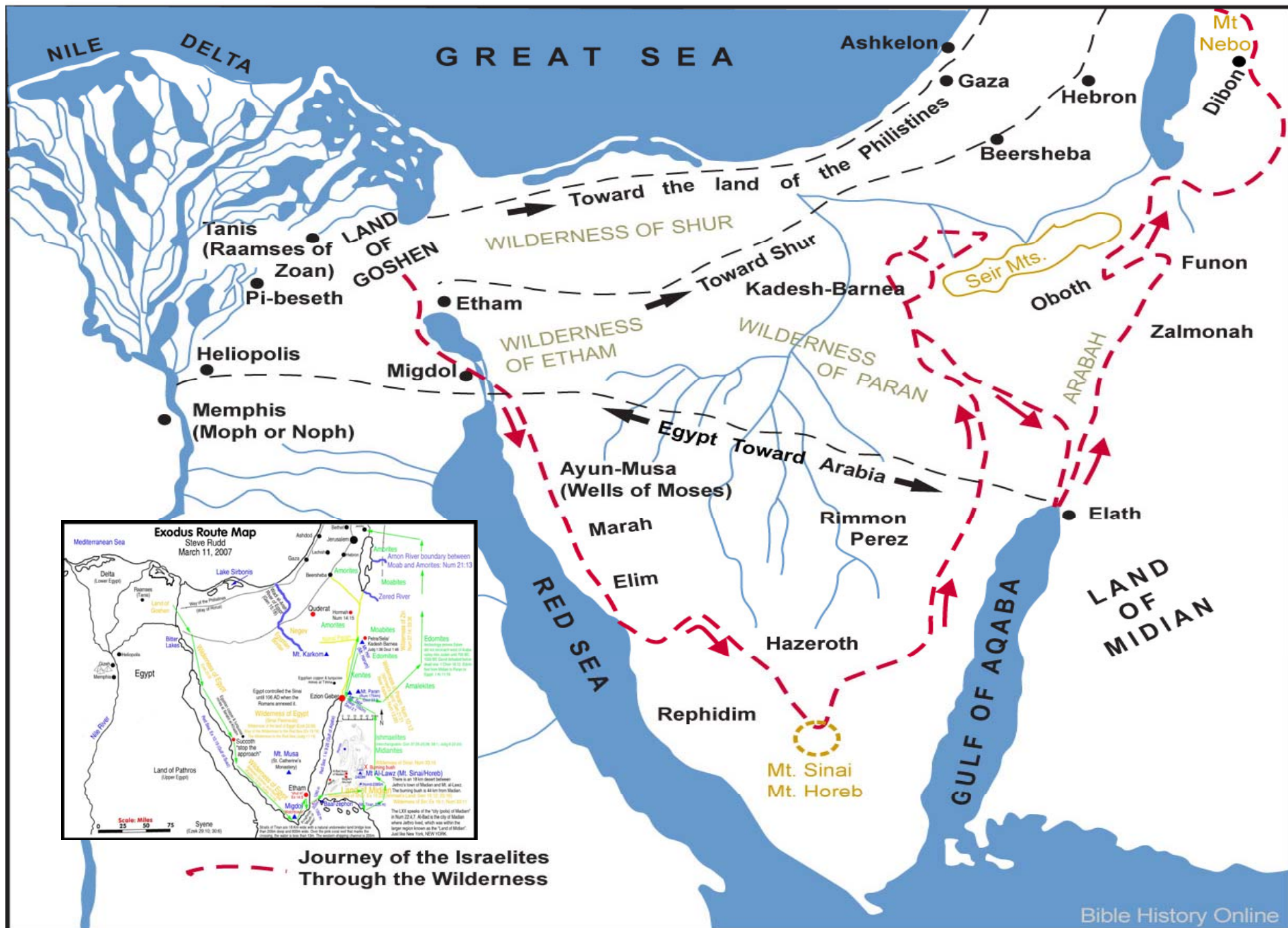


THE STORY

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ROUTE OF THE EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT



Journey of the Israelites Through the Wilderness

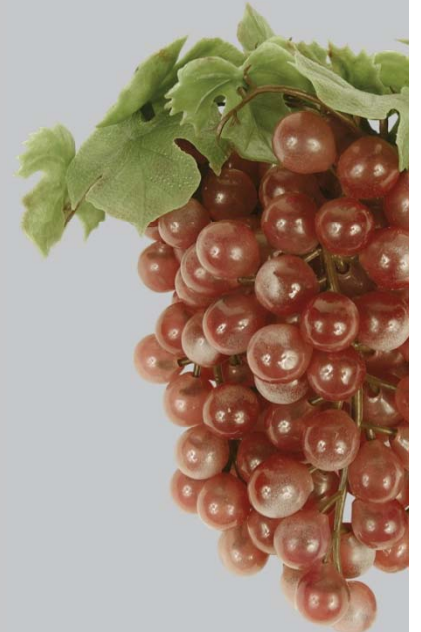


God called them to the promised land
but they refused.....

Our journey is living in the space
between where we started
and where we want to be.



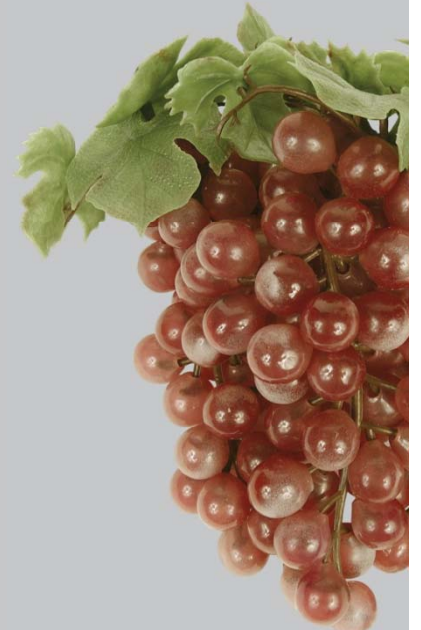
From birth to heaven has many mini journeys

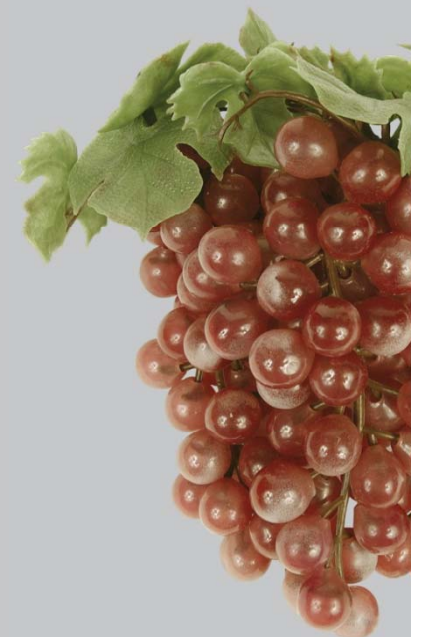
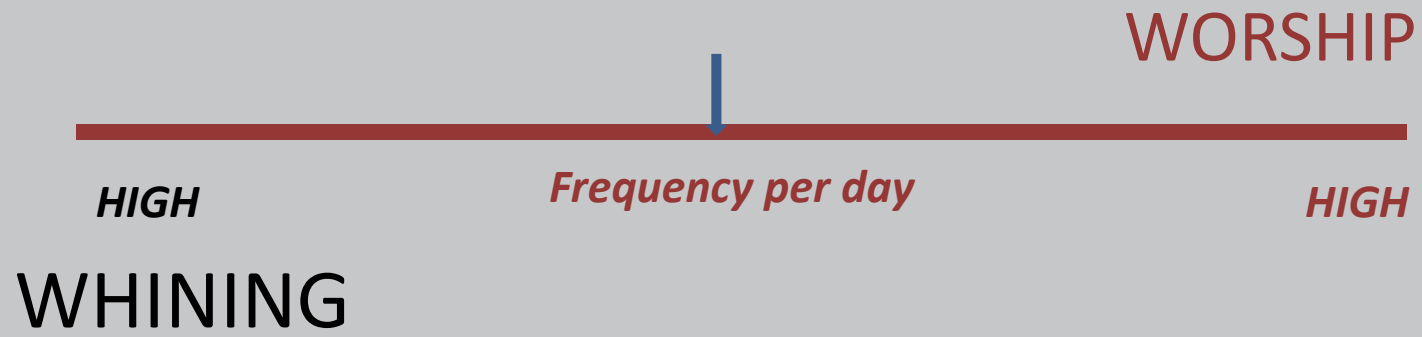


How do we live on our journey
as the people of God?

Whining?

Worshipping?





WORSHIP



HIGH

Frequency per day

HIGH

WHINING

Weather Work

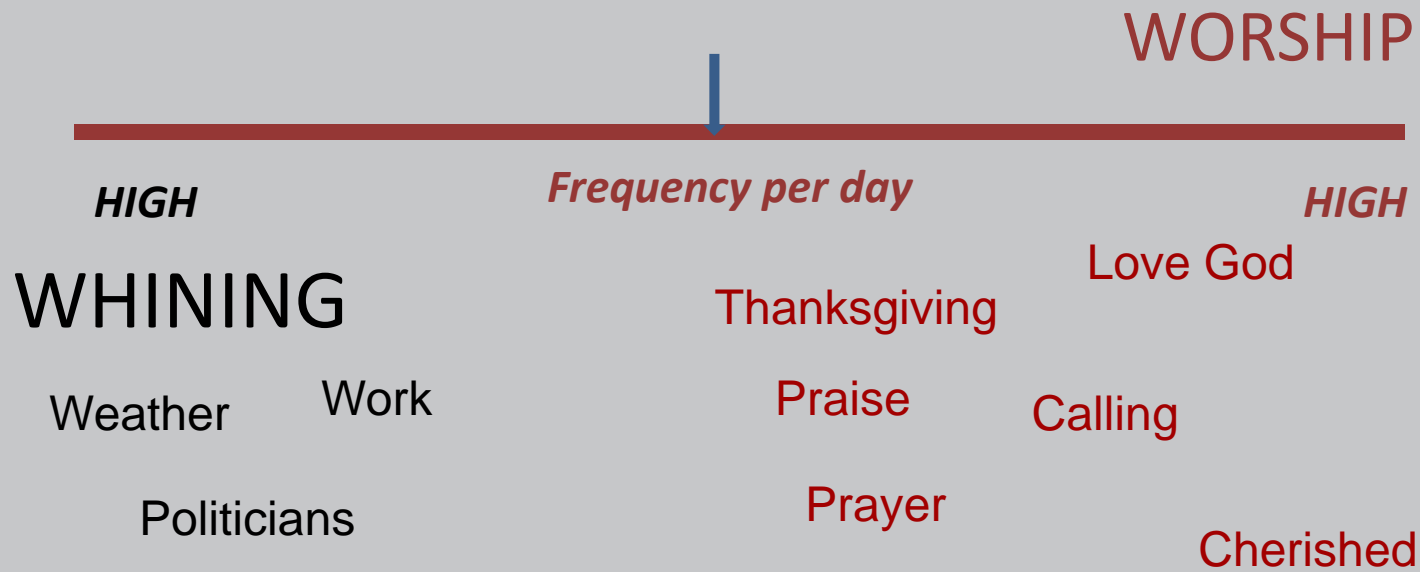
Politicians

Food

Bad plan of others

Spouse





Food
Bad plan of others
Spouse



God is more concerned
about who we are becoming
than where we are going.



Whining and complaining turns the journey into wandering



The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

Numbers 11:4-6



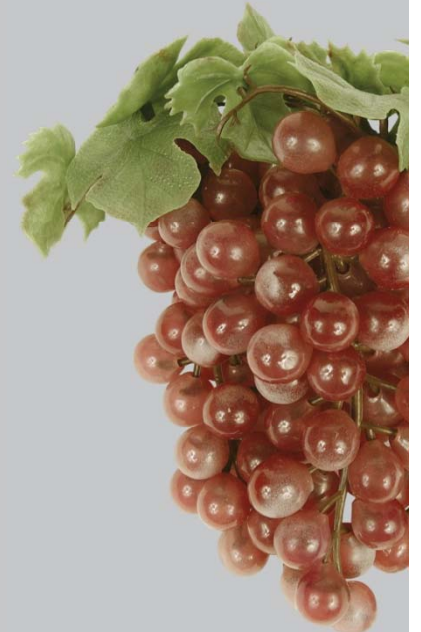
Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?”

Numbers 11:10-11



Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people?

Numbers 11:12-13a



They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

Numbers 11:13b-15



The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

Numbers 11:16-17



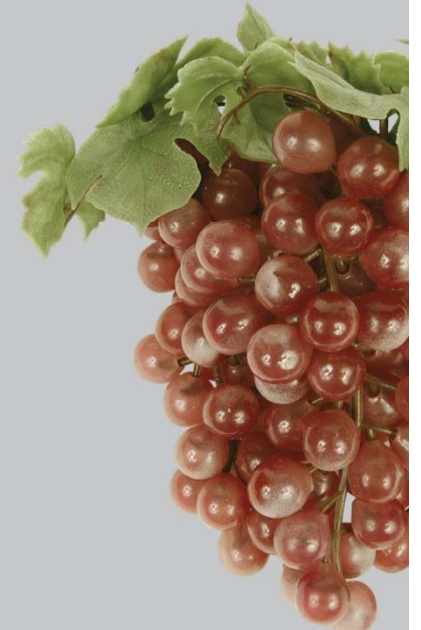
Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!”

Numbers 11:18a



Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?””

Numbers 11:18b-20



But Moses said, “Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, ‘I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!’ Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?” The LORD answered Moses, “Is the LORD’s arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you.”

Numbers 11:21-23



Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

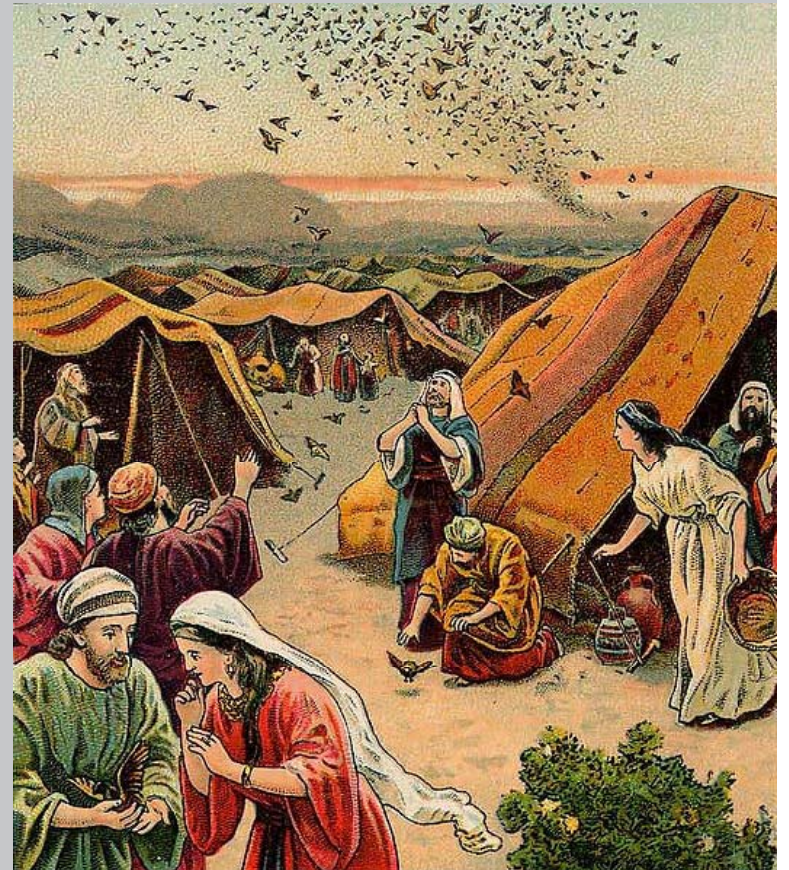
Numbers 33:15



Lessons for people of God

Complaining

- Wears people out
- Makes us lose perspective
- Is contagious
- Starts the spiral
- Contributes to loss of faith
- Attracts judgment



Lessons for people of God

Worshipping



The Jews in the Desert by Tintoretto, c. 1593

Focusses us on our God who loves and cares for us

Moses: Remember who you are
and to whom you belong
The Lords our God is One
Love Him with all..

Following Him in His Presence with us
Keeps us from wandering
Focusses us on His will for us
Keeps us from distraction of wanting to
return to “Egypt” and the spiral
of rejection



Lessons in Leadership

God's faithful messenger

Humble before God

Spirit led

Leader in God's will

Listener to God and God's people

Intervenor before God

