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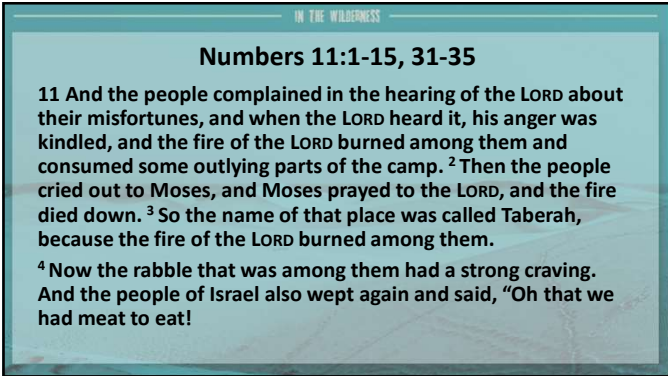
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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Numbers 11:1-15, 31-35**

<sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup> But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” <sup>7</sup> Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. <sup>8</sup> The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. <sup>9</sup> When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Numbers 11:1-15, 31-35**

<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Numbers 11:1-15, 31-35**

<sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” <sup>31</sup> Then a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and a day’s journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. <sup>32</sup> And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Numbers 11:1-15, 31-35**

<sup>33</sup> While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague. <sup>34</sup> Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. <sup>35</sup> From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Stop Dreaming About Egypt!**

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Many Israelites Longed to Return to Egypt and God Wasn't Pleased!**

- A pattern of grumbling began to set in (verses 1-3)
- An ungodly longing for the past set in (verses 4-9)
- Their complaints broke Moses' spirit (verses 10-15)
- God punished them by giving them what they asked for (verses 31-35)

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Longing for the Past Is Displeasing to God**

- God’s people still often long for the past
- That demonstrates a lack of trust in the God Who places us here and now!
- God is the Great I AM – He is eternally present
- Don’t dream about Egypt – dream about serving God now and moving forward!
- This is our time to make disciples and we must not retire from that until God calls us home!

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Longing for the Past Is Discouraging to Others**

- It’s profoundly discouraging to leaders and co-laborers for the Gospel
- Be an encourager rather than a discourager
- Help others dream and work for a bright (and different) future rather than longing for a past that won’t be back

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