

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

LET'S READ & STUDY!!

For: 24 October 2021

The Mission of the Twelve Spies

Monday- Israel moves on (**Deuteronomy 1:1-8**)

Tuesday- Leaders Appointed (**Deuteronomy 1:9-18**)

Wednesday- Spies sent out (**Deuteronomy 1:19-25**)

Thursday- God is Great (**Psalm 106:1-5**)

Friday- Israel's unbelief (**Psalm 106:6-25**)

Saturday- Israel an example to us (**1st Corinthians 10:11-13**)

Sunday- Exploring the Promised Land (**Numbers 13:1-33**)

Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses¹

Lesson Text: **Numbers 12:1-16**

Related Scriptures: **Numbers 5:1-4; 2nd Chronicles 26:16-21; Deuteronomy 34:5-12; Exodus 33:12-23; Hebrews 3:1-6**

TIME: 1444 B.C.

PLACE: Desert of Paran

GOLDEN TEXT: *“If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.” (Numbers 12:6, KJV)*

Scripture Lesson Text

Numbers: 12:1-16

1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Fall Quarter, 10 October 2021, *Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses* page 40

9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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Lesson Aim

Facts: To learn to see God's faithfulness in the face of pettiness and betrayal of even close friends and family.

Principle: To affirm that each of our roles in God's plan is determined by God alone.

Application: To acquire the focus and determination to not be distracted from seeing God's faithfulness by the ungodly acts of those around us.

Introduction

Throughout Numbers 12, we might be tempted to focus on Miriam and Aaron, but Moses gives us an amazing example of focusing on God in difficult times.

I. Developing the Lesson:

- a. Accusations (Numbers 12:1-3)
- b. Rebuke (Numbers 12:4-8)
- c. Judgment (Numbers 12:9-16)

II. Studying the Text

a. Aaron and Miriam speak against Moses (Numbers 12:1-9)

- i. Ethnic issues (Numbers 12:1)
- ii. Miriam and Aaron's jealousy (Numbers 12:2-3)
- iii. God calls Moses, Miriam and Aaron (Numbers 12:4-5)
- iv. The faithfulness of Moses (Numbers 12:6-7)
- v. God's unique relationship with Moses (Numbers 12:8-9)

b. Moses Interceded for Miriam (Numbers 12:10-16)

- i. Miriam contracts leprosy (Numbers 12:10)
- ii. Aaron pleads with Moses for Miriam (Numbers 12:11-12)
- iii. Moses' prayer and God's answer (Numbers 12:13-14)
- iv. Restoration of Miriam (Numbers 12:15-16)

III. Take Aways

IV. Announcements

V. Closing Prayer