

FEBRUARY 12

Read Numbers 10–12

CHAPTER 10

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one trumpet, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall

blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ¶ And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel

took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 ¶ And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and

the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan.

28 Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

29 ¶ And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do

thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 ¶ And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11

AND *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD:

and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 ¶ And the mixt multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.

7 And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 ¶ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 *But* even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people,

among whom I *am, are* six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 ¶ And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went

not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 ¶ And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was

chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 *And* the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAPTER 12

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?

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.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Today's reading describes some of the wilderness experiences of the nation of Israel, and in them we can see the experiences of Christians today.

In verses 1-10 of chapter 10, we see that God gives warning when we need it. The two trumpets were made of silver (a metal that speaks of redemption) and were used to call the assemblies for the journeying of the camp. The Priests and Levites lived right next to the Tabernacle, and they would be the first ones to see the cloud moving. It would be their responsibility to warn the camp.

As you read these verses you see that the trumpets were used for several purposes: to assemble the camp at the door of the Tabernacle; to call the heads of the tribes together; to blow an alarm, either for war or for the journeying of the camp; and to announce the special days, the new moons, etc. The children of Israel knew the certain sounds of the trumpet and the exact meanings of each.

All born-again believers today are listening for the sound of the trumpet, which will mean the Rapture of the Church (I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:16,17). The sound of the trumpet will be heard by only those who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

God chastens His people in chapters 11 and 12. After the remarkable evidences of God's love in chapters 9 and 10, it is almost unbelievable that we now find the people complaining. Yet such is human nature. All too often we forget the miraculous ways in which God has blessed us, and criticize and complain because of the situations in which we are living. We should realize that God is bigger than any of our problems, and will see us through any situation if we will only put our faith and trust in Him.

We are told to "do all things without murmurings and disputings" (Philippians 2:14). If we are to be the blameless sons of God, and without rebuke in this crooked and perverse nation, we must obey His Word.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies" (Proverbs 14:5).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 7: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

JOHNITA MINOR

HYMN FOR TODAY

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

This beloved hymn, with its plaintive modal sound, is one of the best known of our authentic American folk hymns. Like all true folk music, the origins of this text and music remain unknown. It is simply the product of devout people who, when reflecting seriously on the sacrificial gift of God's Son, respond spontaneously with amazed adoration for this "wondrous love."

One typical folk hymn characteristic found in these words is the repetition of key phrases such as "O my soul" and "I'll sing on." Since folk music is generally learned aurally without the assistance of the printed page or musical notation, such repetition is necessary. Note also how effectively the curving melodic lines enhance the thought and personal application of the words.

The hymn first appeared in 1835 in a collection titled *William Walker's Southern Harmony*. These simply stated words with their appealing music have since ministered to people everywhere, extolling the profound truth of Christ's love for each of us. Allow the hymn to move you to awe even now.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous
frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul;
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1809

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Let us pray today for our President. Time and time again in this study we have called your attention to the President and asked you to pray for him. Perhaps he is not the man for whom you voted, perhaps he is not your choice; nevertheless, he is the President of your nation. In some respects, he holds your future, the future of your children, the future of your children's children in his hands. He needs wisdom from God. Pray that he will have it today.

1880

THE BIRTHDAY OF JOHN L. LEWIS.

1893

GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY WAS BORN.

HERE IS A POEM YOU MIGHT BEGIN EACH DAY BYREADING:

I MET GOD IN THE MORNING

*I met God in the morning,
When the day was at its best;
And His presence came like glory
With His sunrise on my breast.
All day long His presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,*

*And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.*

*Other ships were torn and battered;
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to me a peace and rest.*

*And then I thought of other mornings
With a keen remorse of mind
When I too had left the blessing
Of His presence far behind.*

*So I think I've learned the secret
From many a troubled way:
If you meet God in the morning,
You can have Him all the day.*

Let us meet God in the morning time and ask His blessings for the day.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1649

COLONIAL OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT "THERE ARE IN VIRGINIA ABOUT FIFTEEN THOUSAND ENGLISH, and of Negroes brought thither, three hundred good servants."

1793

FIRST FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW ENACTED BY CONGRESS. The measure made it a criminal offense to harbor a fugitive slave or prevent his arrest.

1865

HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET, FIRST BLACK TO SPEAK IN THE CAPITOL, delivered memorial sermon on the abolition of slavery at services in the House of Representatives.

1909

NAACP FOUNDED. Call for organizational meeting was issued on 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by forty-seven whites and six blacks. This happened following a riot in Springfield, Ill.

1948

FIRST LT. NANCY C. LEFTENANT BECAME the first black accepted in the regular army nursing corps.

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS:

REACTION OF SIN IN HUMAN NATURE

(Assignment 7)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

Described as coming from the heart.

() Mark 7:21

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

Manifests itself by many evils.

() Mark 7:22

Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Defiles the man and makes him unclean.

() Mark 7:23

All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

In this condition declared to be unprofitable.

() Romans 3:12

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

His wicked works prove him to be God’s enemy.

() Colossians 1:21

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.