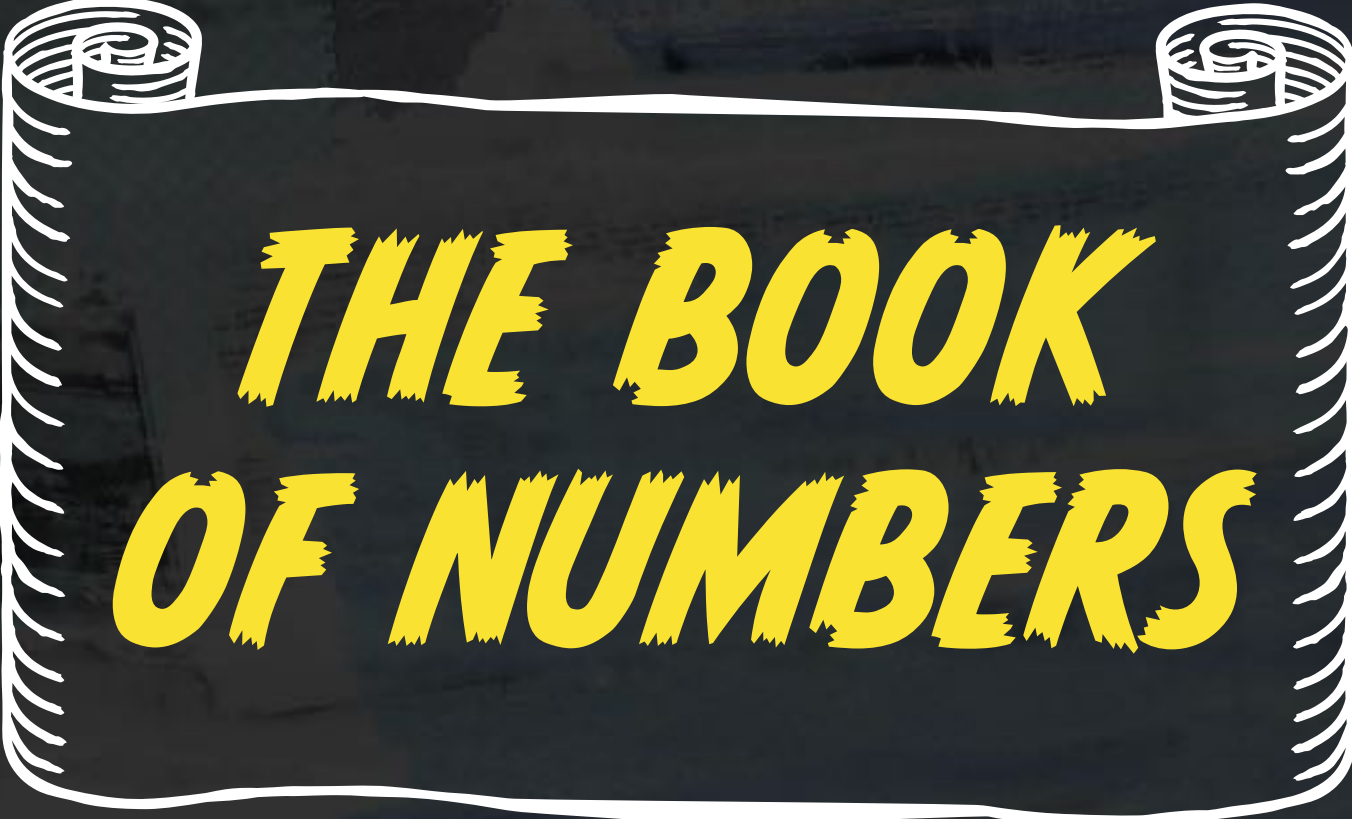




FULL OF COMPLAINTS!



***THE BOOK
OF NUMBERS***



BEMIDBAR



meaning



**THE
WILDERNESS**

*We can study this book by examining
7 episodes of complaining and rebellion
found in it.*



Do all things **without
complaining and disputing...**

PHILIPPIANS 2:14

Be hospitable to one
another **without grumbling.**

1 PETER 4:9



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These are grumblers, complainers,
walking according to their own lusts;
and they mouth great swelling words,
flattering people to gain advantage.

JUDE 16

Nor complain, as some of them also
complained, and were destroyed
by the destroyer.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:10



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LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS



Job
complained
a lot.

The difference is that
they complained **to** God
and **not about** God.



The Psalmist
complained and
lamented.



Hear, O you mountains, the Lord's complaint,
And you strong foundations of the earth;
For the Lord has a complaint against His
people, and He will contend with Israel.

MICAH 6:2



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7 EPISODES OF COMPLAINING & REBELLION in Numbers

THE FOOD

Numbers 11

MOSES' WIFE

Numbers 12

THE GIANTS

Numbers 13-14

MOSES AND AARON

Numbers 16

**HOW KORAH'S REBELLION
WAS QUELLED**

Numbers 16-17

WATER

Numbers 20

**COMMITTED HARLOTRY
AND IDOLATRY**

Numbers 25

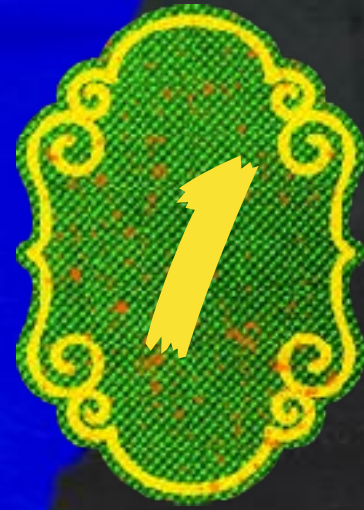


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Words are **CONTAGIOUS**



Now when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the Lord burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.

NUMBERS 11:1



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Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...

HEBREWS 12:15



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1

Words are **CONTAGIOUS**

2

Words that **SLIGHT OTHERS**
are condemned strongly.



Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. ² So they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard it. ³ (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

NUMBERS 12:1-3



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3 COMPONENTS IN MIRIAM'S COMPLAINT

1

Racial prejudice
towards Moses' wife .

Words used to
put someone down

2

Equality in being
used by God.

Words used to
put oneself up

3

Meekness of
Moses.



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3

WHAT we say goes with **HOW** we say it.



We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic...

NUMBERS 11:5

And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

NUMBERS 14:2



Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should keep acting like a prince over us?

NUMBERS 16:13

And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink.

NUMBERS 20:5



These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

NUMBERS 13:16

HOSHEA

Salvation



JOSHUA

Yahweh is Salvation



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