

C&C: The Cloud is on the Move and I'm Ready to Go

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Exodus 40:36-38

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

The children of Israel knew when they were to travel on by “the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle”. When the cloud of the LORD lifted it was time to travel. Whether “it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.” (Num 9:21)

Numbers 9:15-23

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord, and journeyed not.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the Lord they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed.

21 And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

The reason the children of Israel were in the desert wandering around for forty years was because they had disobeyed God over and over again with murmurings, complaining, lack of faith, and idol worship. Finally God brought them to the promised land and had Moses send out twelve spies to spy out the land. One person per the twelve tribes of Israel.

Numbers 13:1-15

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: **of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.**
- 3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.
- 4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, **Shammua** the son of Zaccur.
- 5 Of the tribe of Simeon, **Shaphat** the son of Hori.
- 6 Of the tribe of Judah, **Caleb** the son of Jephunneh.
- 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, **Igal** the son of Joseph.
- 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, **Oshea** the son of Nun.
- 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, **Palti** the son of Raphu.
- 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, **Gaddiel** the son of Sodi.
- 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, **Gaddi** the son of Susi.
- 12 Of the tribe of Dan, **Ammiel** the son of Gemalli.
- 13 Of the tribe of Asher, **Sethur** the son of Michael.
- 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, **Nahbi** the son of Vophsi.
- 15 Of the tribe of Gad, **Geuel** the son of Machi.

After forty days of spying out the land of Canaan only two of the twelve people sent gave a faithful report, Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, while the other ten spies brought an evil report of the spirit of doubt which spread through the whole congregation. It was for this reason and because the children of Israel decided to make them a captain to take them back to Egypt that God refused to allow them to go into the promised land except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun for they had another spirit, the spirit of faith.

Numbers 13:26-33

- 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.
- 27 **And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.**
- 28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.
- 29 The **Amalekites** dwell in the land of the south: and the **Hittites**, and the **Jebusites**, and the **Amorites**, dwell in the mountains: and the **Canaanites** dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.
- 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.**
- 31 **But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.**

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.
33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14:1-4

1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

We as the children of Israel today do not want to provoke our God and do the things that the natural seed of Israel did. We must be of the mind set that The Cloud is on the Move and I'm Ready to Go! When God is ready to move we must prepare ourselves to also be ready to move with him, trusting fully in him to take us where he intends for us to go.

While in the desert for those forty years the children of Israel continued to provoke the Lord, to disobey him, and still continually worship false gods.

Numbers 16:1-5

1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, **and On,** the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, **took men:**

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, **Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?**

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

The next day Moses spoke unto the children of Israel while Korah and his company rebelled against God provoking him to anger.

Numbers 16:28-33

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

These things are written for our examples and our learning that we should not follow after the footsteps of those who have disobeyed and displeased God. The next day after seeing that God had called Moses and that God had destroyed Korah and his company the children of Israel blamed Moses and Aaron, murmuring and complaining, that they had killed the people of God. God again after being provoked destroys fourteen thousand of them with a plague that was only stopped by Moses and Aaron who appeased God in his anger.

Numbers 16:41-50

41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

1 Corinthians 10:5-12

5 But with many of them **God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**

6 Now these things were **our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.**

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Thank God that we are living under grace and not under the Law of Moses. There will be a time that we will all give account of our words and deeds. Stop provoking the Lord with your idol worship and provocations, murmurings, and complaining! The Cloud is on the Move and I'm Ready to Go!