

Text: **Numbers 11**

THE MIXED MULTITUDE

1. The Children of Israel
 2. Others who came out of Egypt with them (Exodus 12:38; Numbers 11:4)
 3. Their problem
 - a) Intense craving (Numbers 11:4)
 - b) Weeping
 - c) Their grouses
 - i) Remembering the fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, garlic
 - ii) Despising the manna (Numbers 11:5)
 - iii) Exaggeration of their health problem
- “Our whole being is dried up” Numbers 11:6

MANNA

1. Provision

It fell like dew (Numbers 11:7)
2. Description

Like coriander seed (Numbers 11:7)
3. Use (Numbers 11:8-9)
 - a) Gathered
 - b) Grounded on millstones
 - c) Beat in a mortar
 - d) Cooked in pans
 - e) Made cakes
 - f) Pastry with oil

ANGRY REACTION

1. The Lord was angry (Numbers 11:10)
2. Moses was displeased (Numbers 11:10)

FRUSTRATION OF MOSES

1. Misgiving expressed in a series of questions (Numbers 11:11-13)

- a) Why have You afflicted Your servant?
- b) And why have I not found favour in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of these people on me?
- c) Did I conceive all these people?
- d) Did I beget them, that You should say to me,
“Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,
To the land which You swore to their fathers?”
- e) Where am I to get meat to give to all the people?
- f) They weep all over me, saying,
“Give us meat, that we may eat.”

2. Desperation expressed (Numbers 11:14-15)

- a) I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me.
- b) If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now- if I have found favour in Your sight- and do not let me see my wretchedness.