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Part 3*



Sin as Slavery



Numbers 11:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. “Oh for some meat!” they exclaimed. ⁵ “We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. ⁶ But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!”



Numbers 11:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ Moses heard all the families standing in the doorways of their tents whining, and the Lord became extremely angry. Moses was also very aggravated. ¹¹ And Moses said to the Lord, “Why are you treating me, your servant, so harshly? Have mercy on me! What did I do to deserve the burden of all these people?”



Numbers 11:12-13 (NLT)

¹² Did I give birth to them? Did I bring them into the world? Why did you tell me to carry them in my arms like a mother carries a nursing baby? How can I carry them to the land you swore to give their ancestors?

¹³ Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people? They keep whining to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!'



Numbers 11:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ I can't carry all these people by myself!
The load is far too heavy! ¹⁵ If this is how you
intend to treat me, just go ahead and kill me.
Do me a favor and spare me this misery!"



Numbers 11:18-19 (NLT)

¹⁸ “And say [God talking to Moses] to the people, ‘Purify yourselves, for tomorrow you will have meat to eat. You were whining, and the Lord heard you when you cried, “Oh, for some meat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will have to eat it. ¹⁹ And it won’t be for just a day or two, or for five or ten or even twenty.



Numbers 11:20 (NLT)

²⁰ You will eat it for a whole month until you gag and are sick of it. For you have rejected the Lord, who is here among you, and you have whined to him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt.”



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Jeremiah 2:1-3 (NLT)

¹ The Lord gave me another message. He said,
² “Go and shout this message to Jerusalem.
This is what the Lord says: ‘I remember how
eager you were to please me as a young bride
long ago, how you loved me and followed me
even through the barren wilderness. ³ In those
days Israel was holy to the Lord, the first of his
children. All who harmed his people were
declared guilty, and disaster fell on
them. I, the Lord, have spoken!’ ”



Jeremiah 2:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ Listen to the word of the Lord, people of Jacob— all you families of Israel! ⁵ This is what the Lord says: “What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves. ⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord who brought us safely out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness—a land of deserts and pits, a land of drought and death, where no one lives or even travels?’



Jeremiah 2:7-8 (NLT)

⁷ “And when I brought you into a fruitful land to enjoy its bounty and goodness, you defiled my land and corrupted the possession I had promised you. ⁸ The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who taught my word ignored me, the rulers turned against me, and the prophets spoke in the name of Baal, wasting their time on worthless idols.



Jeremiah 2:11 (NLT)

¹¹ Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones, even though they are not gods at all? Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols!



Jeremiah 2:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from me will shame you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to abandon the Lord your God and not to fear him. I, the Lord, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!

²⁰ “Long ago I broke the yoke that oppressed you and tore away the chains of your slavery, but still you said, ‘I will not serve you.’ On every hill and under every green tree, you have prostituted yourselves by bowing down to idols.



Jeremiah 2:23-24 (NLT)

²³ “You say, ‘That’s not true! I haven’t worshiped the images of Baal!’ But how can you say that? Go and look in any valley in the land! Face the awful sins you have done. You are like a restless female camel desperately searching for a mate. ²⁴ You are like a wild donkey, sniffing the wind at mating time. Who can restrain her lust? Those who desire her don’t need to search, for she goes running to them!



Jeremiah 2:25-26 (NLT)

²⁵ When will you stop running? When will you stop panting after other gods? But you say, ‘Save your breath. I’m in love with these foreign gods, and I can’t stop loving them now!’ ”

²⁶ “Israel is like a thief who feels shame only when he gets caught. They, their kings, officials, priests, and prophets—all are alike in this.



Jeremiah 2:27-28 (NLT)

²⁷ To an image carved from a piece of wood they say, 'You are my father.' To an idol chiseled from a block of stone they say, 'You are my mother.' They turn their backs on me, but in times of trouble they cry out to me, 'Come and save us!' ²⁸ But why not call on these gods you have made? When trouble comes, let them save you if they can! For you have as many gods as there are towns in Judah.



Jeremiah 2:20 (NLT)

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Numbers 11:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ Now the Lord sent a wind that brought quail from the sea and let them fall all around the camp. For miles in every direction there were quail flying about three feet above the ground.

³² So the people went out and caught quail all that day and throughout the night and all the next day, too. No one gathered less than fifty bushels! They spread the quail all around the camp to dry.



Numbers 11:33-34 (NLT)

³³ But while they were gorging themselves on the meat—while it was still in their mouths—the anger of the Lord blazed against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. ³⁴ So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (which means “graves of gluttony”) because there they buried the people who had craved meat from Egypt.



**What is the chief end of
man? To glorify God
and enjoy him forever.**



**Why is the Gospel such
good news?**

