

# The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

## *Complaining Against Moses Because of the Giants*

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# Moses Represents God's Law

“If only we had died...”



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# Six Reasons for Complaining Against Moses

## I. Because of the Journey

**Numbers 11:1** Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fires of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. <sup>2</sup>then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. <sup>3</sup>So he called the name of the place Taberah [burning], because the fires of the LORD had burned among them.

Our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).



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**Moses Had a Dual Role Both as  
Lawgiver and as Intercessor.**



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## II. Because of Lust and Despising the Manna

**Numbers 11:4** Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to **intense craving** [fell a lusting KJV]; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: “Who will give us meat to eat? <sup>5</sup>” We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garli; <sup>6</sup>” but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!”



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**Numbers 21:5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and **our soul loathes this worthless bread** <sup>6</sup> So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.



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# Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51).



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# III. Because of the Ethiopian Woman

**Numbers 12:1** Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman.



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## IV. Because of Democracy

**Numbers 16:3** They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “You take too much upon yourselves, for **all the congregation is holy**, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”



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## V. Because of No Water

**Numbers 20:2** Now there was **no water** for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.



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# VI. Because of Killing the People

**Numbers 16:41** On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, “**You have killed the people** of the LORD.”



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# The Function of the Law

**Romans 3:19-20** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.



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# The Answer Is Jesus

**Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”



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