

## **~ELDAD (109)**

**(El'dad) [possibly, God Has Loved]**

- One of the 70 older men selected by Moses to assist him in carrying the load of the people. Because of murmuring on the part of the mixed crowd and also the Israelites about the manna and not having meat to eat, Moses voiced the feeling that the load was too heavy for him alone.
- Therefore Yehowah directed Moses to gather 70 older men and take them to the tent of meeting. Two of these older men, **Eldad** and Medad, however, did not go to the tent of meeting but, undoubtedly for a valid reason, remained in the camp.
- Yehowah then proceeded to take some of the spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon the older men, these, in turn, began to prophesy. The spirit also settled down upon **Eldad** and Medad, and they began to act as prophets in the camp.
- This was reported to Moses, and when Joshua, feeling jealous for Moses, requested that he restrain them, Moses replied; No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them!
- From where do I have meat to give to all this people? For they keep weeping toward me, saying; Do give us meat, and let us eat! (**Numbers 11:13**)
- I am not able, I by myself, to carry all this people, because they are too heavy for me. (**Numbers 11:14**)
- So if this is the way you are doing to me, please kill me off altogether, if I have found favor in your eyes, and let me not look upon my calamity. (**Numbers 11:15**)
- In turn Yehowah said to Moses; Gather for me seventy men of the older men of Israel, whom you do know that they are older men of the people and officers of theirs, and you must take them to the tent of meeting, and they must station themselves there with you. (**Numbers 11:16**)
- And I shall have to come down and speak with you there, and I

shall have to take away some of the spirit that is upon you and place it upon them, and they will have to help you in carrying the load of the people that you may not carry it, just you alone. **(Numbers 11:17)**

- And to the people you should say; Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, as you will certainly eat meat, because you have wept in the ears of Yehowah, saying; Who will give us meat to eat, for it was well with us in Egypt? And Yehowah will certainly give you meat, and you will indeed eat. **(Numbers 11:18)**
- You will eat, not one day nor two days nor five days nor ten days nor twenty days. **(Numbers 11:19)**
- But up to a month of days, until it comes out of your nostrils and it has become a loathing to you, just because you rejected Yehowah, who is in your midst, and you went weeping before him, saying; Why is it that we have come out of Egypt? **(Numbers 11:20)**
- Then Moses said; The people in the midst of whom I am are six hundred thousand men on foot, and yet you, you have said; Meat I shall give them, and they will certainly eat for a month of days! **(Numbers 11:21)**
- Will flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, for it to be adequate for them? Or will all the fish of the sea be caught for them, for it to be adequate for them? **(Numbers 11:22)**
- At this Yehowah said to Moses; The hand of Yehowah is cut short, is it? Now you will see whether what I say befalls you or not. **(Numbers 11:23)**
- After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went gathering seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round about the tent. **(Numbers 11:24)**
- Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as prophets, but they did not do it again. **(Numbers 11:25)**

- Now there were two of the men remaining in the camp. The name of the one was **Eldad**, and the name of the other was Medad. And the spirit began to settle down upon them, as they were among those written down, but they had not gone out to the tent. So they proceeded to act as prophets in the camp. (**Numbers 11:26**)
- And a young man went running and reporting to Moses and saying, **Eldad** and Medad are acting as prophets in the camp! (**Numbers 11:27**)
- Then Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his young manhood on, responded and said; My lord Moses, restrain them! (**Numbers 11:28**)
- However, Moses said to him; Are you feeling jealous for me? No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them! (**Numbers 11:29**)