



Wavering In The Wilderness (II)

Numbers 14

- I. Location
- II. Leaders
- III. Land
- IV. Lamentation

Three wishes (14:2-3)

A 'great chorus of complaint'

- Each sings his part
- Ten leaders
- Two do not know the tune

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Reactions

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6-9, Joshua and Caleb

- Tore clothes, 6
- Spoke of land, 7. Jn.16:13
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Hebrews 8:9

‘not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD’

Have no care for, neglect, be unconcerned . . . (on your own)

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- Do not rebel, do not fear, 9

10a, stone them! (Ac.17:6)

Bad company: Cain; Jehoiakim; Jezebel; Herod...

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Judgment

- Coming of glory of Lord, 10b-11
 - How long . . . Reject (despise, spurn) Me?
(2 Sm.12:14)
 - How long . . . Not believe in Me?
- Disinherit, 12

- Take possession of, esp. by force;
1 K.21:16; ... 'to blot out, to destroy' (Gesenius)
- Start over with Moses (another Abraham)

Moses intercedes, 13-16

1. Egypt will hear about it, tell others

Egyptians are always near, listening, looking for flaws, judging God by our behavior.

For 'the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,' as it is written – Ro.2:24.

Moses intercedes, 17-19

1. Egypt will hear about it, tell others
2. Show power by pardon (?)
 - To pardon them God must . . .
 - a. Put up with their mouth
 - b. Preserve them forty years
 - c. Pity (mercy, 18-19); 20. Lk.18:13

Moses: no selfish ambition, 19-25

*Concerned for God's honor. Phil.1:16; 2:3

*God pardons 'according to your word' (20).

Ro.8:34

*But consequences of sin remain.

1. Lord's glory, 21 – no praise in Israel.

2. Final break with Egypt **and** promised land, 22-23.

- Oath formula: 'if' = 'they will not'
- Pharaoh. Hb.6:4-6

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 - Caleb has different spirit, 24
3. U turn, 25 – die; unapproved example

'You may escape Egypt
and still miss promised
land' (Hb.3:12...19)

Punishment fits crime, 26-29

- How long? 27
- ‘As I live’ (God’s oath) 28
 - ‘AS’ (manner) . . . [*as you have spoken*]
 - ‘SO’ (degree) . . . [according to same standard) – v.2]: **I will do to you**
 - “You asked for it!”
 - Pronounced own sentence
- Except Caleb and Joshua, 29-30

What about 'little ones'? 31-33

- Victors, not victims, 31
- Land: you despised, 31. Ps.106:24-27
- Carcasses fall in wilderness, 32
- Children: bear brunt of your infidelity, 33
 - Fornication. Ja.4:4

**Some parents are biggest problem
their children must overcome**

The sentence, 34-38

- Forty years – every year a reminder
- “You will know My rejection” (opposition)

‘What it’s like to have
Me for an enemy’

- *All* the congregation who gathered against Me – consumed, finished. 32:13; Jude 5
- *Spies*, 36-38. Mt.15:14

Fate they fear in Canaan
overtakes them in Wilderness’

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VII. Lawlessness, 39-45

Mourned over consequences, 39

- 1) More sin, 40. Confession alone...
- 2) Cannot undo past, 41-43.
- 3) Refuse His judgment as they had His blessing, 44.

Presumed: puffed up, swell . . . arrogance; went up *heedlessly, arrogantly* (Hb.10:28-29)

- 4) Flesh vs faith. Without God, we are losers, 45. 1 Co.10:5; Hb.3:17-19