

- 1:10....He reminds them of God's blessing and the growth of the nation...like the stars of heaven for multitude!
- 1:11....Here is an insertion (parenensis) that is really a prayer for the people based on what God has done in time past.
- 1:12....an amplification of verse 9 as he speaks of inability. The question is rhetorical. Note the three things he cannot bear and remember that these are vexatious in any context.
- 1:13....The selection of leaders! Note the selection came from the suggestions of the people. The qualifications are threefold as the men must be known, must be wise, and must be understanding...aspects of life we will discuss. We know that public and mass actions are not always right but the people were to accept accountability for their selection of leaders. A great advantage is that if the leadership fails or is poor, the people can only blame themselves!
- 1:14....The people agree and approve
- 1:15....Moses acts and sees to the distribution of the territorial elders. Note the divisions of the people..on a similar pattern to a military arrangement.
- 1:16....That the elders had administrative duties in the personal affairs of the people is clear in this verse. Whether the two terms are synonymous or not is not so clear. But notice the restrictions for the "judges"...they would judge righteously...meaning the use of a standard of justice...
- 1:17....and they would judge without respect of persons. All parties would be treated equally and they would remember their service was to God so they would not stand in special reverence to any man. And if the case was beyond their skill, experience, or wisdom...they would bring it to Moses and he would settle the affairs.
- 1:18....Moses affirms that, at that time, he had told the people all in which God had given him direction.
- 1:19....The route from Horeb to Kadesh...note the difficulties through which they came and the implication that is indicated behind all of this.
- 1:20....The reality of coming to the Land
- 1:21....The Lord had "set the land before them<sup>y</sup>". The challenge is to go up and possess it...doing what the Lord had said. The personal encouragement is to neither fear nor be discouraged. (At some time we will look at the occasions in which this formula is given)