

NUMBERS CHAPTER 12

¹ And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Ethiopian woman whom Moses took; for he had taken an Ethiopian woman. ² And they said, "Has the Lord spoken to Moses only? Has He not also spoken to us?" And the Lord heard it. ³ And the man Moses was very meek beyond all the men that were upon the earth. ⁴ And the Lord said immediately to Moses and Aaron and Miriam, "Come forth, all three of you, to the tabernacle of witness." ⁵ And the three came forth to the tabernacle of witness; and the Lord descended in a pillar of a cloud, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of witness. And Aaron and Miriam were called; and both came forth. ⁶ And He said to them, "Hear My words: If there should be a prophet of the Lord among you, I will be made known to him in a vision, and in sleep will I speak to him. ⁷ My servant Moses *is* not so; he is faithful in all My house. ⁸ I will speak plainly to him, mouth to mouth, and not in riddles; and he has seen the glory of the Lord; and why were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

⁹ And the great anger of the Lord *was* upon them, and He departed. ¹⁰ And the cloud departed from the tabernacle. And behold, Miriam became leprous, *white* as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, she *was* leprous. ¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, "I beseech you, my lord, do not lay *this* sin upon us, for we were ignorant in which we have sinned. ¹² Let her not be like death, as an abortion coming out of his mother's womb, when *the disease* devours the half of the flesh." ¹³ And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, "O God, I beseech You, heal her."

¹⁴ And the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had only spit in her face, would she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be set apart seven days outside the camp, and afterwards she shall come in." ¹⁵ And Miriam was separated outside the camp for seven days; and the people did not move forward until Miriam was cleansed. ¹⁶ And afterwards the people set forth from Asheroth, and encamped in the Wilderness of Paran.