

# Exodus 16:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

## Analysis

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**And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured**—The Hebrew **לֹטֶן** (lun) means 'to murmur, complain, lodge a complaint.' Their murmuring against Moses and Aaron was fundamentally against God Himself (v.8). This marks the first major post-redemption rebellion, revealing that physical deliverance from Egypt didn't automatically produce spiritual transformation. Paul warns believers against similar murmuring (1 Cor 10:10), showing that physical manna didn't prevent spiritual rebellion. The wilderness journey exposes the heart's true condition.

## Historical Context

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This murmuring occurred about 45 days after witnessing God's dramatic deliverance at the Red Sea, revealing the brevity of human memory and gratitude under physical hardship.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why does physical deliverance not automatically produce spiritual maturity?
2. How does legitimate hunger become sinful murmuring against God's timing?

## Interlinear Text

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murmured	H3605	And the whole congregation		of the children		of Israel	H5921
H3885		H5712		H1121		H3478	

  

מִשְׁׁנָה	אֶל	אֶת	בְּמִדְבָּר
against Moses	H5921	and Aaron	in the wilderness
H4872		H175	H4057

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 15:24** (References Moses): And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

**1 Corinthians 10:10** (Parallel theme): Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

**Psalms 106:25** (Parallel theme): But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

**Psalms 106:7** (Parallel theme): Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.