

# 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 ל' (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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וְלִינוּ	כָּל	עַד ת	בְּנֵי	עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל	
murmured	H3605	And the whole congregation	of the children	of Israel	H5921
H3885		H5712	H1121	H3478	
מֹשֶׁה	וְעַל	אֶהָרֹן	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.