

# Numbers 11:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

## Analysis

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While meat was still between their teeth, God's anger struck them with a severe plague. The timing emphasizes that judgment fell during the very act of indulgence, revealing how quickly blessing can become curse when received in rebellion. The place was named 'Kibroth-hattaavah' (graves of craving), a perpetual warning that lustful desires lead to death (James 1:14-15).

## Historical Context

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This judgment created a memorial location marked by graves, serving as a visible reminder throughout Israel's wilderness journey of the deadly consequences of rejecting God's provision in favor of fleshly cravings.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. What cravings in your life might be leading toward spiritual death rather than life?
2. How does this passage inform your understanding of God's discipline in the lives of His children?

## Interlinear Text

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