### Numbers

## Chapter 12

1It was then that MiriAm and Aaron started condemning Moses because of the Ethiopian whom he’d taken as his woman.  
  
2They asked:  
  
 ‘Is Moses the only one to whom the Lord has spoken? Hasn’t He also spoken to us?’  
  
And Jehovah heard them say this.  
  
3Now, Moses was the humblest man on the earth; 4so the Lord immediately spoke to Moses, Aaron, and MiriAm, and said:  
  
 ‘All three of you, come to the Tent of Proofs!’  
  
5So, the three of them went to the Tent of Proofs, and the Lord descended in a column of clouds... He stood there at the entrance to the Tent of Proofs and called Aaron and MiriAm, and they stepped forward.  
  
6Then He said to them:  
  
 ‘Listen to Me.  
  
 ‘If either of you are Prophets of Jehovah, I’ll make things known to you in visions and speak to you as you sleep.  
  
 7‘However, this isn’t the way [that I speak] to My servant Moses who has so faithfully [served] in My House... 8I’m not hidden to him, I appear and speak to him mouth to mouth… And he’s even seen the glory of Jehovah!  
  
 ‘So, why aren’t you afraid to speak against My servant Moses?’  
  
9Well, Jehovah was very angry with them.  
  
Then, as He left, 10the cloud disappeared from the Tent… And {Look!} MiriAm had leprosy that was [as white] as snow!  
  
Well when Aaron saw that MiriAm had leprosy, 11he said to Moses:  
  
 ‘I beg you my lord; don’t hold this sin against us, because we did this in ignorance! 12Don’t allow her to be one of the [walking] dead like a miscarriage from her mother’s womb… And for half of her flesh to be eaten away.’  
  
13So Moses called to Jehovah and said:  
  
 ‘Oh God, I beg You; please heal her!’  
  
14And the Lord replied to Moses:  
  
 ‘If her father had just spit in her face, wouldn’t she have been shamed for 7 days? Therefore, she may not enter the camp for 7 days… Only then may she return.’  
  
15So MiriAm was driven away from the camp for 7 days, and the people didn’t break camp until after MiriAm had been cleansed.  
  
16Well after that, the people left AsherOth and camped in the Pharan Desert.