



“... if only we had died in this wilderness.” Numbers 14:2

The words we speak are the determining factor in the fulfillment of our destiny! Our words set the course of our lives! (James 3:2-12) The words of our mouths mirror the abundance of our heart. (Matthew 12:34) Daily we eat the fruit of death or the fruit of life issuing from our mouths! (Proverbs 18:21)

As the Jewish people spoke these words in the wilderness, the LORD heard their complaints and said, “As truly as I live, says the LORD, as you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you. Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness...” (Numbers 14:28,29) Centuries later, the Jewish leaders declared before Pilate, “His blood be upon us, and on our children.” (Matthews 27:25). And once again their words were heard. And now, for two millennia the Jewish people have suffered unspeakable persecution – “His blood be upon us, and on our children.” Selah – think about that!

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn.” (Isaiah 54:17) Too often the tongue speaking against us is our own! We curse what God wants to bless. This should not be so. Repentance and a heart change is needed so that what issues from our hearts agrees with God’s purposes for us and such agreement will set us on a course of life and blessing!

With Your help Lord, I will stop today saying things that bring a curse to my life. Rather than curse, I will bless. Rather than speak evil of others or even of myself, I determine with Your help, to speak life and blessing, goodness and hope! My words from this day forward will be full of love and faith – words the Holy Spirit can uphold!