

Numbers

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF **NUMBERS**

Part IV

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Overview

Portion	Location/Journey	Instruction
Num 1:1 – 10:10	Rameses to Sinai	Direction for the Journey
Num 10:11 – 19:22	Sinai to Kadesh	Delay in the Journey
Num 20:1 – 36:13	Kadesh to Nebo	Dangers facing the Journey

Direction for the Journey: Review

ORGANIZATION

PURIFICATION

ANTICIPATION

Delay in the Journey: Review

FAILURE

Ch. 11: Rejection of the manna

Ch. 12: Rejection of Moses

Ch. 13: Rejection of the inheritance

Ch. 14: Rejection of God's discipline

Ch. 15: Rejection of the law

Ch. 16: Rejection of the priesthood

Ch. 17-19: Silence, Sin, Stalemate

Failure and judgment

“Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me.

Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.”

Numbers 14:29-31

Consequences



40

days

Exploring the
land



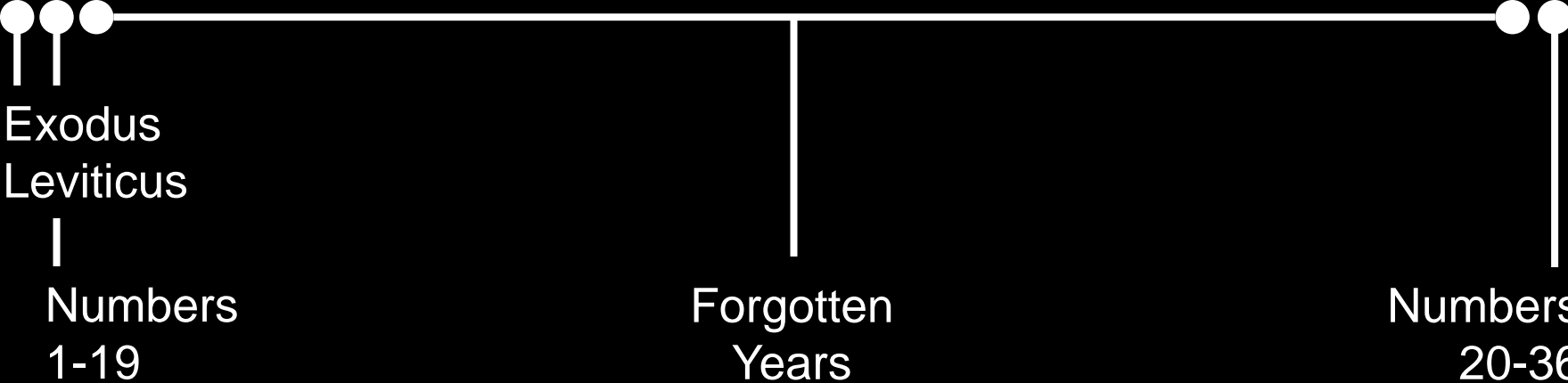
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years

Wandering the
desert

Journey of Time

Years of the Journey



Dangers facing the Journey: Overview

NEW GENERATION

Ch. 20-25

- Edomite (natural relationships)
- Cannanite (materialism and commerce)
- Amorite (human wisdom)
- King of Bashan (ease and prosperity)
- Balaam (unseen evil influences)
- Moabite (idolatory and lust)

Numbers in the New Testament

**Sacrifice of the
Red Heifer**

Numbers 19

Heb 9:13-14

Brazen Serpent

Numbers 21

John 3:14

**Character of
Balaam**

**Numbers
22-24**

**2 Pet 2:15;
Jude 11;
Rev 2:14**

**Lessons from the
Journey**

**Numbers
1-36**

John 3:14

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NEW CENSUS

Ch. 26-27: Second numbering of the people; law of inheritance

Census of the People

Tribe	First Census	Second Census	Change
Reuben	46,500	43,730	-2,770
Simeon	59,300	22,200	-37,100
Gad	45,650	40,500	-5,150
Judah	74,600	76,500	+1,900
Issachar	54,400	64,300	+9,900
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	+3,100
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	-8,000
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	+20,500
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	+10,200
Dan	62,700	64,400	+1,700
Asher	41,500	53,400	+11,900
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	-8,000
Total	603,550	601,730	-1,820

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NEW INSTRUCTIONS

Ch. 28-36: Ceremonies and offerings to be kept; division of the land

Worship Calendar

Offering	Time	Type
Daily Service	Every day	BURNT
Weekly Sabbath	Each week	
New Moon	Monthly	GRAIN
Passover/Unleavened Bread	14 th and 15 th day of first month	DRINK
Feast of Weeks/Firstfruits	Harvest	
Feast of Trumpets	1 st day of the seventh month	FELLOW -SHIP
Day of Atonement	10 th day of the seventh month	
Feast of Tabernacles	15 th -21 st day of the seventh month	SIN

The Journey



An abiding warning

“But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.”

Numbers 33:55

The final word

“These are the commandments and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.”

Numbers 36:13

Key Takeaways

- 1 Consistent wickedness, evil and unbelief of the human heart
- 2 God's personality of order and holiness, balanced by His mercy and grace
- 3 A mediator between a sinful people and a holy God
- 4 The unalterable plan and purposes of God

Why Numbers?

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Romans 15:4

“Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

1 Corinthians 10:11

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

Hebrews 11:13

Why Numbers?

Reuben Benjamin Elizur Ahiezer Ammishaddai Abihu
Simeon Dan Shedeur Eleazar
Gad Asher Asher Eliasaph Nadab
Judah Naphtali Gamaliel Pagiel
Ammihud Ithamar
Issachar Ocran Gershon
Zebulun Levi Pedhazur Ahira Kohath
Joseph Nethaneel Zuar Abidan Ocran Merari
Manasseh Eliab Gideoni Enan Amram

Why Numbers?

Behind every number is a name
Behind every name is a story
And every story is important to God
To show His love and His purposes