

# A Study in the Book of Numbers



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Entrusting the Word  
to the Faithful

<b>Book</b>	<b>Genesis</b>	<b>Exodus</b>	<b>Leviticus</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Deuteronomy</b>
<b>Key Idea</b>	Beginnings	Redemption	Worship	Wandering	Renewed Covenant
<b>The Nation</b>	Chosen	Delivered	Set Apart	Directed	Made Ready
<b>The People</b>	Prepared	Redeemed	Taught	Tested	Re-taught
<b>God's Character</b>	Powerful, Sovereign	Merciful	Holy	Just	Loving Lord
<b>God's Role</b>	Creator	Deliverer	Sanctifier	Sustainer	Rewarder
<b>God's Command</b>	"Let there be!"	"Let My people go!"	"Be holy"	"Go in!"	"Obey!"

# Numbers in the Pentateuch

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
<b>ORIGINS</b> of the nation	<b>DELIVERANCE</b> of the nation	<b>LIFE</b> of the nation	<b>TEST</b> of the nation	<b>REMINDERS</b> to the nation
<b>THEOCRACY</b> <b>BORN</b>	<b>THEOCRACY</b> <b>ESTABLISHED</b>	<b>THEOCRACY</b> <b>ESTABLISHED</b>	<b>THEOCRACY TESTED</b> <b>AND PREPARED FOR</b> <b>THE NEW HOME</b>	
	<b><u>COVENANT</u></b> <b>IS AMPLIFIED</b> “Keep my covenant to be a peculiar treasure: “Kingdom of priests” “holy nation” (Exo. 19:5-6)	<b><u>LAWS</u></b> <b>ARE</b> <b>PRESCRIBED</b> “which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the <b>LORD</b> ” (Lev. 18:5)		

Irvin L. Jensen, p 102  
(Jensen's Survey of the OT)

# Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

Focus		Four Great Events				Four Great People			
	1	3	6	10	12	25:19	27	37:2b	50
Divisions	Creation	Fall	Flood	Babel	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph	
	Primeval History of Humanity				Patriarchal History of Israel				
	Beginning of the Human Race				Beginning of the Hebrew Race				
Place	East (Eden to Ur)				West (Canaan to Egypt)				
Time	2,000 + years (20% of Genesis)				About 286 years (80% of Genesis)				

## Purposes:

- 1) to present the beginning of everything but God
- 2) to record God's choice of Israel & His covenant plan for the nation
- 3) to show how the sin of man is met by the redemption of God

Author: Moses

Date written: after 1445 BC

Theme: Israel's Origin & Early Years

# The Book of Exodus

Bondage		Redemption				Revelation																
1	Bondage in Egypt	7	Plagues	11	Passover	13	Red Sea Crossing	16	Journey to Mount Sinai	19	Ten Commandments	21	Book of the Covenant	25	Plans for the Tabernacle	28	Priests and Levites	32	Golden Calf	35	Completion of the Tabernacle	40
Incubation of the Nation		Inception of the Nation				Infancy of the Nation																
Preparation		Redemption				Instruction																
Bondage and Oppression		Deliverance and Provision				Law, Pattern and Construction																
God's People Enduring Bondage		God's Grace in Redemption				God's Glory Manifested in Worship																
Israel in Egypt		Israel to Sinai				Israel at Sinai																
430 years (15%)		2 months (30% of Exodus)				10 months (55% of Exodus)																

# The Book of Leviticus

Key Verses: 17:11; 11:45

Sacrifice		Sanctification									
Three Voluntary Offerings	1-5	Sanctification by Personal Purity	11-15	Sanctification through Blood	17	Sanctification in Relationships	18-20	Sanctification by the Priests and Feasts	21-23	Sanctification in the Promised Land	24-27
Two Compulsory Offerings / Review of the 5 Offerings	6-7	Ministry of Priests in Offerings	8-10	Sanctification by the Day of Atonement	16	Holy People	18-20	Holy Priests	21-22	Holy Justice	26
Laws of Offering	1:1-6:7	Laws of Consecration of Priests	6:8-10:20	Atonement	16-17	Holy Times	23-25	Holy Vows	27		
<b>The Way to God</b>											
<b>How to Approach a Holy God</b>											
<b>Worship</b>											
<b>Access to God by Sacrifice</b>											
<b>“I the LORD your God am holy”</b>											
<b>Location: at Mount Sinai / Duration: ONE MONTH</b>											

**Author:** Moses – Leviticus states 56 times in 27 chapters that Yahweh imparted these laws to Moses (see 1:1; 4:1; 6:1,24; 8:1; ...; also see Matt 8:2-4 & Lev 14:1-4; Matt 12:4 & Lev 24:9; see also Luke 2:22)  
**Date:** orally given c.1444 BC – beginning with the first Passover (Ex 12:2), the tabernacle was completed 1 year later (Ex 40:17). Leviticus begins in the first month of the second year (cf. Num 1:1 which begins with the second month). Moses could have put it in its final form before his death in Moab, about 1405 BC

**Theme: Holiness (11:45; 19:2).** It teaches that one must approach a holy God on the basis of sacrifice and priestly mediation, and that one can only walk with a holy God on the basis of sanctification and obedience. God’s chosen people must approach Him in a holy manner.

**Purpose:**

- 1) to show Israel how to live as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation in fellowship with God
- 2) to provide a guide for worship, a law code and a handbook on holiness for the priests
- 3) to reveal God’s grace as He accepts the death of a substitute as payment for the penalty of sin

**Numbers is the story of God leading His people, Israel, through wildernesses on their way to Canaan, the rest land He promised.**

**The journey moves from Mount Sinai to the plains of Moab, opposite Jericho.**

- It was a brief journey in the dark unknown, demanding the utmost in trust and patience (Numbers 1:1-10:10).**
- It is a long, aimless wandering in judgment for unbelief, consuming all but two of first census, 20 years and above (Numbers 10:11-20:29).**
- It is a new and swift journey by the next generation with a few of the old leaders, to enter into the land of rest and blessing (Numbers 21:1-36:13)**

## **Numbers: Journey to God's Rest**



The first word in the Hebrew text of Numbers is *wayyedaber*, “and he said.” But Jewish writings usually refer to it by the 5<sup>th</sup> Hebrew word in 1:1, *bemidbar*, “in the wilderness.” This relates better to the content of the book.

The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Arithmoi*, “Numbers”

The Latin Vulgate followed this title and translated it *Liber Numeri*, “the Book of Numbers”

These titles are based on the two numberings: the generation of Exodus (Num 1) and the generation that grew up in the wilderness and conquered Canaan (Num 26).

Numbers has also been called the “Book of the Journeyings,” the “Book of the Murmurings,” and the “Fourth Book of Moses”

## Title of the Book of Numbers



**External and internal evidences point conclusively to Mosaic authorship of all five books of the Pentateuch.**

**There are more than 80 claims that “the LORD spoke to Moses” (the first is 1:1).**

**Numbers 33:2 says, “And Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the command of the LORD...”**

**Moses kept detailed records as an eyewitness of the events of this book. Moses, as the central character of Exodus to Deuteronomy, was better qualified than any man to write these books.**

## **Author of the Book of Numbers**



Leviticus covered only one month, but Numbers stretches over almost 39 years (about 1444 BC to 1405 BC – traditional dating).

It records Israel's movement from the last 19 days at Mt Sinai (1:1; 10:11) to the arrival in the plains of Moab in the 40<sup>th</sup> year (22:1; 26:3; 33:5; Deut 1:3).

Most of this time was spent wandering in and around Kadesh-barnea. Their tents occupied several square miles whenever they camped since there were over 2.5 million people. God miraculously fed and sustained them in the desert – He preserved their clothing and gave them manna, meat, water, leaders, and a promise.

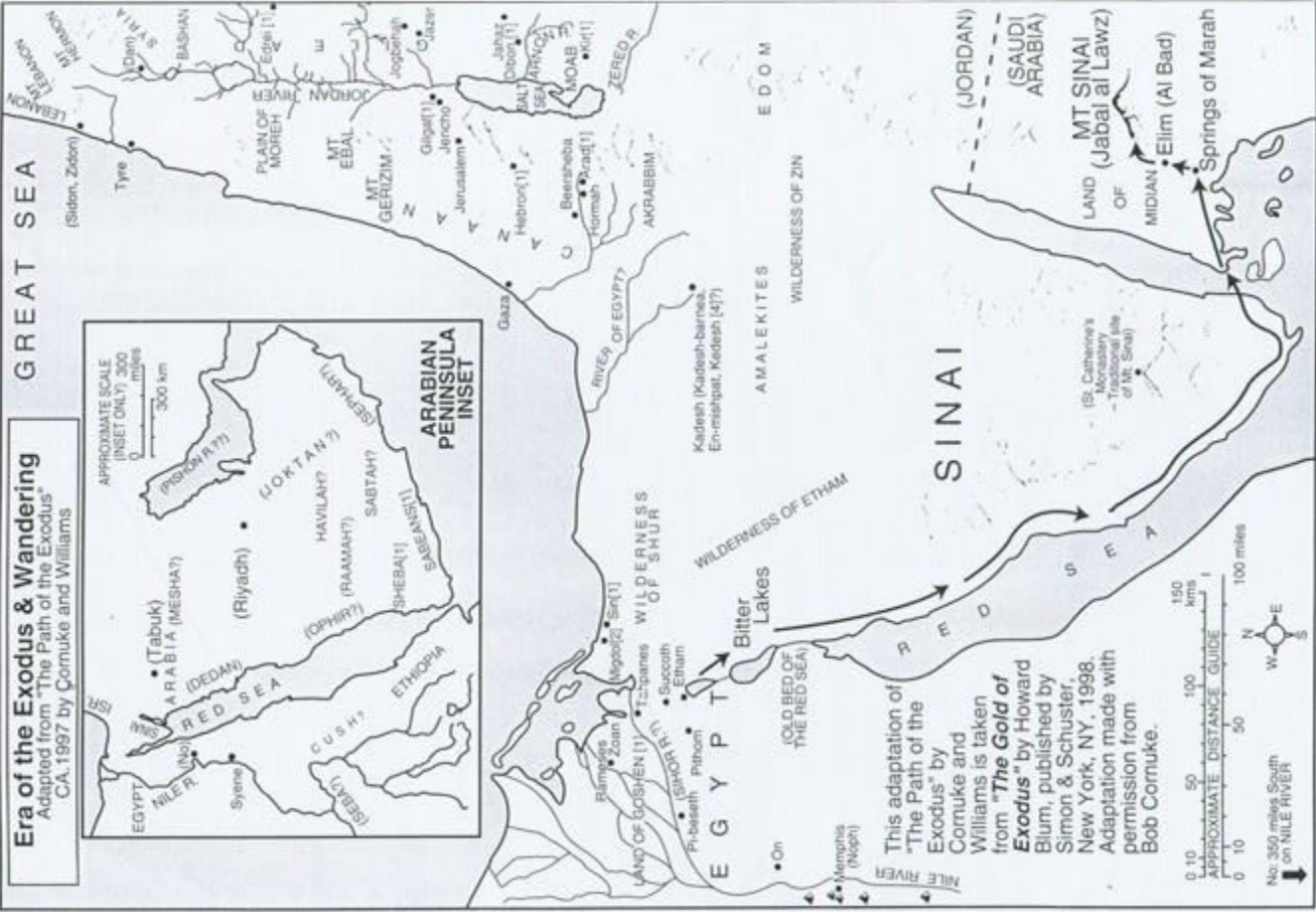
## Date and Setting of the Book of Numbers



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**Kadesh Barnea**



**The theme of Numbers is the consequence of disbelief and disobedience to the holy God. The Lord disciplined His people but remained faithful to His covenant promises in spite of their fickleness.**

**Numbers displays the patience, holiness, justice, mercy, and sovereignty of God toward His people.**

**It teaches that there are no shortcuts to His blessings – He uses trials and tests for specific purposes.**

**Numbers was written to trace the history of Israel’s wanderings from Sinai to Moab. But the fact that there was almost no record of the 38 years of wandering shows that Numbers is a very thematic history. It selects those events that are important to the development of God’s redemptive program. The sins of the first generation were written as a reminder and a warning to the second generation. They must implicitly trust God before they can possess the land of blessing.**

## **Theme and Purpose**



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# The Generation of Those Who Had Come Out of Egypt

## Preparation

- organization
- consecration
- instruction

## The Test

- of faith
- of obedience

## The Judgment

- wandering
- death

## Wilderness

SINAI

KADESH

# A New Generation

## Reorganisation

- repair

## Plains of Moab

MOAB



The Old Generation			The Tragic Transition				The New Generation																									
1	4	5	10:10	10:11	14	15	16	17	20	21	25	26	30	31	33	34	36															
Counting and Ordering of the People			Cleansing of the People			Complaints and Disbelief of the People			Instructions for Life in Canaan			The Rebellion of Korah			Aaron, the Levites and Moses			Serpent of Brass and Story of Balaam			Second Census and Laws of Israel			Settling east of Jordan			Preparations for Settling in Canaan					
Preparation			Preparation			Postponement			Postponement			Promise			Promise			Promise			Promise			Promise								
Waiting			Waiting			Wandering			Wandering			Waiting			Waiting			Waiting			Waiting			Waiting			Waiting					
Census, Instruction, Travel			Census, Instruction, Travel			-			-			-			-			-			-			-			-			-		
At Sinai			At Sinai			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab			To Moab					
Sinai to Kadesh			Sinai to Kadesh			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness			Wilderness					
Preparation for the Journey			Preparation for the Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey			The Journey					
About 2 months (39%)			About 2 months (39%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)			38 years (17%)					
Mobilizing the People Numbers 1-9			Mobilizing the People Numbers 1-9			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19			Displeased with His People Numbers 10-19					
Getting Ready to Possess the land			Getting Ready to Possess the land			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD			Steps to Disqualify Self from Serving the ORD					
Structuring			Structuring			Testing			Testing			Testing			Testing			Testing			Testing			Testing			Testing					
Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring			Enduring					

The book derives its name from the fact that it records the enumeration of Israel. Historically, Numbers takes up the story where Exodus left it, and is the book of the wilderness wanderings of the redeemed people consequent upon their failure to enter the land at Kadesh-barnea.

Typically, it is the book of service and walk, and thus completes, with the preceding books, a beautiful moral order: **Genesis**, the book of the creation and fall; **Exodus**, of redemption; **Leviticus**, of worship and fellowship; and **Numbers**, of that which should follow - service and walk.

It is important to see that nothing was left to self-will. Every servant was numbered, knew his place in the family, and had his own definitely assigned service. The N.T. parallel is 1 Cor. 12.

The second typical lesson is that, tested by wilderness circumstances, Israel utterly failed.

## Scotfield on the Book of Numbers



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**Numbers is in five chief divisions:**

- 1. The Order of the Host (Numbers 1:1 - 10:10).**
- 2. From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 10:11 - 12:16).**
- 3. Israel at Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13:1 - 19:22).**
- 4. The Wilderness Wanderings (Numbers 20:1 - 33:49).**
- 5. Closing Instructions (Numbers 33:50 - 36:13).**

**The events covered in Numbers cover a period of 39 years (Ussher).**

## **Scotfield on the Book of Numbers**



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As soon as their mode of life in a spiritual point of view had been fully regulated by the laws of Leviticus, the Israelites were to enter upon their journey to Canaan, and take possession of the inheritance promised to their fathers. But just as the way from Goshen to Sinai was a preparation of the chosen people for their reception into the covenant with God, so the way from Sinai to Canaan was also a preparation for the possession of the promised land. **On their journey through the wilderness the Israelites were to experience on the one hand the faithful watchfulness and gracious deliverance of their God in every season of distress and danger, as well as the stern severity of the divine judgments upon the despisers of their God, that they might learn thereby to trust entirely in the Lord, and strive after His kingdom alone; and on the other hand they were to receive during their journey the laws and ordinances relating to their civil and political constitution, and thereby to be placed in a condition to form and maintain themselves as a consolidated nation by the side of and in opposition to the earthly kingdoms formed by the nations of the world, and to fulfil the task assigned them by God in the midst of the nations of the earth.**

## Kiel and Delitzsch on the Book of Numbers



## Detailed Outline of the Book of Numbers

### **I. Preparations for Travel (Numbers 1:1-10:10)**

- A. The First Census (chapter 1)
- B. The Order of the Tribes (chapter 2)
- C. The Census and Duties of the Levites (chapters 3-4)
- D. Cleansing and Consecration (chapters 5-6)
- E. The Tabernacle Service (chapters 7-8)
- E. The Supplementary Passover (chapter 9:1-14)
- F. The Fiery Cloud and the Silver Trumpets (chapters 9:15-10:10)

### **II. The Journey to Kadesh Barnea (Numbers 10:11-14:45)**

- A. The Departure from Sinai (chapters 10:11-36)
- B. The Rebellion of the People (chapter 11)
- C. The Rebellion of Miriam and Aaron (chapter 12)
- D. Spying out the Promised Land (chapter 13)
- E. God's Judgment on Unbelief (chapter 14)

### **III. The Journey to the Plains of Moab (Numbers 15:1-22:1)**

- A. Covenant Statutes Reviewed (chapter 15)
- B. The Rebellion of Korah (chapter 16)

- C. The Budding of Aaron's Rod (chapter 17)
- D. The Responsibility of Priests and Levites (chapter 18)
- E. The Red Heifer Sacrifice (chapter 19)
- F. The Waters of Meribah, Edom, Aaron's death (chapter 20)
- G. Journey to Moab (chapters 21:1-22:1)
- F. Balak and Balaam (chapters 22:2-24:25)
- G. The Idolatry of Israel (chapter 25)

### **IV. Final Preparations for Entering Canaan (Numbers 26:1-36:13)**

- A. The Second Census (chapter 26)
- B. Daughters of Zelophehad (chapter 27:1-11)
- C. Joshua appointed as Moses' Successor (chapter 27:12-23)
- D. Laws concerning Offerings and Vows (chapters 28-30)
- E. The War against Midian (chapter 31)
- F. Inheritance of Eastern Tribes (chapter 32)
- G. Resume of the journey from Egypt (chapter 33:1-49)
- H. Final Instructions about Conquest and Inheritance (chapters 33:50-36:13)

## I. At Sinai: Obeying the Lord (1:1-9:14)

1. Numbering the Soldiers (1:1-54)
2. Organizing the Tribes (2:1-34)
3. Assigning the Duties (chapter 3-4)
4. Purifying the People (chapter 5-6)
5. Dedicating the Tabernacle (chapter 7-8)
6. Celebrating the Passover (9:1-14)

## II. To Kadesh: Tempting the Lord (9:15-12:16)

1. The Camp Marches (9:15-10:36)
2. The People Complain (chapter 11)
3. Aaron and Miriam Criticize Moses (chapter 12)

## III. At Kadesh: Rebelling Against the Lord (chapter 13-14)

1. Exploring the Promised Land (chapter 13)
2. Refusing the Claim the Land (14:1-9)
3. Turning away from the Land (14:10-45)

# Numbers: Man's Failure and God's Faithfulness (Num 14:8-9) (Wiersbe)



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#### IV. In the Wilderness: Learning from the Lord (15:1-20:13)

1. About Sacrifices (15:1-31)
2. About Authority (15:32-17:13)
3. About Responsibility (chapter 18)
4. About Purity (chapter 19)
5. About Humility (20:1-13)

#### V. In Moab: A New Beginning from the Lord (20:14-36:13)

1. New Victories (20:14-21; 21:1-35)
2. A New Priest (20:22-29)
3. New Dangers (chapter 22-25)
4. A New Generation (chapter 26)
5. New Regulations (27:1-11)
6. A New Leader (27:12-23)
7. New Commitment to the Law (chapter 28-30)
8. New Commitment to Battle (chapter 31-32)
9. New Laws for the New Land (chapter 33-36)

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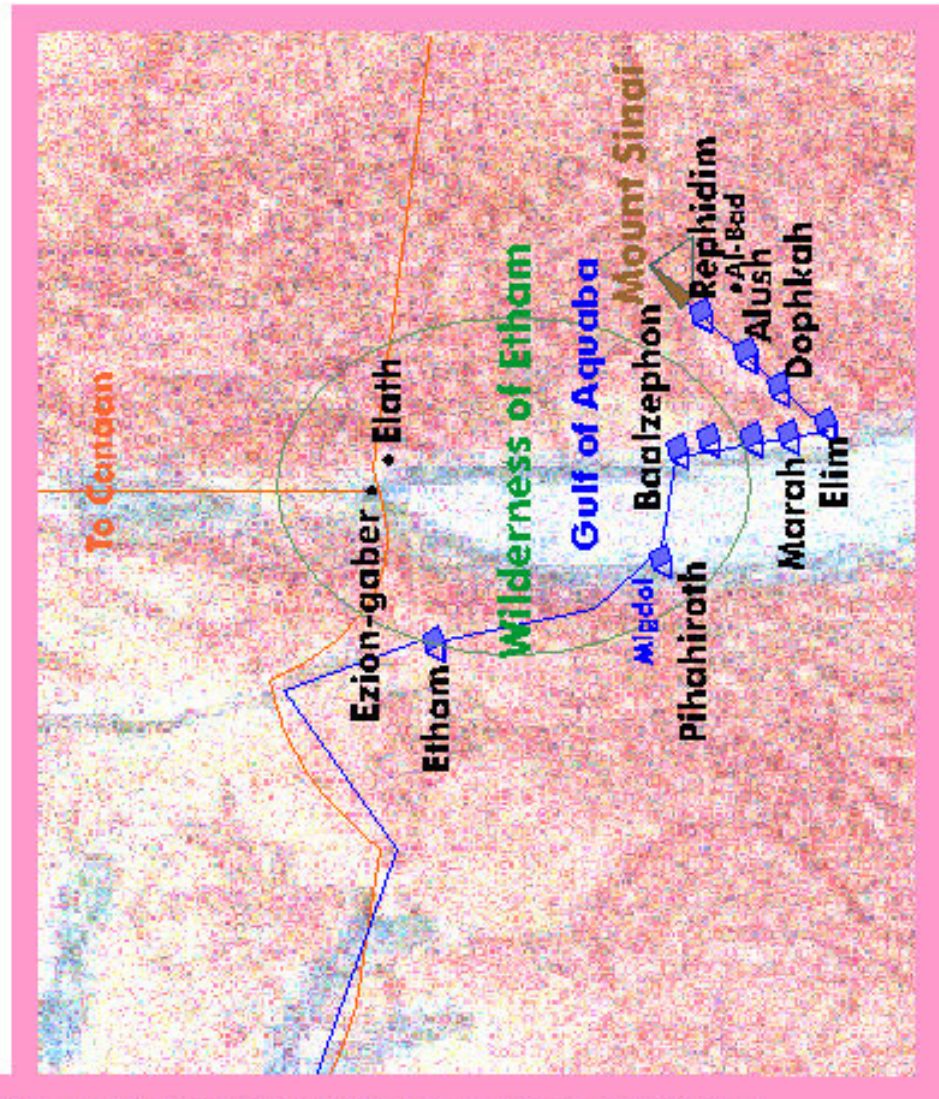
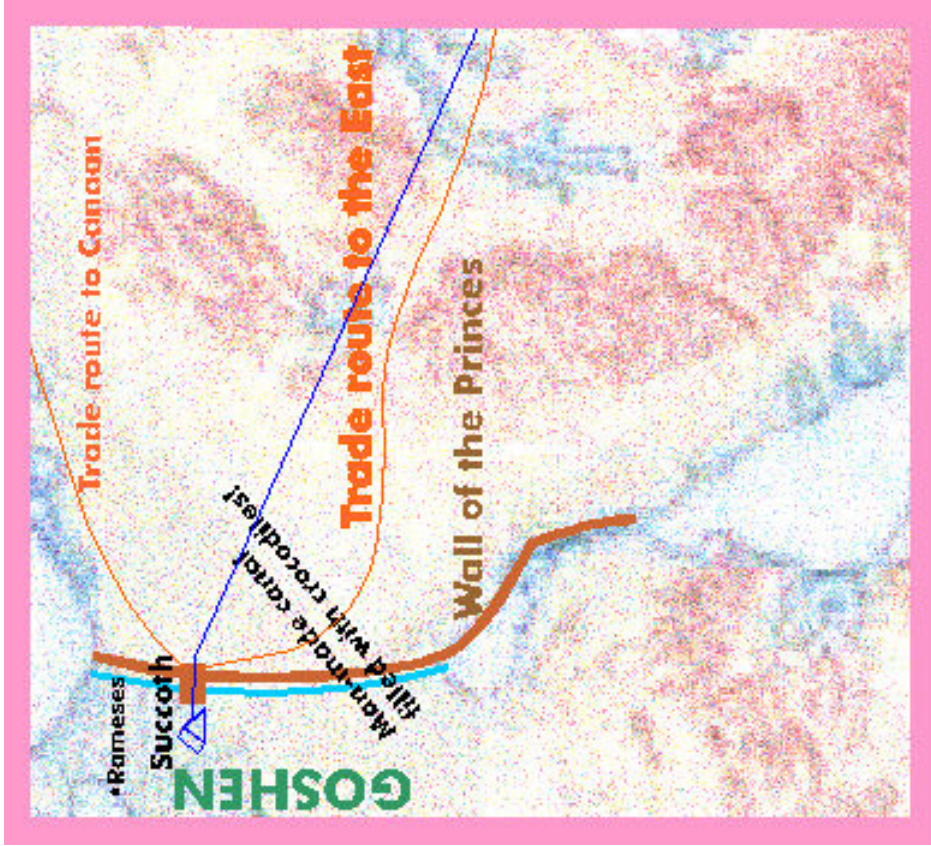
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- **Moses' preparation of conquest involved four stages:**
  - **Celebrating the Passover (9:1-14)**
  - **Numbering the Soldiers (chapter 1)**
  - **Organizing the Tribes (chapter 2)**
  - **Assigning the Priestly Duties (chapters 3-4)**
- **The events in Numbers 7:1-9:15 precede the events in Numbers 1-6**
  - **Numbers 1:1 - Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt,**
  - **Numbers 9:1 - Thus the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt,**

## Historical Setting



The 12 tribal leaders began to bring their gifts on that day (Numbers 7:1), a procedure that lasted 12 days



- **This is the second year of Israel’s National History (traditional dating, 1444 BC).**

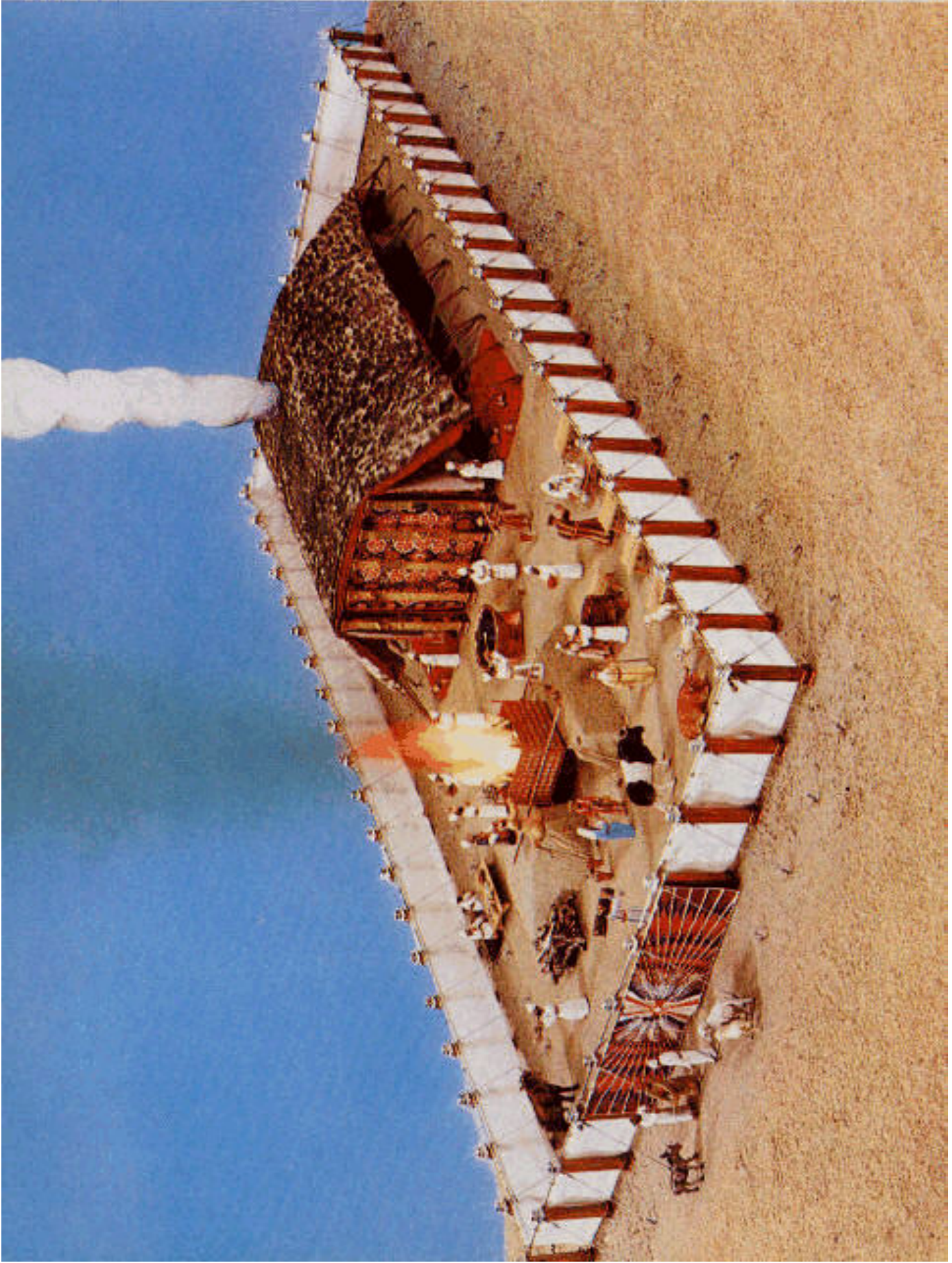
- **The tabernacle was erected on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month Nisan (Exodus 40:2,17).**



- **The 12 Tribal Leaders began to bring their gifts on that day (Numbers 7:1), a procedure that lasted 12 days.**

- **On the 13<sup>th</sup> day, the Levites were consecrated (Numbers 8) and on the 14<sup>th</sup> day they celebrated the Passover (Numbers 9:1-14) – the last Passover they celebrated until Joshua led them into the Promised land nearly 40 years later (Joshua 5:10).**

## Historical Setting



# PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S BATTLE

## Numbers 1-36

### MOBILIZING HIS PEOPLE

GETTING READY TO POSSESS THE LAND

STRUCTURING

*Packing your duffle bag*

### DISPLEASED WITH HIS PEOPLE

STEPS TO DISQUALIFY YOURSELF FROM SERVING GOD

TESTING

*Giving up the mission*

### READYING

### A NEW GENERATION

AN EXAMINATION OF THEIR READINESS TO ENTER THE LORD'S LAND

ENDURING

*Passing the Entrance Exam*

Inheritance laws	Purification laws	Celebration of Passover
Cities of Refuge & murder	Various offering laws	Purification of Levites
Border of the Land	Resolving the coup	Purification of leaders
Record of their journeys	Coup by Korah & priests	Nazirite law
Reuben & Gad's portion	Clarifying laws for Levites	Purification laws
Striking the Midianites	Rebellion against the Lord	Levitical duties
Laws for vows	Evil report of 10 spies	Census for Levites
Laws for seventh month	Jealousy for leadership	Tribal positions & leaders
Laws for offerings	Complaining spirit	Census for warriors
Moses asks for leader	Setting out	
The new census		
Israel's harlotry		
Balaam's last 2 blessings		
Balaam's first 2 blessings		
Balaam rebuked by Lord		
Serpents bite complainers		
Preparing for new leaders		

### Numbers 1-9

At Mt. Sinai

**MOVE OUT!**

*A Time of mobilizing the people and clarifying the law.*

### Numbers 10-19

In the wilderness

**YOU'RE DISQUALIFIED!**

*A Test of Their Faithfulness to their Lord's Commands*

### Numbers 20-36

By the Jordan

**ON WITH THE SHOW!**

*A Readying of the Second Generation to Accomplish the Mission their Parents Refused to Fulfill.*

<http://wwwFOUNDATIONSforfreedom.net/References/OT/Pentateuch/Numbers/Numbers00.html>

# PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S BATTLE (Numbers 1-36)

## MOBILIZING HIS PEOPLE

Numbers 1-9

Getting Ready to Possess  
the Land

### Structuring

- \* Census for warriors
- \* Tribal positions and leaders
- \* Census for Levites
- \* Levitical duties
- \* Purification laws
- \* Nazirite law
- \* Purification of leaders
- \* Purification of Levites
- \* Celebration of Passover

At Mt. Sinai

**MOVE OUT!**

Packing your duffle bag

**A Time of mobilizing the people and  
clarifying the law.**

Although God called the Israelites to meet with Him at Mount Sinai to establish His covenant with them, we instead see another emphasis of readying the people for possessing the land of Canaan. The Lord authoritatively organized His people. Total submission was critical for success. Their trust and submission meant more than their physical preparedness, caliber of weapons, stockhold of ammunition and well thought-out strategy.

## PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S BATTLE (Numbers 1-36)

### DISPLEASED WITH HIS PEOPLE

#### Numbers 10-19

### STEPS TO DISQUALIFY YOURSELF FROM SERVING GOD

#### Testing

- \* Setting out
- \* Complaining spirit
- \* Jealousy for leadership
- \* Evil report of 10 spies
- \* Rebellion against the Lord
- \* Clarifying laws for Levites
- \* Coup by Korah and priests
- \* Resolving the coup
- \* Various offering laws
- \* Purification laws

### In the wilderness **YOU'RE DISQUALIFIED!**

#### Giving up the mission

### A Test of Their Faithfulness to their Lord's Commands

Numbers is a book of tests, and unfortunately, this one group failed to pass them. In an opportunistic way, God tested and proved His people that they were ready for the demanding job. In a very negative sense, the people tested and proved God. The Lord is not asking us to see whether we have enough faith for a certain action, but simply to obey Him. Obedience always precedes true success.

Numbers could have been a much shorter book! Disobedience puts off the accomplishment of certain tasks which would have made everything much easier.

# PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S BATTLE (Numbers 1-36)

## READYING A NEW GENERATION

Numbers 20-36

An Examination of their Readiness to enter the Lord's Land

### Enduring

- \* Preparing for new leaders
- \* Serpents bite complainers
- \* Balaam rebuked by Lord
- \* Balaam's first 2 blessings
- \* Balaam's last 2 blessings
- \* Israel's harlotry
- \* The new census
- \* Moses asks for leader
- \* Laws for offerings
- \* Laws for seventh month
- \* Laws for vows
- \* Striking the Midianites
- \* Reuben and Gad's portion
- \* Record of their journeys
- \* Border of the Land
- \* Cities of Refuge and murder
- \* Inheritance laws

By the Jordan

ON WITH THE SHOW!

Passing the Entrance Exam

A Readying of the Second Generation to Accomplish the Mission their Parents Refused to Fulfill.

Although some might get lost sympathizing with the generation that died in the desert, we must be eternally grateful that God raised up a new generation which would bring God's great promises to fulfillment. This is the second chance for His people established by pure grace.

The Lord again readies them as in the first section but also again tries their hearts. He brings them through smaller battles and testings to see if there is any sign of faith. Most of this time was spent in Moab next to the Jordan River (see Deuteronomy). However, Numbers focuses on the preparations and the display of faith among the people unlike their parents' generation. We do not see a perfect people. God still hates and judges their sin. But we do see a God with perfect patience and wisdom equipping them for a task that would be scoffed at as impossible by the world. They were weak and frail, but considered ready. They passed the test.

## **THE CHALLENGE**

**The younger generation so often criticizes the older one for lack of faith and boldness. The accusation is too often true.**

**But what about the younger generation?**

**Will you be more faithful and true to what the Lord has set before you? This is your turn!**

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