

The Wilderness Journey



A Study of the Books of **Leviticus and Numbers**

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Disciples Are Learners

The Christians who meet on Dowlen Road are dedicated to developing one another as disciples. We are glad you want to grow, and we want to help you in every way we can.

The number one forum we use to help you learn from God is our twice-weekly Bible classes. Therefore, we have worked hard to develop classes that will help you grow in Christ and learn from God and His Word.

From Captivity to Covenant

In the quarter before us we will study the Old Testament books of Leviticus and Numbers. It is the continuation of the saga of God building a great nation through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18).

In Genesis God had made three promises to Abraham. He promised to make a great nation from his descendants; to give him a great land; and that through Abraham’s seed, one would come who would bless all nations. God promised Abraham that his family would be so large that his descendants would be as numberless as the stars of the heavens (Genesis 15:5). Israel is that nation—the descendants of Abraham. Indeed, they did become very great in number, just as the Lord had promised Abraham in Genesis 15:5.

This is an exciting time period as God begins His covenant with Israel, foreshadowing and pointing to the greater covenant and the salvation we now have in Christ. You won’t want to miss a single class as we study the great power and majesty of God, seeing the working out of His plan for Israel that will lead into His plans for the spiritual Israel of which we are now a part.

About the Material

This material was originally developed by Edwin Crozier. We have modified it (with Edwin’s permission) for our purposes.

Lesson 1: The Two Narratives



Text: Leviticus 10; 24:10-23

People to Remember:

Shelomith: Israelite whose son cursed and blasphemed God

Unauthorized Fire

1. What did Nadab and Abihu put in their censers according to **Leviticus 10:1**?
2. What did God do to Nadab and Abihu?
3. What was God's defense of this execution in **Leviticus 10:3**?
4. What does this account teach regarding the need for authority from God?

Aaron and His Other Sons

5. Who carried out the bodies of Nadab and Abihu?
6. What instruction did Moses give to Aaron, Eleazar, and Ithamar in **Leviticus 10:6-7**?
7. What law that we read in **Leviticus 21:10-12** does this instruction mirror?

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8. Who was allowed to wail and mourn the deaths of Nadab and Abihu?

9. Considering the flow of the narrative, based on **Leviticus 10:8-11**, what seems to have caused this lapse in Nadab and Abihu that brought judgment upon them?

10. What did Moses remind his brother and nephews about in **Leviticus 10:12-15**?

11. About what was Moses angry in **Leviticus 10:16-18**?

12. Considering the account that just happened, what do you think Moses feared?

13. What was Aaron's defense that satisfied Moses?

14. Why did Moses claim they were supposed to eat the sin sacrifice according to **Leviticus 10:17**?

15. In **Exodus 28:36**, what was the high priest supposed to wear and what did it declare about him? What was the purpose of wearing this according to **Exodus 28:38**?

16. Considering this issue about the declaration of Aaron's holiness in order to bear the sins of the people, what do you think Aaron's point in **Leviticus 10:19** was?

Blaspheming the Name

17. What sin did the Israelite woman's son commit in **Leviticus 24:10-11**?

18. Why do you think Moses highlights that the man's father was an Egyptian?

19. What instruction did God give about the man in **Leviticus 24:14-16**?

20. What legal principle does God explain for the Jews in **Leviticus 24:17-21**?

21. With that principle in mind, what does this account tell us about how blaspheming God compares to murdering a man?

22. How did the people respond to God's instruction according to **Leviticus 24:23**?

Bringing the Narratives Together

23. Though these two narratives are very different, what principle do they both illustrate?

24. Considering one narrative is toward the beginning of this book and one toward the end, what does this shared principle of these accounts tell us about the purpose of **Leviticus**?

Lesson 2: The Sacrifices



Text: Leviticus 1-7

Sacrifice and God's Dwelling

1. What was the very last thing that happened in **Exodus**?
2. What is the very first thing God tells Moses about in **Leviticus 1-7**?
3. What do we learn then about what it takes for God to dwell with His people? (Note especially **Leviticus 16:16**)

Offerings

4. What are the seven kinds of offerings explained in **Leviticus 1-7**? List them below:
Leviticus 1:3: _____
Leviticus 2:1: _____
Leviticus 3:1: _____
Leviticus 4:3: _____
Leviticus 5:15: _____
Leviticus 7:12: _____
Leviticus 7:16: _____

The Sacrifice

5. What kinds of animals were allowed to be offered in the various sacrifices as seen in passages like **Leviticus 1:2, 3, 10, 14**?

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6. In order to receive atonement for the sin, what was the offerer to do before the animal was killed according to passages like **Leviticus 1:4; 4:4, 24, 29, 33**?

7. What was done with the blood of the burnt and peace offerings as seen in **Leviticus 1:5, 11; 3:2, 8**?

8. What was done with the blood of the sin offerings as seen in **Leviticus 4:5-7, 16-18, 25, 30, 34**?

9. What blessing did the priests get from some of the offerings as seen in **Leviticus 6:26**? But what restriction was in place in **Leviticus 6:30**?

10. Regarding peace, vow, and thanksgiving offerings as seen in **Leviticus 7:11-21**, what were the guidelines for eating the sacrifice?

11. What portion of the peace offerings did the priest who offered the sacrifice receive in **Leviticus 7:31-36**?

12. What was to be done with the parts of the sacrifice that were not to be given to God, eaten by the priests, or used in some other way as seen in **Leviticus 4:11-12**?

13. Why were the Israelites never allowed to eat fat from an animal that could be offered to the Lord as seen in **Leviticus 3:16-17; 7:22-25**?

14. What else were they not allowed to consume as seen in **Leviticus 7:26-27**? Why? (Hint: see **Leviticus 17:10-14**)
15. Read **Leviticus 5:5-6, 7, 11**. What concession did God make for the poor in their sacrifices?
16. Over and over again, the text says these sacrifices can be offered for the sin that is committed "unintentionally." What do you think that means?
17. What does the above mean for Israelites and rebellious sins?
18. How is the above mirrored for Christians as seen in **Hebrews 10:26**?

Grain Offerings

19. How much of a grain offering was given to the Lord as seen in **Leviticus 2:2, 9, 16**?
20. What was to happen to the rest of the grain offering as seen in **Leviticus 2:3, 10**?
21. What must they not include in their grain offerings according to **Leviticus 2:11**?
22. What were they supposed to include in every grain offering according to **Leviticus 2:13**?

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The Old and the New

23. With this entire lesson in mind, what does **John 1:29, 36** mean for us?

Lesson 3: The Priests



Text: Leviticus 8-9, 21-22

Consecrating Aaron and His Sons

1. Who was to witness the consecration of Aaron and his sons in **Leviticus 8:1-4**?
2. How did the consecration process begin as seen in **Leviticus 8:6**?
3. Do you think this first step gives any indication why Jesus claimed baptism would fulfill all righteousness for Him in **John 3:15**?
4. With what did Moses dress Aaron?
5. How did Moses consecrate the tabernacle and its furnishings in **Leviticus 8:10-11**?
6. How did Moses consecrate Aaron in **Leviticus 8:12**?
7. How did Moses obey the laws of the sacrifices we learned in our last lesson in **Leviticus 8:15-21**?
8. What did Moses do with the blood of the ordination ram in **Leviticus 8:23-24**?
What do you speculate this signifies?

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9. Who else was this same ritual of blood performed according to **Leviticus 14:14**?

10. What did Aaron and his sons present as a wave offering in **Leviticus 8:25-29**?

11. How did Moses consecrate the garments of the priests in **Leviticus 8:30**?

12. How long did Aaron and his sons have to stay in the tent of meeting according to **Leviticus 8:33-35**?

13. On the eighth day, what sacrifice did Aaron have to offer for himself in **Leviticus 9:2**?

14. What sacrifice did he have to offer for the people in **Leviticus 9:3-4**?

15. What did Aaron do with the blood of the sacrifice for himself in **Leviticus 9:9**?

16. What did Aaron do with the blood of the sacrifice for the people in **Leviticus 9:18**?

17. After the sacrifices, what did Aaron do in **Leviticus 9:22**?

18. How did God respond to this consecration in **Leviticus 9:23-24**?

19. Considering all you've learned from this look at Aaron's consecration, what makes Jesus so special as our high priest as seen in **Hebrews 7:26-29**?

Priests and Holiness

20. What funeral restrictions were placed on the priests in **Leviticus 21:1-3**?

21. What further funeral restriction was placed on the high priest in **Leviticus 21:10-11**?

22. What extreme forms of mourning are they to avoid according to **Leviticus 21:5**?

23. What marriage limitations were placed on them in **Leviticus 21:7**?

24. Who was restricted from the priesthood according to **Leviticus 21:16-23**?

25. What would happen to a priest who was unclean who attempted to perform priestly duties as seen in **Leviticus 22:1-3**?

26. Who was restricted from the holy things according to **Leviticus 22:10-13**? Who was permitted?

Lesson 4: The Feasts and Holy Days



Text: Leviticus 16, 23-25

The Sabbath and the Jubilee

1. How were the Jews to view the seventh day of the week according to **Leviticus 23:3**?
2. What were the Jews to do every seven years according to **Leviticus 25:1-7**?
3. How would the Jews eat during the Sabbath year according to **Leviticus 25:19-22**?
4. What special "Sabbath" year occurred after seven Sabbath years in the fiftieth year according to **Leviticus 25:8-12**?
5. What happened to property in this special Sabbath year according to **Leviticus 25:13-17**?
6. What exception was there to this rule of property in **Leviticus 25:29-30**?
7. What was the law regarding slaves and the year of Jubilee in **Leviticus 25:35-55**?

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8. Consider **Leviticus 26:34, 43; II Chronicles 36:21**. How important was the Sabbath year to God?

The Passover and Unleavened Bread

9. When were the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread to take place according to **Leviticus 23:4**?

10. What were the people to do on these days?

The Feast of Firstfruits

11. Once they entered the land, what ritual were they to go through when they reaped their harvest according to **Leviticus 23:9-11**?

12. What sacrifices were they to offer with this wave offering in **Leviticus 23:12-13**?

The Feast of Weeks

13. How many weeks were the Jews to count following the wave offering of the Feast of Firstfruits to celebrate another holy convocation to the Lord according to **Leviticus 23:15**?

14. What sacrifices were they to offer during this convocation?

The Feast of Trumpets

15. What special observance was supposed to take place on the first of the seventh month according to **Leviticus 23:23-25**?

The Day of Atonement

16. What day of the year was the Day of Atonement according to **Leviticus 23:27**?

17. How were they to observe this special day according to **Leviticus 23:28-32**?

18. What was Aaron not allowed to do according to **Leviticus 16:2**?

19. What was the only day of the year he was allowed to make an exception to the above rule according to **Leviticus 16:29-34**?

20. What sacrifices was the high priest to offer in order to make atonement for himself, the people, and the sanctuary on this day as described in **Leviticus 16**?

21. What special ritual was the priest to perform with the incense on this day according to **Leviticus 16:12-13**?

The Feast of Booths

22. When was the Feast of Booths according to **Leviticus 23:34**?

23. How were they to celebrate this feast according to **Leviticus 23:35-36**?

24. What special observance were the people to follow during this feast according to **Leviticus 23:42-43**? Why?

Lesson 5: The Laws (Part 1)



Text: Leviticus 11-15

Clean and Unclean Animals

1. What was the general rule for determining what the Jews were allowed to eat according to **Leviticus 11:3**?
2. List some of the beasts that were specifically forbidden in **Leviticus 11:1-8**?
3. What was the general rule for determining what aquatic creatures they were allowed to eat according to **Leviticus 11:9-10**?
4. What were the laws regarding the carcasses of these creatures touching something else in **Leviticus 11:32-38**?
5. Even among the clean animals, what would happen if they ate one of those creatures that had died on its own according to **Leviticus 11:39-40**?

Childbirth

6. How long was a woman unclean after the birth of a son? ...a daughter?
7. What sacrifice was she to offer following her days of purification?

Leprosy

8. Who was supposed to investigate potential cases of leprosy according to **Leviticus 13:2-3**?

9. How was the person who was determined to have leprosy supposed to behave according to **Leviticus 13:45-46**?

10. What was done to pronounce the leper clean according to **Leviticus 14:1-9**?

11. What was to happen if the priest determined there was a leprous spot in a house according to **Leviticus 14:39-42**?

12. What was to happen if leprosy broke out again in the house according to **Leviticus 14:43-47**?

13. What sacrifice was to be offered if the house was found to be clean after the leprous portions had been replaced and the house re-plastered according to **Leviticus 14:49-51**?

Bodily Discharges

14. According to **Leviticus 15:1-12**, what were the domino effects of the uncleanness of one who had an unclean discharge?

15. What was the ritual and offering to cleanse the man once his discharge had healed according to **Leviticus 15:13-15**?

16. What were the domino effects of a woman's uncleanness due to a discharge of blood as seen in **Leviticus 15:19-27**?

17. Considering the above, why is the account of the woman with the discharge of blood in **Luke 8:43-48** so shocking?

18. What was the ritual and offering to cleanse the woman once her discharge had been healed according to **Leviticus 15:28-30**?

19. What was the purpose of distinguishing between cleanness and uncleanness according to **Leviticus 15:31**?

Lesson 6: The Laws (Part 2)



Text: Leviticus 19-20, 26-27

Holiness

1. Why do God's laws matter according to **Leviticus 19:2**?
2. Upon what basis did God give these laws to Israel according to **Leviticus 19:4**?
3. How does Peter bring these exact same principles into our covenant with God in **I Peter 1:14-19**?
4. From whom are all these laws that God is giving Israel supposed to make them distinct according to **Leviticus 20:23, 26**?
5. What would happen if they followed in the footsteps of these other nations according to **Leviticus 20:22**?

Love Your Neighbor

6. What command is given in **Leviticus 19:18**?
7. What does Jesus call this commandment in **Matthew 22:34-40**?

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8. In **Leviticus 19:9-18**, this law of neighborly love is unpacked with several supporting laws, list those below.

Various Statutes

Blessings and Punishments

9. What blessings would God give the Israelites if they obeyed the statutes He had given them according to **Leviticus 26:3-10**?

10. What was the truly important blessing that would be given to Israel if they obeyed God according to **Leviticus 26:11-13**?

11. What would come upon Israel if they ignored God's statutes according to **Leviticus 26:14-20**?

12. What is the purpose of this punishment as seen in **Leviticus 26:21, 23, 27**?

13. What would ultimately come upon Israel if they do not heed any of God's discipline against them according to **Leviticus 26:31-39**?

14. However, what would happen if the Israelites confessed their sins according to **Leviticus 26:40-45**?

Lesson 7: The Holiness Code



Text: Leviticus 17-18

Special Note:

On the surface, it seems odd to separate out these two chapters of the legal code as special in our study of **Leviticus**. However, the letter the church at Jerusalem wrote in **Acts 15** actually demonstrates this section of the law has special application to us even under the New Covenant. Therefore, we need to examine this section, often called "The Holiness Code" separately.

The Holiness Code on Idolatry

1. Where were Jews supposed to kill their sacrifices according to **Leviticus 17:1-4**?
2. What would happen to the one who sacrificed somewhere other than God's tent of meeting?
3. What was the priest supposed to do with the blood of these sacrifices?
4. What was the purpose of this law according to **Leviticus 17:7**?
5. To whom did this law apply according to **Leviticus 17:8-9**?

The Holiness Code and Blood

6. What restriction did God administer in **Leviticus 17:10**?
7. Why did God prohibit this action?

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8. What were they supposed to make sure to do if they were hunting and killed an animal?

9. What were they to do if they ate an animal that had died on its own?

10. When did God originally give this law to men according to **Genesis 9:4**?

The Holiness Code and Sexual Immorality

11. Moses gives a list of examples of sexual immorality in **Leviticus 18:6-17**. What are some of the relationships among which Moses prohibits sexual relationships?

12. What action is specifically prohibited in **Leviticus 18:18**?

13. What form of sexual immorality is specifically prohibited in **Leviticus 18:22**?

14. What form of sexual immorality is specifically prohibited in **Leviticus 18:23**?

I am the Lord Your God

15. Who was God making a distinction between with these laws according to **Leviticus 18:1-5**?

16. What was the basis of these laws according to **Leviticus 18:4, 30**?

17. Why was God driving out the nations that were in the land before Israel according to **Leviticus 18:24-25**?

18. What does that suggest about whom God holds accountable to the laws He has just revealed?

19. Read **Ezekiel 22:1-12**. Why had God judged Judah by Babylon according to these verses? (Hint: especially note **Ezekiel 22:9-12**)

The Jerusalem Council

20. This section in **Leviticus** has a special impact on Moses's modern readers because of the discoveries of the Jerusalem debate regarding circumcision. Read **Acts 15**. What caused the circumcision debate that takes place in **Acts 15**?

21. What is the ultimate conclusion regarding Gentiles and keeping the law of circumcision in **Acts 15**?

22. Were the apostles and Jewish Christians saying that nothing in Moses's law applies to Gentile Christians like us? Explain your answer.

23. In the letter the Jerusalem church sent out clarifying what they taught and practiced, what parts of Moses's law did they encourage Gentiles to remember in **Acts 15:28-29**?

24. Let's think this through a little more. Were the apostles and Jewish Christians telling Gentiles they didn't have to worry about some of the other laws in Moses's law like don't kill and don't steal? Explain your answer.

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25. Reread **Leviticus 17-18** and consider your answers to the questions above. How does the Jerusalem letter mirror this section of **Leviticus**?

26. With this in mind, is it possible James and the Jewish Christians were calling this entire section of Old Covenant Scripture to mind and not just four particular commandments? Explain your answer.

27. With this in mind, what does this mean about this section of **Leviticus** and modern observance by Christians whether Jews or Gentiles?

Lesson 8: Laws, Priests, and Consecration



Text: Numbers 1-10

People to Remember:

- Gershon: son of Levi
- Kohath: son of Levi
- Merari: son of Levi

Numbering and Arranging the Camp

1. Who were the leading men of the following tribes according to **Numbers 1:1-16**?

Reuben: _____

Simeon: _____

Judah: _____

Issachar: _____

Zebulun: _____

Ephraim: _____

Manasseh: _____

Benjamin: _____

Dan: _____

Asher: _____

Gad: _____

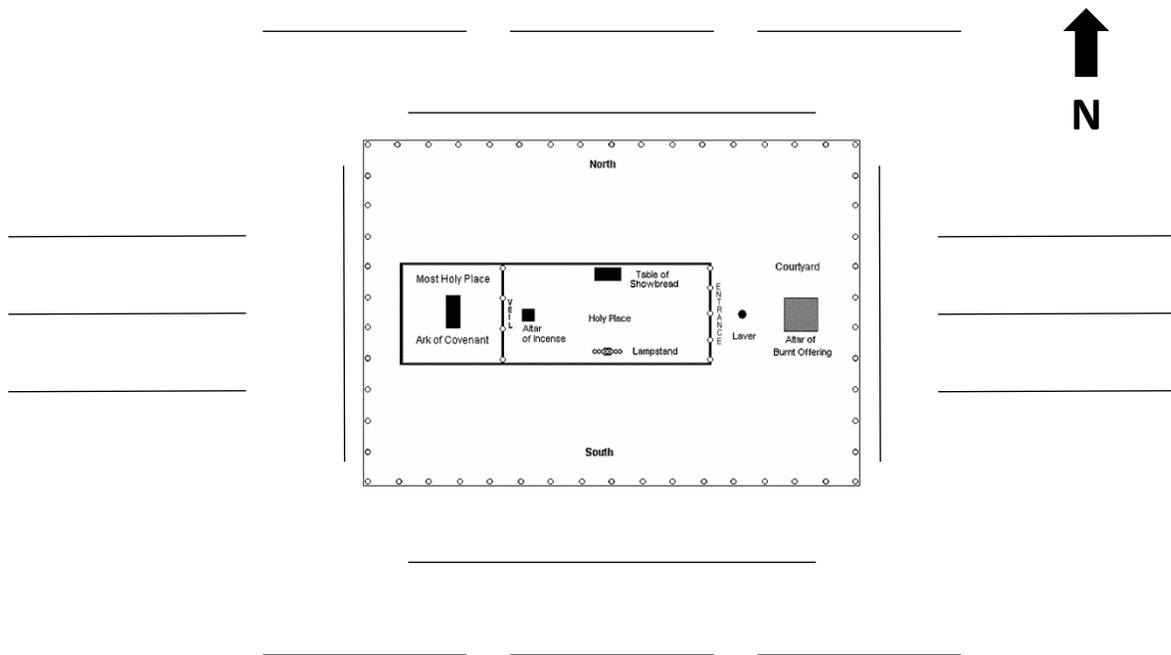
Naphtali: _____

2. What was the total count of the men able to go to war in Israel?

3. Which tribe was not considered in this count according to **Numbers 1:47-54**?

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4. Read **Numbers 2:1-31; 3:21-39**. Fill out the chart below regarding the arrangements of the Israelite camp. Which clans and tribes camped where? (hint: read **3:21-29** first because the Levite tribes camped closest to the tabernacle)



Levitical Duties

5. What was the general duty of the Levitical clans as seen in **Numbers 3:6-10**?

6. What were the Gershonites to guard according to **Numbers 3:25-26**?

7. What were the Kohathites to guard according to **Numbers 3:31**?

8. What were the Merarites to guard according to **Numbers 3:36-37**?

9. Explain how God used the Levites to redeem the firstborn of Israel?

10. How were Aaron and his sons to protect the Kohathites as seen in **Numbers 4:1-20**?

The Consecration of the Tabernacle

11. What did the tribes give to the Levite clans to help them carry the tabernacle on their travels in **Numbers 7:1-9**?

12. Why weren't the Kohathites given any wagons or oxen?

13. Describe the gifts each head of the tribe offered each of the first 12 days the tabernacle was set up as seen in **Numbers 6:12-88**?

14. How were the Levites consecrated according to **Numbers 8:5-13**?

15. What feast did the Israelites celebrate in the same month the tabernacle was initially erected as seen in **Numbers 9:1-8**?

16. What concession did God give to those who were unclean during the observance of the Passover in **Numbers 9:9-14**?

17. What happened when the tabernacle was set up as seen in **Numbers 9:15**?

18. How did the people of Israel know when they were supposed to break camp and continue their journey as seen in **Numbers 9:17-23**?

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19. What was Moses to make to communicate with the Israelites to gather at the tent of meeting, to break camp, etc. in **Numbers 10:1-10**?

20. When did Israel leave Sinai according to **Numbers 10:11**?

21. Who did Moses invite to go with Israel in **Numbers 10:29-32**?

22. What would Moses say whenever the ark set out according to **Numbers 10:35**?
What would he say when it came to rest?

Lesson 9: Grumblings and Questions



Text: Numbers 11-12

People to Remember:

Aaron: Moses's brother; complained against Moses

Miriam: Moses's sister; complained against Moses, struck with leprosy

Eldad: elder of Israel who prophesied in the camp

Medad: elder of Israel who prophesied in the camp

Grumbling and Fire

1. What did the people complain about in **Numbers 11:1**?
2. Why is this so surprising?
3. How do Christians today sometimes mirror this attitude?
4. How did the Lord respond?
5. What stopped the Lord's punishment?

Moses Complains

6. About what did the people complain in **Numbers 11:4-6**?
7. How does the Law describe the manna in **Numbers 11:7-9**?

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8. What complaint did Moses make in all of this to the Lord in **Numbers 11:10-15**?

9. Though Moses is not punished here, what weakness does this demonstrate on his part?

10. How do Christians today sometimes demonstrate this same shortcoming?

Elders in Israel

11. What did God instruct Moses in **Numbers 11:16**?

12. What was God going to do for these elders according to **Numbers 11:17**?

13. How did the men behave when the Spirit was put on them in **Numbers 11:25**?

14. Which two men were registered as leaders, but didn't come to the tent as seen in **Numbers 11:26**? What happened to them when the Spirit was put on the elders?

15. How did Joshua react when he saw the two prophesying in the camp as seen in **Numbers 11:28**?

16. What was Moses's response to Joshua? How should we mirror this same attitude?

17. How does this account supplement what we learned in **Exodus 18**?

Punishment and Plague

18. In the midst of the instruction about appointing elders, what did God promise He was going to do to the people in **Numbers 11:18-20**?

19. What did God claim the people had done to Him in this complaint?

20. What was Moses's question about this promise in **Numbers 11:21-22**? How did the Lord respond?

21. How did God fulfill His promise in **Numbers 11:31-32**?

22. How did the Lord punish the people for their cravenous complaining in **Numbers 11:33-35**?

Aaron and Miriam Complain

23. Why did Aaron and Miriam complain against Moses in **Numbers 12:1-2**? What did they say in their complaint that aroused God's anger?

24. For what reason did God claim Aaron and Miriam should have been afraid to speak against Moses in **Numbers 12:4-8**?

25. What punishment did God inflict on Miriam?

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26. Why do you think God didn't also strike Aaron with leprosy?

27. How was Miriam's punishment resolved?

28. Jesus on the Mt. of Transfiguration (**Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**) somewhat parallels this account. As Moses spoke with two others, Jesus spoke with two others. As Moses's face shone (see **Exodus 34:29ff**), Jesus's face shone. As Miriam and Aaron said something foolish, Peter said something foolish (which may explain the disciples' fear when the cloud appeared and spoke). God appeared in the form of and spoke from a cloud in both instances. Considering these parallels, what do we learn about Jesus from this?

Lesson 10: Failure at the Promised Land



Text: Numbers 13-14

People to Remember:

Caleb: spy from Judah; gave a good report

Joshua: spy from Ephraim; gave a good report

Spies Sent to Canaan

1. What did God command Moses in **Numbers 13:2**?
2. Who were the 12 spies?
3. What commission did Moses give the spies in **Numbers 13:17-20**?
4. Where all did the spies travel in the Promised Land?

The Report of the Spies

5. How long did the spies travel in the land according to **Numbers 13:25**?
6. What kind of land was it according to **Numbers 13:27**?
7. What problem did the spies report in **Numbers 13:28-29**?

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8. What was Caleb's suggestion in **Numbers 13:30**?
9. What was the suggestion of the other spies (except Joshua) in **Numbers 13:32-33**?

The People Respond

10. How did the people respond to this news in **Numbers 14:1-3**? Why is this response a bit shocking?
11. What course of action did the Israelites want to take in **Numbers 14:4**?
12. How did Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb try to convince the people to go into the land in **Numbers 14:5-9**?
13. How did the words of **Numbers 14:9** specifically respond to the bad report of the spies in **Numbers 14:32**?
14. How did the people respond to the pleas of Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb in **Numbers 14:10**?

Judgment

15. What was the Lord's initial plan in **Numbers 14:11-12**?

16. How did Moses intercede for the people and “convince” God not to take this proposed course of action in **Numbers 14:13-19**?

17. If God is all-knowing and all-seeing, how do you explain Moses’s “convincing” God to take a different course of action? That is, if God already knew He wasn’t going to wipe out Israel, what is going on here?

18. What was God’s “second” plan as seen in **Numbers 14:20-25**?

19. How did God further clarify His plans in **Numbers 14:26-35**?

20. How can God and Moses claim this is a pardoning if everyone who committed this sin was going to die before entering the Promised Land?

21. What happened to the 10 spies who brought the bad report in **Numbers 14:36-38**?

Defeat at the Promised Land

22. What did the Israelites offer in **Numbers 14:40**?

23. How did Moses respond?

24. What happened to Israel during this attack? Why?

Lesson 11: Laws, Korah, and Aaron



Text: Numbers 15-19

People to Remember:

Korah: Levite who rebelled against Moses and Aaron

Dathan: Reubenite who rebelled against Moses and Aaron

Abiram: Reubenite who rebelled against Moses and Aaron

On: Reubenite who rebelled against Moses and Aaron

Eleazar: Aaron's son; priest

Various Laws

1. What were the Israelites to bring along with their burnt, sin, and freewill offerings?
2. What surprising person was allowed to offer a food offering according to **Numbers 15:14**?
3. What offering were the people to make according to **Numbers 15:17-21**?
4. What two kinds of sins are contrasted in **Numbers 15:22-31**? (Hint: I'm not asking about who committed the sins, but what kinds of sins.)
5. What was to be done about these two different kinds of sins?
6. How did the story of the Sabbath breaker in **Numbers 15:32-36** demonstrate one of the kinds of sins mentioned above?

Rebellion

7. Who assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron in **Numbers 16:1-3**?

8. What was their complaint?

9. Why do you think Korah, a Levite, might have this problem with Moses and Aaron?
Why do you think, Dathan, Abiram, and On, Reubenites, might have this problem with Moses and Aaron?

10. What did Moses specifically say to Korah in **Numbers 16:8-11**?

11. How did God bring judgment on Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (and assumedly On)?

12. What did God do to the 250 men who were offering incense in **Numbers 16:35**?
How was this a fulfillment of **Numbers 4:15**?

13. Why did God plague Israel in **Numbers 16:41-50**? Why did it stop?

14. How did God demonstrate Aaron and the sons of Aaron were to be His priests in **Numbers 17**?

15. What fear did this prompt from the Israelites in **Numbers 17:12-13**?

16. In **Numbers 18**, what was God's plan to keep all of Israel from dying by reason of the tabernacle being in their midst?

17. How were the Levites to be supported as seen in **Numbers 18**?

18. What were the Levites to offer to God according to **Numbers 18:25-32**?

Laws of Purification

19. What animal were the people to sacrifice for the purification rights according to **Numbers 19:1-2**?

20. In what different place was this animal to be sacrificed and burned according to **Numbers 19:3**?

21. What were they to do with its body according to **Numbers 19:5-6**?

22. What were they to do with the ashes according to **Numbers 19:9**?

23. How was this "water for impurity" supposed to be used as seen in **Numbers 19:11-22**?

24. What was to happen to the one who became unclean but did not use the "water for impurity" for cleansing according to **Numbers 19:20**?

A Study of Leviticus and Numbers

25. According to **Hebrews 13:12**, Jesus was sacrificed outside the camp. Though the passage in Hebrews relates that back to another aspect of sacrifices, how does that also demonstrate this purification sacrifice as a type or shadow of Jesus Christ?

Lesson 12: The Conquest Begins



Text: Numbers 20-21

People to Remember:

Sihon: king of the Amorites defeated by Moses and Israel

Og: king of Bashan defeated by Moses and Israel

The Waters of Meribah

1. Which significant individual died and was buried in the wilderness of Zin in **Numbers 20:1**?
2. What sad complaint did the Israelites repeat in **Numbers 20:3-5**?
3. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron to do to bring water from the rock?
4. What did Moses say when he had gathered the people before the rock in **Numbers 20:10**?
5. What did Moses do with the staff at the rock in **Numbers 20:11**?
6. What discipline did God bring on Aaron and Moses because of this event? Why?

The Edomites Refuse Israel

7. Through whose land did Moses request safe passage in **Numbers 20:14**?

A Study of Leviticus and Numbers

8. What did Moses promise this nation?

9. How did they respond to Moses?

10. What significant Israelite died at Mt. Hor in **Numbers 20:22-29**?

11. Why did God claim this person had to die now?

12. What ritual did Moses perform with Aaron and Eleazar?

13. How did Israel respond to Aaron's death?

The Conquest Begins

14. Who attacked Israel in **Numbers 21:1-3**? What happened in the attack?

15. What did Israel request of and promise to God? How did God respond?

16. What sad complaint did Israel repeat in **Numbers 21:5**?

17. How do modern Christians sometimes mirror this exact same repetitive attitude and sin?

18. How did God respond to Israel's complaining in **Numbers 21:6**?

19. The people asked that the serpents be taken away, but God developed another solution in **Numbers 21:7-9**. What was that solution?

20. How does this deliverance from the fiery serpents mirror our own deliverance from the fiery serpent?

21. Where did God give the people water in **Numbers 21:16-18**?

22. Of whom did Israel request safe passage in **Numbers 21:21-22**? How did they respond?

23. Unlike Edom, what did God have Israel do to this tribe who would not give them passage?

24. Who tried to stop Israel's progress in **Numbers 21:33**?

25. What did God promise Moses regarding this people?

26. What did Israel do with the land of these kings as seen in **Numbers 21:35**?

A Study of Leviticus and Numbers

27. Why do you think God let Israel defeat Sihon and Og, but had them go around Edom?

Lesson 13:

Balak, Balaam and Baal



Text: Numbers 22-25

People to Remember:

Balak: Moabite king who sought to have Israel cursed

Balaam: prophet of God hired to curse Israel

Meet Balak and Balaam

1. Why were the Moabites afraid of Israel in **Numbers 22:2-3**?
2. Who was king of Moab at that time?
3. For what purpose did he seek out Balaam son of Beor at Pethor? Why him?
4. Whose counsel did Balaam seek in **Numbers 22:8-14** to determine whether he would go with the men from Balak?
5. What was God's response?
6. What did Balak do in **Numbers 22:15-21**?
7. How did Balaam respond this time?

A Study of Leviticus and Numbers

8. What problem do we see in Balaam in his response to this second request?

9. How did God respond this second time?

10. What did God do in **Numbers 22:22-35** to demonstrate his anger with Balaam?

11. What did Balak and Balaam say to each other when they met in **Numbers 22:36-40**?

Three Attempts to Curse

12. What did Balaam have Balak do to seek God's favor for his request in **Numbers 23:1-3**?

13. How did God respond to Balak's request through Balaam?

14. What did Balak think would change the outcome as seen in **Numbers 23:13**?

15. How did the Lord respond to this second request to curse Israel?

16. Where did Balak take Balaam the third time in **Numbers 23:28**?

17. How did Balaam's approach change in this third time as seen in **Numbers 24:1-2**?

18. How did Balak respond after this third blessing in **Numbers 24:10-11**?

19. Why did Balaam claim he had to bless Israel in **Numbers 24:12-14**?

20. What did Balaam prophesy in **Numbers 24:15-25**?

Baal at Peor

21. What sin did Israel commit in **Numbers 25:1-2**?

22. What did God demand in **Numbers 25:4**? How did Moses respond?

23. What high-handed sin did Zimri and Cosbi commit while Israel was weeping at the tent of meeting?

24. Who stopped the plague God was sending among Israel over this sin? How?

25. What did God call Moses to do to Midian over this whole matter in **Numbers 25:16-18**?

26. What does **Revelation 2:14** reveal was Balaam's part in Israel's sin at Peor?

Lesson 14: The New Generation



Text: Numbers 26-30

People to Remember:

Daughters of Zelophehad: father died without sons,
inheritance law modified for them

Joshua: became successor to Moses

A Second Numbering

1. Look back in **Numbers 2:32**, how many men of war did Moses count when Israel came out of Egypt?
2. How many men of war are in Israel in **Numbers 26:51**?
3. How were the tribal land inheritances to be split up according to **Numbers 26:52-56**?
4. Who was not in this new census according to **Numbers 26:63-65**?

The Daughters of Zelophehad

5. Name the daughters of Zelophehad in **Numbers 27:1**?
6. What was their request in **Numbers 27:3-4**?
7. How did the Lord respond to their request?

Joshua

8. What did the Lord instruct Moses in **Numbers 27:12-14**?

9. Why was Moses not allowed to enter the promised land?

10. How does God's accusation of Moses here mirror what was said of Nadab and Abihu in **Leviticus 10:3**?

11. What request did Moses make in **Numbers 27:16-17**?

12. What did the Lord have Moses do in order to pass on his role of leader to Joshua?

Sacrifices

13. What were the daily offerings according to **Numbers 28:1-8**?

14. What extra offerings were to be given on the Sabbath according to **Numbers 28:9-10**?

15. What extra offerings were to be given at the beginning of each month according to **Numbers 28:11-15**?

16. What feasts included special sacrifices as seen in **Numbers 28:16-29:40**?

17. Based on **Numbers 28-29**, what was the minimum number of sacrifices that were to be offered every year not counting the free will and sin sacrifices of the individuals that would be added to this list?

The Law of Vows

18. What was the law of vows for men according to **Numbers 30:1-2**?
19. What was the law of vows for a woman who still lived in her father's house according to **Numbers 30:3-5**?
20. What was the law of vows for a woman who marries a husband while under an oath according to **Numbers 30:6-8**?
21. What was the law of vows for a widow or divorced woman according to **Numbers 30:9**?
22. What was the law of vows for a married woman according to **Numbers 30:10-15**?
23. Why do you think there was a difference between the vows of men and women here?

Lesson 15:

Midian and the Eastside Occupation



Text: Numbers 31-36

Vengeance on Midian

1. What was Moses's final duty before being dying as seen in **Numbers 31:1**?
2. Remember what we've learned in other lessons, why was this battle against Midian considered the Lord's vengeance?
3. How many of the Israelites were armed for this battle according to **Numbers 31:5**?
4. Who did Israel kill in this battle according to **Numbers 31:7-8**?
5. Who did Moses command the people to add to the list of the slaughtered in **Numbers 31:13-7**? Why?
6. What did the soldiers have to do to be purified in **Numbers 31:19-24**?
7. How was the plunder of this battle divided in Israel as seen in **Numbers 31:25-31**?
8. What surprising thing did the warriors discover in **Numbers 31:48-49**?

Westside Occupation

9. What did the people of Reuben and Gad recognize about this land on the eastside of the Jordan in **Numbers 32:1**?

10. What request did these two tribes make of Moses in **Numbers 32:3-5**?

11. What was Moses's initial reaction to this request in **Numbers 32:6-15**? What was Moses's main fear?

12. What solution did Reuben and Gad propose in **Numbers 32:16-19**?

13. What was Moses's response to this solution in **Numbers 32:20-24**?

14. Who was added into this eastside occupation in **Numbers 32:33**?

Travels, Boundaries, Cities, and Inheritance

15. Where did the Israelites start their journeying according to **Numbers 33:3**?

16. When did they start their journeying?

17. List the events you recall happening at various places on this list of campsites for Israel in **Numbers 33:5-37**?

18. When did Aaron die according to **Numbers 33:38-39**? How old was he?

19. What did the Lord instruct Israel through Moses in **Numbers 33:51-54**?

20. What did God say any people left in the land would become to Israel in **Numbers 33:55-56**?

21. Who were the tribal chiefs at this time according to **Numbers 34:16-29**?

22. According to **Numbers 35:1-8**, where were the Levites able to live even though they had no land inheritance?

23. What was a city of refuge as seen in **Numbers 35:9-29**?

24. What modification was made to the law of inheritance regarding the daughters of Zelophehad in **Numbers 36**?

Wrapping Up Numbers

25. What does **Numbers** teach us about God and His promises?