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## NUMBERS STUDY GUIDE

### NUMBERS 1-10

1. Why is it called Numbers? The census taking
2. How do you define wilderness in our modern terms? Like a Sahara Desert
3. Numbers reiterates the value of two things and what are they? Faith and obedience
4. What are the three theological strands that ran through the book of Numbers? holy God holy land, holy people
5. What does the word decalogue mean? Ten commandments
6. What did Israel learn in Egypt that was spelled out in Numbers? Preparation for their military, economy, religious system into order
7. What was the phrase used over 80 times in the book of numbers? The Lord spake unto Moses.
8. What does the word "polls" mean? Heads or skulls; counting of heads in a census
9. What age were the fighting men? 20 years old and up
10. What two sons of Jacob were not counted in the 12 tribes? Joseph, Levi
11. Describe what was in the middle of the tribes? tabernacle
12. Which tribe replaced the first born and why? Levi for their zeal for the Lord
13. What is the Law of Recompense? What had been done and what was required to recompense the offended party? Deals with stolen property. Confess, return the stolen property, and give a 20% recompense.
14. What was a Nazarite? One separated to the Lord.
15. List five requirements for a Nazarite. Separate themselves, no wine, nothing from the vine, no contact with dead bodies, no cutting their hair.
16. What did the people offer to the Lord and what did that tribe offer to the Lord to keep the cycle continuing? People offered the Levites, and the Levites offered the animals.
17. At what age did the Levites begin to serve? At what age did they stop serving? 25, 50
18. What is the cloud called that came down upon the Tabernacle? What form did it take in the day? At night? Shekinah. Cloud in the day, fire at night.
19. What was the reason for the trumpets and why were they in chapter 10? The movement of the camp
20. Who was the young man that became the wilderness expert that Moses asks to go with him and who was he to Moses? Hobab the brother-in-law to Moses.

21. What was the morning and evening prayer that Moses prayed? Morning prayer- rise up, evening prayer- return to Israel

### **NUMBERS 11**

22. What provision of God did the people despise and what is this likened to that was despised in the New Testament? The manna. Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

23. What did Moses ask God to do after all the complaining in Numbers 10:4-9? Moses said take my life

24. What does God provide to help make His load easier? 70 elders

25. What was Joshua called? The servant of Moses

### **NUMBERS 12**

26. Who spoke against Moses and what reason did they give? Miriam and Aaron were attacking Moses's wife as well as challenging Moses's authority.

27. What was the judgment of the leader that incited this complaint? Leprosy on Miriam

28. In Numbers 12:7 what was the phrase that Moses was called and why? "My servant Moses" because of his faithfulness.

### **NUMBERS 13**

29. Where did the 12 spies come from? One from each of the 12 tribes.

30. How long did they search out the land? 40 days

31. Who were the 2 men that silenced the people and spoke up? Caleb and Joshua

### **NUMBERS 14**

32. What was God going to do to the Israelites and what was God willing to do for Moses? Destroy the Israelites and start over with Moses

33. How did Moses respond to this? Interceded for the people

34. How many military men died in the wilderness and how many went into the Promised Land? 603,448 died, 2 went in.

35. What did the people presume to do after this and what happened? To go fight and they got defeated.

### **NUMBERS 15**

36. What are the two types of sins mentioned in Numbers 15? Ignorance and presumption

37. How did the man in Numbers 15 sin and what was his punishment? Gathered sticks on the Sabbath and was stoned by the congregation

38. What was the reason the entire congregation was brought out to institute the punishment? All would hear and fear and not commit the same sin
39. What is the reason for the fringes on their garments? To remember to obey God and his commandments

## **NUMBERS 16**

40. Who was the ringleader of the rebellion against Moses in Numbers 16 and what was his responsibility as a member of the tribe of Levi? Korah. From the family of Kohathites, the burden bearers
41. How many princes joined in the insurrection? 250
42. Where did Dathan and Abiram get the idea that they should have a leadership role? They were from the tribe of Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob.
43. Why did God tell Moses and Aaron to separate themselves from the rebellious men? "That I may consume them in a moment."
44. What did Moses and Aaron do? Fell on their face and plead for mercy
45. What happened to the rebels, their families and their possessions? The earth swallowed them up
46. What happened to the princes that joined in the rebellion? Fire burned them up
47. What did the people accuse Moses and Aaron of the next day? You have killed the people of the Lord
48. How did Moses and Aaron respond to what God said He was going to do? Fell on their faces asking mercy for the people
49. What did Moses command Aaron to do? Make an atonement for the people.
50. How many died in the plague? 14,700

## **NUMBERS 17**

51. In Numbers 17, what was the purpose of bringing the rods before the Lord, and what was the result? What did it prove? One rod for each of the 12 tribes, Aaron's rod budded, showing Aaron's family was chosen of God to be priests.

## **NUMBERS 18**

52. The people gave the offerings unto the Lord as the primary purpose.
53. What was the secondary purpose of the offerings the people gave to the Lord? To provide for the Levites

## **NUMBERS 19**

54. What was the purpose of the red heifer? To cleanse what had been defiled so the service of the Tabernacle could be accomplished.

## NUMBERS 20

- 55. What central figure died in Numbers 20:1? Miriam
- 56. When the people began to complain, how did Moses respond? Fell on his face before God
- 57. What did God tell Moses to do to the rock and what did Moses do instead? Speak to the rock—Moses struck the rock.
- 58. What was the rock a picture of? Christ
- 59. What was another reason that striking the rock twice would be wrong? Was like Christ being struck twice, and He will not be struck or die twice.
- 60. What family of Isaac would not allow passage? Who were they descended from? Edom, Esau
- 61. Who died at the end of Numbers 20? Who replaced him? Aaron. Eleazar
- 62. Of the two that died, what was different about how the people responded to their deaths? No mourning mentioned for Miriam, 30 days mourning for Aaron

## NUMBERS 21

- 63. What tribe and leader did Israel defeat in Numbers 21? Canaan, Arad
- 64. Who did the people speak against in Numbers 21:5? What were they loathing? Spoke against God, loathed the light bread which signified Jesus Christ
- 65. What does God do in response to their complaint? Sent fiery serpents
- 66. How did God give the people an opportunity to be spared from his judgment? Moses made a pole with brazen serpent, those who looked on it were spared
- 67. Give three things that are symbolized in the New Testament for us today from this event. Brass-judgment, serpent-sin, looking to Christ brings salvation
- 68. What second tribe and leader did Israel defeat? Amorites, Sihon
- 69. What third tribe and leader did Israel defeat? Bashan, Og

## NUMBERS 22

- 70. What king and people came out against Israel in Numbers 22? Balak, Midianites
- 71. Who was the prophet that was summoned by this king for help? Balaam
- 72. What did the king want the prophet to do? Curse Israel
- 73. What did the prophet say was all that he could do? Only speak God's word
- 74. What was the first thing God told the prophet when the king asked for his help? Don't go with Balak
- 75. In Numbers 22:20 what was the second thing God told the prophet? Go with Balak
- 76. How does God respond to the prophet going? God got angry and sent an angel to destroy him
- 77. What did the prophet's donkey do three times? Turns aside or stops
- 78. When God opened the donkey's mouth, what did he say? Why are you smiting me

79. What do we learn about the prophet's motives when God calls his way perverse?  
Balaam's motives were not pure and in line with God's
80. What does the king keep promising he will do for the prophet? Promote him and make him rich
81. What does the king want the prophet to do? What does the prophet end up doing?  
Curse Israel but Balaam blesses Israel

### **NUMBERS 23**

82. What does Numbers 23:19 say? God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent

### **NUMBERS 24**

83. What did the king say to the prophet when the prophet did the opposite of what the king wanted? I thought to promote you, but the Lord has kept you back from honor
84. What do the prophecies about a star out of Jacob and a scepter out of Israel speak of? Star and scepter speak of a king, ultimately Jesus Christ

### **NUMBERS 25**

85. What back door approach did the prophet in this event do to accomplish what the king wanted? He got the Midianite women to invite the men of Israel to religious orgies, thus luring them into sexual sin
86. What happens when the man of Israel brings a Midianite woman into the camp?  
Phinehas took a javelin and ran them both through
87. Who was the zealous one who acted and how did God reward him? Phinehas—was rewarded by God by carrying on the priestly role through his lineage

### **NUMBERS 26**

88. How many censuses were taken in Numbers? 2
89. How many years separated these censuses? Nearly 40 years
90. What was the total of the first census? The second census? 603,550 1st, 601,730 2<sup>nd</sup>
91. List the three sets of people mentioned in the census and what they did. Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled, Nadab and Abihu defied, Joshua and Caleb believed
92. Numbers 26:10-11 speaks about Korah, Dathan and Abiram's rebellion and that they were a sign to present and future generations. What significance does Numbers 26:11 have regarding the children of Korah as opposed to what we read in Numbers 16 about the children of these men? That the sons of Korah were spared. This would infer they either: 1. Were not part of the rebellion. 2. They repented and God spared them.

93. What was significant about the sons of Korah later in the Scriptures and what is the application? They were greatly used by God and under the heading of “the sons of Korah”. Which teaches us that the sins of the father, doesn’t have to be your sins.
94. Who were counted in the censuses? Males able to go to war over the age of 20

### **NUMBERS 27**

95. What situation brought about the discussion of the law of inheritance in Numbers 27? Zelophehad had five daughters who would not have inherited any land
96. Why couldn’t Moses go into the Promised Land? He did not sanctify the Lord at the water of Meribah.
97. What symbolism in the Scriptures are Moses and Joshua in regard to going into the Promised Land? Moses pictures the Law/Works & Joshua/Grace and Jesus. Moses could only look and point to the Promised Land; whereas Joshua/Jesus leads us into Victory!
98. Who would succeed Moses? Joshua
99. Give two reasons why he was qualified. The spirit was in him, his faithfulness

### **NUMBERS 28**

100. What is it important for us to do to make sure our relationship is right with God? Pray and seek the Lord daily.

### **NUMBERS 29**

101. What 4 kinds of offerings are covered in Numbers 29? Burnt, meat, drink and peace offerings.

### **NUMBERS 30**

102. What is more important about vows? A. Vow & not pay B. Not vow & pay

### **NUMBERS 31**

103. Who was the group of people who were avenged and why? The Israelites were avenged upon the for the Lord’s sake because they influenced Israel into spiritual and physical adultery & idolatry.
104. How did the Israelites compromise in battle? They only slew the males.
105. How many soldiers were sent to this battle? 12,000
106. What prophet was slain who was joined with the Midianites? Balaam
107. What did this prophet desire? Money, power, prestige
108. What did he do to become a stumbling block to Israel? Advised Midianites on how to lead Israel into sin

### **NUMBERS 32**

109. What 2 ½ tribes chose not to go into the Promised Land? Reuben, Gad, ½ tribe of Manasseh.
110. What was the reason they did not want to go into the Promised Land? Good pasture land for cattle
111. What phrase in Number 32:5 was very indicting? Bring us not over Jordan
112. How did Moses respond? Angrily, for their lack of faith and discouragement to their brethren
113. What was the response of the 2 ½ tribes? We will build cities here, then go with you and help to conquer the Promised Land.
114. What did Moses tell them would happen if they did not keep their word? Be sure your sin will find you out
115. How did Moses use their own words? By your own words you shall be held accountable
116. What land did the 2 ½ tribes claim (kings and lands)? Sihon of the Amorites and Og of Bashan

### **NUMBERS 33**

117. Numbers 33:2 what did Moses do in reference to the word of God? Moses wrote their goings
118. What specific judgment in Egypt did Moses reference (Exodus 12:12)? The gods of the Egyptians
119. What did God instruct the Israelites to do with when they passed over Jordan (Numbers 33:50-56)? Drive out and destroy everything

### **NUMBERS 34**

120. Why did God give them strict instructions on what to do in Canaan that they did not obey? The inhabitants will be a snare to you
121. How many tribes' inheritances were given in Numbers 34? 10
122. What were the positions of the 12 people who partitioned out the land? Joshua (leader), Eleazar (priest) and the 10 princes of the tribes

### **NUMBERS 35**

123. What was the Levites' inheritance? The Lord and His service
124. What did God tell the Israelites to do to accommodate the needs of the Levites? Cities and suburbs
125. How many cities were given to the Levites? 48
126. How many cities of refuge were given? 6
127. Give a summary of the reason for the cities of refuge. If the slaying was unintentional, he could go to the city of refuge to be safe from the hand of an avenger

128. What event had to take place to free the slayer from the city of refuge? The high priest's death
129. What is the minimum number of witnesses needed to put a murderer to death? 2
130. Why couldn't it be less? Basically, one's word against the other's word

## **NUMBERS 36**

131. What situation resurfaced in Numbers 36 and how was it rectified? The daughters of Zelophehad would lose their inheritance if they married anyone outside of their own tribe

### **Bonus:**

1. What family of the Levites were the burden bearers and what made them different from other tabernacle service groups? Kohathites. They did not receive any offerings to help with their service in the tabernacle.
2. List the twelve tribes. Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Ephraim, Benjamin, Dan, Asher, Gad, Naphtali, Manasseh
3. What were the 70 that became the co-leadership with Moses later called in Israel's history? Sanhedrin
4. What happened three times in Numbers 16? Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before God.
5. What is the two-fold analogy of Aaron's intercession for the people and how can we relate to that today? Jesus standing between the dead and the living, and we as soul winners standing between the dead and the living.
6. What is the Hebrew meaning of the name Balaam? Devourer of the people
7. What was significant about the second tribe that Israel defeated as referenced back to Genesis 15:16? The iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full—Israel would dwell in the land of the Amorite
8. How do the two passages 2 Kings 18:4 and Numbers 21:6-9 correlate? The brazen serpent later became an idol during Hezekiah's reign and had to be destroyed.
9. How many and who of the twelve spies were the only ones allowed to go into the Promised Land? Joshua and Caleb
10. What was the difference in number between the first and second census? 1,820
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13. How old was Aaron when he died? 123 yrs.
14. How many cities of refuge were outside and inside the Promised Land? 3 and 3
15. How many times was the word "all" used in Number 33? 4 times
16. What three things did God warn the Israelites that the Canaanites would be to them if they did not obey? Pricks in your eyes, thorns in your sides, vex you in the land



17. How many times did the Israelites move camp until they went into the Promised Land? 42