



# BIBLE BEGINNINGS (PART 3)

Numbers • Numbers 23:21-23, 24:16-19

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## Introduction:

Genesis—COVENANT! God's faithful heart (covenant) in spite of humanity's fall.

Exodus—REDEMPTION! See your sin, see your substitution, see your Saviour.

Leviticus—HOLINESS, MEDIATION and SACRIFICE. God's sacrificial love. Our sacrificial worship.

## 1. The Focus of Numbers

The focus of Numbers is God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of our failures.

Numbers literally means "in the \_\_\_\_\_"

Number was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

The historical narrative that begins one year (1447) after Exodus and ends thirty years later (1477) in the plains of Moab outside of Jericho. Numbers gives a historical account of the wilderness wanderings.

The audience is the younger generation following those who would not trust God.

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The point of the narrative is God teaching His children how to live in relationship with Him, worship Him, serve Him, trust Him, tell other nations of Him. God was teaching them how to be HIS!

## 2. The Break Down of Numbers

Three wilderness \_\_\_\_\_ linked by two road \_\_\_\_\_

1-10 Sinai

10-12 Road Trip

13-19 Paran

20-21 Road Trip

22-36 Moab

### **Sections 1-2** (1-10; 10-12)

Begins at Mt. Sinai (Covenant, The 10 Commands, Tabernacle)

A census is taken and the people are being organized with God at the center of camp

NOTE: In Numbers Jesus is the Pillar of Cloud by Day and the Pillar of Fire by Night.

Ark in front with Levites and then Judah and other tribes follow.

As they leave Sinai, things are great but within a few days things start to break down—murmuring and complaining.

### **Section 3-4** (13-19; 20-21)

They arrive at Paran, send twelve spies to scout promised land.

Two were ready to obey, ten are scared to obey.

### **Section 5** (22-36)

As they arrive in Moab, even Moses has a moment of pride and rebellion when he strikes the rock, and God forbids Him to enter the promised land.

The people rebel and are attacked by poisonous snakes.

See Numbers 22-24 story of Balaam!

*Numbers 24:16-19 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. 18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. 19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.*

Note: While the people are sinning, God is promising a Savior.

The book ends with another census, and with God preparing Moses for death, Joshua for leadership, and the people to go in and fight for the land.

## Conclusion

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