

# The Fourth Book of Moses called NUMBERS

Hebrew Title "In the Wilderness"

Greek- Arithma, Latin- Numeri, English- Numbers

1 Cor. 10:1-12 Hebrews 3:7-19

"the longest funeral march in history"

1 month between Exodus and Numbers (Leviticus) Numbers takes 40 years

Moses: 1<sup>st</sup> 40 years in Pharaoh's House

2<sup>nd</sup> 40 years in Midian running from Pharaoh

3<sup>rd</sup> 40 years in the desert wilderness with people of Israel

1<sup>st</sup> Census 1: 2, 45-46 603,550 males over 20 years old and able to go to war  
3:39 Plus 22,000 male Levites over 1 month old

2<sup>nd</sup> Census 26:51 601,730 males over 20 years old and able to go to war  
26:62 Plus 23,000 male Levites over 1 month old

26:64-65 "But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sinai. 65 For the Lord had said of them, 'They shall surely die in the wilderness', So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, the son of Nun."

## Outline

### I. 1-12 From Sinai to Kadesh Barnea Canaan is in sight

Then, 2 weeks from the Promised Land, it turned into 40 years

Ch 3 Levite service 30 years old to 50 years old Jesus was 30 when He began His ministry

Ch 6 Nazirite Vow an opportunity for service other than the Levitical Priesthood  
(Sampson, John the Baptist ?)

6:24-26 Priestly Blessing Aaronic Blessing

Ch 9 The second Passover

Vs. 10 No exclusions on who can celebrate the Passover Clean or unclean

Vs 15-16 Fire by night and a cloud by day to lead and guide,

The visible presence of God among the people

Ch 11 Three days from Sinai the people begin complaining God sends quail

Ch 12 Rebellion of Aaron and Miriam Vs. 2 "And the Lord heard it." He always does.

## II. 13- 21 From Kadesh Barnea to Moab

Ch 13 12 Spies sent out

13:33 The Grasshopper Mentality

Ch 14 Vs 1-4 The negative report

Vs 6-9 The report of Caleb and Joshua

Vs 8 “a land which flows with milk and honey.”

### **Vs 26-34 The Death Sentence**

So close yet so far. 2 weeks turns into 40 years

Vs 28 “Say to them ‘As I live,’ says the Lord

Ch 15 Vs 30 Bringing reproach on God

Presumptuous Sin: Thinking whatever you do is alright with God.

Disregarding boundaries and thinking you will get away with it.

Ch 16 Rebellion against Moses and Aaron

Ch 17 12 rods from the the 12 tribes. Aarons rod blooms and produces ripe almonds overnight

Ch 18-19 Duties and Laws of Purification

Ch 20 Vs 8 speak to the rock, Vs 11 Moses struck the rock “You shall not see the Promised Land”

Ch 21 The Fiery Serpents The Brass Serpent on a pole.

EMS Star of Life and American Medical Association Symbol

See John 3:14 Pointing to Jesus. All who look to Jesus will live.

## III. 22-36 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN MOAB

Ch 22:28 Balaam’s donkey speaks

2 Peter 2:15 Jude 11 Rev 2:14

Ch 25 vs 9 24,000 died in a plague Harlotry in Moab Punished

No one can defeat the people of God – until they walk out from under His protection

Ch 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Census 26:65 For the Lord had said, “They shall surely die in the wilderness.”

Ch 27 Death of Moses

Ch 28-36 Concluding laws and distribution of the land

32:23 If you don’t do what you said you would do, ”be sure, your sin will find you out.”

**1 Cor 10:1-12** Paul’s summary of the wilderness experience. The presence of Christ in the wilderness

**10:12 “Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”**

**Hebrews 3:7-19**

**Hebrews 4:1 “Therefore, the promise remains.”**

## **3 Basic Conclusions of Israel in Numbers**

1. God Manifests Himself in History
2. God Demands Obedience to His Righteous Will
3. God is Able to Accomplish His Good Purposes Toward His People in Spite of Their Rebellious Spirit