



CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

STUDY/ MEDITATION GUIDE

February 23 / Number 1-2

Numbers focuses primarily on Israel's journey from Sinai to the border of Canaan. It is a sequel to the Book of Exodus. It describes where each tribe camped around the tabernacle and the order of their march. It also describes many times when the Israelite murmured against Moses.

Questions:

- From where had the Israelites come out when this book was written?
 - What did the LORD Command Moses to do?
 - How many that were able to go to war were numbered?
 - What tribe was not numbered?
 - What was the duty of the Levites?
 - Where did the Levites camp?
 - Which tribes camped east of the tabernacle?
 - Which tribes camped south of the tabernacle?
 - Which tribes camped west of the tabernacle?
 - Which tribes camped north of the tabernacle?
 - With the tabernacle at the center, Who's presence was always in front of them?
 - How should we live our lives with the presence of God at the center?
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February 24 / Numbers 3-4

Questions:

- Why did Nadab and Abihu die?
- Which sons of Aaron continued as priests?
- What does this say about how God expects to be worshiped?
- What did the Lord take from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb?
- Who were the sons of Levi?
- Where did the Gershonites camp and what were their duties?
- Where did the Kohathites camp and what were their duties?
- Where did the Merarites camp and what were their duties?
- Who camped east of the tabernacle?
- Why was all this "order" necessary?
- Who had the oversight of the things in the tabernacle?
- What were the Kohathites not to watch?
- Under whose authority were the duties of the Gershonites?
- Under whose authority were the duties of the Merarites?
- How can we learn from the fact that EVERYONE had a job and a place in the people?

February 25 / Numbers 5-6

Questions:

- Who did the Israelites put out of the camp?
 - When a person sinned what was he to add to his restitution?
 - If the spirit of jealousy came on a man who suspected his wife committed adultery what was the wife made to drink?
 - What happened to the woman if she was guilty of adultery?
 - This all seems very odd, obviously. But isn't it great grace that The Lord God knew that jealousy related to a husband suspicious of his wife could lead to him attacking her and her presumed lover in a jealous rage – is it not an excellent solution to require him to bring her to the priest for God's judgment?
 - What did the vow of the Nazarite consist of concerning wine, hair, and dead bodies?
 - What was Aaron to say when he blessed the children of Israel?
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February 26 / Numbers 7

Questions:

- How many carts and oxen were given to the sons of Gershon for service?
 - How many carts and oxen were given to the sons of Merari for service?
 - How many carts and oxen were given to the sons of Kohath for service?
 - What did the leaders of each tribe do for twelve consecutive days?
 - What did Moses hear when he went into the tabernacle after the dedicatory offering?
 - In your opinion, does this passage help understand how to support the ministry of those who minister in and to the house of God? How can you support the work of the church?
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February 27 / Numbers 8-10

Questions:

- How was the candlestick (lampstand) made?
- Why were the Levites purified?
- The Levites were wholly given to the Lord instead of what persons?
- What age group of Levites did the service of the tabernacle?
- What did the Israelites celebrate on the fourteenth day of the first month?
- Who was cut off from among the people?
- How were strangers to celebrate the Passover?
- What covered the tabernacle when it was set up?
- What was the appearance of the cloud in the evening?
- How did the Israelites know when to move or stay?
- What should this tell us about how we should move and/or stay?
- Who was to gather at the tabernacle when both trumpets sounded?
- Who was to gather if just one trumpet sounded?
- For what other three purposes were the trumpets to be sounded?
- What was the order of their march when the Israelites moved?
- Who did Moses want to go with them?

February 28 / Numbers 11-13

Questions:

- What did the Lord send when the people complained about their hardships?
 - What did the people desire rather than manna?
 - When was the manna provided?
 - What did Moses desire rather than carry all the people himself?
 - Who did God put His Spirit on to help Moses carry the burden of the people?
 - How deep was the pile of quail that the Lord provided?
 - What did the Lord send while the meat was still between their teeth?
 - What does this tell us about the provision of the Lord and our inherent lack of appreciation?
 - Why did Miriam and Moses speak against Moses?
 - How meek was Moses?
 - How did the Lord speak to Moses?
 - What judgment fell on Miriam?
 - How does this show that God's plan was not just for ethnic Israelites?
 - How many men did Moses send to explore the land of Canaan?
 - What were the men to find out about the land?
 - What were the men to bring back?
 - How long did the men explore the land?
 - What report did the men give Moses?
 - Who encouraged Moses to take possession of the land?
 - Why were the rest of the men afraid to attack Canaan?
 - What things scare us like they are giants and make us feel like "grasshoppers" when we are really more than conquerors? How can we be faithful in the midst of fear?
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March 1 / Num 14-15, Ps 90

Questions:

- What benefits would result if they kept God's commandments?
- What problems would result if they did not keep God's commandments?
- What would happen if in their enemies' land they confessed their iniquities?
- What is the promise of God based on? (verses 44-45)
- What was added to the price of redemption?
- What do we learn about WHO owns everything and the purpose of all that we are given?
- Where did the whole congregation desire to return?
- How did Joshua and Caleb respond?
- What did the congregation want to do to Joshua and Caleb?
- What did the Lord tell Moses that He would do? Why did Moses intercede?
- How did the Lord respond to the intercession of Moses?
- Who would die in the wilderness? Who would enter in the promised land?
- How long would they wander in the wilderness?
- What happened to those who searched out the land but brought back the report of unbelief?
- What did the people decide to do after the plague? What happened to these people?