

Road Trip - Book of Numbers

Master Quiz

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Memory Verse - 1 Corinthians 2:9



Book Context

Genesis - Book of beginnings. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers: Book of numbering, wandering, complaining.

Geography in Numbers

Started at Mt. Sinai.

The spies failed (13-14), Miriam died, Moses hit the rock (20), at Kadesh Barnea.

Aaron died on Mt. Hor. (20)

Moses would die on Mt. Nebo.

Short cut tribes settled in Gilead. (32)

Balaam blessed Israel (22-24), Israel sinned sexually and the trip ended at Moab. (25)

Practical Lessons

Numbers can be summed up in the two words 'Road Trip', which is the story about 2 million Israelites from 12 tribes walking 38 ½ of the 40 year trip through the wilderness, into the Promised Land. **Numbers 14:34**

The Promised Land - place of God's full blessing.

Wilderness: our wandering through life outside of God's blessings.

The trip began one year and one month after the Exodus at Mt. Sinai and later in the plains of Moab. **Numbers 1:1, 35:1**

The leader of the Road Trip was Moses, known as the most humble man on the earth and he spoke to God face to face, in plain language, as a man speaks with his friend. **Numbers 12:3, 12:8**

Moses had a brother named Aaron and a sister named Miriam. **Numbers 12**

The Road Trip turned a group of former slaves into a holy nation.

Numbers by the Numbers

2 million people, including leaders and men, experienced the Exodus and entered the Promised Land (Joshua and Caleb). **Numbers 1-4**

12 tribes/spies, **Numbers 13-14**

10 faithless and 2 faithful spies.

1 Yr, 2 months, 20 days after the Exodus. **Numbers 1:1-2, 10:11-13**

273 of first born Israelites that exceed the male Levites

11 days they could have entered into the Promised Land. **Deuteronomy 1**

20 years old and older - age of soldiers. **Numbers 1-4**

Numbers by the Numbers cont'd

30-50 yrs old – age for priesthood. **Numbers 1-4**

Balaam's donkey avoided the Angel of the Lord 3 times, Balaam hit his donkey 3 times, and Balaam blessed Israel 3 times. **Numbers 22**

The people murmured or complained 7 times.

250 by fire and 14,700 by plague were killed with Korah. **Numbers 16**

24,000 people killed because of sexual sin. **Numbers 25**

2 ½ tribes: Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh wanted to take a Short Cut and settle east of the Jordan. **Numbers 32:33**. They spent 7 years away from families fighting the war. (Joshua)

Leadership in Numbers

Moses was a spiritual leader unlike Korah the natural leader. **Numbers 16**

Moses was the most humble man; he spoke to God face to face. **Numbers 12**

Moses loved the people more than they loved him. When they attacked him and gathered men against him, he prayed for them.

Korah independent vs. Moses God Dependent.

Korah self confident vs. Moses God confident.

Korah own ideas vs. Moses sought God's will.

Jesus in Number

As the people camped in the shape of a cross so Jesus would die on a cross. **Numbers 1-4**

As the Bronze serpent lifted up on the pole was the sinless version of the sinful version on the ground. **Numbers 21**

Jesus lifted up on the cross was the sinless version of the sinful version of man on the ground. **John 3:14-16**

As believing in the serpent brought healing, so believing in Jesus bring forgiveness
As manna came down from heaven to feed their bodies, so Jesus the bread of life came down from heaven to feed us spiritually. **Numbers 11, Exodus 16**

As water came from the rock so supernatural refreshment comes from the Rock of our salvation, Jesus. **Numbers 20**

As the Pillar of fire and cloud guided, them so Christ guides us. **Numbers 9**
He also spoke out of both. **Exodus 14:24-25, Exodus 16:10**

The cleansing ability of the ashes of the red heifer is a foreshadow of Christ's forgiveness. **Numbers 19, Hebrews 9:13-14**

The Angels of the Lord worshipped by Balaam and his donkey. **Numbers 22**

Donkeys have a cross on their back hair.

6 Cities of refuge, 3 on each side of the Jordan, were places of safety for the manslayer, involuntary murder. The Avenger of blood, a family member of victim, could avenge the murder, until the death of the High Priest, at which time he will be set free. Christ, our city of refuge, provides safety for us, He will never die. **Numbers 35**