

“The Pentateuch”
Numbers 9-10
Wednesday Oct 6, 2010

Numbers – takes its name from the two numberings of the men for war in Numbers 1-4 and 26-27.

Numbers – Israel is tested in trusting God and found guilty of the sin of Unbelief.

- 1. Numbers 1:1-10:10 – Order and Organization**
- 2. Numbers 10:11-22:1 – Testings and Failures**
- 3. Numbers 22:2-36:13 – Repair and Reorganization**

Numbers 1-4 – The Census of Israel's Warriors:

Numbers 5-6 – Clean and Separated People:

Numbers 7 – A Generous Gift:

Numbers 8 – The Ordination of The Levites:

Numbers 9 – The Passover And God's Guidance:

Numbers 10 – The Trumpets and The Journey Begins:

Numbers 9:1-5 – The Second Passover: Numbers 9:1

If we compare Numbers 9:1 to Numbers 1:1:

Numbers 1:1 says the 1st day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year
Numbers 9:1 says the 1st month of the 2nd year

Why is it out of sequence? – Because of Numbers 9:6-14: God wanted all the people to celebrate it.

Numbers 9:2-3

Ex 12:14

Numbers 9:4-5

Numbers 9:6-14 – Special Provision For The Passover: Num 9:6-11

“unleavened bread” – Did not have time for the bread to rise, and leaven symbolizes sin.

"and bitter herbs." – Reminds Israel of the bitterness of Egypt, slavery.

Numbers 9:12-14

Numbers 9:15-23 – The Guidance Of God: Numbers 9:15

Exodus 13:21-22 – as the children of Israel left Egypt.

Numbers 9:16

1. By day it was a cloud – helped shield them from the blazing sun of the desert
2. By night it was fire – Pillar lit the way, but also provided warmth at night

Numbers 9:17 – cloud: this is the Hebrew word "shekinah"

Numbers 9:18

Note the phrase "command of the Lord" used 7X in this section

Numbers 9:19-23

1. Lesson of The Pillar And Cloud – The Pillar was a constant visual reminder of the presence of God among Israel:
2. Lesson of The Pillar And Cloud – We Should Continually Seek His Direction Concerning the Situations and Decisions of Life:
3. Lesson of The Pillar And Cloud – God's Presence Should Remind Us That We Are His Children and Belong To The Lord:

Numbers 10:1-10 – The Silver Trumpets: Numbers 10:1-2

God Gave 4 Purposes For The Trumpets:

1. Verses 3-4 – The Trumpet Was Used To Gather God's People:
2. Verses 5-8 – Used To Direct The Camp:
3. Verse 9 – Used To Sound An Alarm For Battle:

In essence, it was a reminder of Israel's dependence upon God!

4. Verse 10 – Used To Announce The Feasts:

These trumpets were considered the voice of God.

1 Thess 4:16-17

1 Cor 15:51-53

Numbers 10:11-28 – Israel Breaks Camp: Numbers 10:11-12

This journey should have taken them 11 days according to Deut 1

Numbers 10:13

Verses 14-28 – we have the tribes leaving under their commanders in the order that the Lord prescribed: Numbers 2

Numbers 10:14

Numbers 10:28

Numbers 10:29-34 – Moses' Brother In-law: Numbers 10:29

Numbers 10:30

Notice Hobab's response – I want to go back to my people!

Numbers 10:31-32

Judges 4:11

Numbers 10:33-34

Verses 35-36 – Moses' Pronouncements: Numbers 10:35

"Rise" or "Return O Lord" – Rise: was a call for divine guidance & protection

Numbers 10:36 – "Return Thou, O Lord,"; Return: was a call for divine protection, God come camp in the midst of Your people.

Psalm 125:1-2

Application:

1. The Blessings of God Come Through Obedience – It's Not That We Are Earning Them, They Naturally Flow.
2. Worship is Not to Be Planned Around Our Busy Lives; Worship of God is First and All Else is Secondary.
3. To Determine God's Will, We Have the Holy Spirit Within Us, The Word of God Before us, and The Interceding Savior Above Us.
4. The Trumpets Were Considered the Voice of God. Blown During Assemblies (Worship), During Movements, During War; God Wants to Be Part of Everything.