

**Series “Route 66”
“Numbers”
Book–4**

RECALL

Genesis - explains man’s sin and condemnation.

Exodus - is the book of redemption.

Leviticus - deals with separation and communion.

Numbers – Israel is tested in trusting God and found guilty of unbelief.

THE AUTHOR

Moses who authored the first five books.

More than 80 claims in Numbers that “the Lord spoke to Moses” • *Numbers 1:1*

WHEN WRITTEN

Numbers covers almost 39 years of time as, Leviticus covers only 1 month. It has been 1 year since Israel has been delivered from Egypt.

PERIOD IT WAS WRITTEN

• *Numbers 1-10:10* is 20 days at Mount Sinai.

• *Numbers 10:11-25* is 38 years, 3 months and 10 days in the wilderness.

• *Numbers 26-36* is 5 months in the plains of Moab.

WHERE IT WAS WRITTEN

During Moses wanderings with Israel.

PURPOSE

THEME

“Wanderings” The consequences of disbelief and disobedience to God and His will.

Called “The Book of the Journey’s” “The Book of Murmurings” and “The fourth Book of Moses”

Key Words – “Wanderings,” “Wilderness”

Key Passage – •*Numbers 14:22-23*

• *Numbers 20:12*

Key Chapter – Numbers 14 Israel would not believe God, so God pronounces judgment they would not enter into the promised land.

OUTLINE

I. The Old Generation Set Aside (1-20)

A. Counted (1-4)

The Census of Israel's Warriors: • *Numbers 1-4* • *Numbers 1:1-3*

Levites Exempt: • *Numbers 1:49-50*

Arrangement of the Camps: Numbers 2: • *Numbers 2:34*

Numbering and Duties of the Levites: • *Numbers 3-4*

B. Counseled (5-10)

Defilement: • *Numbers 5:1-10* • *Numbers 5:5-7*

The Adultery Test Numbers 5:11-31

The Vow of the Nazirites: • *Numbers 6:1-27*

1. No fruit of the vine:
2. No razor shall cut their hair:
3. They shall not touch a dead body:

The Offering of the Leaders: • Numbers 7 • *Numbers 7:89*

Retirement of The Levites: • Numbers 8 • *Numbers 8:23-26*

The Passover: • *Numbers 9:1-14* • *Numbers 9:1-4*

This feast was the constant reminder that their redemption depended on the blood of the lamb and the power of God.

God gives direction in our daily walk: • *Numbers 9:15-23*
• *Numbers 9:15-17*
• *Numbers 9:22*

God gives warning (Trumpets) when we need it: • *Number 10:1-10*

1. To assemble the camp at the door of the tabernacle (vv. 3, 7)
2. To call the heads of the tribes together (v. 4)
3. To sound an alarm, either for war or for the journeying of the camp (vv. 6, 9)
4. To announce the special days, the new moons, (v. 10). It is interesting that trumpets are associated with both Israel and the church. The rapture of the church, when God calls His heavenly people together.

God does not need the world's wisdom: • *Numbers 10:29-36* • *Numbers 10:29-32*

C. Chastised (11-12)

Numbers 11-12 After the remarkable evidences of God's love in Numbers 9-10, it is amazing that we read of the people complaining. Yet such is human nature—we fail to appreciate what God has done for us.

People Complain and God sends fire: • *Numbers 11:1-3*

The people lusted and God gave them what they wanted: • *Numbers 11:4-35*

- *Numbers 11:4-5*
- *Numbers 11:8*

• *Numbers 11:11* Moses gets discouraged over the people and he even starts to complain and falls into sin.

The Quail and the Plague: • *Numbers 11:31-35*

- *Numbers 11:31-34*

The leaders criticized and God chastened them: Numbers 12

- *Numbers 12:2-3*

The key thought is that unbelief robs us of blessing.

D. Condemned (13-20)

Sending in the Spies: • *Numbers 13:1-27*

- *Deut. 1:20-23*
- *Num. 11:28* Joshua is called "Moses' servant" ultimately, he becomes Moses' successor (Josh. 1)
- *Num. 13:8* Joshua is said to be one of the spies.

Refusing to go into the land: • *Numbers 13:28-33* Unbelief always sees the obstacles; faith always sees the opportunities.

Rebelling Against Their Leaders: • *Numbers 14:1-39*

- *Numbers 14:9*
- *Numbers 14:20-23*

Attempting To Battle without God: • *Numbers 14:40-45*

Laws for Canaan: Numbers 15

Korah's Rebellion against Moses and Aaron: Numbers 16

- *Numbers 16:1-3*
- *Numbers 16:13-14*

• *Numbers 16:32-24*

• *Numbers 16:49* It is tragic when a few people sin and cause the deaths of many others. Before this rebellion was over, nearly 15,000 people had died.

Aaron's Rod Buds: Numbers 17 This was God defense on behalf of Aaron and his calling.

Roles of the Levites: Numbers 18-19 God speaks of the obligation and the portion of the priests in their service.

Ordinance of the Red Heifer: Numbers 19

The sin of Israel, the failure of Moses (Jesus the Smitten Rock): Numbers 20

- *Numbers 20:9-12*

II. The New Generation Set Apart (21-36)

A. Their journeying (21-25, 33)

The Bronze Serpent (Jesus would be Lifted up): Numbers 21

- *Numbers 21:8*

• John 3:14 But the serpent of brass pictures Christ, who became sin for us (• *2 Cor. 5:21*).

The oracles of Balaam, the false prophet: Numbers 23-24 Balaam was a false prophet not because of his message: What made him false was his character. He coveted and even went directly against what God had commanded.

Israel sins with the Moabites: Numbers 25 It was thru Balaam that the children of Israel fell into sin and judgment. Balaam knew he could not curse them so thru fornication the sin against God, that the judgment would come. • *Revelation 2:14*

B. Their numbering (26-27)

The reorganization and renumbering of Israel: Numbers 26

- *Numbers 26:1-3*

The appointment of a new leader, Joshua: Numbers 27

- *Numbers 27:17-18*

C. Their offerings (28-30)

The reinstatement of offerings and vows: Numbers 28-30

D. Their dividing of the inheritance (31-36)

The Slaughter of Midian: Numbers 31

- *Numbers 31:1-2*
- *Numbers 31:16*

The Borderline Christians: Numbers 32 Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh.

Israel recounts where they have gone: Numbers 33

Israel's borders: Numbers 34

Israel Inheritance: Numbers 35-36

- *Numbers 35:6*

APPLICATION

1. God honors faith and punishes unbelief.
2. Canaan was a land of battles and blessings, as is the Christian life today.
3. Instead of being conquerors, they become wanderers, as described in Numbers.
4. Because of unbelief The nation wasted 38 years and endured unnecessary afflictions. In fact, the second census showed 1,820 fewer men of war.