

Numbers 10**Key Verse:** v.2, v.11**Key Word:** "remember" vs.9-10**X-Ref:** Genesis 12:7; Joshua 6:5**Paraphrase:** Instructions on trumpet alarms are given in the beginning. Next, Moses details how God led them from Mt. Sinai to the wilderness of Paran.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) When were the silver trumpets blown? 1) To gather the congregation 2) ...the leaders 3) ...to move 4) for war 5) on day of gladness 6) on appointed feast days 7) at the beginning of the month.
- 2) What is the name of the first place that God led His people to after leaving Mount Sinai? *The wilderness of Paran – v.12.*
- 3) Which of the three Levitical clans arrived last to the new location? *Kohathites, because they carried the holy things and the tabernacle would need to be set up first – v.21.*

Numbers 11**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** "complained" v.1**X-Ref:** Exodus 12:38**Paraphrase:** The Israelites complained about only having manna to eat. They wanted meat. The Lord grew angry with them and gave them quail to eat but some died because of the ungrateful attitudes and complaining.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Since Israel had livestock that they could eat from, what type of meat are they likely craving (v.5)? *Verse 5 mentions the fish in Egypt.*
- 2) What is ironic about the statement made in verse 5? *"Cost nothing" was in reference to fish that they could catch. The irony is that the manna cost them nothing and was easier to obtain than fish. Ask any fisherman!*
- 3) Verse 4 mentions "the rabble." Who was this most likely referring to (Exodus 12:38)? *These were most likely Egyptians and other foreigners. Some possibly who intermarried with the Israelites.*
- 4) Who was jealous for Moses when two elders began prophesying? *Joshua – v.29.*

Numbers 12**Key Verse:** v.8**Key Word:** "against" v.1**X-Ref:** Job 1:3; 8**Paraphrase:** Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because they didn't like that he married a Cushite woman. This angered God. Miriam was punished with leprosy and had to wait outside the camp 7 days in shame.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Much like Job, God's word describes Moses with a characteristic that was greater than anyone else on the earth. What was it? *He was the meekest man on the earth – v.3.*
- 2) Because of this characteristic, Moses was less likely to defend himself verbally. This left room for whom to speak up for him? *God spoke up for Moses. It reminds me of a father defending his son.*
- 3) Even though Moses had just been rebuked by Miriam, what does he do for her after she is punished with leprosy? *He prays for her – v.13.*

Numbers 13**Key Verse:** v.30**Key Word:** "spy" v.2**X-Ref:** Joshua 11:21-22**Paraphrase:** Moses sends 12 spies to spy out the land of Canaan. Some give a good report but the majority gave an evil report.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Where were the children of Israel when spies were sent into the land of Canaan? *The wilderness of Paran – v.3.*
- 2) List the 12 spies by name. 1) Shammua 2) Shaphat 3) Caleb 4) Igal 5) Hoshea 6) Palti 7) Gaddiel 8) Gaddi 9) Ammiel 10) Sethur 11) Nahbi 12) Geuel
- 3) What is Joshua's actual name? *Hoshea, the son of Nun – v.8.*
- 4) What did the spies bring back from their journey? *A cluster of grapes, some pomegranates, and figs v.23.*

- 5) Why did the spies give a bad report of the land? *They were afraid. "The land devours its inhabitants" and the people in the land were much larger than they were – vs.32-33.*

Numbers 14

Key Verse: v.11, v.19

Key Word: "rebel" – v.9, "pardon" v.19

X-Ref: Hebrews 3:16-18

Paraphrase: *The people grumble and complain. God is ready to destroy them and start over with Moses. Moses intercedes and God spares them but promises that all from 20 years old and up would not enter the promised land except for Caleb and Joshua.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) When the people grumbled against God's faithful leaders, how did God perceive their actions? *They were rebelling against God – v.9. And they did not believe in God – v.11.*
- 2) For whose benefit did Moses ask God to pardon the people? *For the reputation of the Lord – vs.15-19.*
- 3) According to verse 33, who would suffer for the faithlessness of the people? *The children.*
- 4) After hearing that they would not enter the promised land, what did Israel do? *They mourned greatly. Then they decided to try to take the land anyway even though Moses warns them that God is not with them – vs.39-45.*

Numbers 15

Key Verse: vs.40-41

Key Word: "remember"

X-Ref: Matthew 23:5; Deuteronomy 6:8

Paraphrase: *Instructions on sacrifices for after entering the promised land are given. God commands them to wear a tassel on their garments to remind them to obey all His commandments.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What were the laws for those who were not Israelites but were living among them? *They were the same as those for the Israelites - vs.15-16.*
- 2) If a mistake was made in regard to keeping God's law, what did God expect? *Israel had to make an offering to atone for their mistake/sin – vs.22-23.*
- 3) If a person purposely broke God's law, what did God command? *That person is cut off from the people because of their open rebellion – vs.30-31.*
- 4) What did God command Israel to do as a reminder for them to do all God's commandments? *A tassel to hang from their garments – vs.37-41.*

Numbers 16

Key Verse: vs.1-2

Key Word: "despised" v.30

X-Ref: 1Corinthians 10:10

Paraphrase: *Korah raises a group to rebel against Moses and Aaron. They wanted to serve as priest too.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What were the names of Korah's three accomplices? *Dathan, Abiram, and On v.1.*
- 2) What actions of Moses in this chapter remind us that Moses was the meekest man in the world? *He "fell on his face" – v.4.*
- 3) What was Korah's God-given job? *He was a Kohathite. They carried the holy thing sof the tabernacle. They were not Allowed to put those things on wagons (7:9) v.1.*
- 4) Was the act of God using the earth to swallow Korah and the others enough to cause Israel to listen to Moses and Aaron again? *No. They rebelled again the next day and 14,700 died before Aaron could stop the plague – 16:49.*
- 5) *Food for Thought: Is it wise to attempt to take on roles that God did not give to you?*