

NUMBERS OVERVIEW

The Book of Numbers (from Greek Ἀριθμοί, Arithmoi; Hebrew: בְּמִדְבָּר, Bəmidbar, "In the desert [of]")

Chapter one

on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt. The first census, every male from twenty upward (military service).

- Reuben: 46,500
- Simeon: 59,300
- Gad: 45,650
- Judah: 74,600
- Issachar: 54,400
- Zebulun: 57,400
- Ephraim: 40,500
- Manasseh: 32,200
- Benjamin: 35,400
- Dan: 62,700
- Asher: 41,500
- Naphtali: 53,400
- Total 603,550

Appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. Camped around the Tabernacle

Chapter 2 Arrangement of the Camps

- East: **Lion**: Judah (74,600), Issachar (54,400), Zebulun (54,400): **186,400**
- South: **Man**: Reuben (46,500), Simeon (59,300), Gad (45,650): **151,450**
- West: **Ox**: Ephraim (40,500), Manasseh (32,200), Benjamin (35,400): **108,100**
- North: **Eagle**: Dan (62,700), Asher (41,500), Naphtali (53,400): **157,600**

Ezekiel 1 (Wheel within a wheel, four living creatures. Revelation 4;

Chapter 3 Levites to Be Priesthood

- Levites service the Tabernacle
- Sons of Levi: Gershon and Kohath and Merari

- West: Gershonites (7,500): responsible for the coverings
- South: Kohathites (8,600): their duties involved the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service concerning them
- North: Merarites (6,200): the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its equipment, and the service concerning them, and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords
- East: Moses and Aaron and his sons (22,000):

Chapter 4

Further defining the duties from 30–50 years-old

- Kohathites: cover items in the tabernacle whenever the Israelites move.
- Gershonites: carry the coverings
- Merarites: carrying the frame and hardware

Chapter 5

- Dealing with defilement
- Adultery Test

Chapter 6

- Law of the Nazirites

Chapter 7 leaders present offerings for the dedication of the alter

Chapter 8

- Lamps installed in the tabernacle
- Cleansing and sanctification of the priests.
- Priests retire at the age of 50

Chapter 9

- Passover: first month, second year.
- Those who are on a trip or unclean because of a dead person can celebrate Passover on the 14th of the second month.
- Those who don't celebrate Passover are to be cut off

- The Cloud on the Tabernacle: cloud by day, fire by night (temperature regulating). People followed
- The Silver Trumpets: two, when blown the congregation shall gather at the doorway to the tent of meeting;’ one, only the elders
- One alarm, Judah sets out to the east. Second alarm, Reuben sets out on the south
- Tribes Leave Sinai: in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, the cloud was lifted from over the tabernacle of the testimony

Chapter 11 the complaining begins

- Mixed multitude had greedy desires
- People miss Egypt
- Moses complains to God (woe is me). He can’t carry the load
- Seventy Elders to Assist
- Moses wonders how he can feed the people meat
- God brings quail in the wind, people don’t trust God and take more than needed
- God brings a plague

Chapter 12

- Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married
- God comes down in a cloud and calls them out.
- When the cloud is withdrawn, Mariam has leprosy. Moses prays. She is unclean for 7 days.

Chapter 13

God has Moses send 12 spies into the land

- All but two Joshua (Ephraim) & Caleb (Judah) return with a bad report.

Chapter 14

- The people rebel because of fear
- Joshua & Caleb give their report. **The people threaten to stone them**
- Moses intercedes and the Lord Pardons
- The Lord declares that the grumbling generation shall not enter the promised land

- Due to their lack of faith God extends their time in the wilderness: a year for each day they spent spying out the land. The people are upset
- The people decide to enter the land against God's commandment; the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as Hormah.

CHAPTER 15

- Law of sacrifices for Canaan
- Violation of the Sabbath

Chapter 16

- Korah's Rebellion (Kohath, Levite) seeking the priesthood
- Ground opens up and swallows them; fire consumes 250 men who offered incense
- Grumbling begins again the next day and God brings a plague. Moses and Aaron intercede, but 14,700 die

CHAPTER 17

- Aaron's Rod Buds, showing that he has been selected by God.

CHAPTER 18

- Duties of the priests and the priest's portion

CHAPTER 19

- Ordinance of the Red Heifer
- Clean and unclean

CHAPTER 20

- Death of Miriam
- People grumble over lack of water. God tells Moses to speak to the rock
- Moses strikes the rock twice
- 20: 12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."
- Those were the waters of Meribah

- Moses sends a letter to the King of Edom asking permission to traverse his land. He refuses.
- Aaron dies on Mt. Hor because of his rebellion

CHAPTER 21 the battles begin

- Israel defeats the Canaanites
- They decide to go around Edom, but the people grumble over food and water.
- The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
- Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived. (John 3:14 *as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*)
- God has the people sing for water at the spring of Beer. Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing to it! 18 "The well, which the leaders sank, Which the nobles of the people dug, With the scepter and with their staffs."
- Israelites take several cities

CHAPTER 22

- Balak (Moab) Sends for Balaam
- The Angel and Balaam. A donkey speaks.

CHAPTER 23-24

- Balaam cannot curse Israel
- Balaam tells Balak how to defeat the Israelies

CHAPTER 25

- Israel plays the harlot with the Moabites and Midianitewomen
- God brings a plagues and 24,00 die

CHAPTER 26

- Census of a New Generation from twenty years old and upward

CHAPTER 27

- A Law of Inheritance
- Joshua to Succeed Moses

CHAPTER 28

- Laws for Offerings

CHAPTER 29

- Offerings of the Seventh Month

CHAPTER 30

- The Law of Vows

CHAPTER 31

- Battle of the Midianites before Moses dies

CHAPTER 32

- Reuben and Gad Settle in Gilead but promise to assist their brothers
- The people come into the land

CHAPTER 33

- Review of the Journey from Egypt to Jordan
- Law of Possessing the Land

CHAPTER 34

- Instruction for Apportioning Canaan

CHAPTER 35

- Cities for the Levites
- Cities of Refuge
- 35:6 The cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two * cities

CHAPTER 36

Inheritance by Marriage. The land remains with the individual tribes