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Numbers 13

- 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."
- 3 So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel.
- 4-24 names the spies and their venture
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- 25 And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.
- 26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.
- 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.
- 28 "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.
- 29 "The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."
- 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."
- 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."
- 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.
- 33 "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Numbers 14

- 1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.
- 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "**If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!**
- 3 "**Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?**"
- 4 So they said to one another, "**Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.**"
 - They are whining again!
- 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

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- 6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;
- 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.
- 8 "If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'
- 9 "Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."
- 10 And **all the congregation said to stone them with stones.** Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.
- 11 Then the LORD said to Moses: "**How long will these people reject Me?** And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"
- 12 "I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."
- 13 And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them,
- 14 "and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
- 15 "Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,
- 16 'Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.'
- 17 "And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying,
- 18 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'
- 19 "**Pardon the iniquity of this people.** I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."
- 20 Then the LORD said: "**I have pardoned, according to your word;**
- 21 "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD-
- 22 "because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice,
- 23 "they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.
- 24 "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.
- 25 "Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea."

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- 26-38 A death sentence is pronounced against the rebels
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- 39-45 When Moses complies with the command of the Lord, the people attempt the task in disobedience and without the Lord's presence – they are defeated
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Numbers 15

- 1-21 Gives laws concerning Grain and Drink Offerings
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- 22 'If you sin **unintentionally**, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses-
- 23 'all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations-
- 24 'then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering.
- 25 'So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin.
- 26 'It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally.
- 27 'And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering.
- 28 'So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.
- 29 'You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.
 - Since the priesthood was replaced by Jesus Christ, the atonement must be done by asking forgiveness through Him
 - Asking forgiveness would not occur until the person knows the sin that was committed
 - Does this cover Sunday keepers who really don't know they should worship on the Sabbath?
 - What about the person who misses Passover and doesn't know about the 2nd Passover?
- 30 'But the person who does anything **presumptuously (defiantly)**, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.
 - Willfully and knowingly violates the Law

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- 31 'Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off (*put to death*); his guilt (*iniquity*) shall be upon him.'
- 32 Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.
- 33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation.
- 34 They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.
- 35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."
- 36 So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.
 - This man knowingly and willfully violated the Sabbath
- 37 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.
- 39 "And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,
- 40 "and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.
- 41 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God."
 - Some today have chosen to wear these tassels again

Numbers 16

- 1-40 Describes yet another rebellion against Moses and Aaron
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- 41-50 Describes the complaints of the people
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Numbers 17

- 1-13 Describes the budding of Aaron's rod to show his authority as priest was from the Lord
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Numbers 18

- 1-7 Describes the duties of the Priests and Levites
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- 8-20 Describes the offerings for the support of the priests
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- 21-24 Describes the tithes for the support of the Levites
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- 25-32 Describes the tithe of the Levites
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Numbers 19

- 1-22 Describes the Laws of Purification
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Numbers 20

- 1-13 Describes more conflict with the people and Moses
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- 14-21 Passage through Edom is refused
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- 22-29 Aaron dies
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Numbers 21

- 1-3 The Canaanites are defeated at Hormah
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- 4-9 The bronze serpent
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- 10-20 From Mount Hor to Moab
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- 21-32 King Sihon is Defeated
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- 33-35 King Og is defeated
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Numbers 22

- 1-21 Balak sends for Balaam
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- 22-23.12 Tells the story of Balaam and the Donkey and the Angel and Balaam's first prophecy
 - This is a very important story with an important message, but it can be studied separately from our study of the Law
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Numbers 23

- 13-26 Describes Balaam's 2nd prophecy
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- 27-24.14 Describes Balaam's 3rd prophecy
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- 15-25 Describes Balaam's 4th prophecy

Numbers 25

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- 1-18 Describes Israel's harlotry in Moab
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Numbers 26

- 1-65 Describes the second census of Israel
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Numbers 27

- 1-11 Describes the laws of inheritance
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- 12- 23 The Lord declared that Joshua would be the next leader of Israel
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Numbers 28

- 1-8 Described the daily offerings
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- 9-10 Described the Sabbath Offerings
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- 11-15 Described the Monthly Offerings
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- 16-25 Described the Passover Offering
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- 26-31 Described the Pentecost Offering
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Numbers 29

- 1-6 Described the Feast of Trumpets Offering
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- 7-11 Described the Day of Atonement Offering
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- 12-40 Described the FOT Offering
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Numbers 30

- 1 Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:
- 2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.
- 3 "Or if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by some agreement while in her father's house in her youth,
- 4 "and her father hears her vow and the agreement by which she has bound herself, and her father holds his peace, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement with which she has bound herself shall stand.

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- 5 "But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her.
- 6 "If indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself,
- 7 "and her husband hears it, and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreements by which she bound herself shall stand.
- 8 "But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears it, he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her.
- 9 "Also any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.
- 10 "If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath,
- 11 "and her husband heard it, and made no response to her and did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand.
- 12 "But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard them, then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the LORD will release her.
- 13 "Every vow and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void.
- 14 "Now if her husband makes no response whatever to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all the agreements that bind her; he confirms them, because he made no response to her on the day that he heard them.
- 15 "But if he does make them void after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt."
- 16 These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

Numbers 31

- 1-11 Describes vengeance against the Midianites
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- 12-24 Describes the Israelites return from the war
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- 25-54 Describes the division of the plunder taken from the Midianites
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Numbers 32

- 1-42 Describes the tribes settling east of Jordan
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Numbers 33

- 1-49 The Israelite journey from Israel to Moab are reviewed
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- 50-56 Gave the instructions for the conquest of Canaan
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Numbers 34

- 1-15 The Lord relates the boundaries of the land of Canaan
- 16-29 The Lord appoints leaders to divide the land

Numbers 35

- 1-8 Set up the cities for the Levites
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- 9-34 Set up the Cities of Refuge
 - similar to today's prisons?

Numbers 36

- 1-13 Set up the marriage of female heirs
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