

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Numbers

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- ⦿ Who wrote it?
 - Anonymous, but attributed to Moses
 - Numbers 33:2

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- ◉ Timing of events:

- 1444 B.C. to 1405 B.C. - 39 years
 - Chaps. 1-10 covers 21 days
 - Chaps. 10-33 covers 38 years
 - Chaps. 33-36 covers about 6 months

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- ◎ Summary in ten words or less:
 - Faithless Israelites wander forty years in the wilderness of Sinai.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- God
- Moses
- Eleazar: Son of Aaron who inherits his role of priest. Num. 20:23-29
- The 12 spies sent to explore Canaan. Num. 13
- Balaam: Warned by his talking donkey and an angel not to oppose the Israelites. Num. 22

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- ◎ Cast of Characters continued:
 - Phinehas: Grandson of Aaron who turns God's wrath from the Israelites. Num. 25
 - Daughters of Zelophehad: Plead case for female inheritance. Num. 27

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- Num. 24:17, 19
- Matt. 2:1-2
- Rev. 22:16

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- **Genesis:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen. 1:1)
- **Exodus:** Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock’. (Exodus 33:21)
- **Leviticus:** For I am the Lord who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy. (Lev. 11:45)
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- **Very familiar Benediction in Numbers**
 - Num. 6:24-26

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○ Interesting Facts continued:

■ 40 is considered the number of probation or trial

- God sent rain for 40 days and 40 nights. (Gen. 7:12)
- Moses fled to Midian after killing an Egyptian and tended flock for 40 years. (Acts 7:29,30)
- Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. (Ex. 24:18)
- The Law specified a limit of 40 lashes for a crime. (Deut. 25:3)
- Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:2)

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Like the Israelites, God remains faithful to us even though we disobey Him again and again.

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◎ Home Study

- Read at least one chapter a day in Numbers.
- Read the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.
- Look up reference scriptures for Cast of Characters.