

Numbers – Part 1

1. The first 5 Books of the Bible

- (a) Genesis – begins with Creation and concludes with Jacob and family living in Egypt
- (b) Exodus – begins with Israel in bondage in Egypt and concludes with Israel stopping at Mount Sinai to receive the laws and the construction of the Tabernacle
- (c) Leviticus – the priestly laws and offering laws received at Mount Sinai
- (d) Numbers – the journey of Israel in the wilderness for 40 years and concludes with Israel at east of Jordan ready to enter the Promised Land
- (e) Deuteronomy – “second” (deuteros) and “law” (nomos). Moses recounted to the new generation all the events of the 40 years and concludes with the death of Moses at the age of 120 years on Mount Nebo.
- (f) Authorship – human author of the first 5 books is Moses. Of course, the divine Author is the Holy Spirit who inspired Moses to write.

2. Brief Chronology of Events and Map

- (a) Numbers 33:3 – Israel left Egypt on 15th day of 1st month at 1st year
- (b) Exodus 19:1 – Israel arrived at Mount Sinai on 3rd month (end) at 1st year
i.e. 2½ months to reach Mount Sinai (see map)
- (c) Exodus 40:17 – Tabernacle constructed at Mount Sinai on 1st day of 1st month at 2nd year
- (d) Numbers 1:1 – Census of people (population count) taken at Mount Sinai on 1st day of 2nd month at 2nd year
- (e) Numbers 10:11 – Broke camp from Mount Sinai on 20th day of 2nd month at 2nd year i.e. stayed in Mount Sinai for 10 months 20 days.

3. Outline of the Book of Numbers

- (a) Preparing to leave Mount Sinai (1:1 to 10:10)
- (b) Wandering in the Wilderness (10:11 to 20:29)
- (c) En Route to Trans-Jordan (East of Jordan) (21:1 to 36:13)

4. Numbering of the People of Israel (1:1-54) – all the men ≥20 years old (1:3)

Reuben (1:20-21) _____	Ephraim (1:32-33) _____
Simeon (1:22-23) _____	Manasseh (1:34-35) _____
Gad (1: 24-25) _____	Benjamin (1:36-37) _____
Judah (1:26-27) _____	Dan (1:38-39) _____
Issachar (1:28-29) _____	Asher (1:40-41) _____
Zebulan (1:30-31) _____	Naphtali (1:42-43) _____
GRAND TOTAL: _____ (1:46)	

Which tribe was missing? Why? (1:47, 50-51)