

Numbers – Part 4

Revision of Numbers - Part 1 - 3:

1. Book of Numbers – the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land (Israel).
2. The Israelites were at Mount Sinai for 10 months 20 days to receive God's instructions – construction & moving of Tabernacle; order and movement of the 12 tribes.
3. God wants all defilements to be removed from the camp. God welcomes all willing service for Him eg. Nazarites.

1. Preparing to leave Mount Sinai (7-9)

- (a) Chapter 7 – Offerings of sacrifices at the Altar in the Tabernacle (v.1-2)
Today, what do you offer to the Lord at His House in worship?
- (b) Chapter 8 – Consecration of the Levites (v.5-8)
How do you serve the Lord today? Read Psalm 24:3-4
- (c) Chapter 9 – Second keeping of the Passover (v.2). Note the seriousness (v.6)
What has replaced the Passover today?

2. God's Leading – Pillars of Cloud and Fire (9: 15-23)

- (a) Why the Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night? (v.16)
See the goodness and care of God towards our lives.
- (b) Time to move or stop or camp is determined by these pillars from the Lord (v.18)
Understand the time-table of God in our lives.
- (c) Why does Israel still murmur having seen the visible sight of God's leading for 40 years?
Answer: 2 Cor 5:7

3. The Movement of Israel has begun (Chapter 10)

- (a) Use of Trumpets (v.1-10) – teach Israel to be disciplined and follow order
 - 2 trumpets together (all assemble together) v.3
 - 1 trumpet (only princes assemble) v.4
 - Blow an alarm (east part go forward) v.5
- (b) Marching order given by God (v.11-12). Note the formation of the movement (v.13-27) – see diagram behind.
- (c) God's abiding presence (v.33-36) – whether they move (v.35) or stay put (v.36)
Remember this is a conditional promise – refer to Exodus 19:5-6
Today, we have the same promise of an abiding presence by the Lord in Matthew 28:18-20