

Numbers – Part 8

Revision of Numbers - Part 1 - 7:

1. Book of Numbers – the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land.
2. The reason for the punishment of 40 years' wandering – no faith in God.
3. Rebellion in the camp – yet the people did not learn the lesson.

1. Death of Miriam and Aaron (20:1-29)

- (a) Miriam died and was buried in Kadesh in the desert of Zin (v.1). Which year did she die? (cf. Numbers 33:38).
- (b) The people complained for no water to drink (v.2-5). List the 4 complaints they made.
People often complain for lack of physical needs but hardly for spiritual food.
People often complain about their leaders due to pride and vying for positions.
- (c) Note the response of Moses and Aaron (v.6). Have you prayed on your knees?
- (d) The sin of Moses and Aaron (v.7-13). What was the problem? What was the punishment? Why was the punishment so severe?
- (e) The request to Edom for safe passage (v.14-21). How do you react to unreasonable response?
- (f) Aaron died and buried at top of Mount Hor (v.22-29). Did the people appreciate Aaron the leader? Was there a successor? How did Moses feel being alone without Miriam and Aaron?

2. The Fiery Serpent (21:1-35)

- (a) The victory over the Canaanites – the high point of faith (v.1-3)
- (b) The murmur against God – the low point of no faith (v.4-5)
- (c) The punishment by God and what is the cure? (v.6-9). Refer to John 3: 14-15. The brazen serpent is a type of Christ. Read 2 Kings 18:4 of an idol.
- (d) Israel's conquest of Sihon, king of Amorites (v.21-24) and Og the king of Bashan (v.33-35) in Moab. Everything seems smooth going but the trials are far from over.