Loris First Baptist Church
"Through The Bible In One Year"

Study Guide for "The Book of Numbers"

1. Read the entire book of Numbers by next Wednesday. (approx. 6 Chapters a day)

2. Answer the following Questions about the **Introduction to Numbers**:

   1) How did the Book of Numbers get its name?

   2) Why does the name "Numbers" fit this book?

   3) Numbers is primarily organized around God's dealings with how many different generations of Israelites?

   4) Why does the book of Numbers have a lot of events that happen twice (a lot of "twos")?

   5) What are the Three Major Parts of the Book of Numbers?

   6) Who is the author of the Book of Moses? How do you know?

   7) When was the book of Numbers written?

3. Answer the following Questions about the **3 major parts** of Numbers as you read:

a. **The Old Generation** (Chapters 1-14):

1) When did God tell Moses to take the first census of the Israelites in the Wilderness? (Num 1:1)

2) Who specifically was Moses to count? (Num1:2)

3) What was the total number of "fighting men" amongst the Israelites? (Num 1:46)

4) Who was NOT counted during the census in the Wilderness? Why? (Num 1:47-53)

5) Briefly, how were the Tribes of Israel positioned for the Wilderness Journey? (see Num 2:17)

6) What would happen to anyone who approached the Tabernacle who were not the "ordained" Priests (i.e. Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons)? (Num 3:10, 38)

7) How many male Levites were there when God told Moses and Aaron to count them? (Num 3:39)

8) How many "first born male Israelites" did Moses count? And why did it matter? (Num 3:43-51)

9) How many Levite males were there from 30-50 years old and what were they to do? (Num 4:47-48)

10) What were the Israelites to do if someone amongst them became "unclean"? (Num 5:1-4)

11) How did Paul think the Corinthians should deal with the "unclean" in their church? (1Cor 5:2)

12) What was the penalty required to make “restitution” to someone that was wronged? (Num 5:7)

13) How did a person become a “Nazarite”? (Num 6:1-2)

14) What were “Nazarites” forbidden to do? (Num 6:3-8)

15) Samson was one of Israel’s most famous Nazarite (Judges 13:4-5), review Judges 14 and list something that Samson did that broke his Nazarite vows.

16) Compare Numbers 7:12-84 with Mark 12:41-44. What does this tell us about our own “free will” offerings?

17) Where did Moses speak to God at? (Num 7:89)

18) What was to happen to the Levites “before” they could serve God? (Num 8:5, 15)

19) According to Revelation 1:6, “born again” Christians are “priests” of the Lord. Based on your answer of Question #18, what should Christians be (or do) in order to serve the Lord?

20) What was to happen to any person that refuses to celebrate the Passover? (Num 9:13)

21) How did the Israelites know when to “move” and when to “stay put”? (Num 9:15-21)

22) Based on the previous question, read Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 8:14 and Ephesians 5:17-18. According to these verses of Scripture, what do you think the “cloud in the wilderness” represented and how does it apply to God’s people today?

23) According to Numbers 10:9, what would the Lord do for the Israelites when they were surrounded by their enemies and the “trumpet” was sounded?

24) According to 1Thessalonians 4:16-17, what happens before the “rapture” (i.e. rescue) of the “Christian” church (i.e. body of true believers world-wide!)?

25) What did God do when the Israelites became “complainers”? (Num 11:1-3, 10, 31-33)

26) What does Philippians 2:14 tell us to do? Why should we take heed to what it says?

27) What did God say about Moses’ character? (Num 12:3)

28) What happened to Miriam and Aaron when they challenged Moses’ leadership? (Num 12)

29) How many were sent in to spy out the land of Canaan? What was their final report? (Num 13)

30) How did God respond to the Israelites rebellion at Paran? (Num 14:27-35)

31) What happened when the Israelites "repented" and decided to obey the Lord AFTER the Lord "rebuked" them? (Num 14:41-45)

b. The Wilderness Wandering *(Chapters 15-20):*

1) How serious was the Lord at expecting Israel to obey His commands? How do you know? (Numbers 15:30-36)

2) What was the purpose for the "tassels" with attached blue cords on Israelites garments? (15:40)

3) What happened to Korah and all the other community leaders who "banded together" to rebel against the Leader (i.e. Moses) God had appointed over them? (Num 16:31-35)

4) What happened to the Israelites that were upset at Moses and Aaron because the Lord "crushed" the rebellion against His leaders? (Num 16:41-49)

5) What does this tell you about "complaining" or "rebelling" against God's appointed leaders today?

6) What was the purpose of God causing Aaron's staff to "bud"? (Num 17:5)

7) Read 1Thess 5:12; 1Tim 5:19-20 and Heb 13:17. Based on what you learned in Numbers 16-17, should these be Scriptures that members in American churches today be reminded of? Why?

8) What was a main purpose of the "tithe" God commanded Israel to give? (Num 18:22)

9) What does the Lord say about the “ministers” of the church in 1Tim 5:17-18?

10) In our real world today, the nation of Israel is currently collecting (and cloning) as many “red heifers” as possible. According to Num 19:1-10, why do you think they are doing this?

11) What did Moses and Aaron do which caused God to forbid them to enter the Promised Land? (read Numbers 20:7-12)

12) The Edomites were relatives of the Israelites (i.e. Edomites were descendants of Esau, the brother of Jacob...from which the Israelties descended). What did the Edomites do when the Israelites asked permission to pass through their land? (Num 20:18-21)

13) How did God eventually deal with the “meanness” of Edom against their relatives, the Israelites? (read Obadiah 1-10)

c. The New Generation *(Chapters 21-36):*

1) What caused God to send “venomous snakes” to bite the Israelites? (Num 21:4-6)

2) What had to happen to keep people from dying from the snake bites? (Num 21:6-9)

3) What does Jesus claim in John 3:14-15?

4) In Numbers 22, we find the king of Moab wanted to curse the Israelites. Who were the Moabites? (refer back to Gen 19:36-38)

5) What did Balak, king of the Moabites, hire Balaam (prophet of God) to do? (Num 22:4-6)

6) Did Balaam immediately go with the Moabites to curse Israel? Why or Why not? (Num 22:8-14)

7) Why did Balaam eventually go with the Moabites to curse Israel? (Num 22:15-18; 2Pet 2:15)

8) What did God almost do to Balaam and what prevented it from happening? (Num 22:19-35)

9) Three times Balak sent Balaam to curse Israel, but instead, Balaam blessed Israel (Num 23-24). However, the Moabites were eventually successful in getting God to strike the Israelites. How did they do it? How did God respond to this? (Num 25:1-9)

10) Who gave the Moabites the advice to try to "seduce" the Israelites to sin against their God? How do you know this? (read Num 31:16)

11) What does God say we are to do in 1Corinthians 6:18?

12) When the census was taken of the 2nd generation, before they marched into the Promised land, how many "fighting men" were there? (Num 26:51) How many Levites? (Num 26:62)

13) What did Moses ask God for after being told he would not go into Promised land?(Num 27:15-17)

14) Who was the man God chose to replace Moses? (Num 27:18)

15) What was Moses to do to help people know Joshua was to be “obeyed”? (Num 27:18b-23)

16) What did God said must happen if a man makes a “Vow”? (Num 30:2)

17) What did Jesus say about making “Vows”? (Matt 5:33-37)

18) Why did God command that the Midianites be completely wiped out (including women)? (Num 31:1-18; also see Num 22:4, Num 22:7, and Num 25:16-17)

19) Who were the Midianites and why would this command be hard for Moses to follow? (see Gen 25:1-2; Exodus 2:15-21)

20) What was the condition agreed to between Moses and the Transjordan Tribes (i.e. Gadites, Reubenites, and half tribe of Manasseh) which allowed them to inherit the land of Gilead? (Num 32:20-22)

21) How does Paul describe what was expected of the Transjordan Tribes? (Philippians 2:3-4)

22) What did God warn the Israelites before they went into the Promised Land? (Num 33:55-56)

23) Based on God's warning to the Israelites, why do you think it is important as a "born again" Christian to strive for "complete holiness" (1Peter 1:15-16) and drive out ALL SIN from your life, not keeping any "pet" sins active in your life?

24) What was the purpose for the "cities of refuge"? (Num 35:6-15)

25) What was to happen to the people who "purposely" killed someone? (Num 35:16-21)

26) What could happen to a person who decided to leave "city of refuge"? (Num 35:26-27)

27) What was the only reason a person could leave a "city of refuge" without fear of punishment? (Num 35:28)