

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Dec Num 1:1-8:26 Stay True to Your Commitments
- 2) 11 Dec Num 9:1-10:10 Stay on Track with God's GPS
- 3) 18 Dec Num 10:11-15:41 Stay Fearless in Your Obedience
- 4) 25 Dec Num 24:15-19; Mat 1:1-2:23 The Messiah has Come
- 5) 01 Jan 2012 Num 16:1-25:18 Stay Grateful for God's Care
- 6) **08 Jan Num 26:1-36:13 Stay Focused on the Goal**
- 7) 15 Jan Deut 5;19;24; Mat 5 Be Resolute about Life's value
- 8) 22 Jan Deut 1:1-4:43 Be Exclusive
- 9) 29 Jan Deut 4:44-11:32 Be Passionate
- 10) 05 Feb Deut 12:1-16:17 Be Different
- 11) 12 Feb Deut 16:18-26:19 Be Honest and Fair
- 12) 19 Feb Deut 27:1-30:20 Be Repentant
- 13) 26 Feb Deut 31:1-34:12 Be Positive

INTRODUCTION

- In these last 11 chapters, we will cover over 400 verses dealing with sacrifices and offerings, change of leadership, equitable land distribution and rights of inheritances, fasting, dividing war booty, making vows, executing vengeance, genocide, consequences of rash judgments, capital punishment, and possibly how to prevent war-induced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – so hang on

Passage	Comments
Numbers 26:1-65	<p>It's Time to Count Again.....vv1-2, 51</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 601,730 men were counted over 20 years of age • 40 years prior they had 603,550 (1,820 difference) • There must've been a lot of dying during those 40 yrs • The largest loss was in the tribe of Simeon (22,200 – 59,300 = -37,100); Issachar had the largest gain (64,300 – 54,400 = 9,900)..... cp 1st census, Num 1 <p>Divide the Land by Lotvv52-56</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casting of the lot is in God's hand Proverbs 16:33 ♦ Note: The casting of the lot was at God's direction, so, don't go off rolling dice & laying down fleeces thinking we can discern God's will as they did. Recall Heb 1:1-2, "God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways" - but today, God is operating differently
27:1-23	<p>Daughters of Zelophehad had a Valid Complaint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. Moses brought their complaint to God, and God ruled in their favor – Let them inherit Dad's estate <p>Time for New Leadershipvv15-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God did not pick a leader from the younger generation • Instead, God chose Joshua (2nd oldest in Israel) who had personal experience of the Exodus, he was an accomplished military leader, he knew the enemy from his spying days, but his strongest qualification was his indomitable faith in God
28:1-31 29:1-40	<p>Mandatory & Voluntary Sacrifices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual Burnt Offering. God instituted animal sacrifices every day, every weekend, and on every feast day. The daily sacrifice included a lamb in the morning and another lamb in the evening along with a grain offering and a drink offering to be consumed totally by fire. – What was the significance of this? • See offering Table for frequency of sacrifices → • You Shall Do No Laborious Workrepeated 7x <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God firmly believed in Holidays with no work ♦ U.S. Government has ~10 sanctioned holidays/yr ♦ God's calendar has ~20 non-working holidays/yr ♦ God tried to instill a festive culture for Israel ♦ Heaven is going to be festive with lots of feasting

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When more than one kind of offering was presented (as in Numbers 6:16-17), the sequence was: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sin offering / trespass offering 2. Burnt offering / grain offering 3. Peace offering / drink offering • First, sin had to be dealt with (sin / trespass offering) • Second, the worshiper committed himself completely to God (burnt offering / grain offering). • Third, fellowship / communion between the Lord, the priest and the worshiper (peace offering) was made • NOTE: We cannot have fellowship with God without being cleansed from sin and fully committed to Him
30:1-16	<p>Vows of Men, Women, Widows, and Divorcees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God takes vows seriously, then and now • Are we true to our promises we give to others? • Do we keep our word even if it costs us? • Psalms 15:1-4 "Who shall abide in God's House? ...He who swears to his own hurt & does not change"
31:1-54	<p>Executing God's Vengeance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. God told Moses to "execute the Lord's vengeance on Midian" for causing Israel to sin • vv14-18. God's vengeance included slaying every male and non-virgin female.....Why such brutality? • vv19-20. A possible cure for PTSS – Before being allowed to go home, soldiers had 7 days to de-stress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They were segregated away from society for 7 days. All they could do within their support groups was talk, rest, recuperate – basically unwind ♦ Modern PTSD practices invoke a similar approach • vv48-54. Nobody Killed in War. The military officers were so grateful for this rare event, they gave God an additional thanksgiving offerings of war booty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All other battles God sanctioned in Scripture, good men often died – there was no guarantee of coming through war unscathed
32:1-42	<p>Reuben, Gad and 1/2 tribe of Manasseh Request to Settle to the West of the Promised Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, God has no issues with a change to His plan • God is flexible, assuming His people have honorable intentions

Festival (* No Work Day)	Burnt Offering			Sin Offering
	Bulls	Rams	Lambs	Goats
Daily			2	
Weekly (every Sabbath)*			4	
New Moon (every month)*	2	1	7	1
Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover, 7 days)**	2	1	7	1
7 days total	14	7	49	7
Feast of Weeks*	2*	1*	7	1
Feast of Trumpets	1	1	7	1
The Day of Atonement*	1	1	7	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 1*	13	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 2	12	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 3	11	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 4	10	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 5	9	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 6	8	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 7	7	2	14	1
7 days total	70	14	98	7
The Last Great Day (8 th day)*	1	1	7	1
Over 1000 animals sacrificed annually, not counting individual offerings				

Source: <http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/tabernacle/details/offerings.htm>

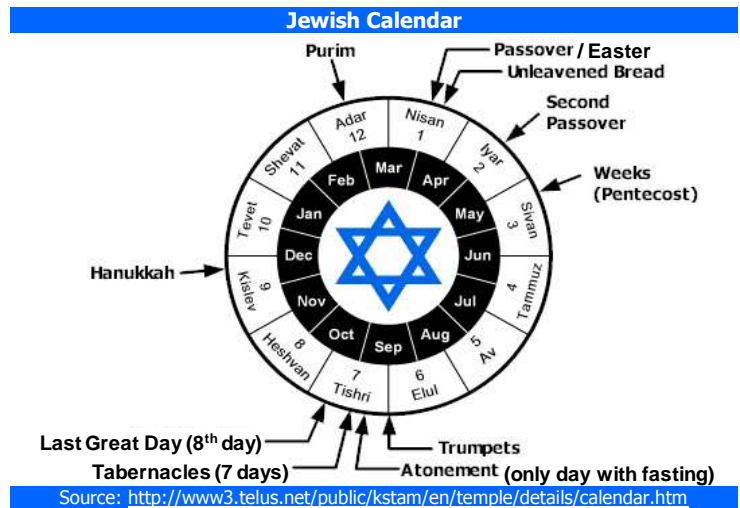
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33:1-56	<p>Consequences of Disobedience is Never Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v2. God commands Moses to keep track of all the places they traveled to vv3-49. Moses records 41 pit stops over a 40 year period – about 1 pit stop per year average vv50-54. God commands Israel to “drive out all the inhabitants of the land” What is behind this command? It sounds quite unchristian to be hostile toward strangers, to slay them or make them homeless and destitute refugees Answer. Scripture tells us that God wanted to “utterly” destroy the 7 nations of Canaan (the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, Girgashites) with no pity, for their horrific sins of immorality, homosexuality, child sacrifice, bestiality, and sorcery, (cf Lev 18; Deut 7:16; 9:4; 12:31; 18:14 20:16,17; Josh 6:21; 11:20) v55. If the Jews failed to drive out the inhabitants of the land the consequence would be the influence to leave God and chase after false gods and immorality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v56. ...and God would be forced to annihilate His own people. DID THE JEWS LISTEN TO GOD?
34:1-29	<p>The Boundaries of Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-12. Israel's landmass is equivalent to New Jersey; about 10,000 sq miles (260 miles x 70 miles) How did such a small nation have such a major impact on the world? Consider that God has put Jerusalem at the “center of the world” ..Eze 5:5; 38:12 Consider the number of Nobel Prize winners of Jewish heritage (165 from a nation of only 12M, or 0.2% of world's population) vs all Muslim nations combined (20% of world's population) have only received 6 Nobel prizes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From this simple statistic, which people group has had a more positive impact on the modern world, and which group has given the world the most grief?
35:1-34	<p>Cities of Refuge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v7. The Levites were allocated 48 cities within Israel. Recall Jacob's blessings on Simeon and Levi...“I will scatter them throughout Israel” Gen 49:5-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simeon was scattered within Judah, and Levi inherited cities throughout Israel Joshua 19:1 v6. 6 of those 48 cities would be cities of refuge where falsely accused killers could reside so they would not be killed by a relative (blood avenger) of the slain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 cities east of the Jordan river and 3 cities west of the Jordansee Joshua 20:7-9 and map → v19. The blood avenger was allowed to deliver justice (they did not have sheriffs in those days) v30. However, no person shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness (a timeless principle) v33. Blood pollutes the land and must be atoned for by the one who sheds it (i.e., life for life)
36:1-13	<p>Land Allotments Must Stay Within Each Tribe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Zelophehad sisters had one stipulation – they could marry whomsoever they wanted – BUT, within their own tribe so their land would remain in the tribe This law keeps the land of each tribe fixed forever

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God may mercilessly slay the wicked at times, but recall that God does not take pleasure even in the destruction of the wicked (Ezek 18:23; 33:11). God yearns for the wicked to repent
- Sacrifices.** The sacrifices we should perform today should include:
 - Obedient living – ‘this is our reasonable sacrifice’
 - Sacrifice time to serve in ministry
 - Sacrifice money to support ministries, God's preachers, and the weaker members
- Thanksgiving Offerings.** Also consider giving above and beyond for God's unexpected blessings in your life
 - Psalms 50:14, 23.** Offer to God a **sacrifice of thanksgiving** and pay your vows to the Most High; He who offers a **sacrifice of thanksgiving** honors Me;

NEXT WEEK:

Deuteronomy Select Passages – Be Resolute about Life's Value



God established 6 cities of refuge for the new Jewish nation