

## LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 07 Sept 2025	Numbers 01-09	The Journey
2) 14 Sept	Numbers 10-12	Provision
3) 21 Sept	Numbers 13	The Land
4) 28 Sept	Numbers 14	Rebellion and Judgement
5) 05 Oct	Numbers 15-20	Lack of Trust
6) 12 Oct	Numbers 21-27	God's Plan
7) 19 Oct	Numbers 28-36	Instructions Given
8) 26 Oct	Deuteronomy 01-04	Remember
9) 02 Nov	Deuteronomy 05-06	Love
10) 09 Nov	Deuteronomy 07-18	Undivided Worship
11) 16 Nov	Deuteronomy 19-28	Covenant Relationship
12) 23 Nov	Deuteronomy 29-30	Fully Committed
13) 30 Nov	Deuteronomy 31-34	God's Power

## INTRODUCTION

- The Passover – a feast for all, plus it was time to pack up everything and more than 2M whiners into a new country
- The Jews are barely out of the parking lot and grumbling begins
- The Jews were a pain from start to finish during the Exodus – BUT realize not every Jew was a willing follower (or believer) in Yahweh
- The wicked saw God do mighty things, and they received blessings while under God's protection
- The Righteous, however, often suffer the fate of the wicked when the wicked are judged by God

Passage	Comments
10:1-10	<b>Blowing of the Trumpets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of 2 Silver Trumpets           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assemble the people</li> <li>2. March the people</li> <li>3. Prepare for Battle</li> <li>4. Provide special recognition for solemn feasts</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <b>Trumpet Sounds of War</b> (source: Dead Sea Scrolls) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sound Assembly</li> <li>2. Advance</li> <li>3. Attack; 4. Kill</li> <li>5. Ambush</li> <li>6. Pursue retreating enemy</li> <li>7. Reassembly</li> </ol>
Other Trumpets in the Bible	<b>Trumpets Can Lead in Singing ..... 2Chr 29:27</b> <b>They Often Pronounce Change.</b> <b>They are Never Blown Quietly.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 trumpets of rams' horns at Jericho ..... Josh 6-7</li> <li>• 300 trumpets led Gideon into battle ..... Judges 7:22</li> <li>• 120 trumpets at Solomon's Temple ..... 2Chron 5:12</li> <li>• 7 trumpets of Revelations ..... Rev 8:2-9:14</li> <li>#1) 1/3 of earth burns up</li> <li>#2) 1/3 of sea turns to blood, 1/3 of ships destroyed</li> <li>#3) 1/3 of fresh water becomes polluted &amp; many die</li> <li>#4) 1/3 of the Day and Night become "smitten" (earth rotation possibly sped up to 8-hr days &amp; nights)</li> <li>#5) A Star falls to earth &amp; releases scorpions/locusts from the Bottomless Pit for 5 months</li> <li>#6) 1/3 more people killed and 200M-man army cross the dry Euphrates (possible nuclear war)</li> <li>#7) Earthquake, thunder, &amp; hail finish God's wrath</li> <li>• One Last Trumpet blast to raise the dead ..... 1Thes 4:16; 1Cor 15:52</li> </ul>
Numbers 10:11-36	<b>It's Time to Move</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv11-12. After 1 year at Mt Sinai, the Cloud lifted from over the Tabernacle, signifying it was time to pack up and move out to a new area – an orderly 3-day journey to the 'wilderness of Paran' – the home territory of Ishmael (Gen 21:21), Isaac's stepbrother</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv29-31. Moses tried to convince Hobab (son-in-law or brother-in-law) to stay and help direct him possibly to safe and plentiful watering holes and away from dangerous communities           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Why did Moses place his trust in a man and not in the Cloud or in God's attending Angel? ..... Exodus 14:19; 23:20; 23:23; 32:34</li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ God did not provide Moses with every answer. Jethro, for example, provided Moses with management advice (divide the people into 10s and 50s, and 100s, and 1,000s – Exodus 18)</li> </ul>
11:1-35	<b>"...and the people complained"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. God's fire consumed some in the outskirts of the camp           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The complainers (possible foreigners residing with the unclean in the outskirts) quickly enticed others to join in their bickering. Complaining is contagious, disruptive, and even dangerous.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv4, 15. Complainers were greedy &amp; Moses wanted to die           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Trying to please those who are never happy is wearisome</li> <li>♦ vv17, 25. God's remedy – Share work with others .. vv19-20. And be careful what you pray for, you may get it along with leanness of soul ..... Psalms 106:15</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v23. Is God's power limited? Is anything too hard for Him?</li> <li>• vv31-33. There was enough quail to cover the ground 3 feet deep in a radius of a day's journey (~20-25 miles all around) – and God struck the greedy possibly with food poisoning? WHY?</li> </ul>
12:1-16	<b>Mixed Marriages Addressed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mixed marriage was not the problem? What was it?</li> <li>• Israel's journey into the Promised Land was delayed until Miriam's healing and restoration was completed           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God's people can't move forward till sin is fixed</li> <li>♦ Has church growth been stagnant for years? Maybe there is sin in the camp that needs to be addressed.</li> <li>♦ Other reasons for churches not growing?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign of the times? <input type="checkbox"/> Weak Shepherd(s)?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weak sheep? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Music? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Programs? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Facilities? <input type="checkbox"/> Other?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Shepherds always need to discern between valid and biblical pushback from members within the church from sinful grumbling; and handle each case accordingly.
- ...and then address and fix the valid problems.



**Numbers:** A simple 9-day journey took 38 years because of their whining & moaning against the God who rescued them