

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 01 Dec 2019 .....Numbers 01-09 .....God Leads
- 2) 08 Dec .....Numbers 10-14 .....God Judges**
- 3) 15 Dec .....Numbers 15-20 .....God Requires
- 4) 22 Dec .....Numbers 21 / Matthew 1 .....God Saves
- 5) 29 Dec .....Numbers 22 .....God Calls
- 6) 05 Jan 2020 .....Numbers 23-27 .....God Commissions
- 7) 12 Jan .....Numbers 28-36 .....God Expects
- 8) 19 Jan .....Deuteronomy 5 & 19 .....Valued
- 9) 26 Jan .....Deuteronomy 1-4 .....Honored
- 10) 02 Feb .....Deuteronomy 5-6 .....Loved
- 11) 09 Feb .....Deuteronomy 7-18 .....Revealed
- 12) 16 Feb .....Deuteronomy 20-30 .....Chosen
- 13) 23 Feb .....Deuteronomy 31-34 .....Promised

**INTRODUCTION**

- The Passover – a feast for all, plus it was time to pack up everything and more more than 2M whiners into a new country
- The Jews are barely out of the parking lot and the 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 suffered the fate of the wicked when the wicked were judged by God

Passage	Comments
10:1-10	<p><b>Blowing of the Trumpets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of 2 Silver Trumpets</li> <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> </ul> <p><b>Trumpet Sounds of War</b> (source: Dead Sea Scrolls)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sound Assembly</li> <li>2) Advance</li> <li>3) Attack; 4) Kill; 5) Ambush</li> <li>6) Pursue retreating enemy</li> <li>7) Reassembly</li> </ol>
Other Trumpets in the Bible	<p><b>Trumpets Can Lead in Singing (2Chr 29:27). They are Never Blown Quietly. They Often Pronounce Change.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 trumpets of rams' horns at Jericho ..... <a href="#">Josh 6-7</a></li> <li>• 300 trumpets led Gideon into battle ..... <a href="#">Judges 7:22</a></li> <li>• 120 trumpets at Solomon's Temple ..... <a href="#">2Chron 5:12</a></li> <li>• 7 trumpets of Revelations ..... <a href="#">Rev 8:2-9:14</a></li> <li>#1) 1/3 of earth burns up   #2) 1/3 of sea turns to blood</li> <li>#3) Polluted water   #4&amp;5) Smoke darkens sun &amp; moon</li> <li>#6) Locusts and war   #7) Earthquake, thunder &amp; hail</li> <li>• One Last Trump to raise the dead <a href="#">1Th 4:16</a>; <a href="#">1Co 15:52</a></li> </ul>
Numbers 10:11-36	<p><b>It's Time to Move?</b></p> <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 (<a href="#">Gen 21:21</a>), Isaac's stepbrother</li> <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 plenteous watering holes and away from dangerous communities</li> <li>♦ Why did Moses place his trust in a man and not in the Cloud or in God's attending Angel (<a href="#">Exodus 14:19</a>; <a href="#">23:20</a>; <a href="#">23:23</a>; <a href="#">32:34</a>)?</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 – <a href="#">Exodus 18</a>)</li> </ul>
11:1-35	<p><b>"...and the people complained"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. God's fire consumed some of the outskirts of the camp</li> <li>♦ The complainers (possible foreigners residing with the unclean in the outskirts) quickly enticed others to join in their bickering. Complaining is contagious, disrupting, and even dangerous</li> <li>• vv4, 15. Complainers were greedy &amp; Moses wanted to die</li> </ul>

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	<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 the work with others</li> <li>• vv19-20. Be careful what you pray for, you may get it along with leanness of soul ..... <a href="#">Psalms 106:15</a></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?</li> </ul>
12:1-16	<p><b>Mixed Marriages Addressed</b></p> <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</li> <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? <input type="checkbox"/> Sign of the times? <input type="checkbox"/> Weak Shepherd(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Weak sheep? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Music? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor facilities? <input type="checkbox"/> Other?</li> </ul>
13:1-33	<p><b>The First Spy Agency (FSA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 of Israel's best were sent into the "land of milk &amp; honey" to SPY on enemy resources of food, fortresses, &amp; fighters. If you are spying, you are lying!</li> <li>♦ How do we answer skeptics about this behavior? - See lesson on <a href="#">Joshua 2-6</a>.</li> <li>• v28. The Jews focused on the gigantic-looking obstacles and not on the affirmed promises of God (similar to Peter looking at the waves around him &amp; not on Jesus, <a href="#">Mat 14:30</a>)</li> </ul>
14:1-45	<p><b>"...let's shoot the messenger"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time of grumbling – they had established a pattern, "...and the people said 'let's stone Moses and Aaron'"</li> <li>• While God's forgiveness is greater than our sins – we often must bear sin's temporal consequences – in this case, people died early</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- Is there room for skeptics to doubt if the Exodus even happened? YES! God doesn't force anyone to believe, yet He gives ample evidence for our faith to be based on substance and not feelings
- God wants serious believers, not half-hearted worshippers
- The Jews had a unique Sabbath covenant with God tied to the Land of Israel, but we too, can enjoy side benefits of honoring the Sabbath
  - ♦ Restorative rest; worship and reflection on God and our place in His kingdom; repenting & recommitting to be God's faithful servant

**NEXT WEEK: Numbers 15-20.** Many Israelites witnessed God's miracles but failed to live for Him. Can someone witness God's miracles, even work miracles and receive prophecies from God, and still not be a heaven-bound saint? .....cf [Matthew 7:22](#)



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