

# Numbers: More Than a Book of Numbers

## Introduction

## Outline of the Book

### I. Presence of God with a Redeemed People - Mt. Sinai (Num. 1:1-10:36)

#### God prepares His people (Old Generation) to enter into the Promised Land

1. Census: Evidence of God's covenant faithfulness
2. Levites not counted in census - Special roles as guardians of Holiness of God
3. Arrangement of the camp itself shows God's Presence and God's Holiness
4. Special blessing: God told Moses to tell Aaron to speak this Blessing over His people

### II. Judgment of God on a Rebellious People - Kadesh-Barnea (Num. 11:1-21:9)

#### Cycle of sin and judgment

1. Complained – judged by fire - Num. 11:1
2. Complained about food - judged by plague - Num. 11:4----
3. Miriam complains - judged by leprosy - Chap. 12:1---
4. Spies Sent to Canaan – Report of the Spies - Low point - Num. 13-14
5. Korah's Rebellion - Num. 16
6. Israelites quarrel with Moses about lack of water - Num. 20
7. Israelites complain again about their hardships and are judged by the fiery serpents - Num. 21

### III. Faithfulness of God to a Renewed People - Plains of Moab (Num. 21:10- 36:13)

#### God prepares His people (New Generation) to enter into the Promised Land

1. God gives His people victory over His enemies – Num. 21
2. Strange account with the pagan prophet Balaam - Num. 22-24
3. God gives the Israelites hope through the next generation – Num. 25-36

Phineas – zeal for the Lord Num. 25

New census Num. 26

Renewed teachings about offerings, feasts and vows Num. 28-36

## Concluding thoughts

1. Sin and rebellion have consequences – even for redeemed people - 1 Cor. 10:1-13
2. Hope and Gospel in the Book of Numbers - Num. 21:4-9 and John 3:14-17