ISRAEL'S BEHAVIOR AT MT. SINAI Exodus 23:20 - 24:18, 31:18 - 32:6

The Israelites had agreed when they first reached Mt. Sinai that they wanted to be God's peculiar treasure above all people; and when Moses gave them God's laws by which their nation should be governed, they had said, "All that the Lord has said will we do, and be obedient." Read now what took place after that:

A. God's Promise to Israel: Read Exodus 23:20-33

- 1. What wonderful thing did God promise to do for Israel? Exodus 23:20a
- What two things was this one to do for them? Exodus 23:20b
 a.
 - b.____
- 3. What three things must Israel be sure to do? Exodus 23:21a
- 4. Why must they be careful to do these things? Exodus 23:21b
- 5. If they would be careful to do these things, what would God do for them? Exodus 23:22

- 6. What would God's angel do to the people of Canaan after bringing the Israelites into that land? Exodus 23:23
- 7. What three things must Israel not do after this? Exodus 23:24a
- 8. What should they do instead? Exodus 23:24b, 25aa. (two things)
- 9. Read the wonderful things God would do for Israel as a result: Exodus 23:25-28
- 10. Why would God not drive out all their enemies before them in one year? Exodus 23:29
- 11.How would He drive them out instead? Exodus 23:30a
- 12. When would Israel gain possession of the entire land? Exodus 23:30b
- 13. What would be the two sets of boundaries for their land? Exodus 23:31a
 - a._____
 - b._____
 - (Locate these on a map.)

b.

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- 14.What would be Israel's part in gaining possession of the land? Exodus 23:31b-33

B. Israel's Behavior After God's Promise: Read Exodus 24:12-18, 31:18 - 32:6

- 1. After Moses told Israel all the words of the Lord (Exodus 24:3), how long was he absent from them, receiving instructions for their worship? Exodus 24:18
- 2. Who were left in charge of the people in his absence? Exodus 24:14
- 3. Who went with Moses at least part way? Exodus 24:13, 32:17
- 4. When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, what did they ask Aaron to do? Exodus 32:1
- 5. What did Aaron then make? Exodus 32:2-4
- 6. What did he say about the idol he had made? Exodus 32:4b
- 7. Then what did he and all the people do? Exodus 32:5, 6

- 1. Was the behavior of the Israelites pleasing to God? Why? What caused them to act as they did? Did they act as though they believed God's promises?
- 2. What wonderful place has God prepared for me? Has He promised to keep me all the way there, and bring me safely to that place? Am I counting on His promise? Does my behavior *today* show that I am trusting in Him to do this? (See Psalm 27:13, 14)

GOD'S RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S BEHAVIOR Exodus 32:7 - 34:35

In their impatience for Moses to come back and lead them, the Israelites made a golden calf to lead them to Canaan. Read now to see what happened after this:

A. God's Conversation with Moses: Read Exodus 32:7-14

- 1. What did God say the people of Israel had done? Exodus 32:7b, 8a
- 2. How did He describe these people? Exodus 32:9a
- 3. What two things did He threaten to do? Exodus 32:10a, b a._____
 - b.
- 4. Notice why Moses said it would not be wise to do this: Exodus 32:12, 13
- 5. What did the Lord then do? Exodus 32:14

B. Moses' Reaction to the People's Behavior: Read Exodus 32:15-29

- What did Moses have in his hands as he went down from the mountain? Exodus 32:15, 16
- 2. When he saw the calf, and the people dancing in supposed worship, what did he do? Exodus 32:17-19
- 3. Notice what he did to their calf: Exodus 32:20. Did Aaron feel that Moses should be upset by the people's behavior? Exodus 32:21-24
- 4. What else had Aaron caused the people to do? Exodus 32:25
- 5. Notice what Moses did about this: Exodus 32:26-29. How many died?

C. Moses' Intercession in Behalf of the People: Read Exodus 32:30-34:35

- 1. What did Moses say to God about the people's behavior? Exodus 32:30, 31a
- 2. What did he ask God to do? Exodus 32:32

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- 3. Although the Lord told Moses to lead them on to Canaan, what did He do to the people? Exodus 32:33-35
- 4. What else did He threaten not to do, and why? Exodus 33:3b
- 5. When the people heard this, what did they do? Exodus 33:4-6
- 6. What happened as Moses went to the Lord in the tabernacle he had set up? Exodus 33:7-9
- 7. What did all the people do when they saw this? Exodus 33:10
- 8. What two requests did Moses then make of the Lord? Exodus 33:13a, c
 a.
 b.
- 9. What wonderful promise did God give him after this? Exodus 33:14
- 10. Notice what God said He would do in answer to Moses' first request: Exodus 33:17-23. Then read the fulfillment of this in Exodus 34:1-7.
- 11.When Moses repeated his second request, what did God promise He would do before Israel? Exodus 34:10
- 12. How long was Moses with the Lord this time? Exodus 34:28a
- 13. When he came down from the mountain, what did Aaron and the others notice about him? Exodus 34:29-32
- 14.Notice what he had to do because of this: Exodus 34:33-35

- 1. Am I like Moses, in position to pray for others? Or am I more like the Israelites-needing someone to pray for me? Did Moses' prayers do any good?
- Does prayer do any good today? Under what conditions? Am I meeting these conditions? Am I experiencing answers to my prayers? Do I ever radiate the glory of the Lord to others after I have prayed? Is His presence evident in my Life? (See Exodus 33:14-16)

THE RESULTS OF OBEDIENCE AND DISOBEDIENCE Leviticus 26

In concluding the giving of the civil and ceremonial laws for Israel, God told them what would happen if they obeyed these laws, and what would happen if they did not. Read now just what He said:

A. Summary of God's Commands: Read Leviticus 26:1, 2

- 1. What did God tell the Israelites they must not do? Leviticus 26:1a-c
- 2. What two things must they be sure to do? Leviticus 26:2a, b
- 3. What was the reason for both of these? Leviticus 26:1d, 2c

B. The Results of Obedience: Read Leviticus 26:3-13

- 1. If the people would obey God's commandments, what is the first blessing He promised? Leviticus 26:4a
- 2. Notice all the results which would follow from this: Leviticus 26:4b-5c
- 3. What was the second great blessing God promised them? Leviticus 26:6a
- 4. From what two sources of fear would they be freed by this blessing? Leviticus 26:6c, d
- 5. What would they be able to do to their enemies? Leviticus 26:7, 8
- 6. Notice the blessing which would come in their personal lives: Leviticus 26:9-10. Write one:
- Notice the spiritual blessings they would enjoy: Leviticus 26:11, 12. Write one:

C. The Results of Disobedience: Read Leviticus 26:14-46

1. Read what God would do to the Israelites if they did not follow His commandments: Leviticus 26:14-17. Was there any area of their lives which would escape His punishment?

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- If after all this they still would not hearken (listen, give heed) to Him, what would he do? Leviticus 26:18
- 2. What would be the first item in this second set of punishments? Leviticus 26:19a
- 4. Read the rest of these punishments: Leviticus 26:19, 20. Are they less or greater then the first ones?
- 5. If after the second set of punishments they still would not listen to God, what would He do? Leviticus 26:21, 22
- 6. If after these they still would not listen, what would He do? Leviticus 26:23-26
- 7. How would you compare each set of punishments with the previous ones?
- 8. If after these they still would not listen, what would He do? Leviticus 26:27, 28
- 9. What would they finally be forced to do? Leviticus 26:29
- 10.What would eventually happen to them? Leviticus 26:30-33
- 11. Then what would the land be able to do? Leviticus 26:34-35
- 12.But even then, if they would confess their sin, be humbled, and accept the punishment for their sins, what would God do? Leviticus 26:40-45

- 1. If the Israelites were wise, what would they do: Obey God and keep His commandments? Or disobey? (Watch in future lessons to see what they *did* do.)
- Who are like the Israelites in our world today? Am I one of them? Could I expect similar results in my life if I obey God? If I disobey? Which *should* I do? Which *am* I doing? (See Isaiah 1:19, 20)

CAMPAND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAEL Numbers 1 - 4, 7:1- 9, 8:5 - 26

After the Tabernacle was completed and set up, and worship in it was established, God again spoke to Moses. See now what He told him to do, and the effect on the Israelites:

A. The Number of the Israelites: Read Numbers 1

- 1. Just one month after the Tabernacle was set up (compare Exodus 40:17 with Numbers 1:1), what did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 1:2a
- 2. Who were to be included in this census? Numbers 1:2b-3
- 3. Who were to help Moses with this task? Numbers 1:4
- 3. Did God let Moses choose which man from each tribe should help? Numbers 1:5-16
- 5. How many were counted in this numbering? Numbers 1:46
- 6. Who were omitted from this numbering? Numbers 1:47
- 7. Where were they to camp? Numbers 1:50d
- 8. What were to be their chief duties? Numbers 1:51a, b, 50c
 - a._____
 - b._____ c. (two items)

B. Camp and Travel Arrangements: Read Numbers 2

- 1. Where were the rest of the Israelites, who were not Levites, to camp? Numbers 2:2
- 2. Were they allowed to live just anywhere they wished? Numbers 2:2
- 3. Name the three tribes which were to camp on the east side of the camp: Numbers 2:3, 5, 7
- 4. When they traveled, what position would these tribes have in the order of march? Numbers 2:9b
- 5. Name the three tribes which were to camp on the south side of the camp: Numbers 2:10, 12, 14
- 6. When were they to travel? Numbers 2:16b

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- 7. What was to follow them? Numbers 2:17
- 8. Name the three tribes which were to camp on the west side of the camp: Numbers 2:18, 20, 22
- 9. When were they to travel? Numbers 2:24b
- 10.Name the three tribes which were to camp on the north side of the camp: Numbers 2:25, 27, 29
- 11. When were they to travel? Numbers 2:31b

C. The Number and Duties of the Levites: Read Numbers 3

- 1. In whose place were the Levites to serve in the Tabernacle? Numbers 3:11-13, 40, 41
- 2. How many sons did Levi have? Numbers 3:17
- 3. After the name of each, tell on what side of the Tabernacle his descendants were to live, and summarize what was to be their charge:
 - a. Gershon: Numbers 3:21, 23, 25_____
 - b. Kobath: Numbers 3:27, 29, 31_____
 - c. Merari: Numbers 3:33, 35, 36, 37_____
- 4. Who was to camp on the east side of the Tabernacle? Numbers 3; and 7:1-9
- 5. Read Numbers 4 to discover the procedure used in moving the Tabernacle.
- 6. Between what ages did a Levite serve at his post? Numbers 4:35, 39, 43, 47

- 1. Who determined where each Israelite lived, when he traveled, what his duties should be, and how long he worked?
- 2. Is God concerned about where I live, when I travel or move, and what I do? Does he have a specific plan for each of these, at every stage of my life?

THE JOURNEY FROM SINAI BEGUN Numbers 9 – 10

After the Tabernacle was completed, the Israelites were almost ready to leave Mt. Sinai. Read now to discover what they did just before they left, and how they were guided on their journey northward toward Canaan:

A. Guidance for the Journey: Read Numbers 9

- 1. Between the time the Tabernacle was set up and the time the people were numbered, what did the Israelites do? Compare Exodus 40:17 with Numbers1:1 and 9:1-3, 5
- From the day that the Tabernacle was completed, what was always upon it?
 a. By day? Numbers 9:15, 16a______
 - b. By night? Numbers 9:16b_____
- 3. How did the people of Israel know when to travel? Numbers 9:17a
- 4. How did they know where to pitch their tents? Numbers 9:17b
- 5. Who determined whether they journeyed or pitched their tents? Numbers 9:18a
- 6. What determined how long they stayed in one place? Numbers 9:18c-21a
- 7. Was there any difference if the cloud were taken up at night? Numbers 9:21b
- Did it matter how long it was before the cloud was taken up? Numbers 9:22, 23

B. Notice of the Journey: Read Numbers 10:1-10

- 1. What did God tell Moses to make for the calling of assembly, and for the journeying of the camps? Numbers 10:2a
- 2. Read Numbers 10:3-6, and tell what was to happen when they blew
 - a. both trumpets? 3_____
 - b. one trumpet? 4_____
 - c. an alarm? 5_____
 - d. a second alarm? 6_____
- 3. Who was to blow the trumpets? Numbers 10:8

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- 3. For what two other purposes were these trumpets to be used? Numbers 10:9, 10
 - a._____
 - b. (three items)

C. The Journey Begun: Read Numbers 10:11-36

1. How long after the Israelites had left Egypt did they begin their journey from Mt. Sinai? Compare Exodus 12:2, 6, 51 with Numbers 10:11-13

(Notice that this was just 20 days after the people were numbered, which would be at the end of the seven-day feast of unleavened bread.)

- 2. List the order in which they traveled: Numbers 10:14-28
 - a. Which three tribes? 14, 15, 16_____
 - b. What next? 17_____
 - c. Which three tribes? 18, 19, 20_____
 - d. What next? 21_____
 - e. Which three tribes? 22, 23, 24_____
 - f. Which three tribes? 25, 26, 27_____
- 3. Who did Moses encourage to go with them, to help them through the wilderness travels? Numbers 10:29-31
- 4. What advantage would this be to him? Numbers 10:32
- 5. How long did the first stage of their journey last? Numbers 10:33-36

- 1. Who made the day-by-day decisions in the Israelites' lives?
- 2. Who makes the daily decisions in *my* life? Would God like me to wait upon Him to show His will in each of these tiny areas? Am I willing to do this? Would I benefit from it if I did?

INCIDENTS DURING THE JOURNEY Numbers 11, 12

As the Israelites journeyed, all went well for the first three days. Read now to see what happened after that:

A. The First Incident: Read Numbers 11:1-3

- 1. What did the people do? Numbers 11:1a
- 2. How did the Lord feel about their behavior? Numbers 11:1b, d
- 3. What happened to the people as a result? Numbers 11:1e
- 4. What three things happened after this? Numbers 11:2a.
- b._____
- c._____

B. The Second Incident: Read Numbers 11:4-35

- 1. Who next caused a problem? Numbers 11:4a (See Exodus 12:38)
- 2. What did they do? Numbers 11:4a
- 3. What did the Israelites then begin to do? Numbers 11:4b, 6
- 4. What six things did they remember that they had had to eat in Egypt? Numbers 11:5
- 5. How did the Lord feel about the people's behavior? Numbers 11:10
- 6. What did their behavior cause Moses to ask God to do? Numbers 11:15
- 7. What did God promise to do instead? Numbers 11:16, 17
- 8. What did He say the people's complaining indicated they had done? Numbers 11:20c
- 9. What did He say He would do, in answer to the people's complaint? Numbers 11:18b-20a
- 10.What would the food do at the end of this time? Numbers 11:20b

11. How many were included in those whom the Lord promised to feed? Numbers 11:21

NOTE: Bible scholars feel that in order to have this many soldiers, there must have been 1 and one half to 2 million Israelites in all.

- 12.Read Moses' answer to this prediction, Numbers 11:22. Did he see how God could do such a thing as He had promised?
- 13.Yet what did God say to him? Numbers 11:23
- 14.After giving of His spirit to the seventy elders as He had promised (Numbers 11:24-30), what did God do to provide food for the people? Numbers11:31, 32
- 15. While they were still eating of the flesh He had provided, what did God do to the people? Numbers 11:33

C. The Third Incident: Read Numbers 12

- 1. What did Miriam and Aaron then do? Numbers 12:1
- 2. Who settled this complaint? Numbers 12:4-8
- 3. What happened to Miriam because of this? Numbers 12:9, 10
- 4. What did Moses ask God to do? Numbers 12:13
- 5. How long did God wait before He did this? Numbers 12:14, 15

- 1. Did it pay the Israelites to be dissatisfied with God's provisions for them?
- 2. Do I ever complain about what God has miraculously provided for me? What may God do to me as a result of such behavior? (See Psalm 106:13-15)

EVENTS AT KADESH IN PARAN Numbers 13 – 14

It would seem that after the events of the previous lesson, the Israelites would have learned never again to speak against God, but always to trust Him for everything. Read now to see if this was actually the case:

A. God's Instructions to Moses: Read Numbers 13:1-24

- 1. After the Isrealites had arrived at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran (Numbers 12:16b, 13:26), what did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 13:2
- 2. About what three things were these men to find out? Numbers 13:18b, 19a, b, 20a
- 3. What were they to bring back? Numbers 13:20b
- 4. What did they find in the land and take back with them? Numbers 13:21, 23

B. The Report of the Spies: Read Numbers 13:25-33

- 1. How long after the spies left did they return? Numbers 13:25, 26
- What report did ten of the spies bring back? Numbers 13:27-29

 a. 27______
 - b. 28, 29____
- 3. What report did Caleb and Joshua bring back? Numbers 13:30
- 4. Yet what did the other spies reply? Numbers 13:31-33

C. The Reaction of the People: Read Numbers 14:1-10a

- 1. What two things did the people do because of this report? Numbers 14:1, 2a
- 2. Who two things did they wish might have happened to them? Numbers 14:2b
- 3. What did they fear would happen to them and to their families? Numbers 14:3a

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- 4. Therefore, what did they discuss the possibility of doing? Numbers 14:3b, 4
- 5. What did Moses and Aaron then do? Numbers 14:5
- 6. What did Joshua and Caleb do? Numbers 14:6
- Through whose help did they feel they could conquer the land? Numbers 14:7-9
- 8. After this report, what did the people want to do to Joshua and Caleb? Numbers 14:10a

D. God's Decision Concerning Israel: Read Numbers 14:10b-45

- 1. Because of the people's unbelief, what did God threaten to do to them? Numbers 14:12
- 2. Read why Moses said this would not be a good idea: Numbers 14:13-16
- 3. What did he ask God to do instead? Numbers 14:19
- 4. Although God did as Moses requested, what did he say He would do to Israel? a. Numbers 14:23, 29, 30
 - b. Numbers 14:31, 33
- 4. What happened to the ten spies who brought back the evil report? Numbers 14:36, 37_____
- 6. What did the people decide to do after this? Numbers 14:39, 40
- Why could they not succeed in carrying out these plans? Numbers 14:42a, 41-43
- 8. When they insisted on going anyway, what happened to them? Numbers 14:45

- 1. When should the Israelites have believed God? How should they have proved their faith in Him?
- 2. Do I always believe immediately every promise God makes to me so that I obey fully every command He gives me? If because of unbelief I refuse to obey at first, what might I miss? (See Hebrews 3:19)

IN THE WILDERNESS OF PARAN Numbers 15:37 – 17:13

After Israel's failure to believe God enough to obey Him in conquering the land of Canaan, they began the forty years of wandering which God had said would be part of their punishment. Read now some of the events which happened during those years:

A. The Dress of the Israelites: Read Numbers 15:37-41

- 1. What did God command the Israelites to wear on their clothing? Numbers 15:38_____
- 2. Of what was this to remind them? Numbers 15:39, 40
- 3. In spite of this command, notice the events which happened in Israel afterwards.

B. A Complaint Against Moses and Aaron: Read Numbers 16:1-11

- 1. What four men had a complaint against Moses and Aaron? Numbers 16:1
 - a. _____, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi;
 - b. _____, and _____, the sons of Eliab;
 - c. and _____, the son of Pelath. (The last three were sons of Reuben.)
- 2. Who joined with them in this complaint? Numbers 16:2
- 3. What did they accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:3
- 4. What did Moses do when he heard this complaint? Numbers 16:4
- 5. Who did he say would settle this complaint? Numbers 16:5-7

C. God's Answer to This Complaint: Read Numbers 16:12-40

- 1. When Moses called for two of these men, what was their reply? Numbers 16:12-14_____
- 2. How did this cause Moses to feel? Numbers 16:15a
- 3. What did he ask God to do? Numbers 16:15b
- 4. What did he instruct both Korah and his company, and Aaron to do? Numbers 16:16, 17
- 5. When they gathered at the door of the Tabernacle, what happened? Numbers 16:18, 19

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- 6. What did God first threaten to do? Numbers 16:20, 21
- 7. After Moses and Aaron prayed God would not do this, what did He say all must do? Numbers 16:22-26
- 8. What happened to the leaders of this rebellion? Numbers 16:31-33
- 9. What happened to the men who joined them in rebellion? Numbers 16:35

D. The People's Reaction to God's Answer: Read Numbers 16:41-50

- 1. The next day, what did the people accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:41b
- 2. What did God send because of this? Numbers 16:45, 46b
- 3. How many died because of this? Numbers 16:49_____

E. God's Final Answer to this Complaint: Read Numbers 17

- 1. After this what did God tell the leaders of the twelve tribes to do? Numbers 17:2_____
- 2. How was God going to show them He had chosen to come near to Himself? Numbers 17:5_____
- 3. Who was shown to be God's choice? Numbers 17:8
- 4. What did God then command to be done with Aaron's rod? Numbers 17:10

- 1. Did God approve of the Israelites speaking against their leaders in any way?
- Who gives leaders their positions today? (See Romans 13:1). Would God approve of our speaking against leaders today? What would He have us do instead? (See Romans 13:2-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)

PROBLEMS DURING THE JOURNEY Numbers 20

As time wore on the repeated murmuring and complaining of the Israelites began to affect their leaders. Read about this in the passage below:

A. Problem in the Desert of Zin: Read Numbers 20:1-13

- 1. What happened shortly after Israel arrived at this place? Numbers 20:1
- 2. What problem arose there? Numbers 20:2a
- 3. What was the people's reaction to this problem? Numbers 20:2b
- 4. What did they say they wished had happened to them? Numbers 20:3
- 5. What two questions did they ask of Moses? Numbers 20:4, 5a
 a.
 b.
- 6. What did Moses and Aaron do when they heard the people's words? Numbers 20:6a
- 7. What happened as they did this? Numbers 20:6b
- 7. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do to meet this need? Numbers 20:7, 8
- 9. What did Moses actually do? Numbers 20:10, 11a (See Exodus 17:6; 1 Corinthians 10:4)

a. _____b. _____ 10.Did God meet the need of the people? Numbers 20:11b

- 11.Yet what did God say Moses and Aaron's actions showed concerning themselves? Numbers 20:12a
- 12. What had their actions failed to do? Numbers 20:12b
- 13. Therefore, what did God say would be the result? Numbers 20:12c
- **B. Problem at the Border of Edom:** Read Numbers 20:14-21

- 1. When the Israelites reached the border of Edom (Numbers 20:14-16), what request did they make of the king of Edom? Numbers 20:17a
- 2. What three promises did they make to this king? Numbers 20:17b
 - a. We will not_____
 - b. Neither_____
 - c. We will_____
- 3. Yet what was Edom's answer? Numbers 20:18
- 4. When, after further assurances, Edom still refused, what did the Israelites do? Numbers 20:20, 21

C. Problems at Mount Hor: Read Numbers 20:22-29

- 1. What did God tell Moses and Aaron after they had arrived at Mount Hor? Numbers 20:24
- 2. What was Moses to do first, before this happened? Numbers 20:25, 26
- 3. After Moses had done this, what happened? Numbers 20:27, 28
- 4. Then what did all the congregation do? Numbers 20:29

- 1. Were Moses and Aaron glad afterwards that they had behaved as they did? What attitudes of heart caused this sin? What could they have done to prevent it?
- Do I ever become proud in my heart and think that I can do great things?
 Do I look down in anger on those for whom I must do these things? Can God bless such attitudes? What could prevent such attitudes and their terrible results? (See Proverbs 28:25, 26; James 4:6)

INCIDENTS NEAR THE BORDER OF CANAAN Numbers 21

After the thirty days of mourning for Aaron were past, the Israelites continued their journey. See what took place next:

A. The First Encounter with the Canaanites: Read Numbers 21:1-3

1. Where did the Canaanites Live? Numbers 21:1a

(Locate where this was on a map.)

- 2. When their king heard that the Israelites were coming, what did he do? Numbers 21:1b
- 3. What did the Israelites promise the Lord after this? Numbers 21:2
 - a. If _____
 - b. Then _____
- 4. What was the Lord's response to this promise or vow? Numbers 21:3a
- 5. Did the Israelites keep their promise, after God had done His part? Numbers 21:3b

B. A Problem on the Journey: Read Numbers 21:4-9

1. From Mt. Hor, by what way did the Israelites travel? Numbers 21:4a

(Locate this route on a map.)

- 2. For what reason did they go this way? Numbers 21:4b, 14-21
- 3. What problem arose as they made this trip? Numbers 21:4c
- 4. What did the people do because of this problem? Numbers 21:5a
- 5. What was their three-fold complaint? Numbers 21:5b-d
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - с.____
- 6. What did the Lord do because of their complaining? Numbers 21:6a
- 7. What happened because of this judgment? Numbers 21:6b

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- 8. What did this judgment cause the remaining people to realize? Numbers 21:7a
- 9. What did they ask Moses to do for them? Numbers 21:7b
- 10. Did Moses do as they had asked him? Numbers 21:7c
- 11. What did the Lord tell Moses to do? Numbers 21:8a
- 12. What did He promise would happen if those who had been bitten by the serpents would look upon this object? Numbers 21:8a
- 13. Did Moses do as God had told him? Numbers 21:9a
- 14. Did any of the people look upon this object? Numbers 21:9b and THINK!
- 15. Did God's promise to them come true? Numbers 21:9b

- 1. What did it require on the part of the Israelites to look on the serpent which Moses had raised up?
- 2. Have I ever been "bitten" by a "serpent," so that I am in danger of "death"?(See Revelation 12:9; 1 Peter 5:8; Roman 6:23a) What would it take on my part to be saved from death in this way? (See John 3:14, 15)

ISRAEL'S CONTACTS WITH MOAB, THE AMORITES, AND BASHAN Numbers 21:10 – 24:25

As the Israelites continued their journey northward, they came near the country of Moab. Discover now what took place after this:

A. Israel's Journey Around Moab: Read Numbers 21:10-20

- 1. Notice four places the Israelites pitched their tents, and four places they passed, Numbers 21:10-19. Locate Brook Zared and River Arnon on a map.
- 2. To what country and what mountain did they come at last? Numbers 21:20

B. Israel's Contact with the Amorites: Read Numbers 21:21-32

- 1. What message did Israel then send to Sihon, king of the Amorites? Numbers 21:22a
- Notice from Numbers 21:22b that they gave the same three promises they had previously made to Edom. Yet what two things did Sihon do? Numbers 21:23 a.
- 3. What was the outcome of this battle? Numbers 21:24a, b, 25
- 4. What two things did the Israelites do after spying out Jaazer? Numbers 21:32

C. Israel's Contact with Bashan: Read Numbers 21:33-35

- 1. What did Og, king of Bashan, do when Israel came near his country? Numbers 21:33
- 2. What message did God give Moses concerning him? Numbers 21:24 (See Deuteronomy 3:11)
- 3. What was the result of this battle? Numbers 21:35

D. Efforts of Moab's King Against Israel: Read Numbers 22-24

1. Where did the Israelites encamp after this? Numbers 22:1

(Locate this on a map.)

b.

2. How did the Moabites feel, and why? Numbers 22:3

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- 3. What did they predict to the Midianites that the Israelites would do? Numbers 22:4a
- 4. Who was king of Moab at this time? Numbers 22:4b
- 5. To whom did he send messengers? Numbers 22:5
- 6. What did he ask him to do? Numbers 22:6
- 7. When the messengers stated their request, what did he say he would do? Numbers 22:8
- 8. What was God's message to him? Numbers 22:12
- 9. Therefore, what did he do the next morning? Numbers 22:13
- 10. After this, what did Balak, king of Moab, promise Balaam? Numbers 22:17
- 11.What did God then give Balaam permission to do? Numbers 22:20
- 12.Be able to tell the story of what happened as he traveled: Numbers 22:21-35
- 13.After Balak had prepared altars and sacrifices, what did Balaam do? Numbers 23:5-10, 11
- 14.Although Balak took Balaam to two other places, did God ever allow Balaam to curse Israel? Numbers 23:13-24, 23:25-24:9 (See 23:20, 24:9b)
- 15.What prediction did Balaam make after this? Numbers 24:17-19

NOTE: This is the sixth direct prophecy of Christ in the Old Testament.

- 1. Could anyone or anything stop the onward march of the people of Israel?
- 2. When God has promised me something, what should I remember? Numbers 23:19

IN THE PLAINS OF MOAB Numbers 25, 26

As the people of Israel were encamped on the plains of Moab, for the first time since they left Egypt they came into close contact with those who worshiped idols. See now what they did under these circumstances:

- A. Summary of Israel's Activities: Read Numbers 25:1-5
 - 1. In what place did the Israelites live? Numbers 25:1a

Locate this place on a map.

- 2. What did the people begin to do? Numbers 25:1b
- 3. Along with this, what other sin did they commit? Numbers 25:2
- 4. How did the Lord feel about this? Numbers 25:3
- 5. What did He tell Moses to do to turn away His anger? Numbers 25:4
- 6. To whom did Moses relay theses instructions? Numbers 25:5

B. One Man's Activities: Read Numbers 25:6-15

- 1. As the people were weeping before the door of the Tabernacle, what did one of the men of Israel do? Numbers 25:6
- 2. Who decided to do something about this? Numbers 25:7a
- 3. What did he do? Numbers 25:7b-8a
- 4. What effect did this have for the Israelites? Numbers 25:8b
- 5. How many had died because of this plague? Numbers 25:9
- 6. What did God promise to Phinehas because he was zealous for the Lord's sake? Numbers 25:10-13
- 7. What were the names of the man and woman who were slain? Numbers 25:14a, 15a

- 8. What was the man's position in Israel? Numbers 25:14b
- 9. Notice that the woman also was from a chief house in her country: Numbers 25:15b

C. God's Command After These Activities: Read Numbers 25:16-18

- 1. What did God tell Moses to do after this? Numbers 25:16, 17
- 2. Why was he to do this? Numbers 25:18

D. The Second Numbering of Israel: Read Numbers 26:1-4, 51-65

- 1. After the plague mentioned above, what did God again tell Moses to do? Numbers 26:1, 2
- 2. How many were included in the number counted? Numbers 26:51

(Compare this with the number of those counted in the wilderness of Sinai, before they began their journey northward: Numbers 1:46)

- 3. Who again were omitted from the number of warriors, and counted separately? Numbers 26:57a, 62
- 4. How many of those who were numbered now had been included in the previous numbering at Mt. Sinai? Numbers 26:64, 65

- 1. Why did the people of Israel behave as they did? Had God given any commands against such behavior? Why did they not obey these commands?
- 2. Do I ever go against the direct commandments of the Lord? What causes me to do this? How does the Lord feel when I do so? What must be the inevitable results of such actions? How could I prevent such actions, and their terrible results?

REVIEW OF ISRAEL'S JOURNEY TOWARD CANAAN AND OF THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

As you come to the end of your study of this section, look back over the entire unit, and try to get an overall picture of what you have studied:

A. Major Persons in This Unit:

- 1. Who was by far the most outstanding person in this unit?
- 2. What two older men assisted him in leading Israel? Exodus 24:14
- 3. What young man was his minister or helper? Exodus 24:13, 32:17
- 4. What two of Israel's 70 elders prophesied in the camp? Numbers 11:26-30
- 5. What two spies brought back a good report from Canaan? Numbers 14:6-9_
- 6. Who led the great rebellion against Moses and Aaron? Numbers 16:1
- 7. What prophet was hired to prophesy against Israel? Numbers 22:5
- 8. What kings did Israel defeat? Numbers 21:21-24, 33-35
- 9. Be able to match each of these with their descriptions as given above.

B. Prophecy and Pictures of Christ in This Unit:

- 1. Read the prophecy of Christ's coming in Numbers 24:17-19.
 - a. What name is He given?
 - b. What did the word "scepter" indicate that He would be? (*THINK*!)
 - c. What had God said Moses should do to this rock? Numbers 20:8
- 2. Read about the rock that was smitten in Numbers 20:7-13.
 - a. How was it like Christ? _
 - d. However, since a rock had already been smitten once (Exodus 17:5, 6), should this rock have been smitten? (How many times was Christ smitten for us?)
- 3. Read about Aaron's rod that budded in Numbers 17:1-11.
 - a. How was it like Christ? (See Mark 16:6)
 - b. What did Aaron's budding rod prove him to be? Numbers 16:3, 7, 17:5
 - c. What did Jesus' rising from the dead prove Him to be? Romans 1:4; Hebrews 7:22-26
- 4. Read about the bronze serpent in Numbers 21:4-9. Note how it was like Christ:

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 - a. It became the remedy for the ______ people had committed (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - b. It became the means of ______ for those who were sick.
 - c. It saved from the poison of the ______ which had bitten them.
 - d. It had to be _______. to save and heal and remedy sin (John 3:14-16).
 - e. Those afflicted had to _____. ____. to be saved (Numbers 21:8).

C. Title and Outline of the Book of Numbers:

- 1. How many chapters of Numbers record numberings? (See 1-4 and 26)
- 2. Does "Numbers" seem to be a good title for the whole book?
- 3. Would you suggest a better title?
- 4. Where were the Israelites camped from Exodus 19-Numbers 10? Numbers 10:12?
- 5. What seems to have been their headquarters during the next 38 years? Numbers 13:26, 20:16, 27:14, 33:36; Deuteronomy 1:46
- 6. After that, where did they camp? Numbers 22:1_____
- 7. From 4-6 above, make a three-part outline of the book of Numbers:
 (1) Ch. 1-10: At _____; (2) Ch. 11-22: Near ____;
 (3) Ch. 22-36: At _____.

D. Major Events and Theme of This Unit:

1. After God had promised that He would send an angel to keep Israel and bring them into the promised land, what did they do? Exodus 32:1-4

2.	After that, on their journey, what did they do? Numbers 11:1;		
	11:4b; 14:1	and	_; 14:39
	; 16:41	; 20:3	with Moses:
	21:4 were much	; 16:3	

- 3. Was God pleased with this generation? 1 Corinthians 10:1-5; Psalms 95:10; Hebrews 3:17-19
- 4. Therefore what did He allow to happen to them? Numbers 14:33 (Key verse of Numbers), 26:64, 65

- 1. Was any detail of God's plan for these Israelites not good for them? (See Romans 12:2c)_____
- 2. Am *I* like these Israelites? Do I ever murmur or complain about my food, my housing, my job, my leaders, my hardships, my sufferings, my punishments for sin-all of which God has chosen for me? How does God feel about this? What will He do?_____

GOD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MOSES Numbers 27:12 – 23, 31:1 – 54

As the new generation of Israelites were encamped in the plains of Moab across from Jericho, God's message again came to Moses on two occasions. Read about these below:

A. God's First Announcement: Read Numbers 27:12-23

- 1. Where did God tell Moses to Go? Numbers 27:12a
- 2. What was he to do there? Numbers 17:12b
- 3. What would happen after he had done this? Numbers 27:13
- 4. Why was this to take place? Numbers 27:14
- 5. What did Moses ask the Lord to do, before this should happen? Numbers 27:15-17a
- 6. What was Moses' main concern in asking this? Numbers 27:17b
- 7. Whom did God tell Moses to prepare for this position? Numbers 27:18-21
- 8 What is the only qualification of Joshua which God mentioned in naming him? Numbers 27:18c
- 9. Did Moses do as God had commanded him? Numbers 27:22, 23

B. God's Second Announcement: Read Numbers 31:1-54

- 1. What did God tell Moses to do this time? Numbers 31:2a
- 2. What did He say would happen after this? Numbers 31:2b
- 3. What did Moses tell the people to do? Numbers 31:3
- 4. How many were to go to war? Numbers 31:4, 5
- 5. Who among the enemies did they kill? Numbers 31:7b, 8a, c

- 6. What did they do with the women and children? Numbers 31:9
- How did Moses feel when he learned that they had not killed all the women? Numbers 31:13, 14
- 8. Of what did Moses remind the warriors? Numbers 31:16
- 9. Therefore, what did he say they must do? Numbers 31:17
- 10. What must the warriors afterward do? Numbers 31:19, 20
- 11.What must they do with all the spoil they had taken? Numbers 31:21-24
 - a. the metals:
 - c. the other items:
- 12. Who was to receive the animals they had taken as prey during their battle? Numbers 31:25-27
- 13.Who was to receive one out of every 500 of the warriors' share? Numbers 31:28, 29
- 14.Who was to receive one out of every 50 of the congregation's share? Numbers 31:30, 31
- 15.Read Numbers 31:32-47, noticing how many animals and persons were captured.
- 16. What did the officers discover after this war? Numbers 31:48, 49
- 17. Therefore, what did they bring to the Lord? Numbers 31:50

- 1. Does God warn everyone when he is about to die? Why did Moses have this unusual privilege? Did it help him in any way to have this privilege?
- 2. Am I living close enough to God that I would hear Him if He warned me if I was about to die? (See Psalm 25:14; Deuteronomy 29:29)

THE REQUEST OF REUBEN, GAD, AND MANASSEH Numbers 32:1 – 33:40; Deuteronomy 4:41 – 43

After Israel had completed their vengeance on Midian, some of the tribes of Israel noticed the land they had conquered, and made a request concerning it. See now what they noticed, and what was their request concerning this land:

- A. The Request of the Tribes: Read Numbers 32:1-5:
 - 1. What did the children of Reuben and the children of Gad have in common? Numbers 32:1a _____
 - 2. What did they notice about the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, which they had recently conquered? Numbers 32:1b
 - 3. Therefore, what request did they make of Moses and Aaron? Numbers 32:5

B. Moses' First Reaction to This Request: Read Numbers 32:6-15

- 1. What did Moses think these people intended to do? Numbers 32:6
- 2. What effect did he fear this might have on the rest of the Israelites? Numbers 32:7
- 3. To whose actions did he compare theirs? Numbers 32:8, 9
- 4. In view of what had happened because of the actions of these people, what did Moses think Israel could expect if the present generation followed their example? Numbers 32:10-15 (See 15b)

C. The Promise of the Tribes: Read Numbers 32:16, 17a

- 1. What did the tribesmen promise they would do, after building places for their children and cattle? Numbers 32:16, 17a
- 2. How long did they promise they would stay with the other Israelites? Numbers 32:17b, 18
- 3. Did Moses agree that this would be fair? Numbers 32:20-22
- 4. What did he warn that they would be doing if they did not keep this promise? Numbers 32:23a
- 5. Would they be able to get away with this sin? Numbers 32:23b

After Moses repeated his instructions, and they again agreed to carry them out (Numbers 32:24-27), to whom did Moses relay instructions concerning these tribes? Numbers 32:28-30

D. Moses' Later Reaction to This Request: Read Numbers 32:33-42

- 1. Who received an inheritance on the near side of the Jordan river besides Reuben and Gad? Numbers 32:33a
- 2. What two kingdoms were divided among them? Numbers 32:33b
- 3. Count how many cities the children of Gad built: Numbers 32:34-36a
- 4. What kind of cities were these? Numbers 32:36b
- 5. What else did they build? Numbers 32:36c
- 6. How many cities did the children of Reuben build? Numbers 32:37, 38a
- 7. What did they do concerning these cities? Numbers 32:38b
- 8. What city did the children of Machir the son of Manasseh capture? Numbers 39, 40
- 9. What did two other descendants of Manasseh do concerning the towns they captured? Numbers 32:41, 42

E. Summary of Israel's Journeys: Numbers 33:1-49

- 1. Notice that this was the end of Israel's 41-year journey from Egypt to the borders of the promised land, Numbers 33:1. Who recorded each of the places where they stopped? Numbers 33:2a _____
- 2. Why did he do this? Numbers 33:2b
- 3. Notice that these places are recorded in Numbers 33:3-49.

- 1. Did it pay Reuben, Gad and Manasseh to ask for the land which especially suited their needs? Were they selfish in asking for it? (See Philippians 4:19)
- 2. Is there a property which especially suits *my* need? Should I ask God or my spiritual leaders to give it to me for my work? When should I begin?

MOSES' REVIEW OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY Deuteronomy 1 – 3

Having been twice warned of God that he would soon die, Moses was eager to prepare the new generation of Israelites for his departure. The entire book of Deuteronomy is filled with his speeches designed to accomplish this purpose. Study now the first:

- A. Review of Events at Mt. Horeb or Mt. Sinai: Deuteronomy 1:1-18
 - How long would it take to get from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea by the way of Mt. Seir, which was the way the Israelites had traveled? Deuteronomy 1:2
 - 2. Yet how long had it been since they left Horeb? Deuteronomy 1:3
 - 3. What had God told them before they left Horeb? Deuteronomy 1:6, 8
 - 4. What had been Moses' great problem at this time? Deuteronomy 1:9, 12
 - 5. What had been done to solve this problem? Deuteronomy 1:13-15

B. Review of Events at Kadesh-Barnea: Deuteronomy 1:19-46

- 1. What had they had to pass through to get to Kadesh-barnea? Deuteronomy 1:19
- 2. What had the people suggested that they do before going in to conquer the land? Deuteronomy 1:22
- 3. Yet what had the people done after hearing the report of these spies? Deuteronomy 1:26
- 4. What had been the reason for their behaving this way? Deuteronomy 1:32, 33
- 5. What had God sworn because of their behavior? Deuteronomy 1:34-36, 38
- 6. What had the people decided after this? Deuteronomy 1:41
- 7. About what had God warned them? Deuteronomy 1:42
- 8. When they had refused to listen (vs. 43), what had happened to them? Deuteronomy 1:44

C. Review of Events in the Wilderness: Deuteronomy 2:1-25

- 1. What had the Israelites then had to do for many days? Deuteronomy 2:1
- 2. What had God finally told them? Deuteronomy 2:2, 3
- 3. What three groups did God tell them not to bother?
 - a. Deuteronomy 2:4, 5_____
 - b. Deuteronomy 2:9_____
 - d. Deuteronomy 2:19_
- 4. What king and country had God then told them they were to conquer? Deuteronomy 2:24
- 5. What had God said He would do through their conquering this king? Deuteronomy 2:25

D. Review of Events East of Jordan: Deuteronomy 2:26-3:29

- 1. What two countries had the Israelites then conquered?
 - a. Deuteronomy 2:30, 32-34a, 36b_____
 - b. Deuteronomy 3:3, 4_____
- 2. What had Moses then done with the land which they had conquered? Deuteronomy 3:12, 13
- 3. What had Moses told Joshua at this time, to encourage him? Deuteronomy 3:21b, 22b
- 4. What had Moses asked God to allow him to do? Deuteronomy 3:24, 25
- 5. But what had God answered? Deuteronomy 3:26

- 1. What is the great lesson to be learned from reviewing Moses' and Israel's past?
- 2. Could I profit from a review of *my* past? In what great areas have I failed? What great miracles has God done for me? What should I learn from these? (See 1 Samuel 12:15)

MOSES' EXHORTATION IN VIEW OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY Deuteronomy 4:1 – 40

After reviewing the events which had taken place between the time Israel left Sinai and the time they arrived in Moab, Moses went on to exhort the Israelites as to what they should do in view of these events. See now what he said to them:

A. Moses' General Exhortation: Read Deuteronomy 4:1-8

- 1. What two things did Moses urge Israel to do concerning the statutes and judgments he had taught them? Deuteronomy 4:1a
- 2. What would be two results if they did this? Deuteronomy 4:1b
- 3. What two things must they *not* do concerning these commandments? Deuteronomy 4:2
- 4. What would other nations think of them if they kept these laws? Deuteronomy 4:2
- 5. List two ways in which Israel was superior to other nations: Deuteronomy 4: 7, 8
 - a. _____ b.

B. Moses' Special Exhortation: Read Deuteronomy 4:9-24

- 1. What did Moses warn the Israelites to be careful not to do? Deuteronomy 4:9b, c
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 2. What were they rather to be sure to do? Deuteronomy 4:9d
- 3. What day were they especially to remember? Deuteronomy 4:10-14
- 4. Had they seen any image or likeness on that day? Deuteronomy 4:12, 15
- 5. Therefore, what must they never do? Deuteronomy 4:16, 23
- 6. Why was this so important? Deuteronomy 4:24

C. Moses' Warning for the Future: Read Deuteronomy 4:25:31

- 1. If after Israel had lived a long time in their land, they should break this commandment and make idols for themselves, and do evil in God's sight (Deuteronomy 4:25), what did Moses warn would happen to them? Deuteronomy 4:26, 27

 - a. 26b b. 26c _____
 - c. 26d _____
 - d. 27a _____
- 3. But even then, if they would seek the Lord their God, what would happen? Deuteronomy 4:29
- 4. What else would they have to do besides seeking God? Deuteronomy 4:30
- 5. Why would God still care for them? Deuteronomy 4:31

D. Moses' Closing Exhortation: Read Deuteronomy 4:32-40

- 1. What two things had happened to Israel, which God had never done for others?
 - a. Deuteronomy 4:33
 - b. Deuteronomy 4:34
- 2. For what two reasons had the first happened? Deuteronomy 4:35, 39, 36a a._____
- b. _____ 3. Why had God done the second? Deuteronomy 4:37
- 4. What should they therefore do? Deuteronomy 4:40a
- 5. Notice the results if they would do this: Deuteronomy 4:40 b, c

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

- 1. What was the main theme of Moses' speech? What one word would sum up what he urged the Israelites to do? (See Deuteronomy 4:1, 5, 6, 14, 30, 31, 40)
- 2. What should I do, in view of all the events of my past? (See Deuteronomy 4:9)

MOSES' REVIEW OF THE LAW Deuteronomy 4:44 – 6:10

Having reviewed the events which took place at Mt. Sinai, and the meaning of them, Moses then went on to review the law which was given there. Study now this review:

- A. Moses' Review of the Ten Commandments: Read Deuteronomy 4:44-5:21
 - 1. By what three names are parts of the law called? Deuteronomy 4:44, 45
 - 2. Where were the Israelites when Moses reviewed the laws at this time? Deuteronomy 4:46a
 - 3. For what three reasons did Moses review these laws at this time? Deuteronomy 5:1c, d
 - 4. With whom had God made His covenant in Horeb or Sinai? Deuteronomy 5:2, 3
 - 5. How had God talked with the Israelites there? Deuteronomy 1:4, 22
 - 6. Read Deuteronomy 5:6-21, listing the numbers of the verses which differ from the original account in Exodus 20: (Suggestion: Have a friend read Exodus 20, and you follow in Deuteronomy 5)

NOTE: These would be the parts which Moses added as He reviewed what God had said.

B. Moses' Review of the People's Reaction: Read Deuteronomy 5:22, 23

- 1. What had God done besides speaking the Ten Commandments? Deuteronomy 5:22b
- 2. When God spoke to the Israelites out of the fire, cloud and darkness, what had they realized about Him? Deuteronomy 5:24
 - a. _____
 - b.____
- 3. What had they been afraid would happen to them if God continued to talk with them like this? Deuteronomy 5:25
- 4. Therefore, what had they asked Moses to do? Deuteronomy 5:27

- 5. Had God agreed to this? Deuteronomy 5:28
- 6. What two things had God said He wanted them always to do? Deuteronomy 5:29b
- 7. Why did God want them to do these two things? Deuteronomy 5:29b
- 8. What would it take to make the Israelites do these two things? Deuteronomy 5:29a and *THINK*!
- 9. What would be two other results if Israel would keep God's commandments?
 - a. Deuteronomy 5:33bb. Deuteronomy 5:33d

C. Moses' Statement of the Great Commandment: Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- 1. Find still a different reason why God wanted Israel to keep His commandments in Deuteronomy 6:1-3 (3b)
- 2. What did Moses say about Israel's God? Deuteronomy 6:4

NOTE: "This verse is the golden key-text of Judaism, but it iwas used to lead Dr. Wertheimer to Christ. He noted that the Heberw word for "one" "ecchad" was never used of absolute unity but of composite unity, as in the case of husband and wife who are one. Thus the great key-text of Judaism supplies definite evidence on the Trinity." (Mr. Frank Sells, notes on Deuteronomy)

- 3. What did Moses say Israel should do concerning their God? Deuteronomy 6:5
- 4. What five things were they to do with God's law? Deuteronomy 6:6-9
 - a. vs. 6_____
 - b. vs. 7a_____
 - c. vs. 7b-e_____
 - d. vs. 8
 - e. vs. 9_____

- 1. Did Israel have ample reason to love God with all their hearts, and obey Him?
- 2. Do I love God with all my heart? Do I show it by what I do concerning His commandments? (See Deuteronomy 5:29)

MOSES' WARNINGS IN VIEW OF THE LAW Deuteronomy 6:10 – 7:26; Exodus 34:11 – 17

Moses' review of the Ten Commandments and his statement of the Great Commandment led him to warn the Israelites concerning their future in their land. Read now these:

A. Moses' First Warning: Read Deuteronomy 6:10-25

- 1. What two things did Moses warn Israel not to do after coming into their land?
 - a. Deuteronomy 6:12
 - b. Deuteronomy 6:14
- 2. What two things would happen if they did these things? Deuteronomy 6:15b, c a. _____
- 4. Notice again the reasons they must keep God's commandments: Deuteronomy 6:18, 19
- 5. When their children should ask them in time to come about these commandments, what were they to tell them? Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (see vs. 24)

B. Moses' Second Warning: Read Deuteronomy 7:1-11

1. What three things did Moses indicate God would do for Israel? Deuteronomy 7:1, 2

- a. vs. 1a_____
- b. vs. 1b, d_____
- c. vs. 2a
- 2. What did Moses say Israel must certainly do then? Deuteronomy 7:2b-5
 - a. vs. 2b (two things)

- c. vs. 3
- 3. What would be the results if Israel failed to obey? Deuteronomy 7:4 a. 4a, b_____ b. 4c, d
 - b. 4c, d
- 4. Therefore, what four things must Israel be sure to do? Deuteronomy 7:5
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - C. _____ d.
- 5. Why was it especially important that Israel do these things? Deuteronomy 7:6

- Notice why the Lord had chosen Israel as His own people: Deuteronomy 7:7, 8
- 7. What did Moses ask Israel to remember about God? Deuteronomy 7:9, 10
- 8. Therefore, what must they be sure to do? Deuteronomy 7:11

C. The Results of Heeding This Warning: Read Deuteronomy 7:12-26

- 1. Read the many blessings promised Israel if they would keep God's commandments: Deuteronomy 7:12-15. How could all of these be summed up? Deuteronomy 7:14a
- 2. What must Israel do to the people God would deliver unto them? Deuteronomy 7:16
- 3. What would Israel be tempted to say concerning these nations? Deuteronomy 7:17
- 4. Yet what did Moses tell them to remember at such times? Deuteronomy 7:18, 19____
- 5. What else would God send to drive them out? Deuteronomy 7:20
- 6. How rapidly would God drive them out from before Israel, and why? Deuteronomy 7:22
- 7. Who would God deliver into their hand? Deuteronomy 7:24
- 8. What must Israel do with all the graven images of the gods of these people? Deuteronomy 7:25a
- 9. Notice two things they must *not* do with such images: Deuteronomy 7:25b, 26

- 1. Did Moses leave any doubt as to what should be Israel's relationship to their one true God? To the idols of Canaan? As to the outcome of each?
- 2. What is *my* relationship to God? Have I utterly destroyed all that would rival Him in my life? What will be the outcome if I do? If I don't?

MOSES' SURVEY OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE Deuteronomy 8 – 11

Now that Moses had reviewed Israel's past history and the law which God had given them, he looked into the future to prepare Israel for coming events. Study now what he said:

A. What God Was Going to Do: Read Deuteronomy 8:1-1

- 1. What two things did Moses urge Israel to do? Deuteronomy 8:1, 2a
 - a. _____
- 3. Why had God fed them with manna? Deuteronomy 8:3
- 4. What wonderful miracle had taken place as they were in the wilderness? Deuteronomy 8:4
- 5. Why had God punished Israel? Deuteronomy 8:5
- 6. Into what kind of land was God bringing Israel? Deuteronomy 8:7a
- 7. Notice all the things which were in this land? Deuteronomy 8:7b-9
- 8. What should Israel do after getting into this land? Deuteronomy 8:10
- **B. Moses' Warning Concerning the Future:** Read Deuteronomy 8:11-20
 - 1. What must Israel beware *not* to do? Deuteronomy 8:11, 14
 - 2. What would Israel be tempted to say? Deuteronomy 8:17
 - 3. But what did Moses warn them to remember? Deuteronomy 8:18
 - 4. What did Moses warn would happen if Israel disobeyed these two commands? Deuteronomy 8:19, 20

C. God's Reasons for Blessing Israel: Read Deuteronomy 9:1-10:11

1. How would Israel be able to conquer nations greater and mightier than they were? Deuteronomy 9:1-3

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- 3. What did Moses therefore warn them not to think after this? Deuteronomy 9:4a
- What were the real reasons God allowed Israel to conquer them? Deuteronomy
 a. 9:5b ______
 - b. 9:5c ____
- 4. What kind of people were the Israelites? Deuteronomy 9:6
- 5. What had Israel done over and over? Deuteronomy 9:7, 8, 22
- 6. What had they finally done? Deuteronomy 9:23
- 7. What had Moses felt he needed to do to keep God from destroying them? Deuteronomy 9:18, 25-29, 10:10, 11

D. Moses' Exhortation Concerning the Future: Read Deuteronomy 10:12-11:32

- 1. What did Moses say God now required of Israel? Deuteronomy 10:12,
 - a. (two items)
 - b. (two items)
 - c. vs. 13
- 2. What did he urge Israel not to be any more? Deuteronomy 10:16b
- 3. Why should they especially do this? Deuteronomy 11:1-7 (see vs. 7)
- 4. What did God promise He would give them if they would obey? Deuteronomy 11:13, 14
- 5. What would He do for them? Deuteronomy 11:23-25
- 6. But what would happen if they did not obey? Deuteronomy 11:26-28

- 1. Did Israel have any reason to be proud or haughty over her coming conquests?
- 2. Has God given *me* anything good? Why did He give it? Should I be haughty over receiving these things? (See Deuteronomy 8:11a, 17, 18a)

MOSES' INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING WORSHIP Deuteronomy 12:1 - 14:2; Leviticus 17:1 – 16 and related passages

Following his survey of Israel's future, Moses continued his forward look by giving instructions concerning Israel's worship when they should come into their land. Read now these instructions:

A. The Place of Their Worship: Read Deuteronomy 12:1-28; Leviticus 17:1-9

- 1. What must Israel do to the places where the heathen worshipped their gods? Deuteronomy 12:2, 3
- 2. Were they to do the same concerning the Lord their God? Deuteronomy 12:4-7
- 3. Would they behave in their land as they now did? Deuteronomy 12:8, 9
- 4. What would be in that land? Deuteronomy 12:10, 11a
- What two things were they to do there? Deuteronomy 12:11b, 12
 a. ______
 - b.
- 6. What must they *not* do? Deuteronomy 12:13, 14
- 7. However, what *might* they do? Deuteronomy 12:15
- 8. Had this always been the rule? Leviticus 17:1-9
- 9. What would make the difference now? Deuteronomy 12:21a, 20a
- 10. What part of the animal must they not eat, and why? Deuteronomy 12:23, 16; Leviticus 17:10-14, 19:26a
- 11. What things must they not eat within their gates? Deuteronomy 12:26, 27, 17, 18
 - a. 26, 27 (three items)
 - b. 17 18 (four more items)
- **B.** Methods of Their Worship: Read Deuteronomy 12:29-32, 14:1, 2, 18:9-14
 - 1. How did Moses tell Israel not to worship God? Deuteronomy 12:30b-31a
 - 2. What had some done in worship of their gods? Deuteronomy 12:31b, 18:10a

- 3. List other heathen practices which Moses warned Israel not to follow:
 - a. Deuteronomy 14:1c
 - b. Deuteronomy 14:1b; Leviticus 19:28
 - c. Leviticus 19:27 _____
 - d. Leviticus 19:26c
 - e. Leviticus 19:31, 20:6, 27; Exodus 22:28; Deuteronomy 18:10b-14
- C. The Object of Their Worship: Read Deuteronomy 13
 - 1. If one even suggested going after other gods, even though he gave a sign or a wonder and it came to pass, what must be done to him? Deuteronomy 13:5a
 - Why would God allow this sign or wonder to come to pass? Deuteronomy 13:3b
 - 3. Even if this person were a very close relative or friend, what must one do? Deuteronomy 13:8, 9a
 - 4. If a whole city were to break this rule, what must be done? Deuteronomy 13:15, 17a
 - Notice the results which would follow in each of these cases: Deuteronomy 13:5c, 11, 17b-18
 - 6. List other warnings saying what Israel must not do concerning idols or images:
 - a. Leviticus 19:4 (two items)
 - b. Exodus 22:20 _____
 - c. Exodus 23:13 _____

- 1. Did God have a right to set the exact, minute rules by which Israel should and should not worship?
- 2. Who decides how I shall worship today? Am I careful not to add to God's rules, *or* take away from them? (See Deuteronomy 12:32, 4:2)

MOSES' GREAT PROPHECY Deuteronomy 18:15-22

We have seen that Moses reviewed the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5, then through Deuteronomy 14:2, he earnestly urged Israel not to break the first two commandments. Deuteronomy 14-26 is filled with reminders concerning the other commandments, the civil laws which were to govern their nation, and the ceremonial laws which were to govern their worship. Since these were incorporated into our previous study to give us a complete picture of the laws and worship of Israel at that time, they are omitted from our study now. There is, however, one small part of Moses' discourses in these chapters which deserves our attention at this point. Study this below:

A. God's True Prophet: Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19

- According to Moses, who would God raise up for Israel? Deuteronomy 18:15a
- 2. What must Israel do concerning this prophet? Deuteronomy 18:15b
- 3. How did Moses know that God would send such a prophet? Deuteronomy 18:17, 18a
- 4. When had God told Moses about this? Deuteronomy 18:16
- 5. What would God do for this prophet? Deuteronomy 18:18b
- 6. What would this prophet then do? Deuteronomy 18:18c
- What would God do to those who would not listen to him? Deuteronomy 18:19

B. False Prophets: Read Deuteronomy 18:20

- 1. What two things might a false prophet do? Deuteronomy 18:20a, b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 2. What did God say must be done to such a prophet? Deuteronomy 18:20c

C. The Test of a False Prophet: Read Deuteronomy 18:21, 22

1. What question did Moses realize the Israelites would ask themselves? Deuteronomy 18:21c

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- 2. How did Moses say they could tell if something was not what God had spoken? Deuteronomy 18:22a, b
- 3. How would the prophet have spoken such a prophecy? Deuteronomy 18:22c
- 4. Therefore, how should Israel feel concerning such a prophet? Deuteronomy 18:22d

D. The Fulfillment of This Prophecy:

- 1. Although this refers immediately to Joshua, did the Jews of early New Testament days believe that God had fulfilled this prophecy before their time? Read John 1:19-21 and *THINK*!
- 2. When Jesus fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes, what did they decide about Him? John 6:14
- 3. Therefore, what did they try to do to Him? John 6:15
- 4. Later on, to whom did Peter, speaking under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, indicate that this prophecy pointed toward? Acts 3:20, 22, 23
- 5. Whom did Stephen, also speaking in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:9b-10) seem to indicate that Moses was speaking of when he made this prophecy? Acts 7:37, 52

- 1. Has any other prophet come to the Jews since the days of Jesus who might possibly have come in fulfillment of God's prophetic words to Moses? What would be the only other alternative for the fulfillment of this prophecy (*THINK*!)
- Do I believe that Jesus is the prophet whom God promised would come? If so, do I listen to His words, pay careful attention to them, and obey them? If not, why not? What may I expect to happen because I do not? (See Deuteronomy 18:19)

MOSES' CONTINUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ISRAEL Deuteronomy 27, 28

The prediction of the coming to Israel of a prophet like unto Moses is generally taken by Bible scholars to be the seventh direct prophecy of Christ in the Old Testament, with the first five coming in Genesis, and the sixth in Numbers. Continue now your study of Moses' instructions to the new generation of Israelites:

A. Instructions Concerning the Law: Read Deuteronomy 27:1-10

- 1. What two things did Moses tell Israel to do after arriving in their land?.
 - a. Deuteronomy 27:2b
 - b. Deuteronomy 27:3a
- 2. What else were they to do there? Deuteronomy 27:5, 6
 - a. 5, 6a _____
 - b. 6b-7a (two items)
 - c. 7b (two items)
- 3. How much of the law was to be recorded there, and in what manner? Deuteronomy 27:8
- 4. What did Moses and the priests and Levites tell Israel had happened that day? Deuteronomy 27:9
- 5. Therefore, what two things must they do? Deuteronomy 27:10
- **B.** Instructions Concerning Blessing and Cursing: Read Deuteronomy 27:11-26
 - 1. After Israel had crossed Jordan, how many tribes did Moses say should stand: a. on Mount Gerizim to bless the people? Deuteronomy 27:12
 - b. on Mount Ebal to curse the people? Deuteronomy 27:13
 - 2. Who then should speak, pronouncing the curses upon those who did evil? Deuteronomy 27:14
 - 3. Read Deuteronomy 27:15-26 to discover all the acts which would bring God's curse. Would one be wise to do any of these acts? (*THINK*!)
 - 4. What were the people to say after hearing each curse? Deuteronomy 17:15b, 16b, etc.

C. Promises Related to Obedience: Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14

- 1. What did Moses say would happen if Israel would keep all God's commandments?
 - a. Deuteronomy 28:1b
 - b. Deuteronomy 28:2a
- 2. Read the blessings which were promised: Deuteronomy 28:3-6
- 3. Notice all the wonderful things God would also do for them: Deuteronomy 28:7a, 8a, 9a, 11a, 12a, 13a
- 4. What would be three other results if they would obey the Lord completely?

 - c. Deuteronomy 28:13b

D. Warning Related to Disobedience: Read Deuteronomy 28:15-68

- 1. What did Moses say would happen if Israel did not obey God's commandments? Deuteronomy 28:15b
- 2. Read the curses which were promised: Deuteronomy 28:16-19
- 3. What else would accompany these curses? Deuteronomy 28:20a
- 4. How much of their lives would these affect? Deuteronomy 28:20b
- 5. How long would these curses continue? Deuteronomy 28:20c, d
- 6. List eight things God would send to bring this about: Deuteronomy 28:21, 22
- 7. Read the other results if Israel should disobey: Deuteronomy 28:23-68.
- 8. Would you like to have *any* of these things happen to you?
- 9. Which do there seem to be more of: the good results of obedience, or the bad results of disobedience?

- 1. Was God fair in promising Israel as many blessings as he did if they would obey? As many curses as He did they would not obey?
- 2. Am I obeying *all* the commandments of God to me? Does this chapter perhaps explain the reason for some of the things which have been happening to me? Who determines whether I receive God's blessings or His curses? (See Deuteronomy 30:19, 20a)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL IN MOAB Deuteronomy 29 - 30

After Moses had completed his review of the history of Israel in Deuteronomy 1:1-4:43, and of the law God had give in Deuteronomy 4:44-26:19, he spoke his last charge to the new generation of Israel, which we began to study in the previous lesson. Continue now your study of this final discourse to all Israel:

A. Exhortations Concerning God's Covenant: Read Deuteronomy 29:1-19

- 1. Notice that this is nearly the end of God's second covenant (testament or agreement) with Israel, besides the one He had made with them in Horeb: Deuteronomy 29:1. (Compare with Deuteronomy 1:3)
- 2. With what words did Moses open this part of his speech? Deuteronomy 29:2a, b
- 3. Notice the three places Israel had seen God's works: Deuteronomy 29:2c, 5a, 7a_____
- 4. Therefore, what did Moses urge Israel to do? Deuteronomy 29:9
- 5. Before whom were they standing that day? Deuteronomy 29:10a
- 6. What was the purpose for this particular gathering? Deuteronomy 29:12
- 7. Who else was also included in this covenant God was making with Israel that day? Deuteronomy 29:14, 15
- 8. Why must all these be included also? Deuteronomy 29:18 a, b a._____
- b.______9. What might such a person say in his heart? Deuteronomy 29:19

B. Penalties for Breaking God's Covenant: Read Deuteronomy 29:20-29

- 1. Would such a person be able to get away with his wrong-doing? (See Deuteronomy 29:20, 21 and *THINK!*)
- 2. Who would see all that happened to him? Deuteronomy 29: 22, 23
 - a. 22a_____
 - b. 22b, 24a____
- 3. What would they ask when they saw this? Deuteronomy 29:24b
- 4. What would they answer? Deuteronomy 29:25-28

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- 5. Why did God tell Israel all these things? Deuteronomy 29:29 and THINK!

C. Procedure for Restoration to God's Blessings: Read Deuteronomy 30:1-10

- 1. What did God realize Israel might do even after God's curse came on her?
 - a. Deuteronomy 30:1b
 - b. Deuteronomy 30:2a
 - c. Deuteronomy 30:2b
- What did God promise to do if Israel should do these things? Deuteronomy

 a. 30:3a (two things)
 - b. 30:3b, 4
 - c. 30:5a
 - e. 30:5b
- 3. Read all the good things which God would then do for Israel: Deuteronomy 30:6-10

D. Moses' Closing Challenge: Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20

- 1. Would it be too hard to keep God's commandments? Deuteronomy 30:11-14
- 2. What three choices did Moses place before Israel at this time? Deuteronomy 30:19a, 15
- 3. What did he urge them to do? Deuteronomy 30:19b
- 4. Notice all that would follow if they would make this choice: Deuteronomy 30:19c-20

- 1. Could Moses do any more to prepare the people of Israel for his going away than he had done? Was there any area of life about which he had not taught or admonished them? What must they now do? Deuteronomy 30:19b
- Has God ever offered to make any covenant or testament with me? (See Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:15, 8:6, 12:24. 13:20; Romans 10:5-13.) Have I entered into a covenant with God? (Read John 1:12.) Am I *keeping* it?

THE LAST DAYS OF MOSES Deuteronomy 31 - 34

With his last public discourse completed, Moses made final preparations for his death and for leaving the people of Israel. Study these below:

- A. Moses' Final Instructions: Read Deuteronomy 31:1-13
 - 1. To whom did Moses speak first of all? Deuteronomy 31:1
 - 2. Who did he say would lead Israel into their land? Deuteronomy 31:3-6 and 3b
 - 3. To whom did Moses next speak? Deuteronomy 31:7
 - 4. What did he tell him? Deuteronomy 31:7, 8
 a.______
 b.
 - 5. What two things did Moses then do? Deuteronomy 31:9a, b
 - 6. What did he command the Levites to do every seven years? Deuteronomy 31:11b
 - 7. What two things would be accomplished through this? Deuteronomy 31:12, 13
 - a._____ b.
- B. God's Instructions to Moses: Read Deuteronomy 31:14-30, 32:44-47
 - 1. What did God tell Moses at this time? Deuteronomy 31:14a
 - 2. What did God ask Moses and Joshua to do, and why? Deuteronomy 31:14b
 - 3. When they did this, what happened? Deuteronomy 31:15
 - 4. What did God tell Moses the people of Israel would do after his death? Deuteronomy 31:16
 - Therefore, what two things did He ask Moses to do? Deuteronomy 31:19

- 6. What purpose would this accomplish? Deuteronomy 31:19, 21b
- 7. Did Moses do as God had requested? Deuteronomy 31:22, 30, 32:44 (Moses' song will be studied in detail in another section.)
- 8. What was done with the law after Moses finished writing it? Deuteronomy 31:26
- 9. What did Moses tell Israel as he concluded his song? Deuteronomy 32:46
- 10. What did he promise they would accomplish through doing this? Deuteronomy 32:47

C. The Last Acts of Moses: Read Deuteronomy 32:48-52, 34:1-12

- 1. On the very day Moses finished this song, what did God tell him to do?
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:49a_____
 - b. Deuteronomy 32:49b
 - c. Deuteronomy 32:50
- 2. What did Moses do just before obeying God's instructions? Deuteronomy 33:1
- 3. What three things happened after Moses went up in the mount as God instructed? a. Deuteronomy 34:1-4_____

 - b. Deuteronomy 34:5 _____
 - c. Deuteronomy 34:6
- 4. How old was Moses when this happened? Deuteronomy 34:7
- 5. What did Israel then do? Deuteronomy 34:8
- 6. How was Moses different from all other prophets of Israel? Deuteronomy 34:10b

- 1. Did Moses accomplish during his life-time all that God had planned for him to do? Did he have any regrets as he came to the end of his life?
- 2. Have I accomplished all that God intended for me to during my life-time Will I have regrets when I come to the end of my life?

REVIEW OF NUMBERS 27 - DEUTERONOMY

As you come to the end of the book of Deuteronomy, look back over this entire unit, and try to get an over-all picture of what you have studied:

A. Major Persons in This Unit:

- 1. Who is by far the most important character in this unit?
- 2. Chart the main divisions of his life:
 a. Acts 7:20-23: First ____years, living in the _____of ____
 b. Acts 7:29-30: Next ____years, living in the _____of ____
 c. Deut. 34:7: Next ____years, leading _____to ____
- Who is the only other person given any prominence? Deuteronomy 31:14, 23______

B. Prophecy and Pictures of Christ:

- 1. Read again the prophecy of Christ in Deuteronomy 18:15-19. What does it indicate that Christ will be?_____
- Notice that Deuteronomy 21:23 contains an allusion to Christ. (See Galatians 3:10-13.)
- 3. Review three ways Moses was like Jesus. Then note these other ways:
 - a. Exodus 20 compared with Matthew 5-7: As a _____ giver. (Matthew 5:17)
 - b. Exodus 32:31, 32 with Hebrews 7:25: As an _____.
 - c. Deuteronomy 5:5 with 1 Timothy 2:5: As an _____.
 - d. Deuteronomy 18:15-19: As an _____
- In what way is Moses NOT like Christ? (See Numbers 20:12; Deuteronomy 3:27, 31:2, 32:52)
- In what way does the description of God's model king remind you of Christ? Deuteronomy 17:14-20_____

C. Date of Writing and Time Covered by Deuteronomy:

- 1. Conservative Bible scholars place the time of the writing of Deuteronomy at about 1451 B.C., just before the death of Moses.
- 2. When did Moses begin to speak to Israel all that is contained in the book of Deuteronomy? Deuteronomy 1:3 _____
- 3. When did Israel cross the Jordan River after Moses' death? Joshua 4:19

- 4. Remembering that all Israel's months had 28 days, figure the number of days between these two events:
- 5. Subtract the number of days Israel mourned for Moses: Deut. 34:8_____. The result is the approximate time consumed by the events of the book of Deuteronomy

D. Outline and Title of Deuteronomy:

- 1. Most scholars agree that Deuteronomy has three or four major parts, as follows.
 - a. Deuteronomy 1:1-4:43
 - b. Deuteronomy 4:44 26:19_____
 - c. Deuteronomy 27-30
 - d. Deuteronomy 31-34:_____
- The name "Deuteronomy" means "second law". Is this a good title for the book? ______ Could a better title be given? What would you suggest? ______

E. Major Events and Theme of Deuteronomy:

- 1. What was Moses' activity during this book?_____
- 2. What did he repeatedly urge Israel to do? Deuteronomy 4:1,6; 5:31-33; 6:1, 3a, 17-18a; 8:1a; 11:22,_____
- 3. For what reasons did God want Israel to do this?
 - a. 4:1b; 5:33b;8:1b_____
 - b. 4:1c; 6:18c; 8:1c_____
 - c. 5:20_____
 - d. 5:33c; 6:3b; 18b_____
 - e. 5:33d; 11:21_____
 - f. 6:3c; 8:1c_____
- 4. Sum up all these: Deuteronomy6:24c
- 5. What three qualities would be revealed to others if Israel did as God asked? Deuteronomy 4:6; 6:25, _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

- 1. Why did God put the book of Deuteronomy in the Bible? What did he want it to do?
- 2. What did *God* want *me* to learn from this book? To *do* as a result of studying it? _____