

“A Stroll Through the Scroll”
A Walk Through God’s Word
Bible Book; **Numbers**

I. Title of the Book;

The original Hebrew title is “wayyedabber” (and He said), or “bemidbar” (in the wilderness), both from verse one. The LXX (the Septuagint, which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament) calls it “Arithmoi” (Numbers) which has to do with the numbering, or census taking mentioned in chapters 1-4 and 26.

II. Writer of the Book;

This is the fourth book of the Pentateuch and therefore attributed to Moses; also see 33:1-2 dealing with Moses recording the facts. The date the events occurred in this book and its writing were most likely between 1447-1410 BC (although again some scholars may date it perhaps 40-50 years earlier).

III. Theme or Purpose of the Book;

“In Numbers, the people are taught how to function as a camp. Their religious, civil, and military economies are set in order, in preparation for their journeying, worshipping, and conquering as a nation” (Open Bible). This book covers 39 years of wandering and murmuring.

IV. Outline of the Book;

A very simple outline which could be elaborated on for this study is:

- A. Leaving Sinai; chapters 1-10,
- B. Wandering in the desert; ch. 11-20,
- C. Journeying to the Land and arriving in Moab; ch. 21-36.

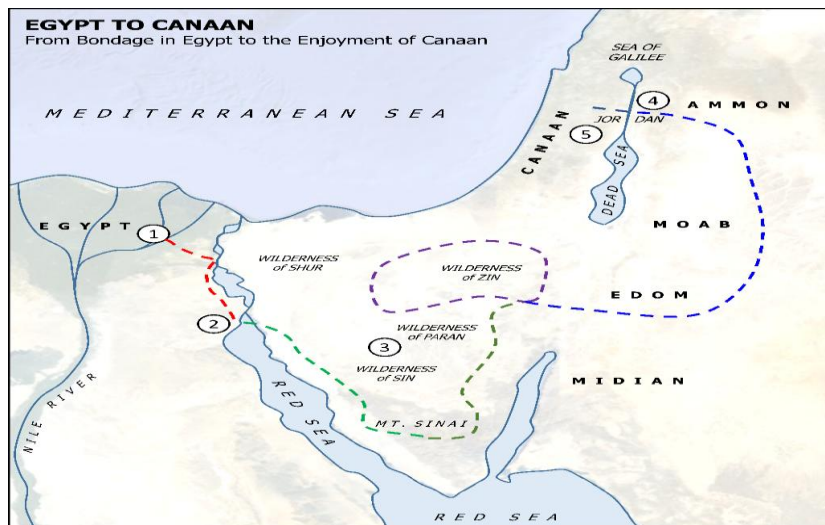
V. Suggested Personal or Group Study Sections in the Book;

Possible study ideas and sections;

- Study chapter 13, dealing with the spies, and apply the following...
 - ...how do Joshua and Caleb encourage your faith
 - ...do obstacles mean that God will not give blessing or victory
 - ...What is the parallel between this and Genesis 17:8
- Compare the following:
 - 1. The peoples murmurings; 11:1-3, 4-6; 13:33-14:4; 16:3, 41; 20:5; 21:5,
 - 2. Moses’ prayers; 11:2, 10-15; 14:5; 18:20; 16:4, 22, 42, 45; 20:6; 21:7,
 - 3. Read Philippians 2:14.

VI. How is Jesus Christ seen in this book;

- He is the water from the rock (Numbers 20; 1 Corinthians 10:4; Isa. 26:4)



For Personal or Group Studies

Always remember that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrantly inspired authoritative Word.

Book;

Human Author;

Approximate date of events;

Theme, Purpose, Principal characters;

Study Section; _____

Summary of section;

Interpretation; What was the author trying to say to his audience? Within the historical and grammatical context what did it mean to them?

Application; What does it mean to you (be specific)? Practical areas; family, church, job, nation, sins, examples, promises, etc.

Favorite portion or verse;