

People to know –

Book of Numbers

Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, / Eleazar, Ithamar,
Joshua Caleb –
Cannan, Moab, Ammon, Balak, Balaam,
Eli – Hophni, Phinehas

Levi, - Kehath, Gershon, Merari –

Cannan - Noahs grandson, Hams son - Cannanites

Moab (Moabites)

Ammon (Ammonites)

According to the **biblical** account, **Moab** and Ammon were born to Lot and Lot's elder and younger daughters, respectively, in the aftermath of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The **Bible** refers to both the **Moabites** and Ammonites as Lot's sons, born of incest with his daughters (Genesis 19:37–38).

Chemosh was the national deity of the Moabites whose name most **likely** meant "destroyer," "subduer," or "fish god." While he is most readily associated with the Moabites, according to Judges 11:24 he seems to have been the national deity of the **Ammonites** as well

According to the [Table of Nations](#) in Genesis 10 (verses 15-19), Canaan was the ancestor of the tribes who originally occupied the ancient [Land of Canaan](#): all the territory from [Sidon](#) or [Hamath](#) in the north to [Gaza](#) in the southwest and [Lasha](#) in the southeast. This territory, known as the [Levant](#), is roughly the areas of modern-day [Israel](#), [Palestine](#), [Lebanon](#), western [Jordan](#), and western [Syria](#). Canaan's firstborn son was Sidon, who shares his name with the [Phoenician](#) city of Sidon in present-day Lebanon

Nadab and Abihu, however, died before the LORD when they made an offering with unauthorized fire before him in the Desert of Sinai. They had no sons, so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests during the lifetime of their father Aaron.

Levi was, according to the [Book of Genesis](#), the third son of [Jacob](#) and [Leah](#), and the founder of the [Israelite Tribe of Levi](#) (the [Levites](#)) and the great-grandfather of [Aaron](#) and [Moses](#). Certain religious and political functions were reserved for the Levites.

Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, was a grandson of Aaron. He was zealous priest. During the desert wandering, Phinehas killed Zimri, an Israelite, and Cozri, a Midianite woman, whom Zimri had brought into the camp (Numbers 25). This act ended a plague by which God had judged Israel for allowing Midianite women to corrupt Israel with idolatry and harlotry. For such zeal Phinehas and his descendants were promised a permanent priesthood.

Legacy – In law, a **legacy** is something held and transferred to someone as their [inheritance](#), as by [will and testament](#). Personal effects, family property, marriage property or collective property gained by will of real property.

Character, ideals, skills or ability, trade / business handed down

Genealogy – blood line

Heritage – something that is handed down from the past, as a tradition: reserved for, belonging to, by rights handed down.

Family name – integrity, or lack of it? Debt or wealth, mental stability, emotional awareness, truth or pretense? VALUES?

BOOK of Numbers - -

The Journey Begins

God prepares the Israelites for traveling to the Promised Land, leading them as a cloud by day and fire at night over the Tent.

Promised Land Scouted

Israel reaches Canaan and sends out twelve spies. Ten are overwhelmed by the inhabitants, but Joshua and Caleb see the land's abundance and believe God.

Unbelief and Rebellion

Believing the spies' bad report, the Israelites rebel against Moses and Aaron and face the consequences. Only their children, Joshua, and Caleb inherit the Promised Land.

Moses Strikes the Rock

God tells Moses to speak to a rock for water. Frustrated with complaining Israelites, Moses strikes it and disobeys. He is prevented to enter The Promised Land.

Balak & Balaam

The King of Moab orders sorcerer Balaam to curse Israel, but he can only pronounce blessings instead and prophesies. Israel is spared from harm.

Book Summary:

Why is it called numbers? Because Israel were counted twice in chapter 1 and 26. The thrust of the book is the wilderness wanderings because of unbelief.

Unbelief hinders what God wants to do in our lives – it was because of unbelief that the children of Israel could not enter into the promised land. After spending one year and 1 month at mount Sinai they traveled to Kadesh at the southern border of the promised land but they did not trust God – “we should choose a leader and go back to Egypt. (numbers 14:4) This book shows us there unbelief which stopped them entering into the promised land

immediately and instead had to wonder around in the wilderness for forty years. Their fear disqualified them from entering into the promised land. This book has also been called ‘the book of murmurings’ because it is filled with the spirit of rebellion from the children of Israel.

The first chapter we see Moses taking a census of the children of Israel – “God knows who are His” (2 timothy 2:13) He knows what we need, we can trust Him, we get to trust Him in every difficulty – “ we can put difficulties between us and God and say we are not able or like the two we can put God between the difficulties and ourselves and say we are able.”

Moses misrepresented God when he smote the rock for the second time saying “must we bring you water out of this rock” – he misrepresented God for He was not angry with them. Despite the fact Moses disobeyed God by smiting the rock instead of speaking to it water still came out of the rock – for God is still faithful even when we are not.

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2. Guided by the Cloud (9)
3. Wilderness Wonderings (12-20)
4. Report of the Spies (13)
5. Israel's Unbelief (14)
6. Into the Promised Land (20-36)
7. Water from the Rock (20)
8. Balaams Feast (22)
9. City of Refuge (35)

Key Verse:

Numbers 14:11 - *"Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"*

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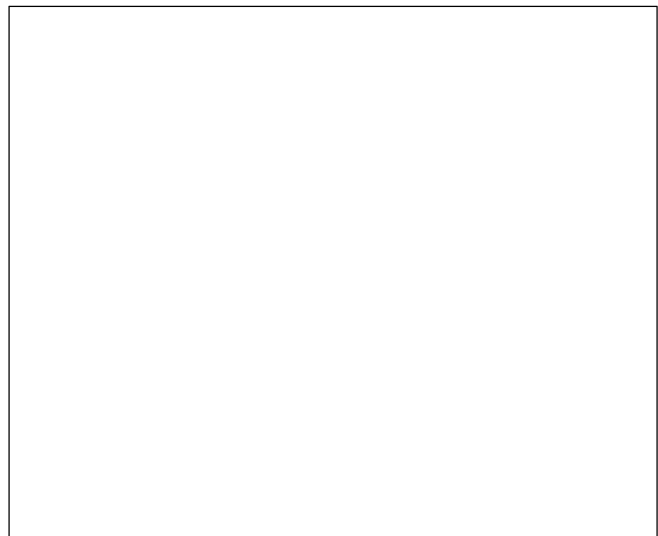
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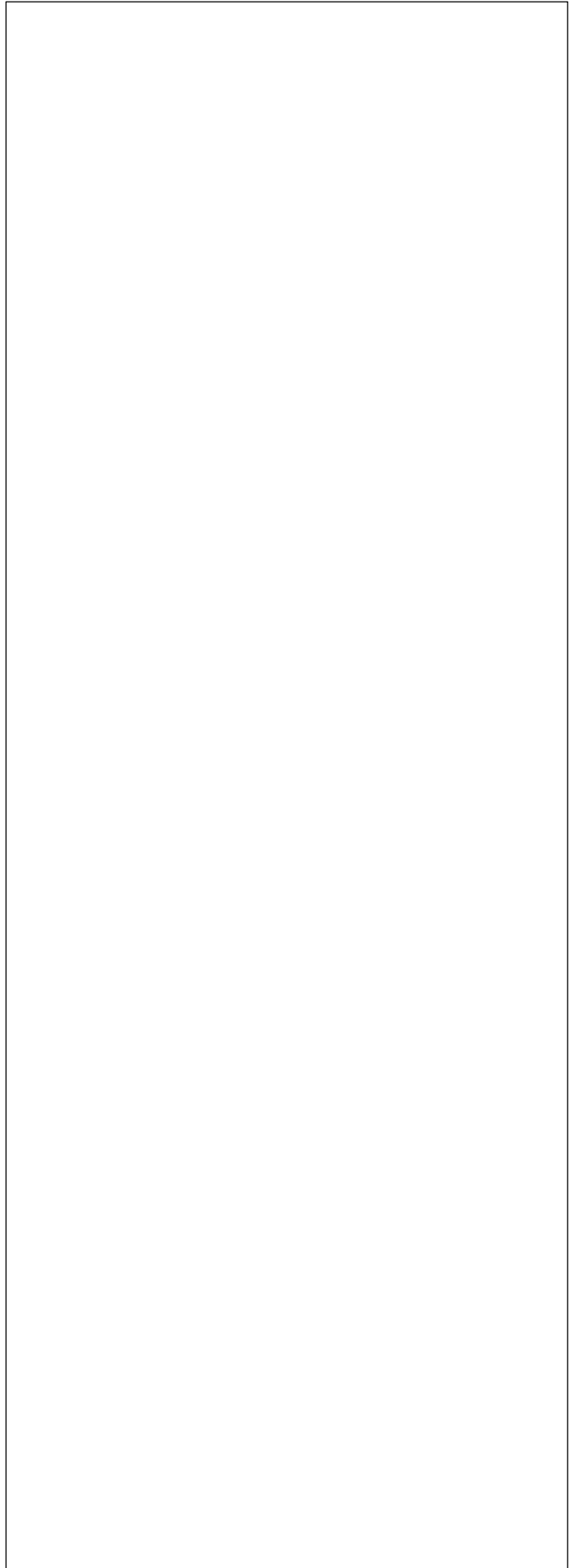
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