

Old Testament Survey

Numbers

The English title of the book (Numbers) is taken from the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament – *arithmoi* meaning to _____ or to number).

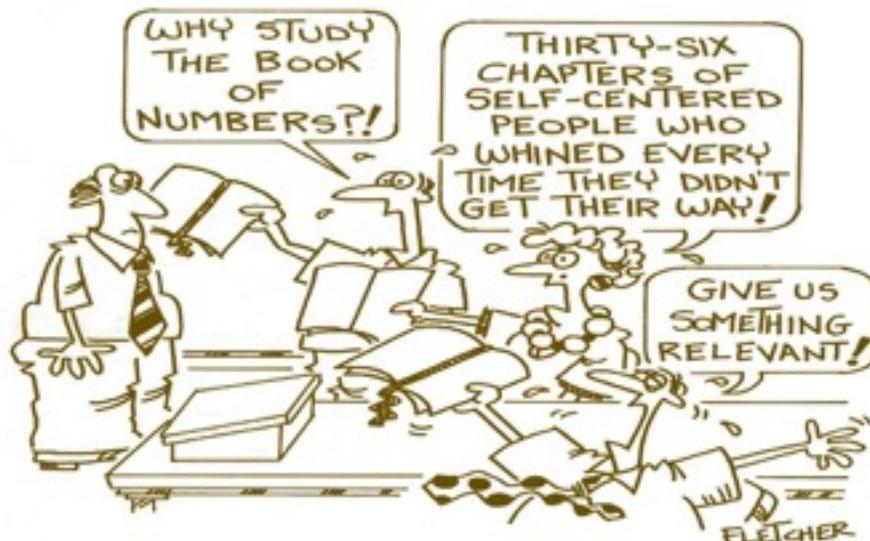
It contains numerical data and lists of censuses of tribes, priests, places, and boundaries.

The Hebrew title of the book (*bemidbar* meaning “_____”) taken from the first verse of the book. It is a more accurate description of the contents of the book of Numbers.

It is the story of how God moved His people from Mount Sinai to the Plains of Moab.

“It is a complex story of unfaithfulness, rebellion, apostasy, and frustration, set against the background of God’s faithfulness, presence, provision, and forbearance.”

—Lasor, Hubbard, Bush (Old Testament Survey)



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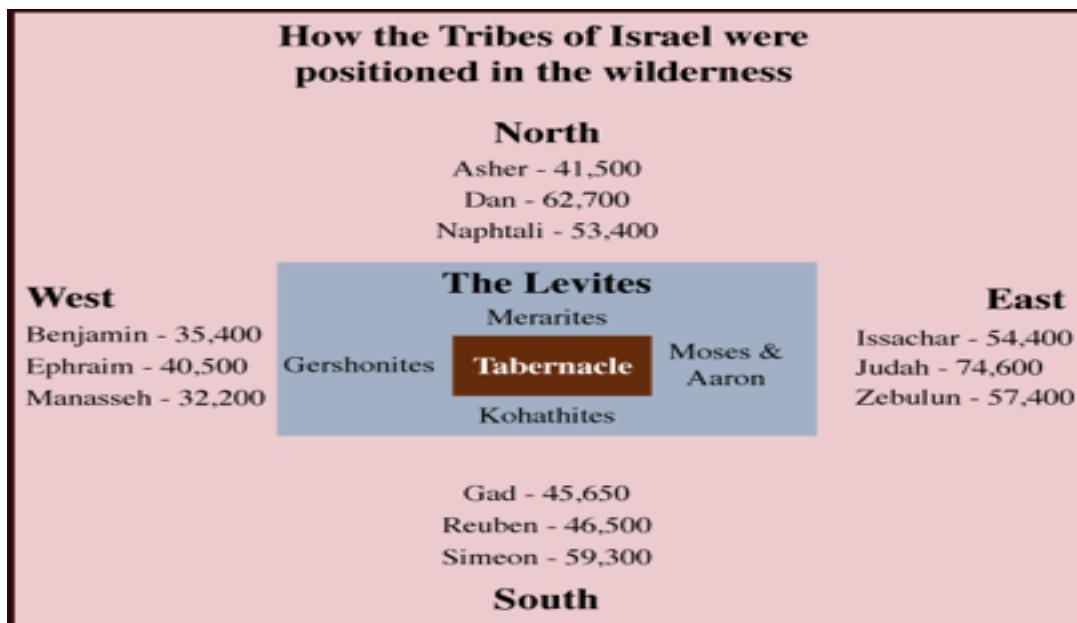
- M _____ is the principle figure as well as the author of the book of Numbers
- Numbers is a part of the larger set of books known as the _____ or the Pentateuch.
- Numbers covers a period of approximately ____ years.

“Why did Moses wander ____ years in the wilderness? Because even back then a man would not stop to ask for directions!”

And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. Hebrews 3:17-19 (NIV)

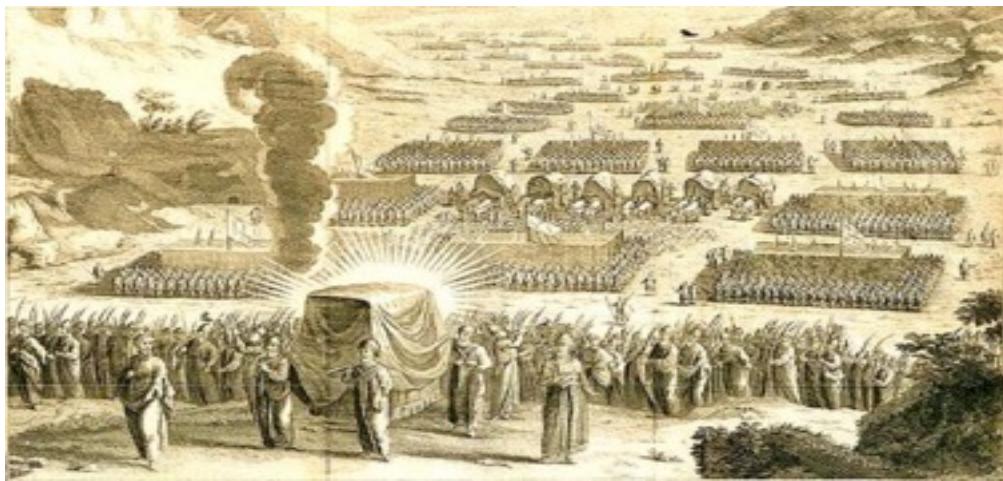
The movement of the book can be traced by three geographical locations

- I. **Sinai** (chapters 1-12) – Characterized as a time of _____; getting ready to move out; everyone would have an assignment and a place.
- C. The _____ of Israel around the Tabernacle



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- D. The _____ of Israel as they marched through the wilderness



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II. **Kadesh** (chapters 13-20) – Characterized by rebellion, complaint, and _____

A. Representatives from each of the twelve tribes are sent to spy out the land (13:1-25)

B. The spies report back to Moses and the people of Israel

1. The _____ report (13:26-29)

2. The _____ report (13:30)

C. The decision of the children of Israel – **Num 14:1-10**



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A. **Moab** (chapters 21-36) – Characterized by getting into position to enter the Promise Land

The story of Balaam; the appointment of Joshua; the inheritance of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh in the Transjordan; Israel is overlooking the Jordan River (Jericho).

The Wilderness is where God is teaching and training His people to walk by faith.