

An Old Testament Glance

The Pentateuch – Numbers

Written	1400 BC	Period*	1450-1400 BC	Author	Moses
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*Dates are sometimes hard to know. They can vary depending on scholars & sources of information.

Numbers 1-10	Israel Prepares to Leave Mount Sinai
Numbers 10-12	Israel Moves from Sinai, north to Kadesh
Numbers 13-20	Israel Stalls in Kadesh due to Rebellion
Numbers 20-21	The Journey from Kadesh to Moab
Numbers 22-32	Israel Plans to Take the Promised Land While in Moab
Numbers 33-36	Miscellaneous Issues

God wanted the Jews to know that He will keep His word, and that He has a good plan for their lives.

1. Write out Numbers 23:19 _____

God also wanted the Jews to know that there are consequences for disobedience.

2. Write out Numbers 14:32-33 _____

The name "**Numbers**" refers to "numbering" (taking a census).

3. Census #1 is recorded in Numbers 1. All the people who came out of Egypt in the great "Exodus" were counted.
4. Census #2 is recorded in Numbers 26. This count was almost 40 years after the first one. The new generation was counted. This total would be added on to whatever number of the old timers are still alive.

5. Who is in charge of this journey? (Numbers 1:1) _____

The **old** generation & the **new** generation are described in this book.

6. Which generation is in Numbers 26-36? _____

7. Which generation is in Numbers 1-25? _____

This is a map of the Book of Numbers.

8. Name the two circled locations.

a. _____

b. _____

It takes 11 days to walk from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea.

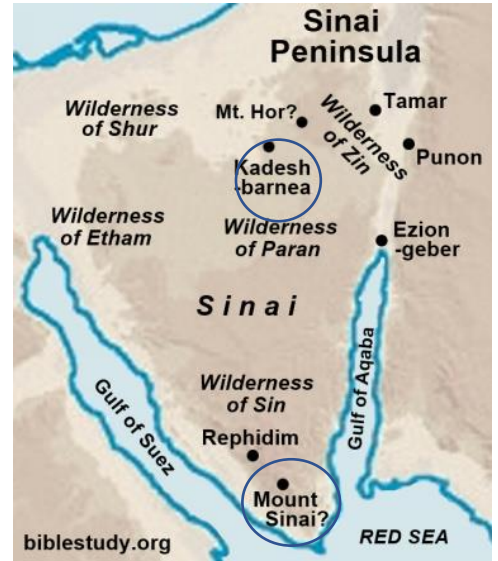
9. Why did it take Israel 40 years? Obviously, the people did not please the Lord and disciplinary actions were required.

a. Reason 1: _____ (Num 11)

b. Reason 2: _____ (Num 12)

c. Reason 3: _____ (Num 13)

d. Reason 4: _____ (Num 14)



It appears that not much was happening in the lives of these Jewish people as is seen in Numbers 15-25. It looks like their spiritual lives (relationship with God) took a dive. They were afraid to go into Canaan (old name for Israel) so they refused to go in at all.

Have you noticed that when you refuse to do things God's way, everything comes to a halt & all hell breaks loose.

10. Who is going to replace Moses? (Numbers 27:12-18) _____

Basically, God is expecting the younger generation to carry the torch & enter the Promised Land.

"Lord, help us all to be faithful as You lead us & use us."