

McDonald Bible Methodist

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Whole Bible Series

Sermon 4: Numbers

**SERMON NOTES**

**God Numbers the People… Twice**

**Numbers 1-10: God Prepares Israel for Conquest**

Trumpets: A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their need for God’s empowering

1-4 God “Numbered” the people for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5-10 God’s instructions: “I want you to do this my way”

**Numbers 11-21: Israel’s Rebellion Delays God’s Plan**

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| Chapter | Rebellion | Punishment |
| 11 | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about manna | Quail Plague |
| 12 | Aaron and Miriam undermine Moses’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Leprosy for Miriam |
| 13-15 | 10 spies cause Israel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God | **Generation forbidden entrance to Canaan** |
| 16-17 | Korah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against Moses’ leadership | Ground opens and swallows them |
| 20 | Moses *strikes* rock / takes God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Moses forbidden entrance to Canaan |
| 21 | Impatient complaints about food | Fiery serpents |

*God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is displayed every time Israel repents.*

**Numbers 22-25: God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel from the mountain**

* Balaam is instructed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel
* Israel was rebelling; God was being faithful to His covenant

**Numbers 26 -36: God Prepares Next Generation for Conquest**

26God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people

31-36 Conquest of Canaan planned

**Answers:** war, **reminder,** Complaints, **leadership**, doubt**, rebels,** credit, **love,** mercy, **honors,** bless, **renumbers**

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. God had Israel sound trumpets before travelling and before war. He said that He would fight for them when they did. Did God need alerted? Who were the trumpets really for? What does this teach us?
2. Review the rebellions (on reverse) from chapters 11-21. What sin was at the heart of each rebellion? How does rebellion try to manifest in our lives?
3. Israel’s sin of unbelief cost that generation entrance into Canaan. How might a person (or church) lose out on God’s blessing through their rebellion? Recall a time when your sin cost you God’s blessing.

Bible Study

Read Numbers 21 and John 3:14-15. What parallels do you see between these stories that would have caused Jesus to reference this historical event?

1. Recap the story of Balaam together. What does story, which happened during the period of Israel’s rebellions, teach us about God’s faithfulness to us?
2. Why do you think Pastor Joey named the sermon what he did? What is the significance?