

Study Guide
Numbers 26-30
Big Idea: Being Organized is Sacred

If you were to outline Numbers, you could say:

Ch. 1-10- Organization Ch. 11-25- Disorganization Ch. 26-36- Reorganization

Chapter 26 starts out with the feel of a new day...a census, land allotments, offerings, feasts and vows for the new land.

1. Read Numbers 1:1-2 & 51. Notice that the census has Israel at pretty much the same as 40 years ago (~600k fighting men). God has been faithful to sustain them, but there has not been any significant growth. Through misguided worship they have not been able to be fruitful. What lessons have you learned so far from Israel about how to avoid just "meandering" and not really being fruitful for God? What keeps us from being fruitful?

2. In Numbers 27, we find new laws on inheritance to act justly for all parties, and then the appointing of new leadership. Notice in v. 17 that Moses is concerned that the new leader will lead and shepherd well. Joshua is appointed as their new leader. As you think about the life of Moses, what were some of his greatest leader/shepherd traits? How can you emulate some of those traits in your realm of influence? Discuss.

3. In Numbers 28-30 worship is reorganized. Offerings, feasts and vows are addressed. These are reiterations of what we find in the book of Leviticus.

a. Offerings: Something I am willing to give up because I value my relationship with Jesus. What do you currently give up to prioritize life with Jesus?

b. Daily/Weekly/Monthly (Nu. 28:3-15). Notice the rhythms of worship that are encouraged. What are your rhythms of worship? How is your life organized around your love for Jesus? How do you Sabbath?

c. Vows (Ch. 30)- What personal resolve have you made on something and how do you involve others in getting support to follow through? Discuss.

4. The Feasts described (Numbers 28:16-29:41) (see chart below) refer to the Jewish calendar. Notice the significance of the fact that all of these feasts were built around the person of Christ and the gospel. Discuss the dynamics of how organizing our lives around Jesus is a sacred thing. What do you feel led to start, stop or continue based on this study?

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| 6. Day of Atonement | Redemption | Judgment Seat "[Jesus] securing...redemption..." (Heb. 9:12) | Freed |
| 7. Feast of Tabernacles | Dwelling | Heaven "...the substance belongs to Christ." (Col. 2:16-17) | Unified |

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Numbers Outline

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I. Reorganized People- Readiness and Land Allotment (Numbers 26-27)

II. Reorganized Worship- Offerings, Feasts and Vows (Numbers 28-30)

A. New Generation (Numbers 26)

After the plague, the Lord said to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron, the priest, ² **"Take a census** of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all in Israel who are able to go to war."

...⁵¹ This was the list of the people of Israel, **601,730**...

B. New Rights (Numbers 27:1-11)

27 Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad ...: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ... ³ "Our father died in the wilderness. ...⁴ Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had **no son**? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers."

C. New Leadership (Numbers 27:12-23)

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. ¹³ When you have seen it, you also shall be **gathered** to your people, as your brother Aaron was, ...

C. New Leadership (Numbers 27:12-23)

¹⁵ Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, ¹⁶ "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation ¹⁷ who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall **lead** them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep that have no **shepherd**." ¹⁸ So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

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II. Reorganized Worship- Offerings, Feasts and Vows (Numbers 28-30)

28 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Command the people of Israel and say to them, 'My **offering**, my food for my food **offerings**, my pleasing aroma, you shall be **careful to offer** to me at its **appointed time**.'

A. Offerings

Burnt Offering (Lev. 1 & 6:8-13) My need to Worship.

Grain Offering (Lev. 2 & 6:14-18) My need to Depend.

Peace Offering (Lev. 3 & 7:11-34) My need to Belong.

Sin Offering (Lev. 4-5:13 & 6:24-30) My need to be Purified.

Guilt Offering (Lev. 5:14-6:7 & 7:1-10) My need to be Restored.

Daily: (v. 3-8)

"...two male lambs a year old without blemish, **day by day**, ...one...in the morning, and the other...at twilight..."

Weekly: (v. 9-10)

"On the **Sabbath day**, two male lambs a year old without blemish, ..."

1. Timing

Romans 14:5

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

2. Essence

Isaiah 58:13-14

"If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath...then you shall **take delight in the LORD**, and I will make you ride upon the heights."

Exclude- work, buying/selling and worry (courageous decisions need made)

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Include- Resting the body, replenishing the spirit, restoring the soul.

Monthly: (v. 11-15)

¹¹ At the beginnings of **your months**, you shall offer a burnt offering to the Lord: two bulls from the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish...¹⁵ also one male goat for a sin offering...

B. Feasts

| | Bulls | Rams | Lambs | Male Goats |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------------|
| Daily (28:3-8) | - | - | 2 | - |
| Weekly (Sabbath- 28:9-10) | - | - | 2 | - |
| Monthly (Full Moon- 28:11-15) | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Feast of Unleavened Bread (28:16-25) | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Feast of Firstfruits (28:26-31) | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Feast of Trumpets (29:1-6) | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Day of Atonement (29:7-11) | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Feast of Booths (29:12-34) | | | | |
| Day 1 | 13 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 2 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 3 | 11 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 4 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 5 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 6 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Day 7 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Feast of Booths +1 (29:35-38) | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 |

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C. Vows- Making it personal (30:1-16)

Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what the Lord has commanded. ²If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to **bind himself by a pledge**, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Vows are personal resolve supported by mutual mind.

III. The Meaning Behind Worship (Numbers 28:16-29:41)

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Col. 2:16-17

"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a **shadow of the things to come**, but the **substance** belongs to **Christ**."

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