

A Study of the Book of Numbers
Week 4 Summary – Sunday November 20, 2022

I. This Week's Major Moments

- A. The Israelites respond to spies' report with rebellion, and Moses intercedes for them
- B. God punished the Israelites with 40 years in the wilderness
- C. God gave the Israelites special instructions regarding obedience, atonement
- D. Korah led an uprising of 250 against Aaron and Moses
- E. Aaron's atonement for the peoples' sin stopped a deadly plague

II. The Response to the Report of the Spies, and Moses Intercedes – Num. 14:1-19

- A. How did the reports of Joshua and Caleb differ from those of the other ten?
 - 1. What was the Israelites' response to the reports of the ten?
 - 2. How did Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb respond?
- B. Read Exodus 3:5-7 and then Num. 14:13-19
 - 1. Where did Moses get the description of God's character?
 - 2. What were some of the attributes of God found in Moses' prayer?
- C. Who intercedes for God's people now? And what does that mean to us?

III. God Punishes the Israelites with 40 Years in the Wilderness – Num. 14:20-45

- A. God lamented that the Israelites _____ Him and did not believe in Him
 - 1. Because of this, God made a vow that all who had seen His _____ and not believed would never enter the Promised Land
 - 2. Their children would be in the wilderness one _____ for each _____ the spies were on their mission – 40 years!
- B. The Israelites mourned _____ - then tried to enter the Promised Land on their own, despite Moses warning them not to. The result?
- C. The wages of sin is _____. There is a "cause and effect" relationship between disobedience (sin) and negative results (death)

- IV. God Give Instructions Regarding Atonement, Obedience, and Offerings – Num. 15
- A. What is “sinning with a high hand” about? (see verses 30-36)
 - B. How does “_____ sin” relate to unrepentance? Read 1 John 1:9-10
 - C. What did the tassels on garments serve to remind the Israelites of? (vv. 37-41)
 - D. How can “keeping our mind on what’s above” (see Col. 3:1-2) keep us from following our own hearts? What could be wrong with “following your heart?”
- V. Korah’s Uprising – and a Very Disastrous Ending of It – Num. 16:1-35
- A. What was the chief complaint of Korah and his men? – see Num. 16:3
 - B. Dathan and Abiram had a different complaint – read Num. 16:12-14
 - C. What did both complaints have in common? Anything in common with us?
 - D. With what task had Korah been entrusted related to the temple? Does this amplify his sinful rebellion?
 - E. Although Korah rebelled against Moses, he really rebelled against the Lord. What was the result of that rebellion?
- VI. Aaron’s Atonement for the People Stopped a Deadly Plague – Num. 16:36-50
- A. What was the “repurposing” in the temple of the censers of the rebellious ones?
 - B. What purpose do you think this served?
 - C. How long did it take the people to start grumbling again? – see Num. 16:41
 - D. The people came against Moses and Aaron with false accusations:
 - 1. What was Moses and Aaron’s initial response?
 - 2. What was the Lord prepared to do? What was Moses’ response?
 - 3. What does this teach us about Moses? As an “intercessor” between sinful humanity and God the Father, Moses is a foreshadowing of Jesus
 - E. Aaron’s “emergency” atonement was the dividing line between life and death for the people. Sound familiar?