

Session 27

Numbers IV

Ch 22 Israelites moved to Plains of Moab; near Jericho. Balak, their king, was terrified. They will take over everything. Huge mass of people that came out of Egypt.

Calls on Balaam to curse them. Would be paid for this.

Balaam seeks God. God tells him these people are blessed.

Balak sends more important people. Balaam first says that he will not do it at any price then says he will ask God again. Wants Him to change His mind.

God was angry at Balaam; he did not follow directions and had other motives. Sends an Angel of the LORD. Blocks the donkey; Balaam strikes the donkey. Streets in towns were very narrow. Donkey sees the angel and Balaam does not.

Donkey speaks to Balaam. Then Balaam sees the Angel. Angel tells him to say only the words He will speak to him. Tells Balak.

Ch 23: builds 7 altars; pagan practices of Babylonians.

Balaam asks how he can curse whom the LORD has not denounced. Tells how numerous the Israelites were, cannot be numbered. They are a happy people; know the True God.

Balak moves Balaam to another place so he can curse the Israelites. Balaam gets another word from God. God has blessed the Israelites and he cannot reverse that. He has not observed any **iniquity** in Jacob. The King is among them.

God delivered the out of Egypt. They will be victorious.

The Balak wants to take Balaam to another place and maybe he can curse from there.

Holy Spirit falls on Balaam. Read Num 24: 3-9.

Filled with the Spirit again; Messianic prophesy; David and Jesus. Num 24: 15:20.
Davidic prophesies fulfilled in Samuel I and II.

Chap 25 : People stayed in that area; associated with Moabite woman; committed idolatry. **Baal** worship begins. God is angry.

Some Israelites were weeping at the Tabernacle and an Israelite brings a Moabite woman. They are killed by Aaron’s grandson, Phinehas, and plague stops. 24,000 died. Therefore, Phinehas’ descendants will all be priests.

Ch 26: another census of men 20 years and older who can fight. 601,730. **Not** counting Levites.

Land will be divided among tribes based on their size. Levites will not get land. Levites were counted from 1 month of age. 23,000.

Census was done by Moses and Eleazar (Aaron’s son). On the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho. Compared to the first census done by Moses and Aaron after leaving Egypt, the **only** adults were **Joshua** and **Caleb**!

Tribes	Chap. 1	Chap. 26	Incr.	Decr.
Reuben	46,500	43,730	—	2,700
Simeon	59,300	22,200	—	37,100
Gad	45,650	40,500	—	5,150
Judah	74,600	76,500	1,900	—
Issachar	54,400	64,300	9,900	—
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	3,100	—
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	—	8,000
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	20,500	—
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	10,200	—
Dan	62,700	64,400	1,700	—
Asher	41,500	53,400	11,900	—
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	—	8,000
	603,550	601,730	59,200	61,020
		Total	decrease	1,820

Ch 27 : 12 Moses is told that he will soon die. Will not go into the Land because of his disobedience with the rock in the Wilderness of Zin. Moses asks that a leader be chosen because the people are like sheep.

¹⁸And the LORD said to Moses: “Take **Joshua** the son of Nun with you, a man in whom *is* the **Spirit**, and lay your hand on him; ¹⁹set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. ²⁰And you shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him—all the congregation.”

Moses brings Joshua before Eleazar, the high priest, lays hands on him and inaugurates him as God had commanded.

Ch 28 and 29 instructions on feasts again.