



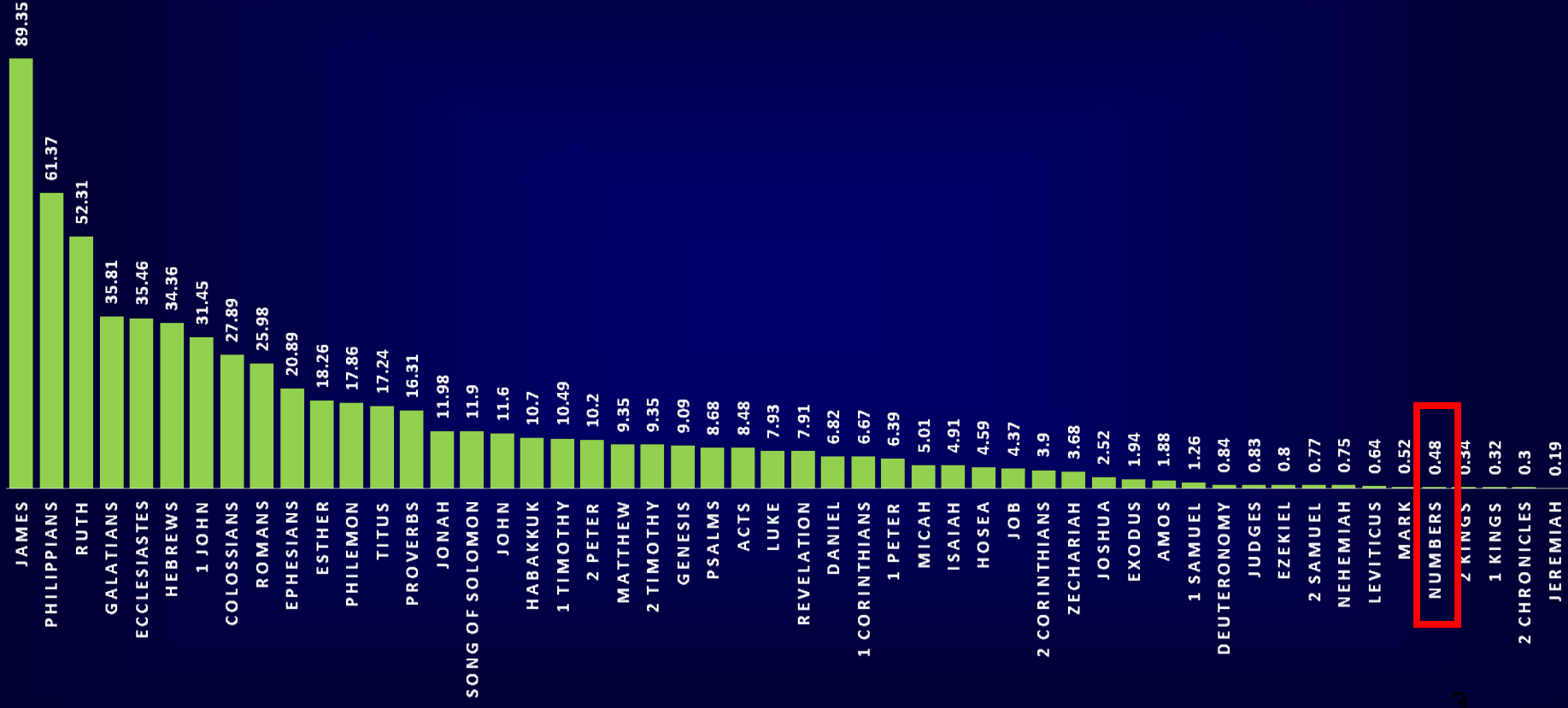
# Preparing to March

(Numbers 1-10)

**Class 1:  
Introduction**



# Numbers, not so popular...



# “Heavy and Burdensome food”

“When the Gospels or the Apostles or the Psalms are read, another person joyfully receives them, gladly embraces them...

But if the book of Numbers is read to him, and especially those passages now in hand (Numbers 33), he will judge that there is nothing helpful, nothing as a remedy for his weakness or a benefit for the salvation of his soul. He will constantly spit them out as heavy and burdensome food.”

**“Homilies on Numbers” – Origen (184-253)**

# Numbers is “For Us”

2 Tim. 3:15-17

...from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are **able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and **profitable** for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **training in righteousness**; so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work**.

Rom. 15:4

For whatever was written in earlier times **was written for our instruction**, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures **we might have hope**.

1 Cor. 10:6, 11

Now these things happened **as examples for us**...

Now these things happened to them **as an example**, and they were **written for our instruction**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

# Numbers in the New Testament

<b>1 Cor. 10:1-14</b>	For our example and instruction. Corinthian ecclesia faced many of the same problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Gluttony (<b>1 Cor. 11</b>)</li><li>•Idolatry (<b>1 Cor. 8, 10</b>)</li><li>•Grumbling and jealousy of others (<b>1Cor. 12</b>)</li><li>•Immorality (<b>1 Cor. 5-7</b>)</li></ul>
<b>Heb. 3:7-4:17</b>	<b>10 faithless spies and older generation dying in wilderness (Num. 13-14)</b>
<b>Heb. 6:18-20</b>	<b>Cities of Refuge? (Num. 35)</b>
<b>Jude</b>	<b>v5 – Destroyed those delivered from Egypt who did not believe</b> <b>v11 – The error of Balaam</b> (see also <b>2 Pet. 2:15; Rev. 2:14</b> ) <b>v11 – Rebellion of Korah</b>
<b>Matt. 4:1-11</b> <b>Luke 4:1-13</b>	<b>After baptism – Jesus led into wilderness</b> – also declared to be God's son – does not fall into temptations like Israel
<b>John 3:14</b>	<b>Brazen Serpent</b> John refers to a lot of wilderness events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Prophet like Moses</li><li>•Source of Living Water and Bread from Heaven</li><li>•Passover Lamb</li><li>•Good Shepherd</li></ul>

# “In the Wilderness”

Isa. 43:18-19	Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? <b>I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.</b>
Rev. 12:6, 14	Then the woman fled into the <b>wilderness</b> where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished...so that she could fly into the <b>wilderness</b> to her place, where she was nourished
Rev. 18:4	I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “ <b>Come out of her, my people</b> , so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her <b>plagues</b> ;
Isa. 52:11	<b>Depart, depart, go out from there,</b> <b>Touch nothing unclean;</b> <b>Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves,</b> You who <b>carry the vessels of the LORD.</b>
Num. 16:26	“ <b>Depart now</b> from the tents of these <b>wicked</b> men, and <b>touch nothing</b> that belongs to them, or you will be swept away in all their sin.”  So they got back from around the dwellings of <b>Korah...</b>

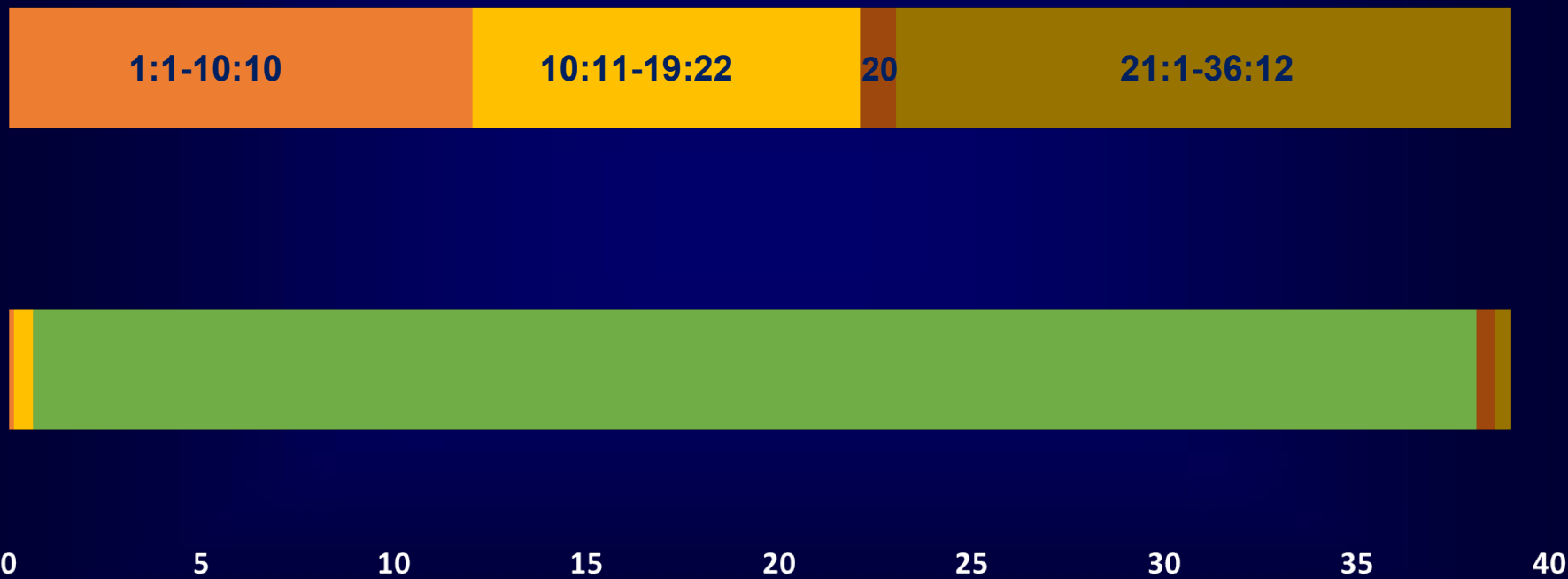
# The Exodus – Four Books



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# Numbers – Mostly Silent



# 3 Sojourns & 3 Journeys

	Sojourn	Journey
Exod. 1-13	Egypt	
Exod. 14-18		1) Egypt to Sinai
Exod. 19 - Num. 10:10	1) Sinai	
Num. 10:11-12:16		2) Sinai to Kadesh
Num. 13-19	2) Kadesh	
Num. 20-21		3) Kadesh to Plains of Moab
Num. 22-36 & Deut.	3) Plains of Moab	

## 3 Journeys

	Red Sea to Sinai	Sinai to Kadesh	Kadesh to Moab
Led by cloud	Exod. 13:21	Num. 10:11ff.	
Victory over Egypt/Amorites	14		21:21–35
Victory song	15:1–18	cf. 10:35f.	21:14–15
Miriam	15:20–21	12	20:1
People complain	15:23–24	11:1	21:5
Moses' intercession	15:25	11:2	21:7
Well	15:27		21:16
Manna and quails	16	11:4–35	
Water from rock	17:1–7		20:2–13
Victory over Amalek	17:8–16		cf. 21:1–3
Jethro	18:1–12	cf. 10:29–32	11

## 3 Sojourns

	Sinai	Kadesh	Moab
Divine promises	Exod. 19:5–6; 23:23ff.	Num. 13:2	22–24
40 days	24:18	13:25	
Rebellion	32:1–8	14:1ff.	25:1–3
Moses' intercession	32:11–13	14:13–19	
Judgment	32:34	14:20–35	25:4
Plague	32:35	14:37	25:8–9
Laws of sacrifice	34:18ff; Lev. 1–7. etc.	15:1–31	28–29
Trial	Lev. 24:10–23	15:32–36	27:1–11
Rebellion against priests	Lev. 10:1–3	16:1–35	
Atonement through priests/Levites	Exod. 32:26–29	16:36–50	25:7–13
Priestly prerogatives	Lev. 6–7; 22	17–18	31:28–30 35:1–8
Impurity rules	Lev. 11–16; Num. 9:6–14	19	31; 35:9ff.
Census	Num. 1–4		26
Divine promises	Exod. 19:5–6; 23:23ff.	Num. 13:2	22–24
40 days	24:18	13:25	
Rebellion	32:1–8	14:1ff.	25:1–3 <sup>12</sup>

# Death of the Old / Birth of the New

## **I. The Death of the Old: First Generation of God's People (1:1–25:18)**

- A. The Preparation and Inauguration of the March of the Holy People Israel (1:1–10:36)
- B. The Cycle of Rebellion, Death, and Deliverance of the Holy People of Israel with Elements of Hope but Ultimate Failure (11:1–25:18)

## **II. The Birth of the New: The Second Generation of God's People Prepare to Enter the Promised Land (26:1–36:13)**

- A. Preparation and Organization of the New Holy People of God (26:1–36:13)
- B. Will This Second Generation Be Faithful and Enter the Promised Land (Promise) or Rebel and Fail as the First Generation (Warning)?

	<b>The Old Generation of Rebellion</b>		<b>The New Generation of Hope</b>
<b>1</b>	Census of twelve tribes	<b>26</b>	Census of twelve tribes
<b>3</b>	Census of Levites	<b>26</b>	Census of Levites
<b>5</b>	Legal discourse involving women	<b>27</b>	Legal discourse involving women
<b>6</b>	Laws concerning vows	<b>30</b>	Laws concerning vows
<b>7, 15</b>	Lists and laws concerning offerings	<b>28, 29</b>	Lists and laws concerning offerings
<b>9</b>	Celebration of Passover	<b>28:16-25</b>	Instructions for future celebration of Passover
<b>10:8-9</b>	Law concerning priests blowing trumpets to sound alarm for holy war	<b>31:6</b>	Priests blow trumpets to sound alarm for holy war against Midian
<b>13</b>	List of spies from twelve tribes chosen to spy out the Promised Land	<b>34</b>	List of tribal leaders from twelve tribes chosen to divide the Promised Land
<b>13-14</b>	Spy story and Israel's rebellion that led to death of old generation	<b>32:6-15</b>	Spy story of Num. 13–14 recalled as lesson for new generation
<b>10-25</b>	Scattered geographical notations about places Israel journeyed in the desert	<b>33</b>	Summary of places Israel journeyed in the desert
<b>18:21-32</b>	Provisions for Levites	<b>35</b>	Provisions for Levitical cities
<b>21:21-35</b>	Victory over Kings Sihon and Og and capture of land east of Jordan	<b>32</b>	Assignment of land captured from Sihon and Og to Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh
<b>25</b>	Midianites cause Israel to sin – God's command to Israel to punish them.	<b>31</b>	Holy war against Midianites to punish them for what they did in ch. 25

# Israel in the Wilderness - Hated

<b>Psa. 95:10</b>	<b>For forty years I loathed that generation,</b> And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.
<b>Ezek 20:8</b>	But they rebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then <b>I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.</b>
<b>Amos 5:25-26</b>	Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel? <b>You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves.</b>
<b>Josh. 5:5-6</b>	...all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt <b>had not been circumcised. For the sons of Israel</b> walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, that is, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished because they <b>did not listen to the voice of the LORD...</b>

# Israel in the Wilderness - Hated

Psalm 106		Romans 1	
v14	craved intensely in the wilderness	v29	Filled with...greed
v16	they became <b>envious</b> of Moses in the camp	v29	full of <b>envy</b>
v20	Thus they <b>exchanged their glory</b> For the image of an ox that eats grass	v23	<b>exchanged the glory</b> of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and <b>four-footed animals</b> and crawling creatures.
v21	They <b>forgot God</b> their Savior	v21	even though they knew God, <b>they did not honor him as God</b>
81:12	So I gave them over to the <b>stubbornness of their heart</b> , To walk in their own devices.	v24	Therefore <b>God gave them over</b> in the <b>lusts of their hearts</b> to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.
		v26	For this reason <b>God gave them over</b> to <b>degrading passions</b>



# Israel in the Wilderness - Loved

<b>Hos. 2:14-15</b>	Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness And speak kindly to her. Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. <b>And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.</b>
<b>Jer. 2:2</b>	Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, <b>"I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness,</b> Through a land not sown.
<b>Hos 11:1</b>	<b>When Israel was a youth I loved him,</b> And out of Egypt I called My son.

# The Younger Generation

<b>Exod. 24:5</b>	He sent <b>young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings</b> and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord.
<b>Exod. 33:11</b>	Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, <b>a young man</b> , would not depart from the tent.
<b>Num. 11:27-28</b>	So <b>a young man</b> ran and told Moses and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses <b>from his youth</b> , said, “Moses, my lord, restrain them.”
<b>Num. 25:11</b>	<b>Phinehas</b> the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel bin My jealousy.

# The Younger Generation

**Josh 24:31**

**Israel served the LORD all the days** of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and **had known all the deeds of the LORD** which He had done for Israel.

**Judg. 2:6-10**

When Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to possess the land. **The people served the LORD all the days** of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten. And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

**All that generation also were gathered to their fathers;** and **there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD**, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.