

**Numbers**  
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**Introduction:**

- As the children of Israel journeyed from Egypt to the land of Canaan, they grumbled, whined and complained
- They focused on the problems and forgot their faith
- As a result it added 40 years to their trip
- Numbers records the story of Israel's unbelief
- Numbers gets its name from the Greek name "Arithmai" which is Latin for Numeri
- So called because the people were numbered twice

**Author:**

- Moses

**Date written:**

- 1450 – 1440 BC

**Key Verse:**

- Numbers 14:22-23

**Importance of Numbers:**

- Points to Christ as the "Rock" – (ch. 20) 1 Cor. 10:4
- Christ lifted up for salvation – (ch. 21) – 1 Cor. 10:9
- Murmured – (ch. 11) – 1 Cor. 10:10

**Outline:**

- Preparing for the journey (1-14)
  - Old Generation (1-9)
  - First approach to the Promised Land (10-14)
- Wandering in the desert (15 – 21)
- New Generation ( 22 – 36)
  - Second approach to the Promised Land

**I. Preparing for the Journey (1 – 14)**

- Old Generation
  - The numbering – it was for military purposes
  - Each tribe was numbered and assigned a position around the Tabernacle
  - The priests were numbered in chapter 3
  - Chapters 1-4 deal with the outward formation of the camp

- Chapters 5-10 deal with inward part of the camp
- First approach to the Promised Land (10-14)
  - Ch 10:11 – departure from Sinai
  - Ch 11 – people complain
    - Provision of the Lord – Quail
    - Price of lust
  - Ch. 13 Spies sent into the Promised Land
  - Ch. 14 Israel refuses to go in
    - Unbelief keeps from the abundant life

## **II. Wandering in the desert (15-21)**

- Beginning of the change from the old generation to the new
- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron – Ch 16-18
  - Many die 16: 31-35; 41-50
  - Aaron's rod buds – approval of God
    - Speaks of Christ our High Priest – Heb 4:14; 5:4-10
- Moses blunders – Ch 20
  - Cannot enter the Promise Land
  - Because did not believe God

## **III. The New Generation (22-36)**

- The Bronze Serpent – Picture of Christ atoning work
- Confrontation with Balaam
  - God wanted him to say only what the Lord told him to say
- Second numbering
  - Again for military purposes (26-27)
  - New instructions (28 – 36)
  - Reuben, Gad and Manasseh asked to settle on the east side of Jordan
    - Results 1 Chronicles 5:18-26