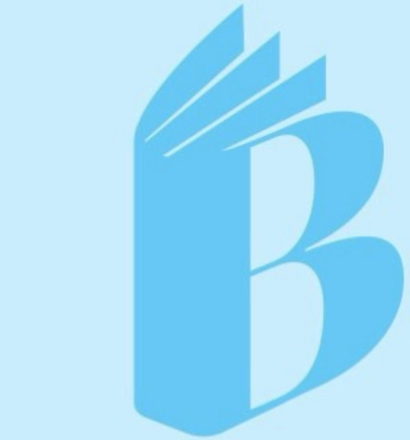


Book By Book

WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

LET'S ZOOM OUT

In 2022-2023, we covered the New Testament.

This year, we have started a three-year journey through the Old Testament.

Let's take a look at where we are.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?
  (who, what, when, where, why and how?)

- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?

- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?
  (Is there a behavior, attitude or understanding that should change in my life?)

LET'S REVIEW

NUMBERS

WANDERING IN REBELLION & UNBELIEF

CENSUS #1

THE SETTING

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HOW LONG DID IT TAKE TO GET STARTED?

17 So Moses and Aaron called together these chosen leaders, 18 and they
assembled the whole community of Israel on that very day. All the people
were registered according to their ancestry by their clans and families.
The men of Israel who were twenty years old or older were listed one by
one, 19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

AND THE ANSWER IS...

45 They were registered by families—all the men of Israel who were twenty years old or older and able to go to war. 46 The total number was 603,550.

ONE TRIBE EXCLUDED

47 But this total did not include the Levites. 48 For the LORD had
said to Moses, 49 "Do not include the tribe of Levi in the
registration; do not count them with the rest of the Israelites.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEVITES

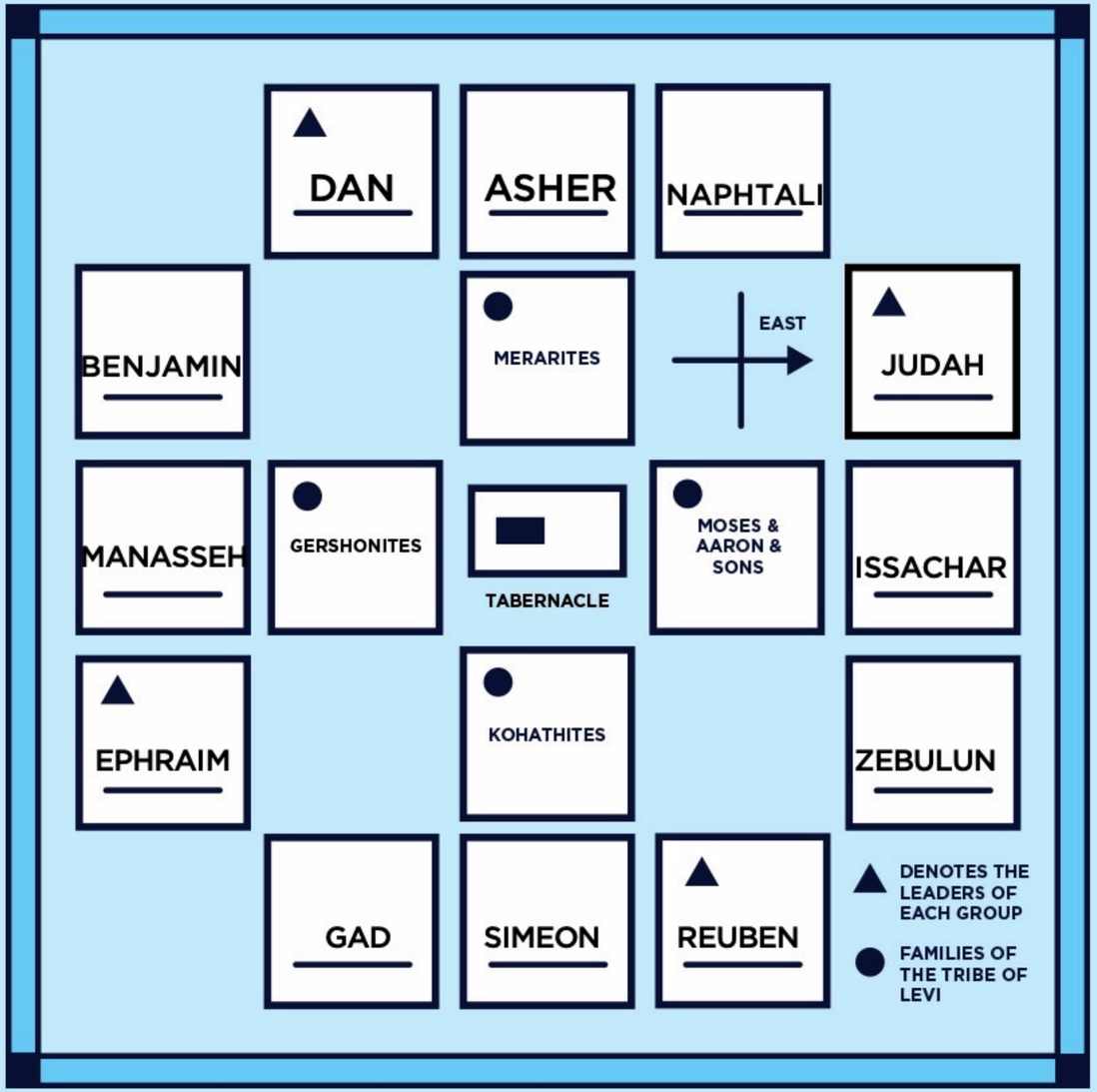
50 Put the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle of the
Covenant, along with all its furnishings and equipment. They
must carry the Tabernacle and all its furnishings as you travel,
and they must take care of it and camp around it. 51 Whenever
it is time for the Tabernacle to move, the Levites will take it
down. And when it is time to stop, they will set it up again. But
any unauthorized person who goes too near the Tabernacle
must be put to death.

ORGANIZED CAMP

CAMPING AND MARCHING

Then the LORD gave these instructions to Moses and
Aaron: 2 “When the Israelites set up camp, each tribe will be
assigned its own area. The tribal divisions will camp beneath
their family banners on all four sides of the Tabernacle, but at
some distance from it.

CAMP ARRANGEMENT OF ISRAEL'S TRIBES



PRIESTS & LEVITES

FIRSTBORN SUBSTITUTES

40 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now count all the firstborn
sons in Israel who are one month old or older, and make a list
of their names. 41 The Levites must be reserved for me as
substitutes for the firstborn sons of Israel; I am the LORD.

ASSIGNMENT BY CLAN

Kohathites – Carry but don't touch the sacred objects

The Kohathites will come and carry these things to the next destination. But they must not touch the sacred objects, or they will die. (Numbers 4:15b)

ASSIGNMENT BY CLAN

Gershonites – general service and carrying loads (4:21-28)

Curtains, the Tabernacle, outer coverings, ropes, equipment

ASSIGNMENT BY CLAN

Merarites – carry loads (4:29-33)

frames of the Tabernacle, posts, bases, pegs, ropes and accessories

GROUP TALK

Does God have a specific assignment for each of us?

Here's something to discuss:

Some of the jobs God assigned his people seemed less important and some more dangerous and difficult. What similarities do we see today in lives of believers?

TIME TO GO!!!

NUMBERS 10:11-36

1 In the second year after Israel's departure from Egypt—on the
twentieth day of the second month—the cloud lifted from the
Tabernacle of the Covenant. 12 So the Israelites set out from the
wilderness of Sinai and traveled on from place to place until the cloud
stopped in the wilderness of Paran.

33 They marched for three days after leaving the mountain of
the LORD, with the Ark of the LORD's Covenant moving ahead of them
to show them where to stop and rest. 34 As they moved on each day,
the cloud of the LORD hovered over them.

COMPLAINTS & WHINING
(INCLUDING MOSES)

- It’s too hard! (11:1)
- Craving good things of Egypt; No appetite (11:4-6)
- Moses: “Just go ahead and kill me.” (11:10-15)

MIRIAM AND AARON

Miriam & Aaron: "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he spoken through us, too?" (Numbers 12:2)

God: So why were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?" (Numbers 12:8)

THE 12 SCOUTS & THEIR REPORT
(CHAPTER 13)

25 After exploring the land for forty days, the men
returned 26 to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of
Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran.

THE SCOUTS & THEIR REPORT
(CHAPTER 13)

10 Scouts: "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" 32 So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. 33 We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!" (Numbers 13:31-33)

THE SCOUTS & THEIR REPORT
(CHAPTER 13)

Joshua & Caleb: “The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! 8 And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. 9 Do not rebel against the LORD, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!” (14:7-9)

RADICALLY WRONG MAJORITY
(CHAPTER 14)

- The people rebel and threaten to stone Joshua & Caleb
- God pronounces judgment on the people for treating him [God] with contempt
- Moses intercedes for the People

RADICALLY WRONG MAJORITY
(CHAPTER 14)

- God does not destroy the people, but announces the consequences for their rebellion.
- The 10 men who incited the rebellion were struck dead

CONSEQUENCES FOR REBELLION
(CHAPTER 14:26-35)

- Everyone 20 years or older will die in the wilderness (except Joshua & Caleb)

- God will bring your children safely into the land, but they will pay for your faithlessness by wandering in the wilderness for 40 years

- You must wander in the wilderness one year for every day the scouts explored the land.

DEFIANT "OBEDIENCE"
(14:39-45)

39 When Moses reported the LORD's words to all the
Israelites, the people were filled with grief. 40 Then they got
up early the next morning and went to the top of the range
of hills. "Let's go," they said. "We realize that we have sinned,
but now we are ready to enter the land the LORD has
promised us."

DEFIANT "OBEDIENCE"

(14:39-45)

41 But Moses said, "Why are you now disobeying the LORD's
orders to return to the wilderness? It won't work. 42 Do not
go up into the land now. You will only be crushed by your
enemies because the LORD is not with you. 43 When you face
the Amalekites and Canaanites in battle, you will be
slaughtered. The LORD will abandon you because you have
abandoned the LORD."

DEFIANT "OBEDIENCE"
(14:39-45)

44 But the people defiantly pushed ahead toward the hill
country, even though neither Moses nor the Ark of
the LORD's Covenant left the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites
and the Canaanites who lived in those hills came down and
attacked them and chased them back as far as Hormah.

KORAH'S CONSPIRACY (CHAPTER 16)

One day Korah son of Izhar, a descendant of Kohath son of Levi, conspired with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, from the tribe of Reuben. [2] They incited a rebellion against Moses, along with 250 other leaders of the community, all prominent members of the assembly. [3] They united against Moses and Aaron and said, "You have gone too far! The whole community of Israel has been set apart by the LORD, and he is with all of us. What right do you have to act as though you are greater than the rest of the LORD's people?"

KORAH, JUDGEMENT & STILL MORE PROTESTS

28 And Moses said, "This is how you will know that
the LORD has sent me to do all these things that I have
done—for I have not done them on my own. 29 If these men
die a natural death, or if nothing unusual happens, then
the LORD has not sent me. 30 But if the LORD does something
entirely new and the ground opens its mouth and swallows
them and all their belongings, and they go down alive into
the grave, then you will know that these men have shown
contempt for the LORD."

KORAH, JUDGEMENT & STILL MORE PROTESTS

31 He had hardly finished speaking the words when the ground
suddenly split open beneath them. 32 The earth opened its mouth
and swallowed the men, along with their households and all their
followers who were standing with them, and everything they
owned.

BUT WAIT…. THERE'S MORE!

41 But the very next morning the whole community of Israel began muttering again against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the LORD's people!" Numbers 16:41

THE WANDERINGS

- Aaron’s Rod & God’s Warning to Rebels (chapter 17)
- Laws for the Priesthood (chapters 18-19)
- Moses Strikes the Rock & Conflict with Edom (chapter 20)
- Balak and Balaam (chapters 22-25)

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE FROM MICAH THE PROPHET

"O my people, what have I done to you? What have I done to make you tired of me? Answer me!
4 For I brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.
5 Don't you remember, my people, how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead? And remember your journey from Acacia Grove to Gilgal, when I, the LORD, did everything I could to teach you about my faithfulness."

Micah 6:3-5

GROUP TALK

Where was God?

Here's something to discuss:

Think about a time when, in your pain or difficulty, you may have complained against God or even accused Him of not seeing you or caring about your needs. What did you learn during that time?

CENSUS #2

CHAPTER 26

THE SETTING

63 So these are the results of the registration of the people of Israel as conducted by Moses and Eleazar the priest on the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River, across from Jericho. 64 Not one person on this list had been among those listed in the previous registration taken by Moses and Aaron in the wilderness of Sinai. 65 For the LORD had said of them, "They will all die in the wilderness." Not one of them survived except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Numbers 26:63

AND THE ANSWER IS...

[51] In summary, the registered troops of all Israel numbered 601,730.

Numbers 26:51

Previous number was 603,550 (Numbers 2:32)

A FEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- Grants of Land Distributed (chapter 26)
- Joshua Commissioned (chapter 27)
- Reviewing Offerings, Festivals & Vows (chapters 28-30)
- The Midianites (chapter 31)
- East of the Jordan (chapter 32) *Reuben, Gad, ½ Manasseh*
- Travel Log (chapter 33)

A FEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- Boundaries in the New Land (chapter 34)
- Special Arrangements for Levites & Cities of Refuge (chapter 35)
- Women Who Inherit Property (chapter 36)

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT CROSSING THE JORDAN

NEXT BOOK

DEUTERONOMY

Remember, Obey, Teach

A New Generation
A New Leader
A New Land

9 “But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.

Deuteronomy 4:9

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read at least two chapters of Deuteronomy every day. (There are 34 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as your read and study along with any questions you encounter.

WANT MORE NOTES?

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