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Lesson 67

1. Last week I continued teaching the Doctrine of Moses; when time expired we had just completed a study of what the Bible teaches about war.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will begin new material on page three.

3. Our travelogue studied thus far can be tracked on our three maps provided last week. Now let's review several unique teachings found in the book of Numbers.

3.1 Nations are to avoid war by being prepared militarily. Let me repeat, it is not God's will for nations to war.

Jam 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Jam 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

4. On the way to the Promised Land, Moses also gave directions respecting unclean persons, trespasses and Nazarites. Numbers chapters 5 and 6

5. And now for new material and point six.

6. Moses received the dedicatory gifts from the princes of the tribes and consecrated the Tabernacle, Numbers chapter 7.

Num 7:1 When Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings. He also anointed and consecrated the altar and all its utensils.

Num 7:2 Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of families who were the tribal leaders in charge of those who were counted, made offerings.

7. He consecrated the Levites, Numbers chapter 8; and prepared for the onward journey. Num 9:1-10:10

Num 8:5 The LORD said to Moses:

Num 8:6 "Take the Levites from among the other Israelites and make them ceremonially clean.

Num 8:7 To purify them, do this: Sprinkle the water of cleansing on them; then have them shave their whole bodies and wash their clothes, and so purify themselves.

Num 9:15 On the day the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire.

Num 9:16 That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire.

Num 9:17 Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.

Num 9:18 At the LORD'S command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.

Num 9:19 When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD'S order and did not set out.

8. At the Lord's command, Moses gave the order to march and the people moved forward toward the promise land.

Num 10:12 Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran.

Num 10:13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

9. Many significant events occurred on the trip to the promise land such as: Moses securing, by prayer, the quenching of the fire at Taberah.

Num 11:1-3 And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire was quenched. And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

10. Moses' complaint of the burden of his charge resulted in the appointment of the 70 elders. Num 11:10-30

Num 11:10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.

Num 11:11 He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?"

Num 11:12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?

Num 11:13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'

Num 11:14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.

Num 11:15 If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now-- if I have found favor in your eyes-- and do not let me face my own ruin."

Num 11:16 The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

Num 11:17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

11. The sedition of Miriam and Aaron --Numbers chapter 12.

Num 12:1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite ...

Num 12:10 When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy;

Num 12:11 and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed.

Num 12:12 Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."

Num 12:13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!"

Num 12:14 The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back."

Num 12:15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

12. The sending out of the spies, the report, the rebellion and the command to wander, Numbers chapters 13 and 14.

Num 13:2 "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

Num 13:3 So at the LORD'S command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites...

Num 13:26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

Num 13:27 They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

Num 13:28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

Num 14:1 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.

Num 14:2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!

Num 14:3 Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

Num 14:4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

Num 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.

Num 14:6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

Num 14:7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

Num 14:8 If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.

Num 14:9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Num 14:10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites.

Num 14:11 The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?

Num 14:12 I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."

Num 14:13 Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them.

Num 14:14 And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, O LORD, are with these people and that you, O LORD, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Num 14:15 If you put these people to death all at one time, the nations who have heard this report about you will say,

Num 14:16 'The LORD was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath; so he slaughtered them in the desert.'

Num 14:17 "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared:

Num 14:18 'The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.'

Num 14:19 In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."

Num 14:20 The LORD replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked.

Num 14:21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth,

Num 14:22 not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times--

Num 14:23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

Num 14:24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Num 14:25 Since the Amalekites and Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea." ...

Num 14:29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me.

Num 14:30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Num 14:31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

Num 14:32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

Num 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Num 14:35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

13. The rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram--Numbers chapter 16.

Num 16:1 Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites--Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth--became insolent and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council.

Num 16:3 They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD'S assembly? ...

Num 16:15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, "Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them."

Num 16:16 Moses said to Korah, "You and all your followers are to appear before the LORD tomorrow-- you and they and Aaron.

Num 16:17 Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it--250 censers in all-- and present it before the LORD. You and Aaron are to present your censers also."

Num 16:18 So each man took his censer, put fire and incense in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Num 16:19 When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the entire assembly.

Num 16:20 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

Num 16:21 "Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once."

Num 16:22 But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, "O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?"

Num 16:23 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Num 16:24 "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"

Num 16:31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart
Num 16:32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households
and all Korah's men and all their possessions.

Num 16:33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth
closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.

Num 16:34 At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is
going to swallow us too!"

Num 16:35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were
offering the incense.

14. The death of Miriam and Aaron, and the smiting of the rock at Meribah--Numbers chapter 20.

Num 20:2 Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in
opposition to Moses and Aaron...

Num 20:8 "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together.
Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out
of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

Num 20:9 So Moses took the staff from the LORD'S presence, just as he
commanded him.

Num 20:10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses
said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

Num 20:11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water
gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

15. The plague of serpents--Numbers chapter 21.

Num 21:4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around
Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way;

Num 21:5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought
us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we
detest this miserable food!"...

Num 21:6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and
many Israelites died.

Num 21:7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the
LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses
prayed for the people.

Num 21:8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who
is bitten can look at it and live."

Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was
bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

15.1 The brazen snake later became an idol for Israel until Hezekiah in one of his
restorations had it broken in pieces and destroyed.

2Ki 18:4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

End Lesson