

Numbers 25 - 31

Moses' Final Days

Lesson 7

National apostasy - 25:1-18

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God." (Exodus 20:2-5)

1. Summarize God's command in Exodus.
2. What was taking place in the camp? (vs. 25:1-3)
3. God said He was a jealous God. His relationship with Israel was King and holy people. Deuteronomy 7:6, "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession." How did God deal with the situation? (vs. 25:4-15)
4. Even though Israel sinned, what was God's punishment on the Midianites? (vs. 25:16-17)
5. Do you think this might have affected Moses personally? (vs. 10:29-30)

Second census - 26:1-65

6. The book of Numbers began with a census to determine the formation of the army. 38 years later, most of the first generation of men had died off. God asked that a second census be taken to number the new generation. Who assisted Moses in this census? (vs. 26:1)

7. From lesson 1, fill in the numbers from the first census, then record the second census numbers.

Tribe	Census #1	Census #2
Reuben		
Simeon		
Gad		
Judah		
Issachar		
Zebulun		
Ephraim		
Manasseh		
Benjamin		
Dan		
Asher		
Naphtali		
Total		

8. What do you notice about the new totals?
9. In the tribe of Judah, verse 19 mentions Er and Onan as sons of Judah, but with no heritage. Why? (Genesis 38:1-10)
10. The first census was to determine the formation of the army. What was the purpose of the second census? (vs. 26:52-54)
11. Even though we know the number of Levites, why weren't they officially counted in this census? (vs. 26:62)
12. What was mentioned in the second census as compared to the first? (vs. 26:64-65)

Zelophehad's daughters - 27:1-23

13. What was the unique situation presented to Moses that needed special attention? (vs. 27:1-4)

14. What was God's answer? (vs. 27:5-11)

15. The time had come for God to take Israel into the Promised Land. Only one of the first generation God said was to die remained alive; that was Moses. Why was Moses not allowed into the Promised Land after his faithful leadership? (vs. 20:8, 11-12)

16. Before he died, what was God's gracious provision for Moses? (vs. 27:12-14)

17. What was Moses' request of the Lord? (vs. 27:15-17)

18. Whom did the Lord choose? (vs. 27:18-22)

19. It seems logical to us that Moses would have appointed Joshua, his assistant, as the next leader. Joshua had been with Moses on the mountain when he received the Ten Commandments. He was one of two spies that brought a good report of the Promised Land, believing that God was able to give them what He promised. Why do you think Moses asked the Lord to do this?

Offerings and festivals - 28:1 - 29:40

20. These chapters record the sacrifices and festivals that were central to the life of Israel and her God. (Please review Lesson 4 where God told the first generation they would be wiped out, then gave the offerings and laws to encourage the next generation they would see the Promised Land.) In light of what had just happened, why do you think God gave the offerings and festivals a second time?

Vows - 30:1-16

21. In ancient times, women were under the protection of their fathers until they married, then under their husbands. Women left without male protection nearly always died. God's law for His people was designed for the protection of women. Describe God's provision with regard to special vows.

The Midianites - 31:1-54

22. "The Lord said to Moses, Take vengeance on the Midianites for the Israelites, after that you will be gathered to your people." God's final battle for Moses to fight was what is today called a "holy war". The difference being this was under God's direction as righteous judgment. Why was He taking vengeance on them? (vs 25:1,16-18)
23. How did the battle go? (vs. 31:3-13)
24. Why was Moses angry? (vs. 31:14-16)
25. How did Moses correct the situation? (vs. 31:17-24)
26. How were the spoils separated out? (vs. 31:25-54)
27. What did God say would happen to Moses after he completed God's instructions? (vs. 31:2b) Please comment.