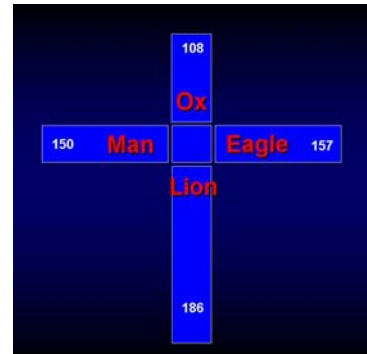


4 - Numbers: Wilderness Wanderings

- Hebrew: *Be-midbar*, “**In the Wilderness**” (Greek: Arithmoi; Latin: Numeri) Includes 2 census takings of the nation (chapters 1 and 26)
- Resumes where Exodus left off
- It took only 40 hours to get Israel out of Egypt, but it took 40 years to get Egypt out of Israel
- Israel leaves Mount Sinai, marches to Kadesh-barnea, where failure led them to wander another 39 years until an **entire generation died in the wilderness**. (Spans 2nd thru 40th year)
- first 25 chapters = experiences of the first generation of Israel (that came out of Egypt) in the wilderness; the last 11 chapters = experiences of 2nd generation (to go into the land).
- theme of obedience and rebellion followed by repentance and blessing
- All about “**the goodness and severity of God**” (*Romans 11:22*)
- sin and unbelief, especially rebellion, reap the judgment of God



Highlights

- **The census** (1) and amazing encampment in the desert (2); every detail in scripture is there by design (“*The volume of the Book is written of Me*” *Psalm 40:7*) (KJV) Length of camp proportional to population (census) instructions for camp reveal the cross.
- **Aaronic Blessing** (6) “*The Lord bless you and keep you...*”
- **The Kadesh-Barnea Incident** (13-14), spies enter the land and see amazing things. Ten come back and are afraid. Two (Joshua and Caleb) are trusting God and desire to go in. The people turn against God and murmur against Moses and Aaron. They “wish they had died in this wilderness.” They got their wish. Only Joshua and Caleb and children of the murmurers entered the land. They spent 40 years in the wilderness until the first generation died off.
- sacrifice of the **red heifer** “without defect of blemish” (19) prefigures Jesus, the Lamb of God
- **Waters at Meribah** (20), Moses sins, denied entrance into the land. At Rephidim: Water from striking the Rock (Exo. 17:6). At Meribah: Water for the *asking*. Type: “The Rock was Christ” (1 Cor. 10:4) *Moses interfered with God's type of Jesus the Rock*.
- God sent **fiery serpents** to bite the people because of their complaining. **Bronze snake lifted up on the pole** to provide physical healing (21) also prefigures the lifting up of Jesus on the cross, that whoever looks to Him by faith may have spiritual healing
- A **donkey talks**, the Angel of the Lord appears to Balaam (22)
- **Balaam’s fourth oracle** (24) speaks of the star and the scepter who is to rise out of Jacob.
- The **2nd census**, the new generation who will enter the land (26)
- Beginning of **possessing the land** (31)
- Tribes of **Reuben and Gad** settle east of the Jordan (32)
- **Review** of the journey (33)



The Brazen Serpent Monument on Mount Nebo created by Italian artist, Giovanni Fantoni. It is symbolic of the bronze serpent created by Moses in the wilderness (Numbers 21:4-9) and the cross upon which Jesus was crucified (John 3:14).

- The **boundaries of the land** (34)
- Cities for Levites, and **Cities of Refuge** (35)
- **Daughters of Zelophehad** (laws about female heirs and the land) (36)

Preparation to move into Promised land	Cleansing the Camp and the People	Kadesh-Barnea and Big Mistakes	Stumbling around the Wilderness	A New Generation Prepares to Enter the Land
Chap 1-4	Chap 5-9	Chap 10-14	Chap 15-25	Chap 26-36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st Census (1) ▪ total 603,550 ▪ Only males over 20 counted (1:3) ▪ Levites not included (1:47) ▪ Encampment (2) ▪ Tabernacle and Levites in center (2:2,17) ▪ East: Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun (2:3-9) ▪ South: Reuben, Simeon, and Gad (2:10-16) ▪ West: Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin (2:17-24) ▪ North: Dan, Asher, Naphtali (2:25-2:31) ▪ Each tribe had own standard and leader, or "prince" (1:5-16; 2:2) ▪ Priestly duties (3:1-39) ▪ Generations of Aaron and Moses (3:1) ▪ Duties of Levites (3:5-9 and 4:1-49) ▪ Levites counted, assigned duties (3:10-39) ▪ Numbering of firstborn males, Levites exempt (3:40-45) ▪ Redemption of firstborn with payment of 5 shekels (3:46-51). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defiled person excluded (5:1-4) ▪ Confession, restitution in trespass (5:5-10) ▪ Trial of jealousy (5:11-31) ▪ Nazarites (6:1-21) ▪ Priestly blessing of Israel (6:22-27) ▪ Offering of tribal leaders (princes) to the Levites (7:1-89) ▪ Lighting of lamps (8:1-4) ▪ Levites consecrated (8:5-26) ▪ Passover (9:1-14) ▪ Pillar of cloud to guide (9:15-23) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Silver trumpets (10:1-10) ▪ Sins on journey from Sinai to Kadesh (10:11-12:16) ▪ Departure from Mount Sinai (10:11-36) ▪ People complained; burning at Taberah (11:1-3) ▪ Manna from God (11:4-9) ▪ People want meat to eat (11:10-15) ▪ 70 elders (11:6-30) ▪ Israelites fed quails (11:31-35) ▪ Sin of Miriam and Aaron (rebel against Moses) (12:1-16) ▪ Failure at Kadesh (13:1 - 14:45) ▪ Spying out the land (13:1-33) ▪ Israel rebels (14:1-10) ▪ Moses intercedes (14:11-19) ▪ 1st generation to die in the wilderness (14:20-45) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wandering (15:1-19:22) ▪ Sacrifices of animals and wine (15:1-31) ▪ Sabbath breaker stoned (15:32-36) ▪ Garment fringes (15:37-41) ▪ Sin of Korah (16:1-50) ▪ Aaron's rod budded (17:1-13) ▪ Function/place of priests (18:1 - 19:22) ▪ Sins on way to Moab (20:1 to 25:18) ▪ Death of Miriam (20:1) ▪ Sin of Moses and Aaron in striking the rock to bring water (20:2-13) ▪ Edom refuses to let Israelites pass through (20:14-21) ▪ Death of Aaron (20:22-29) ▪ Defeat of king of Arad (21:1-3) ▪ Fiery serpents, brazen serpent (21:4-9) ▪ Journey to Moab (21:10-20) ▪ Victory over Sihon (21:21-32) ▪ Victory over Bashan (21:33-35) ▪ Israel turns from God (22:1 – 25:18) ▪ Balaam's oracles (22:2 – 24:25) ▪ Baal-peor sin (25:1-5) ▪ Zeal of Phinehas (25:6-18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd census (26:1 to 27:23) ▪ Inheritance in the land (26:52-65) ▪ Inheritance of daughters (27:1-11) ▪ Israel's new leader – Joshua (27:12-23) ▪ Regulations and vows (28:1 to 30:16) ▪ Offerings (28:1-8) ▪ Sabbath offerings (28:9-10) ▪ New moon offerings (28:11-25) ▪ Feast offerings (28:26-29:40) ▪ Regulation of vows (30:1-16) ▪ Conquest and division of Canaan (31:1 to 36:13) ▪ Midianites defeated (31:1-54) ▪ Reuben and Gad inherit East side of Jordan (32:1-42) ▪ Summary of Journeys (33:1-49) ▪ Canaanites and idols to be destroyed (33:50-56) ▪ Borders of land (34:1-16) ▪ Cities given to Levites (35:1-8) ▪ Avenger of wrath, cities of refuge (35:9-34) ▪ Inheritance of daughters, marrying in the tribe (36:1-12) ▪ Laws of inheritance of land (36)

- Paul tells us why all these things happened: *"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."* (1 Cor 10:11)
- *"examples"* = A **figure, image, pattern, a prefiguring; a type**
Types (prefiguring of Jesus) in Numbers: Manna ("I am the Bread from Heaven...") (John 6); Brazen Serpent (John 10); Waters from the Rock (John 7); The Order of the Camp (cross)