

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Early Old Testament Foundations: Numbers 15-36

For class to be held Feb. 6, 2016

It would be good to review Numbers 12-14 since we didn't completely cover those in our last class.

### Numbers 15-19 – Full Blown Rebellion, The Levites and the Tithe, The Red Heifer

1. Most of chapter 15 details offerings made to God and a sin offering. Why would this give hope in the light of what had just happened (as explained in chapters 13 and 14)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why was the Sabbath breaker stoned to death? Why wasn't this too severe? (see PP p. 409 for help).  
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3. Read chapters 16 + 17 carefully. Was Korah sincere in thinking he'd make a better leader than Moses?
4. What made Korah so bold? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened the day following the termination of Korah's conspiracy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Why is this surprising? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Were these people hopeless? How many died this time? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why did God order the events of chapter 17? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How were the Levites to be sustained economically? (see chap. 18). \_\_\_\_\_
9. In chapter 19, what was the special significance of the red heifer? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: *Patriarchs and Prophets* chapter 35 (p. 395-405). **Important reading!**

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: PP chapter 36 (p. 406-410)

### Numbers 20:1-13 – The Sin of Moses

1. What was to be different about getting water from the rock this time as compared to 40 years before?  
\_\_\_\_\_ What lesson was in this difference? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the consequences for Moses' sin? \_\_\_\_\_ Was this too severe? (PP chap. 37)

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: **PP chapter 37** (p. 411-421). **Important Reading.**

### Numbers 20:14-21:9 – The Journey around Edom, The Fiery Serpents

1. What country refused to let Israel pass through their land? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What transfer of office took place at Mt. Hor? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
3. What Canaanite king was utterly defeated by Israel at Hormah? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did the serpents start biting the people? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was God teaching the people with the brass serpent? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: **PP chapter 38** (p. 422-432)

### Numbers 21:10-35 – The Conquests of Gilead and Bashan (Sihon and Og)

1. What king of the Amorites was defeated? \_\_\_\_\_ What land was acquired as a result? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What land did Israel acquire when they defeated Og? \_\_\_\_\_. What surprising detail about Og is found in the account in Deuteronomy 3:1-11? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: **PP chapter 39** (p. 433-437). **An Inspiring and Important chapter!**

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### Numbers 22-24 – Events in Moab: Balak and Balaam Try to Curse Israel

1. Who was Balak and why did he want to curse Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many times did the prophet Balaam attempt to curse Israel? \_\_\_\_ Why wasn't he successful?
3. What can we learn about the physical phenomena of a prophet in vision in the early part of chapter 24? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What prophecy of the Messiah is found in Balaam's 4<sup>th</sup> blessing? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: PP chapter 40 (p. 438-452). **Especially read pages 450-452.**

### Numbers 25 – Events in Moab: Disaster at Baal-peor

1. Whose counsel do you think led to the invitations made by the Moabite and Midianite women for the Israelites to join them in worship of their gods? \_\_\_\_\_. When the people were repentant as a congregation in the court of Israel before the Sanctuary, who boldly brought a Midianite woman into his tent in the sight of all Israel? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What stopped when Phinehas speared this man and woman in the tent? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What lesson for Seventh-day Adventists (who also plan to enter the promised land) is in this story?

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: **PP chapter 41** (p. 453-461). **Very Important!!!!**

### Numbers 26-31 – More Events in Moab: Second Census, Selection of Joshua, Midianite Conquest

1. What is Numbers 26 all about? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why were Zelophehad's daughters given land as an inheritance when that normally only went to sons?  
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3. In Num. 27:12-23, what transfer of office was directed to shortly take place? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In Num. 28+29, what is reviewed and explained? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How serious should one be before taking an oath or making a vow? (see Num. 30) \_\_\_\_\_
6. For what event did God direct Israel to go to war on the Midianites as recorded in Numbers 31:1-17?  
\_\_\_\_\_. Why was Balaam a casualty of this war? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why were the soldiers expected to follow the health code of Leviticus 13+14 by remaining 7 days outside of the camp? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Why did all the metal booty have to be put to the fire? (compare verses 22+23 with 50-54).  
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### Numbers 32-36 – First Settlements of the Promised Land, Provision for Levitical Cities and Cities of Refuge

1. What tribes were to settle the land east of the Jordan River? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were they to do for the other tribes first? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does chapter 33 review? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What would be the result of failing to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does Numbers 34 describe? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Read Numbers 35 carefully! How many cities were to be designated for the Levites? \_\_\_\_\_. What were the suburbs around the cities for? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many cities were to be cities of refuge? \_\_\_\_\_. What were they for? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who would judge cases in the cities of refuge? \_\_\_\_\_ How long was an innocent manslayer to stay in the city of refuge? \_\_\_\_\_. What could happen if he left before the time? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the deeper meaning of the cities of refuge? (see PP p. 515-517). \_\_\_\_\_
10. In Numbers 36, why were the daughters of Zelophehad restricted to marrying within their own tribe?  
\_\_\_\_\_. Of what tribe were they? \_\_\_\_\_