

The Book of Numbers

Introduction – Chapter 6

Author and Date

Who does early Jewish and Christian tradition claim as the author of the Book of Numbers?

Does contemporary research support that the Book of Numbers was written in the second millennium?

Title

Why is the book called numbers?

Structure

What are the three locations that formed the structural frame of the book?

Content and Themes

How does the narrative of numbers address the wilderness period?

Christian Perspective

Does Christian tradition find many lessons of faith in the book of numbers?

Read 1:1–4 What time and place does the Book of Numbers address? (Note 1:1)

Why is a census called for? (Note 1:2–46)

What does the presence of archaic names infer? (Note 1:5–15)

Read 1:32–34 What are the two tribes descended from Joseph? (Note 1:32–34)

Read 1:44–46 How are we to read large numbers in the Scriptures? (Note 1:46)

Read 1:47–50 Why does the census not count the Levites? (Note 1:47)

Read 1:51–54 Can any of the lay tribes approach the tabernacle? (Note 1:51)

How is the tabernacle surrounded? (Note 1:53) (Note 2:1–34)

Read 3:1–4 What happened to Nadab and Abihu? (Note 3:4)

Who was put in charge of assembling and disassembling the tabernacle? (Note 3:5–10)

Read 3:11–13 Is there a change in spiritual leadership after the golden calf incident? (Note 3:12)

What are the three Levitical clans that are assigned duties for transporting the tabernacle? (Note 3:14-37)

Who is Aaron's oldest living son? (Note 3:32)

What Levitical clan do Moses and Aaron stem from? (Note 3:38)

Read 4:3 What are the age limits for Levitical ministry? (Note 4:3)

What is the veil? (Note: 4:5)

What color are the furnishings wrapped with? (Note 4:6)

What is the table? (Note: 4:7)

What is the lampstand? (Note 4:9)

What is the golden altar? (Note 4:11)

What is a trial by ordeal? (Note 5:11–31)

Read 6:1-4 What is a Nazarite vow? (Note 6:1-21)

Read 6:5 What are the restrictions about cutting hair? (Note 6:5)

What are the rituals concerning the completion of the Nazarite vow? (Notes 6:13-20)

What are drink offerings? (Note 6:15)

Read 6:24-26 What is the priestly benediction? (Note 6:24–26)

Chronology of the Exodus Chart