

His Word in Our Hearts

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*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

Daily Bible Reading			Reading Numbers:
1	Numbers 1-2	Job 23	<p>As you read through Numbers you may find yourself asking: "What's with all this math!? What spiritual good is there in knowing there are 46,500 Reubenites? Who would have thought that government documents could be inspired by the Holy Spirit?" Before your eyes glaze over, it might help to have a bit of perspective on this book.</p>
2	Numbers 3-4	Job 24	
3	Numbers 5-6	Job 25-26	
4	Numbers 7-8	Job 27	<p>As the name of the book suggests Numbers starts and ends with the details of two censuses, the reason for each was to count the number of fighting men who could lead Israel into the conquest of the Promised Land. The dates for Numbers encompass the entire 40 years of Israel's wanderings in the wilderness.</p>
5	Numbers 9-11	Job 28	
6	Numbers 12-14	Job 29	<p>After the completion of the Tabernacle we read of Israel's departure from Mt. Sinai, their subsequent disobedience when they refuse to take the Promised Land, and the resulting judgment of 40 years of wilderness wanderings. A journey which only should have taken a couple of months, lasted forty years. The book recounts again and again human unfaithfulness and God's faithfulness and patient provision for the needs of His people. God's sovereign power is sufficient for every need and every situation.</p>
7	Numbers 15-17	Job 30	
8	Numbers 18-20	Job 31:1-23	
9	Numbers 21-22	Job 31:24-40	<p>In this book we will be confronted with the seriousness of sin, the threat of God's holiness and how we approach Him, God's giving of second chances and His faithfulness to lead us through this hostile world. God's grace never fails.</p>
10	Numbers 23-25	Job 32	
11	Numbers 26-27	Job 33:1-11	<p>Finally, Numbers points to Jesus who is the true Water who gives life and the true Rock who gives safety and strength. Beware of grumbling and unbelief and when God gives you a second chance, be sure to take it with humble thanksgiving.</p>
12	Numbers 28-30	Job 33:12-33	
13	Numbers 31-32	Job 34:1-20	
14	Numbers 33-36	Job 34:21-37	<p>I Corinthians 10:9-12 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.</p>
15	Deuteronomy 1-3	Job 35	
16	Deuteronomy 4-5	Job 36:1-15	<p>Outline for Numbers:</p> <p>Numbers 1:1-10:10 Israel Prepares to Enter the Promised Land</p> <p>Numbers 10:11-12:16 Marching from Sinai to Kadesh (grumbling, opposition)</p> <p>Numbers 13:1-19:22 Forty Years wandering near Kadesh (spy out the land)</p> <p>Numbers 20:1-21:35 Marching from Kadesh to the Plains of Moab</p> <p>Numbers 22:1-36:13 Israel in the Plains of Moab</p>
17	Deuteronomy 6-8	Job 36:16-33	
18	Deuteronomy 9-12	Job 37	
19	Deuteronomy 13-17	Job 38:1-21	
20	Deuteronomy 18-21	Job 38:22-41	
21	Deuteronomy 22-26	Job 39	
22	Deuteronomy 27-28	Job 40	
23	Deuteronomy 29-31	Job 41:1-11	
24	Deuteronomy 32	Job 41:12-34	
25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 42	

Reading Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy might be a bit of tough sledding for us who like action and drama. There isn't any in this fifth and final book of the Pentateuch written by Moses. In this book we fast forward 40 years to the end of Israel's wilderness wanderings.

Deuteronomy consists of three "farewell" speeches or sermons by Moses. It is his last will and testament. The word Deuteronomy means second law because it's a repetition of the law God gave His people in Exodus and Leviticus. Moses is preparing the people for entering the Promised Land before he dies. He gives them a powerful exhortation to fear God and love Him by obeying His Word. What words would you pass on to your family as your last words?

We are reminded of the blessings of obedience and the dangers of disobedience. We are reminded of God's absolute sovereignty over Israel and over all the nations of the earth.

Don't lose sight of the fact that though the book emphasizes the Law of God the heart of the book is love, God's love for us and our love for God. We are reminded that the greatest commandment is to love God with everything you have. But notice also the emphasis on the poor and needy and the call to love them as well. In other words, the best response to the Covenant, which is God's promises to His people, is to love God and His people.

Deuteronomy is Jesus' favorite book, He quotes from it often. Deuteronomy points to Jesus who is our Passover Lamb, who is our one true prophet, and who is the mediator of the new covenant written on our hearts.

Deuteronomy 5:9 Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Outline for Deuteronomy:

- Deut. 1-3 Recap of Israel's journey from Egypt to Moab
- Deut. 4-10 Recap of Israel's relationship with God
- Deut. 11-26 How to love God and keep His commandments
- Deut. 27-30 Blessings, curses, and restoration
- Deut. 31-34 The death of Moses