

**Numbers — “Faithless or Following”**                      January 29, 2006  
**Deuteronomy — [How to] “Follow Faithfully”**

The flow of the book of Numbers is essentially chronologic and geographic in that it traces the travels of the children of Israel from the giving of the law to the eve of their entering the promised land.

Deuteronomy presents the covenant that God established with Israel. It was given to the new generation of men and women that had grown up during the 40 years of judgment on the previous faithless generation (cf. Num. 14-16).

Numbers & Deuteronomy together cover the children of Israel from Mt. Sinai to their final preparation for entering the promised land.

- Numbers 4. As you read about the descent of Kohath (or Gershon) think about what their job was. Compare it to what the sons of Aaron did. Consider the principles taught in 1Co 12:12-26 for us today. What do these passages suggest about service for the Lord, either by ourselves or others?
- Numbers 13-14. Kadesh-Barnea. This is the pivotal point of the book of Numbers. Make a list of as many principles as you can think of that can be drawn from these chapters.
- Numbers 20:1-13. God’s judgment on Moses was hard-hitting. What were at least five problems with Moses’s actions?
- Numbers 22-25. Balak wanted the children of Israel stopped, hindered, hurt. A direct frontal assault of cursing God’s people didn’t work. What did work? Why? What does this suggest about Satan’s methods? (Cf. Num 31:16, Rev. 2:14)
- Deuteronomy 4-6. Why did the Lord give Israel these laws? What did God want for them? What does this suggest to you about the character of God?
- Deuteronomy 7-9. List what God warned them about in these chapters. Besides instructions to obey the laws themselves, what were the cautions that God gave?
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