

Numbers Bible Study Assignment
September 8, 2022

Reading Assignment: Numbers 17-18

Discussion Questions

1. Read Exodus 7:8-13. What miracle did God perform with Aaron's staff in this text? Compare this to the miracle God performed with Aaron's staff in Numbers 17. What message do you think each miracle was meant to convey?

2. What were the two visible reminders (signs/warnings) in the tent of meeting stating that Aaron and his descendants were the only ones to serve as priests? (Hint: You will have to go back to chapter 16 to find one of these reminders.)

3. What signs do lay people accept as giving God's authority to their priests, pastors, or ministers? That is, why do we accept the authority of our ministers (etc.) as being of God?

4. Why do you think the Israelites responded the way they did in Numbers 17:12-13?

5. How might revealing God's power make someone afraid?

6. How do God's instructions in Numbers 18:1-7 address the people's reaction in Numbers 17:12-13?

7. How are Aaron and his descendants provided for by the community of Israelites? How are the Levites?

8. Why do you think Aaron and his descendants and the Levites weren't to have any allotment of land?

9. How are the firstborn of humans and the firstborn of unclean beasts ritually similar, i.e., why would they need to be redeemed?

September 15 Assignment – Numbers 19-21