

Numbers Bible Study Assignment

October 13, 2022

Reading Assignment: Numbers 26-31

Discussion Questions

1. Two censuses were conducted in Numbers, the first in chapter 1 and the second in chapter 26. Why do you think it was necessary to take a second census?
2. Each of the two censuses counted males of 20 years old and up (with the exception of the Levites) who were able to go to war. What battles did the men face at the beginning of Numbers? What battles did the men face after the second census?
3. Why were Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh (members of the first generation of Israelites) still alive at the time of the second census?
4. What was the main concern of the daughters of Zelophehad when they petitioned Moses for their father's portion/inheritance?
5. How did the Lord instruct Moses to commission Joshua to lead the Israelites? Why do you think it was necessary to transfer his authority in this way?
6. Do you think it's important to have ceremonial transitions of leadership in the church? Why or why not?
7. While Moses received instruction from God directly, Joshua would have to receive divine guidance in a different way. How would Joshua receive direction from the Lord?

8. Which women could make vows that could not be nullified by a man? Why do you think that was the case?

9. In Numbers 31:15-16, Moses said to the Israelite commanders, “Have you allowed all the women to live? These women here, on Balaam’s advice, made the Israelites act treacherously against the Lord in the affair of Peor, so that the plague came among the congregation of the Lord.” What incident is Moses referring to? What does the incident have to do with Midian?

10. Who ordered the final massacre of the Midianites that spared only the young girls who had not yet “known a man”? What do you think was that person’s motivation in ordering that action?

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