

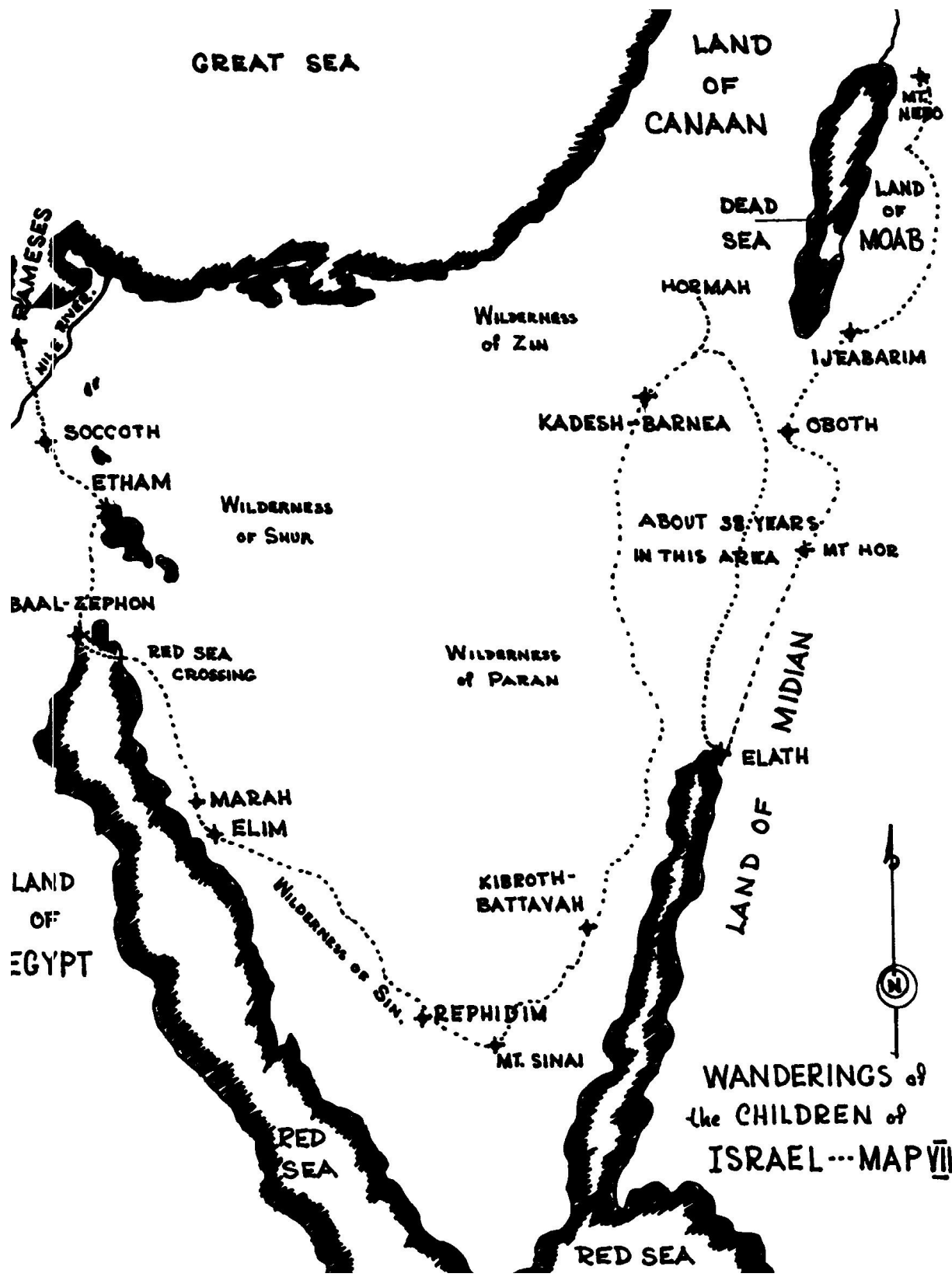
OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD THREE

THE HEBREW NATION - WANDERING

LESSON 15

Time	PERIOD THREE THE HEBREW NATION				
Main thought	MAKING A NATION AND TAKING LAND				
Books that tell of each part	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA
What this part tells about	<p>The diagram consists of six rectangular boxes arranged in an ascending staircase pattern from left to right. Each box is connected to the one above it by a vertical line. The boxes contain the following text from bottom-left to top-right: SLAVE, SET FREE, MT. SINAI (LAW GIVEN), WANDERING IN WILDERNESS, TAKING THE LAND, and SETTLING THE LAND.</p>				



WANDERINGS of
the CHILDREN of
ISRAEL --- MAP VII

OUTLINE OF NUMBERS

A. **The people of Israel prepared for the trip** (Numbers 1:1 - 10:10).

- People counted (Numbers 1).
- Tribes placed (Numbers 2).
- The Levites and their work (Numbers 3 - 6).
- Important happenings (Numbers 7 - 9).
 - ▶ Dedication.
 - ▶ Passover feast.

B. **The people of Israel traveled to Kadesh Barnea** (Numbers 10 - 12).

- People complained about manna (Numbers 11).
- Aaron and Miriam jealous of Moses (Numbers 12).

C. **The people of Israel at Kadesh Barnea** (Numbers 13,14).

- The spies reported (Numbers 13).
- The people rebelled (Numbers 14).

D. **The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness** (Numbers 15 - 25).

- Korah complained against Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16,17).
- Priests' work and needs (Numbers 18,19).
- People complained about water (Numbers 20).
 - ▶ Moses and Aaron sinned (Numbers 20:11).
 - ▶ Aaron died.
- People complained about manna (Numbers 21).
- Balak and Balaam (Numbers 22 - 25).

E. **The people of Israel prepared to go into Canaan** (Numbers 26 - 36).

- The people counted (Numbers 26).
- A new leader chosen (Numbers 27).
- The people reminded of sacrifices and promises (Numbers 28 - 30).
- War with Midian (Numbers 31).
- Land given to two and one half tribes (Numbers 32).
- The people told how to take the land (Numbers 33 - 36).

2. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL PREPARED FOR THE TRIP

READ NUMBERS CHAPTERS 1 to 9 CAREFULLY.

A. **The people counted**, Numbers 1.

Moses was told to count all the men 20 years old and older. These men were to do the fighting for Israel.

How many men were counted (Numbers 1:46)?

The men of the tribe of Levi were not counted with the other tribes. Why not (Numbers 1:50)?

B. The tribes placed, Numbers 2.

In central Alberta there are four bands of Indians. These bands are in one area. Each band has its own reserve. Each band has its own chief and counsellors. Yet, all four bands are part of one group. This is a picture of the twelve tribes of Israel. Each tribe had its own place to camp. Each tribe had its own leader. Each tribe belonged to the one nation of Israel.

When the people of Israel made camp each tribe had its own place to camp. All the camps were placed around the tabernacle. God was in the center of their nation.

There were about 3,000,000 people in the nation of Israel. There were as many people in Israel as there are in Alberta and Saskatchewan. It was very hard to take care of all these people in the wilderness. Every person had to stay with his own tribe. He had to work with his tribe. If he did not work with his tribe, Moses could not lead them in the right way.

On the drawing of the camp of the people of Israel, write the names of the tribes where they belonged. Notice, the tribe of Levi camped close to the tabernacle. The others camped on the outside.

You will find the names of the tribes in the following verses:

East side of tabernacle (Numbers 2:3,5,7).

South side of the tabernacle (Numbers 2:10,12,14).

West side of the tabernacle (Numbers 2:18,20,22).

North side of tabernacle (Numbers 2:25,27,29).

You will find the name of each family of Levi in the following verses: Numbers 3:23,29,35,38.

We would have to walk 12 miles if we went all the way around their camp.

CAMP OF ISRAEL

NORTH

Dan

WEST
Ephraim

Tabernacle
Moses
Aaron

EAST
Judah

Reuben

SOUTH

C. The religious leaders and their work.

- **Levites** (Numbers 3,4).

The Levites were to be counted by their families. Every man and every boy, one month old and older was to be counted. The men, 30 to 50 years old were to help Aaron. They were to take care of the tabernacle. When they moved camp, they would take the tabernacle down. They would carry the tabernacle to the new place. Then they would put it up again.

- **Priests** (Numbers 5).

Chapter 5 tells us about the work of the priests. The priests were told what to do with those who had leprosy. They were also told how to know if someone did a sex sin.

- **Nazarites** (Numbers 6:1-21).

A Nazarite was a person who gave himself to God for a special work. He made a vow or promise when he gave himself to God. These verses tell how a Nazarite was to live.

D. Important happenings, Numbers 7 - 9.

- **Dedication.**

What special thing did the people do (Numbers 7:1)?

Notice the offerings given by each tribe at this dedication. It must have been a wonderful time.

- **Passover feast.**

What special feast was held at Mount Sinai (Numbers 9:1-15)?

This was the first time they held this feast since they left Egypt.

3. THE PEOPLE TRAVELLED TO KADESH BARNEA, Numbers 10 - 12.

READ NUMBERS 10 to 12.

A. People complained about manna.

What did the people want (Numbers 11:4-6)?

They were not thankful for God's care. How did God punish them (Numbers 11:31-33)?

B. Aaron and Miriam jealous of Moses, Numbers 12.

Who became jealous of Moses (Numbers 12:1)?

What happened to her (Numbers 12:10)?

How long was she sick (Numbers 12:15)?

Aaron and Miriam repented of their sin.

4. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AT KADESH BARNEA, Numbers 13,14.

READ NUMBERS 13 and 14.

A. The spies reported, Numbers 13.

How many men spied out the land (Numbers 13:2,4-15)?

Who wanted to go and take the land (Numbers 13:30; 14:6,7)?

B. The people rebelled, Numbers 14.

To which spies did the people listen (Numbers 14:2)?

What did the people want to do (Numbers 14:4)?

God wanted to destroy the people of Israel. But Moses prayed for them. Moses showed great love to those who wanted to stone him.

How did God punish the people of Israel because they rebelled (Numbers 14:32-34)?

5. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WANDERED IN THE WILDERNESS, Numbers 15 - 25.

A. Korah and his men complained against Moses and Aaron.

Korah and about 250 men spoke against Moses and Aaron. How did the Lord punish Korah, Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:31-34)?

How did the Lord punish those who followed Korah (Numbers 16:35)?

Were the people of Israel willing to accept Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:41)?

The Lord sent sickness among the people. Moses prayed for the people. The Lord forgave the people. The Lord took the sickness away.

How did the Lord show that Aaron was to be their priest (Numbers 17:1-10)?

B. Priests' work and needs, Numbers 18,19.

The Levites were to help the priests. They were to take care of the tabernacle (Numbers 1:50). God gave the priests their food from the offerings (Numbers 18:8-19). The Levites were to get the "tithes" from the people of Israel (Numbers 18:21).

C. People complained about water, Numbers 20.

- **Moses and Aaron sinned** (Numbers 20:11).

People forget quickly. The people did not have enough water. So they started to complain. They forgot how God gave them water out of a rock. Moses asked God for help. What did the Lord tell him to do (Numbers 20:8)?

What did Moses do to the rock (Numbers 20:10,11)?

What did the Lord say to Moses and Aaron after they hit the rock (Numbers 20:12)?

The rock is a picture of (1 Corinthians 10:4)?

- **Aaron died.**

Who was made priest in Aaron's place (Numbers 20:28)?

D. People complained about manna, Numbers 21.

What did the Lord send among the people when they complained about the manna (Numbers 21:6)?

These _____ started to bite the people. Then the people knew they had done wrong. The Lord told Moses to make a _____ (Numbers 21:8).

What were the people to do to be healed (Numbers 21:9)?

People today are like those who were bitten by the fiery serpents. They are all sinners, and should die (Romans 6:23). The only way to get rid of sin is to look to Jesus, (John 3:14).

E. Balak and Balaam, Numbers 22 - 25.

READ NUMBERS CHAPTERS 22 to 25 CAREFULLY.

See how the Lord tried to keep Balaam from going to Balak.

Balak was king of Moab. He was very afraid when he saw the people of Israel coming. Balak thought he could stop the people of Israel by having a curse put on them. A curse is an evil wish which would bring hurt to a person or group of people. Balak asked _____ to put a curse on the people of Israel.

Balaam could not put a curse on the people of Israel. The people of Israel belonged to God. God would not let anyone curse His people. Balaam could only bless the people of Israel.

When we belong to the Lord, we do not have to be afraid of curses. The Lord protects us from them.

6. IMPORTANT LESSONS

- Balaam was a servant of God. However, he wanted money. He wanted money more than he wanted to obey God (2 Peter 2:15,16). God warned Balaam, "Do not go to Balak." But Balaam went. Because Balaam disobeyed God, he was killed (Numbers 31:8).

God warns us when we try to do something wrong. He may not stop us from doing it. We will be unhappy when we disobey God. God cannot bless us when we disobey Him.

- God will not let us do something that would hurt many of His people.
- In these verses we see how sinful people are. God showed them love and mercy many, many times. Yet, they complained against God. God showed them He was able to take care of them. Yet, they would not trust Him.

We must be careful that we are not like the people of Israel (Hebrews 3:8-12). The Christian should rejoice and not complain (Philippians 4:4). The Christian is to trust the Lord. He is not to doubt the Lord (Isaiah 26:4).

WORDS TO LEARN

1. curse - to make an evil wish which will bring hurt to a person or a group of people; when God brings punishment on sinners.
2. dedication - setting something aside for God.
3. jealous - to not like to see someone else do something or have something better than we.
4. manna -the food which God gave to the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness.
5. murmur - to complain, to say that things are not good enough.
6. rebel - to fight against a leader, to refuse to obey.
7. report - to tell how a person found things, example - to look at a piece of land and then tell what the land is like.

8. rejoice - to be happy in your heart.
9. serpents - snakes.
10. spy - to see what a country is like without anyone knowing about it. It is usually done before a war.

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