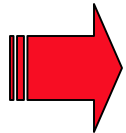



Numbers Outline (by Census)

- I. **The experiences of the 1st generation in the wilderness** (1:1 – 25:18)
 - A. The Census of the 1st generation, the Levites (1:1 – 4:49)
 - B. Instructions and Laws in preparation for the march to the land of promise (5:1 – 10:32)
 - C. Rebellion and judgment of an unbelieving people (10:33 – 25:18)
 1. Rebellion, atonement and death (11:1 – 20:29)
 2. Hope, final rebellion, and an end of their dying (21:1 – 25:18)
- II. **The preparation of the 2nd Generation for entry into the Land of Promise** (26:1 – 36:13)
 - A. The 2nd census and instructions for their entry (26:1 – 30:16)
 - B. Vengeance on the Midianites (31:1 – 54)
 - C. Settlement of the tribes east of the Jordan (32:1 – 42)
 - D. Final instructions and preparations (33:1 – 36:13)



Numbers by Chapter 11-25

- 11 The people and Moses complain, 70 elders, quail and judgment
- 12 The opposition of Miriam and Aaron
- 13 The 12 spies and the mixed report  (the crucial decision)
- 14 Israel's rebellion and defeat
- 15 Hope, offerings, mercy, tassels I.C.1
- 16 Korah's rebellion
- 17 Vindication of the true priesthood, the budding of Aaron's rod
- 18 Duties of the priests and Levites
- 19. Laws of purification – the red heifer

- 20. Moses' disobedience
- 21. The bronze serpent
- 22-24 Balaam and Balak
- 25 Israel's final rebellion I.C.2

Outline of Numbers 15

Title: "Hope In the Midst of a Crushing Defeat"

A Question: "*Why is this chapter placed here?*"

- 1-2/18 God speaks - Hope
- 3-16 Offerings - What is acceptable to God
 - 4-9 Fine flour - God deserves the best
 - 13-16 Native/alien - Fairness
- 17-21 Cake offerings - Eating with thanksgiving
- 22-29 Sins of omission and commission - Mercy
- 30-36 Defiant sins - Judgment for defiant sins
 - 32-36 Example: The man who gathered wood on the Sabbath
(A difficult lesson)
- 37-41 Tassels of remembrance - Remembering helps

Chapter 15 Lessons

1. In the midst of bitter judgment, God provides hope:
 - a. 1st generation – Their children will not die in the desert.
 - b. 2nd generation – They will enter the promised land.
2. God specifies how we are to present acceptable offerings to Him. He deserves our best. (v.4ff)
3. Fairness of God – offerings are the same for the native-born and the alien. (Our salvation – same way for all)
4. First of the threshed grain (ground meal) symbolizes that all blessings are from the Lord. Eating with thanksgiving.
5. Mercy of God – atonement for the sins of omission/commission (see vv. 22-29) Judgment of God for defiant sins (v.30)
 - e.g. Man who gathered wood on the Sabbath
6. Tassels of remembrance – Do we need them today?