

## Welcome to 10 Minute Topics

### This week's topic is: Numbers Overview

Bamidbar [במדבר] (Numbers) means “In the Wilderness” and is the fourth book of the Torah. Bamidbar contains 36 chapters and 1,289 verses. Bamidbar is broken into 10 parshiot (weekly Torah readings).

The book of Numbers (במדבר) is divided into the following Parshiot

Bamidbar (1:1-4:20) - (In the Wilderness):

- 1:1-3: Census in the Wilderness
- 1:4-43: The tribal leaders
- 1:44-46: The total
- 1:47-54: The Levites
- 2:1-2: The four formations
- 2:3-9: Judah's encampment—to the east
- 2:10-17: Reuben's encampment—to the south
- 2:18-24: Ephraim's encampment—to the west
- 2:25-31: and Dan's encampment—to the north
- 2:32-34: The total
- 3:1-4: The progeny of Moses and Aaron
- 3:5-10: Appointment of the Levites
- 3:11-13: The Levites replace the firstborn
- 3:14-20: Census of the Levites
- 3:21-26: Gershon
- 3:27-32: Kohath
- 3:33-39: Merari
- 3:40-51: The Israelite firstborn are redeemed
- 4:1-16: The Kohathites' responsibilities
- 4:17-20: Special precautions for the Kohathites

Naso (4:21-7:89) - (Lift Up):

- 4:21-28: The Gershonites responsibilities
- 4:29-37: The Merarites' responsibilities
- 4:38-49: The totals
- 5:1-4: Purification of the camp
- 5:5-10: Theft from a Jew and from a proselyte
- 5:11-14: Sotah/the wayward wife
- 5:15: The meal offering of jealousies
- 5:16-18: Confession
- 5:19-22: The oath
- 5:23-31: The scroll
- 6:1-8: The Nazirite

6:9-12: Sudden contamination  
6:13-21: Completion of the term  
6:22-27: The Priestly Blessings  
7:1-83: The offerings of the tribal leaders  
7:84-88: The total  
7:89: Moses enters the Tabernacle

Beha'alotcha (8:1-12:16) - (When You Set Up):

8:1-4: The Menorah  
8:5-22: Consecration of the Levites  
8:23-26: Apprenticeship and responsibility  
9:1-5: The Pesach offering in the Wilderness  
9:6-14: Pesach sheni/The second Pesach offering  
9:15-23: Divine signs of the Israelites' travels  
10:1-9: The Trumpets  
10:10-28: The order of breaking camp  
10:29-32: Moses invites Jethro to join the nation  
10:33-34: The first journey  
10:35-36: The Ark goes forth  
11:1-3: The complainers  
11:4-10: Dissatisfaction with the manna  
11:11-15: Moses' despair  
11:16-17: The Sanhedrin  
11:18-23: G-d responds to the people  
11:24-29: New prophets  
11:30-35: The quail  
12:1-13: Moses' uniqueness is challenged and affirmed  
12:14-16: Miriam is quarantined

Shelach (13:1-15:41) - (Send):

13:1-15: The command to send spies to Eretz Yisrael  
13:16-26: Moses prays for Joshua  
13:27-30: The spies' report  
13:31-33: Caleb is shouted down  
14:1-5: National hysteria  
14:6-10: The people cannot be placated  
14:11-12: Israel is threatened with extermination  
14:13-19: Moses pleads for the people  
14:20-25: The decree of wandering 40 years  
14:26-39: G-d spells out the decree  
14:40-45: A chastised nation realizes too late  
15:1-16: The libations  
15:17-21: Challah  
15:22-26: Atonement for public unintentional idol worship  
15:27-29: Atonement for individual idol worship  
15:30-31: Atonement for intentional idolatry

15:32-36: Atonement for Shabbat desecration  
15:37-41: Command of tzitzit

Korach (16:1-18:32) - (Korach):  
16:1-11: Rebellion in the Wilderness  
16:12-19: Moses summons Dathan and Abiram  
16:20-30: G-d responds  
16:31-35: G-d creates a phenomenon  
17:1-8: Protest and confirmation  
17:9-14: Moses intervenes again  
17:15-26: A new proof of Aaron's greatness  
17:27-28: The fears remain  
18:1-7: Aaron's duty reiterated  
18:8-20: Gifts to the Kohanim  
18:21-32: Tithes to the Levites

Chukat (19:1-22:1) - (Decree):  
19:1-22: The Red Cow  
20:1-3: Miriam's death and the lack of water  
20:4-5: The people protest  
20:6-8: G-d commands Moses to bring water  
20:9-13: Moses and Aaron err and are punished  
20:14-21: Asking permission for travel from Edom  
20:22-26: Arrival at Mount Hor  
20:27-29: Aaron's death and Elazar's ascension  
21:1-4: Amalek attacks  
21:5-13: A new challenge  
21:14-20: The song in the Book of the Wars of Hashem  
21:21-32: The battle with Sihon  
21:33-22:1: Og does battle

Balak (22:2-25:9) - (Balak):  
22:2-19: Balaam  
22:20-22: G-d's ambiguous permission  
22:23-27: G-d impedes Balaam's path  
22:28-30: Balaam's she-donkey speaks  
22:31-35: Balaam sees the angel  
22:36-41: Balak's rebuke  
23:1-6: Balaam's altar offerings  
23:7-10: Balaam's first blessing  
23:11-17: Balak's anger  
23:18-24: Balaam's second blessing  
23:25-30: Balak's anger and further request  
24:1-9: Balaam's third blessing  
24:10-13: Balak's renewed anger  
24:14-25: Balaam's last prophecy

25:1-6: Baalam's plot  
25:7-9: Phinehas' zealotry

Pinchas (25:10-30:1) - (Phineas):

25:10-15: Phinehas' zealotry  
25:16-18: A new attitude toward Midian  
26:1-50: The new census  
26:51-56: The census total  
26:57-65: The count of the Levites  
27:1-5: The grievance of Zelophehad's daughters  
27:6-11: Laws of inheritance  
27:12-14: G-d shows Moses the Land  
27:15-23: Moses asks for a successor  
28:1-8: The Tamid  
28:9: The mussaf offerings  
28:10: Sabbath  
28:11-15: Rosh Chodesh  
28:16-25: Pesach  
28:26-31: Shavuot  
29:1-6: Rosh Hashanah  
29:7-11: Yom Kippur  
29:12-34: Succot  
29:35-30:1 Shemini Atzeret

Mattot (30:2-32:42) - (Tribes):

30:2-17: Vows and oaths  
31:1-12: The battle against Midian  
31:13-20: Moses rebukes the officers  
31:21-24: Laws of koshering utensils  
31:25-28: Division of the spoils  
31:29-35: Kohanim and Levites  
31:36-41: The soldiers' share  
31:42-47: The people's share  
31:48-54: The commanders  
32:1-5: The request of Reuben and Gad  
32:6-15: Moses' objection  
32:16-19: The request is clarified  
32:20-32: Moses' condition  
32:33-42: The inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh

Masei (33:1-36:13) - (Journeys):

33:1-49: Summary of the journey  
33:50-56: Occupying the Land  
34:1-15: The boundaries of Eretz Yisrael  
34:16-29: The leadership  
35:1-8: Cities for the Levites

35:9-15: Cities of refuge for unintentional murder  
35:16-21: Intentional murder  
35:22-34: Unintentional murder  
36:1-13: Tribal intermarriage

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