

ONEXONE

NUMBERS

This evening we'll cover four topics as we look at the book of Numbers which are; **title and theme, author and date, outline and chapter summary** and **points to ponder**.

I. TITLE AND THEME

The English name Numbers comes from the Septuagint and Latin versions of the Bible. This book was given this name because there are two major censuses taken in which the people were numbered. The Hebrew name for the book comes from the first verse and is translated in English as, in the wilderness. The basis for this name is that this book describes Israel's 40 year wanderings from Mount Sinai to the plains of Moab.

Concerning the theme of this book, Numbers is the historical account of how Israel was prepared, guided and journeyed from Mount Sinai to the plains of Moab. The book of Numbers also shows how because of disobedience their journey into the land of Canaan which was only to take eleven days ended up taking Israel 38 years and 9 months. One final theme of the book of Numbers is that it is a continuation of the covenant that God gave Israel on Mount Sinai. Numbers is a historical narrative but it is also records additional laws that God gave Israel His covenanted people. As you study through Numbers you will see history and law interspersed throughout the book.

II. AUTHOR AND DATE

The author of the book of Numbers is Moses.

Numbers 33:2 gives internal evidence that Moses wrote this book.

Concerning the date of writing, this book was written by Moses sometime between 1444 B.C.-1405 B.C.

III. OUTLINE AND CHAPTER SUMMARY

The book of Numbers can be divided into three sections.

Part I. Israel's preparations for their journey
(Chapters 1:1-10:10)

Part II. Israel's disobedience and wilderness wandering to the Plains of Moab
(Chapters 10:11- 21:35)



Part III. The blessings and instructions of Israel while in the Plains of Moab
(*Chapters 22:1- 36:13*)

IV. POINTS TO PONDER

Chapters 1:1-10:10

- God is faithful to prepare us to walk with Him in this world.
- God wants to lead us and guide us as we walk through the world.

Chapters 10:11-21:35

- Disobedience to the word of God and will of God ends in disaster.

Chapters 22:1-36:13

- God is faithful to bless and fulfill His promise to Israel.