

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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This past week, you've finished **Numbers 3 - 17**. Here are a few highlights:

- **Chapters 3 - 4:** These chapters show the way the **different sons of Aaron and Levites (and their clans) would oversee the Tabernacle**. Long before James Collins thought of having the right people on the bus and on the right seats, God prescribed this leadership truth.
- **Chapter 5:** Here is a **test of adultery**. Probably mysterious and supernatural from God, but a way of keeping **faith in marriage – very important to God**.
- **Chapter 6:** We find the **Nazarite vow**, a holiness vow taken by very faithful Jews. **Samuel, Samson, John the Baptist, and Paul all did so**. The end of this chapter is the **Aaronic benediction**. It's a song we sing in worship. Claim it for yourself. It was meant from the High Priest to the Jews. It's meant to come from our High Priest, Jesus, to us as well. Go through each phrase and **claim it for yourself. Your family. For MOHC. For God's glory**.
- **Chapters 7 - 10:** More expansion from Leviticus about **offerings**. Don't miss in **Chapter 9** about God's command regarding **his fire and cloud, by night and day, leading the people**. It was to teach obedience. They could be in a spot for months, but when the cloud moved, they had to immediately as well. It's where MOHC is right now, waiting for God to move to somewhere he has chosen for us.
- **Chapter 11:** We now move into the **historical narrative** again. They start moving toward the Promised Land and start complaining. **Be careful about complaining, it's unbelief**. God doesn't like it. They were tired of manna so God gave them quail. They still complained.
- **Chapter 12: Aaron and Miriam, Moses's brother and sister, led a rebellion**. It was about Moses's seat of power. Perhaps envy. Selfish ambition that leads to rebellion over God's appointed authority is never acceptable. God's cloud came down on the Tabernacle. Aaron and Miriam stepped in. It appears Miriam was the chief instigator, for she was the one judged by God with leprosy. She evidently was a big part of the rebellion. **Moses interceded, but she had to spend a week outside the camp for her guilt**.
- **Chapters 13 - 14:** The **12 spies representing each tribe are commanded by God** through Moses to

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spy out the Promised Land. My guess is God wanted them to have great faith even when they saw the giants and the walled cities. But **10 came back with a report complaining of unbelief. Only two, Caleb and Joshua, believed God was bigger.** The result? God's anger forced a **40-year wandering** in the wilderness until the generation of unbelievers died out. The new generation of faith would inherit the Promised Land. Please note how often **God hates grumbling and complaining!!** Judgment from God is promised and delivered. The people try to enter the land on their own strength and are defeated.

- **Chapter 15:** God gives more **laws about attire and how to sacrifice WHEN (not if) they enter the Promised Land.** Remember: It's all about God creating a **HOLY/different/set apart people.** That's the reason behind all this. Entering the Promised Land had been promised to them. It would happen. But, God wanted a people of obedience through faith. As he still does today. We are his people, bound for his eternal Promised Land. **He desires a people obedient and holy to him.**
- **Numbers 16: Korah's rebellion** – another one! This one from Levites who wanted to have the Aaronic priesthood. Envy. Ambition. Not content to be who they were created to be. God's judgment once again given.
- **Numbers 17:** God has all the **12 chiefs bring their rods and are placed outside the Tabernacle** overnight. Aaron's rod, the next morning, is budding with almond blossoms – white and pure (see the holiness theme?). **God is saying that he has chosen Aaron to be the High Priest** – no one else (going back to Korah). **It is a lineage that Jesus ultimately assumed, as our High Priest who mediates our sin before God the Father.**

Keep reading! I hope you see God's story in the formation of his people for his purposes.