

A desert landscape with cracked earth in the foreground and low hills in the background. A central rectangular sign with a black border contains the word "NUMBERS" in a stylized, black, serif font. The sign has a textured, light-colored background.

NUMBERS

CHRONOLOGY OF EXODUS-DEUTERONOMY

Egypt to Sinai	At Sinai	To Kadesh	Wandering in the Wilderness	To the Plains of Moab
Ex 12 - 18	Ex 19 - Num 10:10	Num 10:11- 14:45	Num 15 - 19	Num 20 - Deut 34
3 months	11 months	3 months	38 years	7 months

GEOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE

1. At Sinai, the First Generation Prepares for Journey to the Land (1:1-10:10)
2. In the Wilderness, Both Generations are Tested (10:11-21:35)
3. On the Plains of Moab, the Second Generation Prepares for Journey to the Land (22-36)

GEOGRAPHICAL/ GENERATIONAL

Sinai	Wilderness			Moab
1:1-10:10	10:11-14:45	15-19	20-21	22-36
First Gen. Prepares for Journey	First Gen. Fails	First Gen. Disappears	Second Gen. Fails	Second Gen. Prepares for Journey

WILDERNESS JOURNEYS

	First Gen. Exodus	First Gen. Numbers	Second Gen. Numbers
	Red Sea to Sinai	Sinai to Kadesh	Kadesh to Moab
Victory Song	Ex 15:1-18	Num 10:35-36	Num 21:14-15
Miriam	Ex 15:20-21	Num 12	Num 20:1
People Complain	Ex 15:23-24	Num 11:1	Num 21:5
Moses Intercedes	Ex 15:25	Num 11:2	Num 21:7

WILDERNESS ENCAMPMENTS

	First Gen. Exod/Lev	First Gen. Numbers	Second Gen. Numbers
	Sinai	Kadesh	Moab
Divine Promises	Ex 19:5-6; 23:23-33	Num 13:2	Num 22-24
Rebellion	Ex 32:1-8	Num 14:1-10	Num 25:1-3
Judgment	Ex 32:34	Num 14:20-35	Num 25:4
Plague	Ex 32:35	Num 14:37	Num 25:8-9
Trial	Lev 24:10-23	Num 15:32-36	Num 27:1-11

ECHOES BETWEEN GENERATIONS

*“Your fathers did this, when I sent them from
Kadesh-barnea to see the land.”*

(Numbers 32:8, ESV)



FAILURE IN THE WILDERNESS

First Generation	38 Silent Years	Second Generation
The people grumble (11:4-10)		
Moses, Miriam, and Aaron grumble (11:11-15: 12:1-2)	Levite and other leading families revolt (16:12-40)	Moses and Aaron sin (20)
The people disbelieve (14:1-4)	The people revolt (16:41-50)	The people grumble (21)

GRUMBLING

“Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.” (Numbers 11:4–9, ESV)

GOD'S BLESSING

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3, ESV)

SIN AT PEOR

“Moses said to them, “Have you let all the women live? Behold, these, on Balaam’s advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.”
(Numbers 31:15–16, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

- *“Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.”* (Numbers 20:8, ESV)
- *“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 10:4, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

“From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.” (Numbers 21:4–9, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:14–16, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

Second Oracle

“He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob, nor has he seen trouble in Israel. The LORD their God is with them, and the shout of a king is among them.”
(Numbers 23:21, ESV)

Third Oracle

“Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters; his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.”
(Numbers 24:7, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

Second Oracle

“God brings them out of Egypt and is for them like the horns of the wild ox.” (Numbers 23:22, ESV)

Third Oracle

“God brings him out of Egypt and is for him like the horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces and pierce them through with his arrows.” (Numbers 24:8, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

Second Oracle

“Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain.” ”
(Numbers 23:24, ESV)

Third Oracle

“He crouched, he lay down like a lion and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you.” ” (Numbers 24:9, ESV)

THE COMING ONE

“Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”
(Genesis 49:8–10, ESV)