

Numbers Chapter 10

- In Numbers Ch. 9 the children of Israel are reminded, directed to keep the Passover, which points to our Lord Jesus.
- On the day that the Tabernacle was set up, God lets them know that not only would He dwell within, His presence being manifested between the cherubim upon the Mercy Seat, but also upon that He would demonstrate His presence in the form of a pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night.
- It works the same for us: God shows us who He is inside / outside:

James 2:17-18 “¹⁷Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
¹⁸Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.”

- When the pillar moves away from the Tabernacle, then the people are to pack up and follow the cloud. When it stops, they stop – kind of like “red light, green light.”

Numbers 9:23 “At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed; they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.”

V: 1-2 2 silver trumpets, silver being the metal of redemption.

Silver / redemption:

- Josephus describes the trumpets as being a little less than a cubit (18-20”) in length, a narrow cylinder with a shaped bell at the end.
- 1st mention of a trumpet was when God called the children of Israel to Mt. Sinai in **Exodus 19:13** when God sounded the trumpet and all the people trembled.
- God sounded the first trumpet, and He’ll sound the last one as well:

1 Corinthians 15:52 “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

- 2 reasons: ¹Calling together of the assembly, ²and for signaling the journeying of the camps.
- **Those who are truly redeemed are drawn to the Lord (assembled), so that they can walk with the Lord (go on a journey).**

- We don't become Christians to do our own thing. That is usually what brought us to that place of brokenness before the Lord.
- What happens when we're assembled / drawn to the Lord? He meets us there.

James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..."

- Why? So we can walk with Him. Being a Christian means in part being in step with God.

Amos 3:3 "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?"

1. Agreed on what? "Lord, I'm a sinner" – "yes you are.."
 2. "but I'm saved by the blood of Jesus" – "Yes you are..."
 3. "Lord, you're awesome!" – "You said it!"
- A true faith walk with the Lord is the adventure of a life time.
 - Just as the 1st trumpet sounded was to gather the people to Mt. Sinai – where they received the Law.
 - The last trumpet sounded will also gather God's people to Himself:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

V: 3-10 Different signals:

- Western movies: Revile, taps, charge!
- 10-15
- 2 trumpets – everyone assembles at the door of the tabernacle.
- 1 trumpet – just the leaders are to gather.

V: 5-6 1st East / Judah; 2nd South / Reuben; 3rd West / Ephraim; 4th North / Dan.

V: 9 When you go to war – blow the trumpet, sound the alarm and you will be remembered of the Lord and shall be saved.

1 Samuel Ch. 4 Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. As the battle went poorly, instead of following God's instructions – they went and got the Ark of the Testimony, and brought it to the battle.

1. The battle was lost.
2. Eli the priest and judge over Israel, and his two evil sons were killed.
3. Worst of all; the Glory of God departed; The Philistines captured the Ark.

- Basically when you're in trouble, blow the trumpet.
- [Siren testimony](#).

V: 10 Besides signaling the march, the gathering, or the battle cry of or to the Lord, you are to blow the trumpets on:

1. Day of gladness.
2. Solemn days (feast days).
3. Beginning of the month.
4. Over the burnt offerings.

- blow – air moving – like a mighty rushing wind... 9X's.

Acts 2:2 “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting...”

Matthew 4:1 “then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness...”

Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about.”

V: 11-13 20th day of the 2nd month. After the 2nd Passover (remedial). (Waited)

1st month: Nisan (March-April)
2nd month: Iyyar (April-May)

- They move from the wilderness of Sinai, actually from Mt. Sinai into the wilderness of Paran.



V: 14-28 The order in which the tribes departed in following the Lord.

- Here again we see that the tribe of Judah takes the lead, which is something that is fairly consistent.

- One reason is that Judah would have pre-eminence over the other tribes is that our Lord Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah would eventually come from the tribe of Judah – which is a good enough reason all by itself.

Speaking of Jesus:

Colossians 1:15-18 “¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: ¹⁷And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

- Another reason for Judah leading the procession through the wilderness is because the name “Judah” literally means “praise” – and for God’s people praise should always lead the way.

Psalm 110:4 “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.”

Psalm 57:9 “I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.”

V: 29-32 Moses asks his brother in law (read carefully) to journey with them, and to receive the blessing.

- Hobab, son of Raguel, the Midianite, aka Jethro the priest of Midian, also Reuel.
 1. Reuel = “Friend of God.” (Exodus 2:18)
 2. Jethro = “Superior”. (Exodus 3:1) – Father in law.
 3. **Hobab** = “Cherished”.
- It appears the invitation was accepted because we see later in Judges 1:16, 4:11 the descendants of Hobab living amongst the children of Israel.
- **Moses invited others to come along and receive the blessing.**

V: 33-36 3 days journey from the Mount of the Lord (Sinai) to the wilderness of Paran. It will take them 40 days to get there and a lot of interesting things will happen along the way.

- The Ark of the Covenant; the presence of God leads the way.

Isaiah 40:11 “He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”

- The cloud was upon them, covered them – they walked in the shade.
 1. Let thy enemies be scattered! – Lord be victorious! Lord be glorified! Go get em Lord! We're right behind you...
 2. Return O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel. – Come back, don't leave us!

Testimony: Megan walking out of room, Gwenny watching with concern:

- And like little children that need His comfort He says;

Matthew 28:20b "... and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world..."

Hebrews 13:5 "... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

God leads His people:

Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Jeremiah 10:23 "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Psalms 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."