

# The Book of Numbers

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The book of **Numbers** describes both the population of the children of Israel as well as their travels to the Land of Promise.

Updated July 8, 2025. I have begun a word-by-word study of the book of Numbers and so far have completed the first draft for **Numbers 1–20** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)) ([Folder](#)). There are 3547 ?? pages in the chapter study of **Numbers** (which has 36 chapters). I would estimate that the first draft of the chapter-by-chapter study will be around 6000–7000 pages total when completed. Not sure when that will be. If I can stick with it, maybe by the end of 2025. If I take a break, then maybe by 2026.

There is a separate document, one written in the late 1990s, where I have covered all chapters of the book of **Numbers**. This is a brief exegesis, verse-by-verse study of the entire book only (425 pages). The information in this single document will be integrated into the word-by-word chapter studies listed above.



The **Book of the Numbers** (word cloud) ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

The exegesis of these books will not put before you a bunch of brand new doctrines which are different from those already delivered by orthodox Christianity; that is, a study of this book is not going to upend your doctrinal foundation, or get you interested in joining some cult of some sort; these questions have doctrinal answers and fit in very well with the essential doctrines that we have learned and have believed in (see the [Doctrinal Statement](#)).

As an aside, even though I have attended Berachah Church for over 40 years, these are not my notes re-worked from R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s excellent teaching. On some chapters, I refer back to my old notes from that class to make certain that I did not leave anything out; but R. B. Thieme, Jr. did not cover most of the material included here (at least, not during the time that his lessons were recorded and distributed). And, as always, the bulk of this study is original, with view toward contemporary events. There are a great many things in these chapters that Bob did not cover. However, the theology is essentially the same.

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A possible problem with the following pdf files is, they are quite large and they may not display on computers with limited memory (a typical chapter will be 200–300 pages long). If that is the case, then you should be able to right-click the link, choose *save as*, and put the file on your hard drive and open it there using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#). That will give you a complete view of the graphics and the Hebrew characters. However, since WordPerfect now properly prints out Hebrew words (reading from right to left), HTML files also properly display the Hebrew characters, but the PDF files read left to right. In older documents, I placed each letter where it belonged by typesetting, and WP and PDF would display properly (but this would not transfer to HTML documents). For most people, this does not mean anything, but I did have one person who noticed the problem in the PDF documents.

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The following documents will open up on your computer, either into WordPerfect or into Word (although the formatting might be a little funky in Word). If the WordPerfect document does not upload for me (sometimes, it is too large as a document), then I zip it and post the zipped file (which is Numbers0X.zip). The extensions can be easily seen here in the index folder: <https://kukis.org/Numbers/>

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Now and again, I have seen that I have made some mistakes in spelling as well as in the morphology (I took the information from Owen, but changed it whenever there was a mistake in his work). If you discover mistakes, then I would want to know what they are so that I could change them and update the documents. I enjoy studying the Word of God, but I so hate to proofread.

For most chapters, the original wpd (WordPerfect document) is also available online. Just go to <http://kukis.org/Numbers/>, right click, and choose *save as*. These documents will open in WordPerfect and sometimes in Word (although that is a dicey proposition). Each document (chapter) is typically around 100–300 pages.

The three primary reasons for me using WordPerfect as opposed to Word is (1) I can have up to 99 keyboards in WP; but only one in Word (when writing, I have an English, Greek and Hebrew keyboards)<sup>1</sup>; (2) the work environment is very customizable in WP; and (3) I find the macros relatively easy to follow in WP (although there are a great many which I do not have a handle on yet).

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<sup>1</sup> This does not mean that I have three separate keyboards in my work area. It is one keyboard which can be changed in a keystroke from English to Greek or English to Hebrew, and back again.

The first draft also has the notes from the original single document study of the book of Numbers integrated in. If you read this, there is no reason to read the single document.

Time-wise, Numbers is divided into three sections:

Chapters 1–14 First two years

Chapters 15–19 Selected information from the middle thirty-eight years

Chapters 20–36 The final year of Israel in the desert-wilderness

<b>The Book of Numbers</b>						
<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Basic exegesis, 3 original translations, original commentary, 40 additional translations consulted</b>	<b>90 total translations considered, additional commentary; vocabulary defined</b>	<b>Commentary from weekly lessons integrated back in</b>	<b>Commentary added</b>	<b>Indexed</b>
<b>Intro</b>	<b>Israel, 38½ Years in the Desert-Wilderness</b>	***				
<b>1</b>	<b>The Census Taken for the First Military Draft</b>	X				
<b>2</b>	<b>The Arrangement of the Encampment of Israel</b>	X				
<b>3</b>	<b>The Numbering of the Levites, the Redemption of the Firstborn</b>	X				
<b>4</b>	<b>Census and Responsibilities of the Three Levite Clans</b>	X				
<b>5</b>	<b>Uncleanness, Restitution and Possible Adultery</b>	X				
<b>6</b>	<b>The Nazirite Vow</b>	X				

7	First Public Service of the Tabernacle	X				
8	The Cleansing and Retirement of the Levites	X				
9	The Second Passover, the Adjunct Passover and God's Guidance	X				
10	The Manufactured Horns/Israel Leaves Sinai	X				
11	The People and the Quails (Part II)/The Spirit is Given	X				
12	Miriam and Aaron Rebel Against Moses, and Against God	X				
13	Moses Sends Spies into the Land and Two Reports Emerge	X				
14	Gen X Goes Against God's Word	X				
This middle section takes place during the 38 <i>silent</i> years.						
15	Various Offerings, Unintentional Sins, the Sabbath-breaker	X				
16	Korah's Rebellion	X				
17	Aaron's Rod that Budded	X				

18	<b>The Responsibilities of Priests and Levites</b>	X				
19	<b>The Red Heifer Offering/Cleansing for Contact with a Corpse</b>	X				
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\*Additional commentary from external sources added.

\*\*At this point, I am using 40+ translations as my starting point.

\*\*\*Notes from Leviticus not transferred over.

Even though I would like to do more study on each chapter, most of these chapters will be done just through the first 3 "X's".

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<b>Numbers 1</b>	<b>The Census is Taken for the First Military Draft</b>	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	187
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<b>Numbers 3</b>	<b>The Numbering of the Levites, the Redemption of the Firstborn</b>	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	199

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Numbers 8	The Cleansing and Retirement of the Levites	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	<a href="#">(HTML)</a> <a href="#">(PDF)</a> <a href="#">(WPD)</a>	140
Numbers 9	The Second Passover, the Adjunct Passover and God's Guidance	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	<a href="#">(HTML)</a> <a href="#">(PDF)</a> <a href="#">(WPD)</a>	142
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Numbers 14	Gen X Goes Against God's Word	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	<a href="#">(HTML)</a> <a href="#">(PDF)</a> <a href="#">(WPD)</a>	253



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Numbers 18	The Responsibilities of Priests and Levites	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	197
Numbers 19	The Red Heifer Offering/Cleansing for Contact with a Corpse	3 original translations, complete word-by-word Hebrew exegesis; about 40 translations considered	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	135
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## Other Numbers References:

Syndein has a so-so chapter-by-chapter examination of the book of [Numbers](#), based in part upon notes taken from R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s teaching.

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