

# The Book of Numbers

## Final Preparations for Departure

Text: Numbers 6:22 – 10:10

- I. The Blessing upon the People (Numbers 6:22-27)
  - A. Note that the command for this blessing came from the Lord.
  - B. It was the role of the priests to pronounce the blessings of God upon the people (cf. Lev. 9:22-23; Deut. 10:8; 21:5; Josh. 8:33; 1 Chron. 23:13).
    1. Relate this to the act of Jesus just before His ascension (Luke 24:50-51).
    2. This demonstrates Jesus' role as High Priest (cf. Heb. 7:1, 7, 11-14).
  - C. This blessing directly ties into the promise made to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3).
  - D. There is a three-fold promise in this blessing from God.
    1. The promise of protection (Psa. 121:4-7; cf. John 17:11; 1 Thes. 5:23; 1 Pet. 1:5)
      - a. The word for 'keep' means, "To hedge about; to guard."
      - b. God would protect them on their journey and in their new home.
    2. The promise of pardon (Exo. 33:19; cf. Heb. 2:9; 4:16; 1 Pet. 4:10)
      - a. Grace was necessary for their forgiveness of sins along the way.
      - b. God had made pardon possible and promised to grant it.
    3. The promise of peace (cf. Phil. 4:7; 2 Thes. 3:16)
      - a. God would give them peace along the journey and in the Promised Land.
      - b. More than that, they would be at peace with God!
  - E. All of these were available because God looked upon them with love and approval (Psa. 4:6; 42:5; 80:1-3, 7, 19; cf. Isa. 59:1-2).
  - F. Fellowship with God allowed them to receive blessings in the name of God.
- II. The Gifts of the Princes of Israel (Numbers 7)
  - A. These gifts were free-will offerings made in addition to all that they had already given.
  - B. The purpose was to enable the priests to do the work of the Tabernacle.
  - C. Note carefully verse 9 – oxen and wagons were not given to the sons of Kohath, for they were to bear the furniture of the Tabernacle upon their shoulders (cf. 2 Sam. 6; 1 Chron. 15).
  - D. Note verse 89 – God spoke to Moses from the mercy seat, just as He had promised (cf. Exo. 25:22).
- III. Lighting the Candlestick and Purifying the Levites (Numbers 8)
- IV. Keeping the Passover (Numbers 9)
  - A. Verses 6-14 – A second Passover for those unable to keep the first
  - B. Note verse 13 and compare with Hebrews 10:25.
  - C. Verses 15-23 – Guidance from God in the cloud
- IV. The Silver Trumpets (Numbers 10:1-10)

