

Numbers

Named for the two censuses recorded in this book - one at the beginning, the other at the end. *Numbers* tells us why it took an extra 38 years for Israel to reach the Promised Land: a lack of faith. By doubting that God could deliver Canaan and surrounding areas from the fearsome inhabitants, Israel brings much hardship on itself. While lessons are certainly learned while wandering in the wilderness, it's clear that a whole generation unnecessarily wastes away. The ending count underlines this point by being virtually identical to the initial count.

Census #1
BEFORE the Wilderness

603,550
Men of Israel

Census #2
AFTER the Wilderness

601,730
Men of Israel

TERMS

ark of the covenant/ark of the Testimony a wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments **atonement** 'at-one-ment'; the reconciliation of God and man through sacrifice, initially of animals, later of Christ **burnt offering** a meat offering (bull, ram or male bird without defect), given voluntarily, in which all but the hide is burned; primarily to atone for unintentional sin **clean (ceremonially)** classification depicting purity as described most specifically in *Leviticus* and *Numbers* **consecrate** to set apart for God **Day of Atonement** on the 10th day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar (September/October), the Jewish nation confesses its sins and asks for God's forgiveness through fasting and sacrifices. This is the only day of the year when the high priest is able to enter the Most Holy Place **Feast of Tabernacles** a celebration lasting 7 days during the harvest season in which the people live in shelters reminiscent of their days of living in tents in the Wilderness; the celebration begins on the 15th day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar (September/October) **Feast of Trumpets** on the first day of seventh month of the Jewish year (September/October), trumpets blare to signal the beginning of this important month of festivals **Feast of Weeks** Pentecost; celebration at end of the harvest, held fifteen days after Passover **firstfruits** the best or earliest of

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

TERMS (CONT.)

a harvest or livestock **freewill offering** an offering given voluntarily **guilt offering** a mandatory offering of an unblemished lamb or ram which atones for sins of uncleanness or violating the rights of others **manna** bread from heaven **Passover** annual remembrance of the night the angel of death passed over Hebrew homes while killing the firstborn of Egypt **prophet** one who is inspired by God to speak for him **sin offering** a mandatory offering to atone for a specific, unintentional sin **tabernacle** (see Tent of Meeting) **Tent of Meeting** temporary worship facility that was first erected in the Wilderness; also know as the Tabernacle **Testimony** the Law; the Ten Commandments **unclean (ceremonially)** classification depicting impurity as described most specifically in *Leviticus* and *Numbers*

PEOPLE

Aaron Moses' older brother (by three years); priest and spokesman for Moses; a Levite, his descendants are to carry on his duties as priest **Abraham** founder of the Hebrew nation; father of Isaac; grandfather of Jacob **Amalekites** descendants of Esau who become enemies of Israel **Amorites** enemy of Israel living in Canaan **Asher** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Baal** a Canaanite fertility god **Balaak** the king of Moab **Balaam** a prophet hired to curse Israel by Balaak king of Moab **Benjamin** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Caleb** one of the twelve spies who enter the Land of Canaan; he and Joshua are only two spies who return favoring the invasion of Canaan **Canaanites** original inhabitants of Canaan **Dan** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Eleazar** Aaron's son and successor as high priest **Ephraim** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Gad** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Hittites** ancient tribe living in Canaan **Isaac** father of Jacob and Esau **Issachar** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Jacob/Israel** father of the twelve tribes of Israel **Jebusites** ancient tribe in control of Jebus (later Jerusalem) **Joseph** son of Jacob who receives a double portion of inheritance, thus his sons Manasseh and Ephraim each found one of the tribes of Israel **Joshua son of Nun** Moses' lieutenant and successor **Judah** one of 12 tribes of Israel; ancestors of Christ **Levi** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Levites** Aaron, Miriam and Moses are Levites; line of priests and their assistants **Manasseh** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Midianites** descendants of Abraham who are a nomadic enemy of Israel **Miriam** sister of Moses and Aaron **Moses** under God's direction, leads Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land **Naphtali** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron** becomes high priest **Reuben** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Simeon** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Zebulun** one of 12 tribes of Israel

Genealogy of Christ



930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	falls to Babylon, exiled	Esther Ezra Nehemiah	rule rule