

# NUMBERS

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T BOOK #4



AUTHOR: MOSES



WRITTEN: 1400 BC

Covering the time period of 1450 - 1400 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** The famous “40 years” of desert wandering is established in Numbers for the Hebrew people. Israel could have been a nation after two or three years, but Numbers shows them being terrible fighters with little to no faith, so God sends them to wander and build maturity and strength.

### FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Spies saw giants in the land Moses wanted to invade, and grieved the Lord with their lack of faith;
- An enemy, Balak, easily taught the people of Israel to worship Baal, a false god, and they upset God so badly that 24,000 of them died.

### MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

God is not a human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? **Numbers 23:19**

But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. **Numbers 14:32-33**

## Important Points about the Book:

- Numbers takes the reader on the long journey through a desert that lasted 40 years because the people failed tests of endurance, ethics, good judgment, and faith.
- There are some long lists in this book, including two censuses.
- Numbers shows how God wanted to make the Hebrew people strong, but they were very resistant complainers. Hence, in Numbers 14 is where God gave the sentence that they would wander for 40 years.