

# The God Who Offers Abundance, Feb. 26 – March 1, 2026

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

**Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)**

**IMPORTANT:** PRIORITY – look for the ways God moves “His-Story” forward as you read each day.

**GROUP:** *What are the major themes, ideas, truths you notice in this week’s chapters?*

God can appear to be a control freak, but it is that He is intricately detailed out of love. So, what can we know about His purposes in so much detail?

Designs, practices, festivals, farming, social rules, etc...

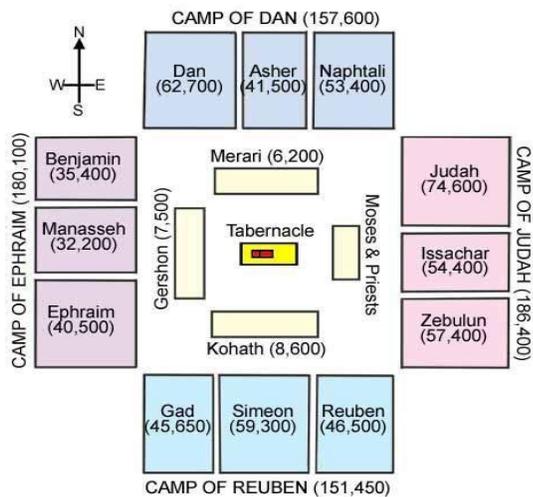
Tribal line of march when they traveled

Arrangement of tribes when they camped

Appointment of leaders of tribes and the tribe of Levi

What do we do when God’s words don’t seem to make sense to us?

How do we ALWAYS look for God’s purpose behind His instructions, warnings, promises, etc?



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel  
Numbers 2:1-3:39

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- | Israelite Tribal Line of March |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1.                             | Judah    |
| 2.                             | Issachar |
| 3.                             | Zebulun  |
| Tent of Meeting and Levites    |          |
| 4.                             | Reuben   |
| 5.                             | Simeon   |
| 6.                             | Gad      |
| 7.                             | Ephraim  |
| 8.                             | Manasseh |
| 9.                             | Benjamin |
| 10.                            | Dan      |
| 11.                            | Asher    |
| 12.                            | Naphtali |

**Daily Reading Chapters Discussion** - Scan the chapters – what insights and questions do you have?

† Lev 22 – Holiness of the priests cont.; Acceptable Offerings – worthy to offer to God

The purpose of obeying all of God’s words – actions that fulfill being peculiar people:

**Leviticus 22:31–33 (ESV)** <sup>31</sup>“So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord. <sup>32</sup>And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the Lord who sanctifies you, <sup>33</sup>who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord.”

† Lev 23 – “Feasts” (public rejoicing) of the Lord – **7 Holy Times of Honoring God Together**

Weekly Sabbath, Passover (Unleavened Bread), Firstfruits (Harvest), Booths (Ingathering), Atonement, Weeks (Pentecost), Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year)

† Lev 24:1-9, Oil and Bread for Tabernacle – light always burning, bread always available

- † Lev 24:10–23, Blasphemy Punished, Standard of Justice: Eye for an Eye
- † Lev 25, Sabbath year, Year of Jubilee – rest for the land and honor to God, Redemption of Property, Kindness for Poor, Redeeming a Poor Man (3 ways)
- † Lev 26, Blessings for obedience and punishment for disobedience
  - Blessings for obedience: abundant crops, security, victory, peace, God’s Presence
  - Punishment for disobedience: panic, disease, crops will fail, enemies will defeat. **If don’t repent**, God will make it 7 times worse – beasts will devour children and livestock, defeat by enemies, famine and starvation, cannibalism, scattered among nations, cities will lie in waste. **If do repent**, God will hear them scattered in the lands of their enemies and “remember the covenant.”
- † Lev 27, Laws about vows – God holds people to them so make them soberly
  - In Leviticus 26 God makes vows to the Israelites; in chapter 27 God defines vows from the people

**Numbers:** in Hebrew it is named “In the Wilderness.”

Bible Project - end of Leviticus, “to see how Lev works, we look at Numbers 1 to find Moses is able to enter the Tent of Meeting to meet with God b/c he followed God’s instructions to become clean”

- † Num 1, Census of warriors, Levites exempted from census to serve in Tabernacle
  - Census is preparation to conquer Promised Land
  - Size of Judah tribe is fulfillment of prophecy 400 years before
- † Num 2, arrangement of the camp
  - Arrangement of tribes in camp is detailed protection and preparation **with God in their midst**
- † Num 3, Sons of Aaron, duties of Levites, redemption of firstborn
  - Aaron’s family is to serve as heads of the Tabernacle, with Levites as helpers, considered “the firstborn tribe” to serve as substitutes for the firstborn of all tribes. The priests have a wide variety of duties as they serve as God’s mediators, all in honor to God and service to people.
- † Num 4, Duties of Kohathites
  - Both the largest and the smallest tribes have positions of honor.
  - 3 clans in Levite tribe, each with specific duties.
- † Num 5, **SET APART LIVES of purity**: Unclean people, confession and restitution, test for adultery
  - External purity – skin diseases, touching a dead body
  - Internal purity – confession, repentance and restitution
  - Marital purity – dealing with suspicion of adultery – God personally reveals truth and exacts justice
- † Num 6, Nazarite vow for special dedication; Aaron’s blessing in 6:24-26
  - Numbers 6:24–26 (ESV)** <sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
- † Num 7, Offerings at the Tabernacle’s Consecration
  - Each tribe is assigned a day to provide for the dedication of God’s meeting place, culminating with God’s Presence above the mercy seat speaking to Moses: THE PURPOSE of it all
  - Numbers 7:89 (ESV)** <sup>89</sup>And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him.

## *From Sunday's message, "The God Who Requires Obedient Awe" – Getting serious with God*

The context/culture of Israel since Exodus

- ✓ God has provided abundant care for Israelites

**John 10:9–11 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- ✓ People have developed a fear instead of faith mentality

### *The tragedy of turning God down*

#### 1. God orders preparation to deliver the Promised Land.

**Numbers 13:1–3, 16-24 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 121)

#### 2. Spies choose fear over faith and lead others to do so.

**Numbers 13:25–33 (ESV)**

#### 3. Israelites look back instead of up and forward.

**Numbers 14:1–10 (ESV)**

- ➔ "You want to go back to Egypt"...

#### 4. Israelites experience the high cost of refusing God.

- ➔ God threatens to start over but Moses intercedes, **Numbers 14:11–19 (ESV)**
- ➔ God punishes the delivered generation, **Numbers 14:20–38 (ESV)**
- ➔ Sometimes there are no second chances, **Numbers 14:39–45 (ESV)**

**Chronological Guide:** pages p. 24-25– Ritual Uncleaness, Animals that Carry Away Sin, Seeking Divine Knowledge, Israel's feasts, Sabbath Years and Year of Jubilee

**Takeaways:**



