



A DAY WITH THE  
KING

This week we will look at the journey of the Children of Israel through the wilderness and the many challenges it brought.



# Torchlight

*"If Miriam's envy and dissatisfaction had not been signally rebuked, it would have resulted in great evil. ... It was envy that first caused discord in heaven, and its indulgence has wrought untold evil among men."  
– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 385*



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# JOURNEY THROUGH THE DESERT

Daily Devotional 24



# SUNDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for the sunshine and the rain. Help me to be thankful and happy today in all that I do. May Your light shine through me, so people see You living in me. I love You Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 1:1–3,  
45–54 & 3:1–9



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

We are starting another new book of the Bible today, the book of Numbers. The book of Numbers covers a time span of around 39 years and covers instructions for maintaining order in an encampment of well over a million people. It also tells us of the amazing love God had for His people despite their constant complaining and open rebellion. From our reading of the Bible today we find that God spoke to Moses and asked him to take a census of the Children of Israel. We find out in verse 46 that there were 603,550 men above twenty years old, ready for war. This did not include women and children and the men which were too old for war. Also the Levites were not included in that number as God wanted this tribe set aside to take care of the Sanctuary. Our reading also tells us that after the death of Nadab and Abihu, their younger brothers, Eleazar and Ithamar, were to take their places.

If you like maths and would like to do some extra reading, Numbers chapters one and two tell you exactly how many people were above twenty years old in each tribe and who was to be the leader. Also it tells you where each tribe had to camp around the Sanctuary. Each tribe was given a special location in which to pitch their tents.



## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 3:9

“Aaron And you shall give the Levites to and his sons; they are given the children entirely to him from among of Israel.”

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# MONDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, thank You for taking such good care of me. Help me to be thoughtful and caring. Thank You so much for allowing me to go to school where I can learn to read. Because of this I can read Your Word today. Help me to understand what You are telling me.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 3:14–17  
& 4:1–33



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us about the tribe of Levi. For the purpose of taking care of the Sanctuary, the tribe of Levi was divided into three groups, one for each son of Levi. So the groups were called: the sons of Gershon, or the Gershonites; the sons of Kohath, or the Kohathites; and the sons of Merari. The men from these groups had to be between the ages of thirty to fifty years old and were to serve the priests. Our reading from chapter 4 tells us that the Kohathites were to carry all the furniture used in the Sanctuary by poles and beams. God was very specific about how each of the pieces was to be covered. Aaron and his sons had to do this. The sons of Kohath were not to watch them cover up the furniture or touch them while carrying them—as they were holy—or they would die. The Gershonites were to carry all the curtains, coverings and the linen screenings that formed the fence and gate of the courtyard. The sons of Merari had to carry all the gold plated boards, bars, pillars and sockets.

If you would like to do some extra reading, Numbers 3:18–39 tells you how many people made up the tribe of Levi and at which special location each group had to camp around the Sanctuary.



## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 4:11

“Over the golden altar they shall spread a badger cloth, and insert it with a covering of blue skins; and they shall cover its poles.”

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# TUESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, please place in my heart and mind the yearning to serve You. Help me to be kind and helpful and help me not to allow any hurtful words to come out of my mouth today.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 9:15–23



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

So, as we have studied before, God had a cloud covering the encampment during the day to protect them from the desert heat. From this came a pillar of cloud which sat over the Tabernacle to show God's divine presence in the Sanctuary. This turned into a pillar of fire at night. Have a look at Psalms 105:39. When God lifted the pillar of cloud high above the Tabernacle, Moses directed the Israelites to pack up and start on their journey. The Children of Israel didn't travel when the pillar of cloud remained over the Tabernacle.



God's presence was always with them in a physical way. They could see it with their own eyes! I often wonder what an amazing sight that would have been and what a blessing to see that physical manifestation of God's presence every day and night. It's something to really think about. We may not have the blessing of seeing that today but it doesn't mean that God is not with us. Can you think of some things in your life that show you that God is with you?

## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 9:16

“So it was always: the appearance of fire it by day, and the cloud covered by night.”

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# WEDNESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for sending Jesus to this earth to die for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins and help me to walk closer to You. Thank You for my family and friends and the wonderful things You do for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 10:1–10



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our Bible reading today, we have learned about the two silver trumpets. The children of Israel didn't have mobile phones or microphones. God chose to direct over one million people, through Moses, by using the sound of trumpets. The Israelites learnt that when the trumpet gave a certain sound there was a particular instruction for them to follow.

To direct over one million people was a big job for Moses, but God gave him many tools and directions to help him. Because God is a God of order, organisation and detail are very important to Him. Everything the Israelites did was to represent God's character. We are to represent God's character as well. So when we do something for Him it should be done to the best of our ability, not in a thoughtless, sloppy way.



## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 10:3

“When you gather blow of them, all the congregation shall before you at the both door of the tabernacle of meeting.”

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# THURSDAY

## LET'S PRAY

Dear Lord, thank You for listening to my prayers. Help me in return to listen to You through that 'still small voice.' Be with me now as I open my Bible and read Your Word. Please give me an understanding of the Scriptures. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

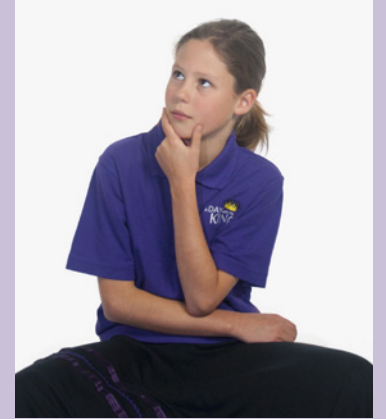
Numbers 10:11–36



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The pillar of cloud lifted high above the Tabernacle, which served as a sign for them to pack up and go. The Bible tells us that the tribe of Judah set out first with the tribe of Issachar and Zebulun. The Tabernacle was taken down and two divisions of Levi, the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, were next carrying the coverings, curtains and screenings and the boards, pillars, bars and sockets. The tribe of Reuben followed with the tribe of Simeon and Gad. The other division of the Levites, the Kohathites, carrying the holy Sanctuary furniture, went next. After them went the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin. In the rear guard were the tribes of Dan, Asher and Naphtali. Verse 33 tells us that the Ark of the Covenant was carried out in front leading the way. Verses 35 and 36, say that Moses had a special and solemn procedure he followed every time they began and ended their journey.

Did you notice in verse 21 that by the time the Kohathites got to the destination the sons of Gershon and Merari would already have the Sanctuary set up, all ready for the furniture to go into? God thought of everything—even the order of when they marched—so everything would flow as smoothly as possible.



## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 10:17

“Then the carrying tabernacle was Gershon down; and the sons of taken and the sons of Merari set out, the tabernacle.”

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# FRIDAY

## LET'S PRAY

Dear God, help me to be content with what You provide for me. Help me to trust You more. Thank You for my Bible and please be with me now as I study Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 11:1–30



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Up until this time, the Israelites had been camped at Mt Sinai for about a year. So after three days travelling through the desert, the people began to complain about the discomforts of travelling. God was not happy with their complaints. In the past, God had been patient with their whinging and had pitied them, so they should have known better than to complain. They had witnessed God's great miracles, power and mercies. Now their murmuring and complaining were considered to be rebellion and God burned up the guiltiest of the complainers. Verse 4 mentions the



mixed multitude, which we have spoken about in a previous study. They had to live on the outer edges of the camp for three generations before they could become part of the Israelite encampment. We just read that the murmuring and complaining because of no flesh foods to eat started in the mixed multitude then rippled through the camp to the Israelites. Moses felt burdened and overwhelmed by the complaints of the people. He went to God in his distress. God, in His mercy, allowed Moses to gather seventy elders to help him with the burdens of managing so many people. God placed His spirit on the Elders, even on two that were not at the Sanctuary but were at their own tents.

## UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 11:14

“I am not able to burden bear all these heavy alone, because the is too people for me.”

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# SABBATH

**LET'S PRAY** Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for the Sabbath. Help me Lord to keep Your day Holy. Teach me something new about Your character today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:16

“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Numbers 11:31–35  
& 12:1-16



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God sent the Israelites quail; enough meat for a month! Some of the people ate so much of it that they made themselves sick with fever and died. God knows best. He wanted the people to be a happy, healthy and holy for Him. He provided manna, angel's food, for them to eat but they craved after "the flesh pots" of Egypt. Chapter 12 of our reading tells us of another incident that happened. Miriam, followed by Aaron, complained because they were not consulted regarding the appointment of the seventy elders. In their jealousy they threw accusations at Moses about his wife, Zipporah. Zipporah was a Midianite and had a darker complexion than the Hebrew women. Miriam was not happy about this and had treated Zipporah poorly. But even though Zipporah was not a Hebrew, she worshipped the one true God, just like the Israelites. God was not happy with Miriam and Aaron and He withdrew His presence from the Tabernacle. Miriam was struck down with leprosy. God does not like jealousy because that's where it all started in heaven with Satan being jealous of Christ. Through this experience, Miriam and Aaron were humbled and both repented. Moses interceded and God healed Miriam but, as a consequence, she had to be shut out of the camp for seven days.



## SABBATH QUIZ

1. What were the names of the two sons of Aaron who replaced Nadab and Abihu? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which division of the tribe of Levi carried the Sanctuary furniture during their travels? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many silver trumpets were there? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What were the names of the two elders that the spirit of God rested on that were in their own tents? \_\_\_\_\_
5. For how many days was Miriam shut out of the camp? \_\_\_\_\_