



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

MORE BIBLE INFORMATION

(Numbers)

The book of Numbers was written by Moses. It was called the book of Numbers because of two numberings of the Children of Israel. One of these numberings took place at Mount Sinai (Chapter 1). The second numbering was some 40 years after their deliverance from Egypt (Chapter 26).

The purpose of the numbering of Israel was so that the nation might be mobilized as an orderly people to accomplish God's purpose for their nation.

The three major divisions of the book of Numbers are as follows:

- (1) Preparation at Sinai for the Departure to Canaan, Ch. 1-10.
- (2) Journey from Sinai to the Plains of Moab, Ch. 10-22.
- (3) Encampment at the Border of the Promised Land, Ch. 22-36.

Another name for the book of Numbers might have been The Book of Murmurings. These people who had been chosen by God, set free from slavery in Egypt and led to Sinai, were ready for the Canaan experience. But, it was their complaining which kept them from God's best and caused them to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Seven different times they complained.

- (a) They complained about the way, 11:1-3
- (b) They complained about the food, 11:4-6
- (c) They complained about the giants in the land, 13:31-14:2
- (d) They complained about their leaders, 16:3
- (e) They complained about God's judgement, 16:14
- (f) They complained about the desert, 20:2-5
- (g) They complained about God's food (Manna), 21:5.

These complaints were associated with an experience at Kadesh-barnea which revealed their lack of faith in God. This experience was a climax in their career. Spies were sent into the land of Canaan. Every spy reported that it was a good land. All but two of the spies said, "we can't take it". This tremendous lack of faith swayed the people against the wooings of Caleb and Joshua whose faith was strong; and who saw bright prospects for the people through obedience to God's command. The new Testament comment on their failure at Kadesh-barnea suggests that "They entered not in because of their unbelief".

This trend of murmuring and experience of lack of faith in God caused the people of God to wander in the wilderness for forty years. For this reason, the book might have been called a Book of Wanderings.

There is not too much of significance recorded about this period of wandering, except for the names of places where they lodged. This in itself might suggest that activities or accomplishments outside of God's will are of little importance in comparison with God's plan for one's life.

Some scholars think of the book of Numbers as a Book of Training. This might be an appropriate title since Moses spent considerable time instructing his people in the law and the manner of their life in the new land.

The last fifteen chapters of the book of Numbers deal with the encampment of Israel on the borders of the promised land. This was on the Plains of Moab. The year spent in this encampment was a momentous year for God's people. His promises were to be fulfilled; and they were ready to obey His will.

The King's Highway

DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

"On Friday, December 13th, the Young Peoples Societies of this district met at Sandford for our District Youth Rally. The spirit of the Lord was real in our midst and the church was filled to capacity with many persons standing.

Our hearts were challenged as we enjoyed a film "The Wiretapper." This was the story of Jim Vaus, a Billy Graham convert who God "snatched from the burning." The Evangelistic Association of Bethany Bible College was in charge of the service. The impact of the service will long be remembered."

Sincerely in Christ,

Lic. Jim Bragdon

FUNDS FOR AFRICAN TOUR

The following is a report on the funds received for the Superintendent's transportation to Africa.

Black's Harbour	\$ 7.00
Moncton	30.40
Marysville	40.00
Millville	7.00
Vi Hayes	5.21
Saint John	14.69
Woodstock	10.00
Fredericton	18.68
Westchester	2.00
Crystal	14.00
Halifax	9.00
Presque Isle	5.38
Yarmouth	2.00
Salem	10.00
Blissfield	5.00
Grand Harbour	8.00
Mike Amos	2.00
Percy Inman	2.00
Gloria Broad	2.00
Gloria Jewett	2.00
Maxine Inman	2.00
North Head	6.20
Millstream	8.00
Old Town	10.00
Beals Island	25.00
Truro	6.30
Sussex	5.00
Norton	8.00
Total	\$266.86

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Beth Cann, Treasurer

HALF THE TRUTH IS
OFTEN A GREAT BIG LIE.

—Franklin

It was at this dramatic point that God revealed to Moses that his work as leader was about to come to an end. God also revealed that Moses was to anoint Joshua as leader of this people seeking the blessing of God. This was most rewarding to Joshua who forty years earlier expressed faith in God's ability. He maintained this strong faith through the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. His faith is rewarded in a spectacular ceremony in his honour (recorded in chapter 27) when he is anointed by Moses as the new leader of God's people.

The remainder of the story of Moses is told in the book of Deuteronomy which gives his farewell address to his people. Thus a great leader and a great nation had entered the threshold of opportunity which was to influence the annals of history to this very day.

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