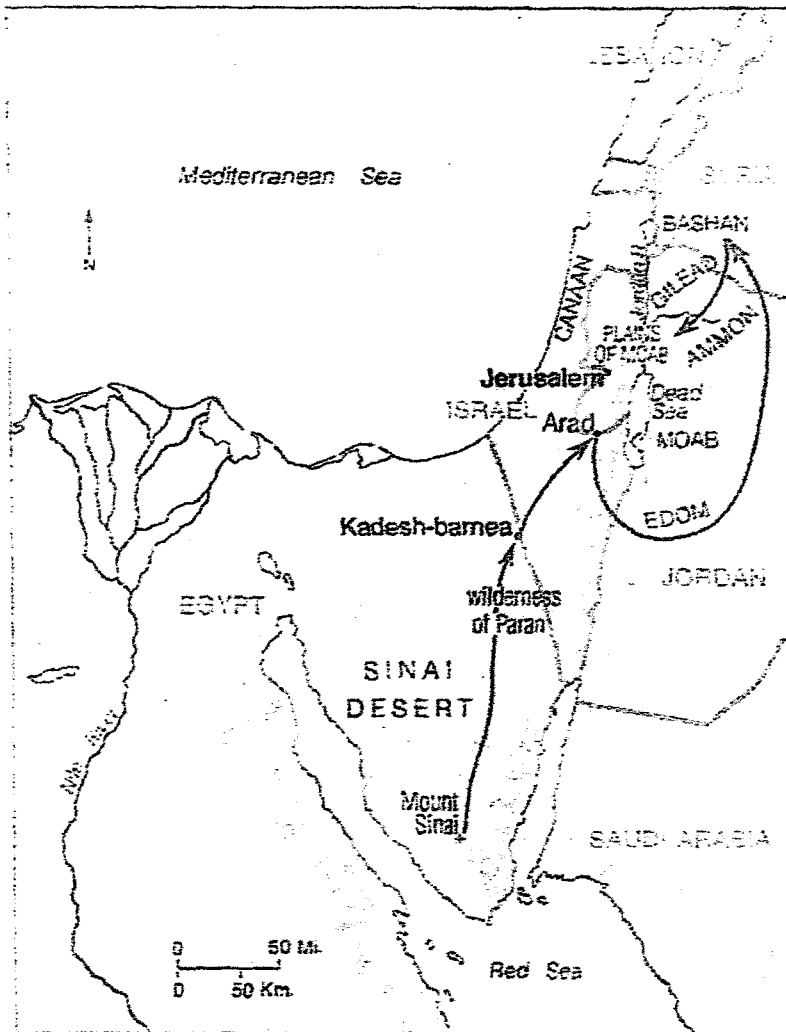


NUMBERS

	Preparation Census Organization Sanctification <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1-9	Pessimism Complaining Doubting Promised Land Rejected <i>CHAPTERS</i> 10-14	Punishment Wandering Old Generation Dies New Census <i>CHAPTERS</i> 15-36
Time	20 Days	Several Months	38 Years
Place	Mount Sinai	En Route to Kadesh-Barnea	Wilderness Wandering
Theme	The price of disbelief and disobedience		
Key Verses	14:22-23		
Key Word	Wilderness		
Christ in Numbers	Pictured in manna (compare John 6:31-33); water from rock (compare 1 Cor. 10:4); bronze serpent (compare John 3:14); in Balaam's prophecy (Num. 24:17); pillar of cloud and of fire; cities of refuge		

KEY PLACES IN NUMBERS



- 1 **Mount Sinai** Numbers begins at Mount Sinai with Moses taking a census of the men eligible for battle. As the battle preparations began, the people also prepared for the spiritual warfare they would face. The Promised Land was full of wicked people who would try to entice the Israelites to sin. God, therefore, taught Moses and the Israelites how to live rightly (1:1—12:15).
- 2 **Wilderness of Paran** After a full year at Mount Sinai, the Israelites broke camp and began their march toward the Promised Land by moving into the wilderness of Paran. From there, one leader from each tribe was sent to spy out the new land. After 40 days they returned, and all but Joshua and Caleb were too afraid to enter. Because of their lack of faith, the Israelites were

made to wander in the desert for 40 years (12:16—19:22).

- 3 **Kadesh-barnea** With the years of wandering nearing an end, the Israelites set their sights once again on the Promised Land. Kadesh-barnea was the oasis where they spent most of their wilderness years. Miriam died here. And it was here that Moses angrily struck the rock, which kept him from entering the Promised Land (20).
- 4 **Arad** When the king there heard that Israel was on the move, he attacked, but he was soundly defeated. Moses then led the people southward and eastward around the Dead Sea (21:1—3).
- 5 **Edom** The Israelites wanted to travel through Edom, but the king of Edom refused them passage (20:14—22). So they traveled around Edom and became very discouraged. The people complained, and God sent poisonous snakes to punish them. Only by looking at a brass serpent on a pole could those bitten be healed (21:4—9).
- 6 **Ammon** Next, King Sihon of the Amorites refused Israel passage. When he attacked, Israel defeated his army and conquered the territory as far as the border of Ammon (21:21—32).
- 7 **Bashan** Moses sent spies to Bashan. King Og attacked, but he was also defeated (21:33—35).
- 8 **Plains of Moab** The people camped on the plains of Moab, east of the Jordan River opposite Jericho. They were on the verge of entering the Promised Land (22:1).
- 9 **Moab** King Balaam of Moab, terrified of the Israelites, called upon Balaam, a famous sorcerer, to curse Israel from the mountains above where the Israelites camped. But the Lord caused Balaam to bless them instead (22:2—24:25).
- 10 **Gilead** The tribes of Reuben and Gad decided to settle in the fertile country of Gilead east of the Jordan River because it was a good land for their sheep. But first they promised to help the other tribes conquer the land west of the Jordan River (32).