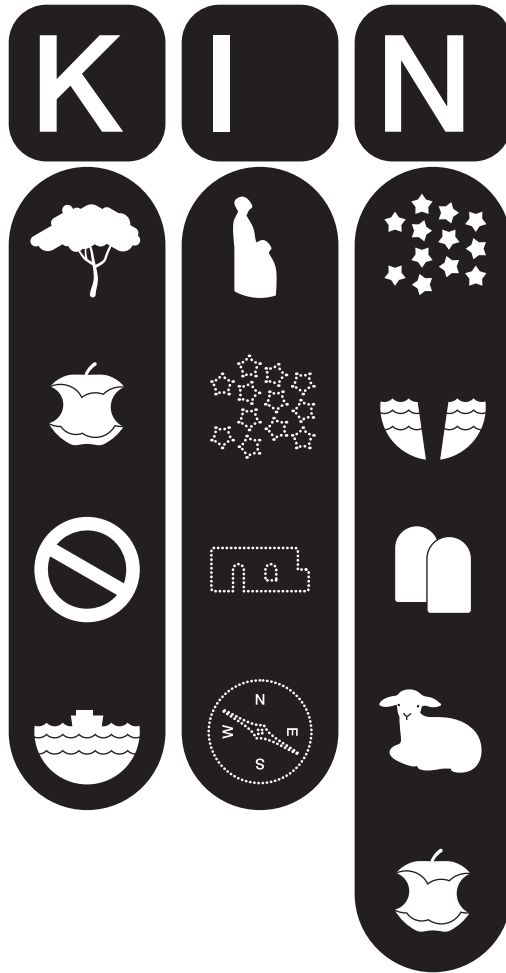


NUMBERS

The God Who Expects Faithfulness

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God's KINGDOM Plan in Scripture



NUMBERS at a Glance

I. Preparations for Journeying to the Promised Land	1:1–10:10
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Journeying to the Promised Land

◆ **Introduction**

◆ **9:15–23**

“And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there they people of Israel camped.”
—Num 9:17



◆ **Chs. 13–14**

◆ **20:10–13**

◆ **21:4–9**

◆ **The Balaam Oracles:**

❖ #1 (23:7–10)

❖ #2 (23:18–24)

❖ #3 (24:3–9)

❖ #4 (24:15–19)



GREAT SEA

Nile R.

Lakes of the Nile Delta (Egyptian Approach)

Gulf of Suez (Mediating Approach)

Gulf of Aqaba (Hebrew Approach)

RED SEA

CANAAN

SINAI

ARABIA

MIDIAN

GALILEE

BASHAN

GESHUR

SHARON

SHEPHELAH

GILEAD

Jordan R.

Abrahim Mts.

NEGEV

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◆ The Significance of Numbers in Numbers

❖ Census numbers:

❖ Num 1: $603,550 + 22,000$ Levites = 625,550

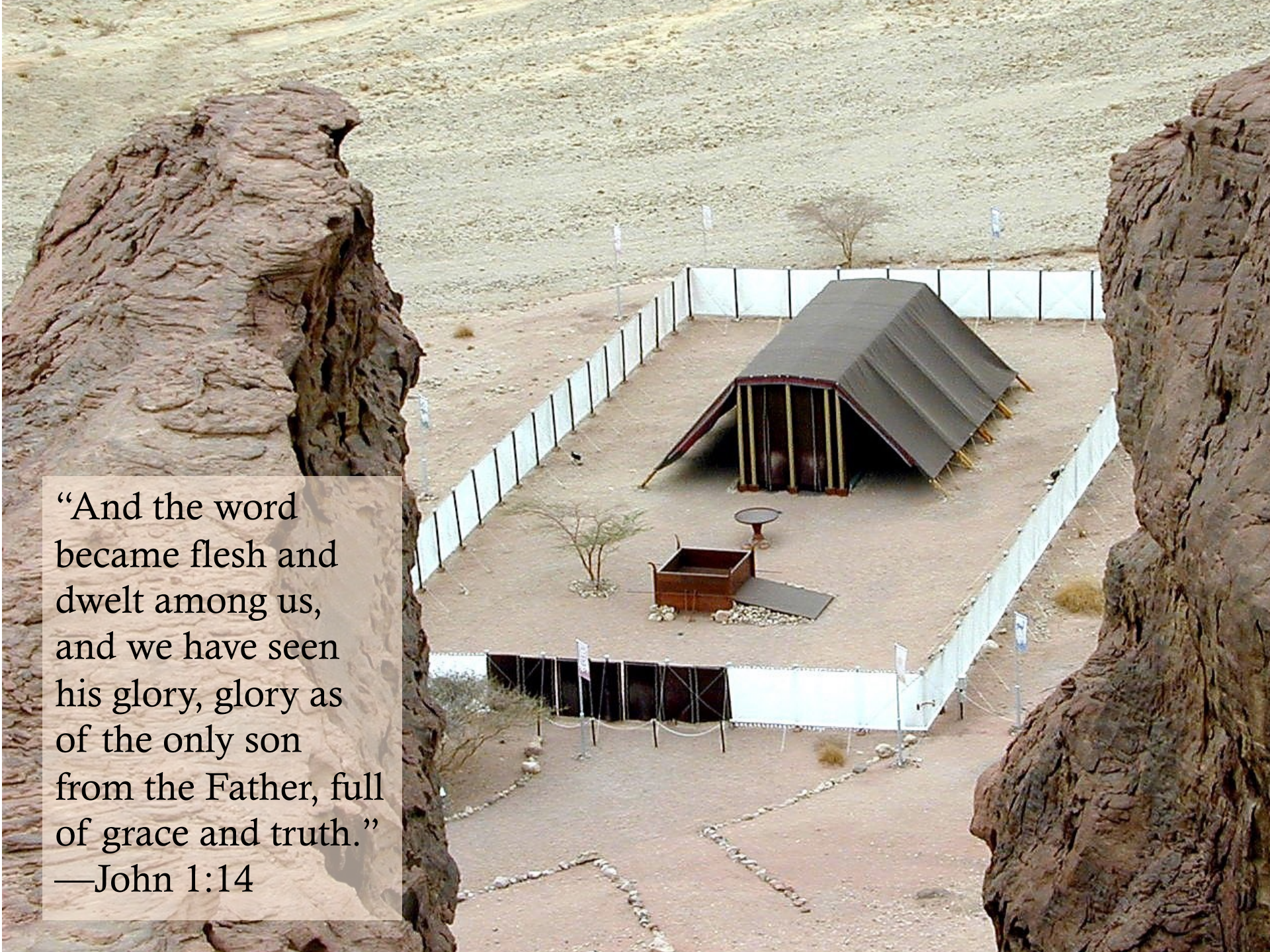
❖ Num 26: $601,730 + 23,000$ Levites = 624,730

❖ Lessons:

❖ God takes sin seriously.

❖ God does what he promises, whether to bless or to curse.

❖ Those in the new generation were recipients of God's amazing grace:

A photograph of a desert campsite, likely a reenactment of the Tabernacle. The scene is viewed through a narrow, rocky crevice. In the center, a large, dark-colored tent with a peaked roof is set up on a sandy ground. To the left of the tent, there is a wooden structure, possibly a table or a small altar, with a small tree growing nearby. The camp is enclosed by a white fabric fence supported by wooden posts. The background shows a vast, arid desert landscape with sparse vegetation and a clear sky. The foreground is dominated by the dark, textured rock of the crevice.

“And the word
became flesh and
dwelt among us,
and we have seen
his glory, glory as
of the only son
from the Father, full
of grace and truth.”
—John 1:14

Later Biblical Reflections

◆ **Matt 3:16–4:11**

◆ **1 Cor 10:1–11**

◆ **Heb 3:7–19**

Summary of Numbers

In response to Israel's faithlessness, Yahweh withholds the promised land from the exodus generation and gives them more laws, yet he also re-promises the future Messiah and raises up a new generation to enter the land.

Rapid-Fire

Q&A

(10 min)