Numbers Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What is the main theme of the book of Numbers?

Ⓐ Wisdom teachings
Ⓑ Kingdom establishment
Ⓒ Covenant renewal
Ⓓ Wilderness wandering and obedience

2. Who led the Israelites out of Egypt and is a central figure at the beginning of Numbers?

Ⓐ Joshua
Ⓑ Caleb
Ⓒ Aaron
Ⓓ Moses

3. Which tribe was assigned the role of carrying the tabernacle during the Israelites' journey?

Ⓐ Ephraim
Ⓑ Levites
Ⓒ Judah
Ⓓ Reuben

4. What is the primary purpose of the census taken at the beginning of the book of Numbers?

Ⓐ To count the total population
Ⓑ To record genealogy
Ⓒ To organize land distribution
Ⓓ To determine military strength

5. Which tribe is associated with the census that records the largest number of men able to fight?

Ⓐ Dan
Ⓑ Judah
Ⓒ Reuben
Ⓓ Simeon

6. What was the primary reason for Israel's wandering in the wilderness according to Numbers?

Ⓐ A military strategy
Ⓑ A divine test of patience
Ⓒ A punishment for idol worship
Ⓓ Disobedience and lack of faith

7. **Which two tribes received land east of the Jordan River, as assigned in Numbers?**

Ⓐ Ephraim and Manasseh
Ⓑ Judah and Benjamin
Ⓒ Reuben and Gad
Ⓓ Simeon and Levi

8. **What is a key theological theme emphasized in Numbers?**

Ⓐ God's sovereignty and faithfulness despite Israel's rebellion
Ⓑ The coming of the Messiah
Ⓒ The establishment of kingship in Israel
Ⓓ The importance of temple worship

9. **What event led to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years?**

Ⓐ The death of Aaron
Ⓑ The Golden Calf incident
Ⓒ Moses' disobedience
Ⓓ The spies' report and Israel's rebellion

10. **What was the primary reason the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years?**

Ⓐ They were waiting for Moses to return
Ⓑ They faced constant enemies
Ⓒ They lacked food and water
Ⓓ They doubted God's promise and rebelled

11. **How does Numbers connect to the broader biblical narrative?**

Ⓐ It continues the story of Exodus and prepares for Joshua
Ⓑ It is primarily a collection of psalms
Ⓒ It summarizes the history of Israel from Adam to David
Ⓓ It is a standalone book with no connections

12. **What was the main theme of the book of Numbers?**

Ⓐ The conquest of Canaan
Ⓑ The wilderness journey and God's faithfulness
Ⓒ The building of the temple
Ⓓ The laws of the priesthood

13. **What was the significance of the bronze serpent in Numbers 21?**

Ⓐ It was an idol worshipped by the Israelites
Ⓑ It was a decoration in the tabernacle
Ⓒ It symbolized healing and salvation through faith
Ⓓ It was a weapon used in battle

14. What is the significance of the bronze serpent in Numbers 21?

Ⓐ It symbolizes defeat

Ⓑ It was a sign of God's anger

Ⓒ It foreshadows Christ's crucifixion

Ⓓ It was used to ward off enemies

15. How does Numbers depict the relationship between Israel and neighboring nations?

Ⓐ As peaceful alliances

Ⓑ As isolated from others

Ⓒ As a model of diplomacy

Ⓓ As ongoing conflicts and God's judgment

Answer key: Numbers Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **D. Wilderness wandering and obedience**

Numbers primarily narrates the Israelites' journey through the wilderness, emphasizing obedience and faithfulness to God (Numbers 1-36).

2. **D. Moses**

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and received the laws from God; he is the central human figure in Numbers (Numbers 1:1).

3. **B. Levites**

Levites were appointed to carry and care for the tabernacle as their special service (Numbers 3:23-26).

4. **D. To determine military strength**

Numbers 1:2-3 details the census aimed at counting the men able to fight in Israel's army, emphasizing military organization.

5. **B. Judah**

The tribe of Judah has the largest number of fighting men in the census recorded in Numbers 1:27.

6. **D. Disobedience and lack of faith**

The Israelites’ refusal to trust God's promise led to their 40-year wandering (Numbers 14:11-12, 32-34).

7. **C. Reuben and Gad**

Reuben and Gad requested and received land east of the Jordan, which was approved by Moses (Numbers 32).

8. **A. God's sovereignty and faithfulness despite Israel's rebellion**

Throughout Numbers, God's faithfulness remains despite Israel’s repeated disobedience and rebellion (Numbers 14:11-24).

9. **D. The spies' report and Israel's rebellion**

Because of their lack of faith and rebellion after the negative spy report, God decreed they would wander for 40 years (Numbers 14:26-35).

10. **D. They doubted God's promise and rebelled**

The Israelites' lack of faith and rebellion, especially the refusal to enter Canaan, led to their 40-year wandering (Numbers 14:22-23).

11. **A. It continues the story of Exodus and prepares for Joshua**
Numbers is part of the Pentateuch, following Exodus, and sets the stage for Joshua’s leadership into Canaan (Numbers 1–36).

12. **B. The wilderness journey and God's faithfulness**
Numbers chronicles the Israelites' 40-year wilderness journey and highlights God's guidance and discipline (Numbers 1-36).

13. **C. It symbolized healing and salvation through faith**
Moses made a bronze serpent, and those who looked at it were healed, prefiguring Christ's crucifixion (Numbers 21:9).

14. **C. It foreshadows Christ's crucifixion**
Jesus later refers to the bronze serpent as a type of His crucifixion, representing salvation through faith (John 3:14-15, Numbers 21:8-9).

15. **D. As ongoing conflicts and God's judgment**
Numbers records conflicts with surrounding nations and God's judgments, including battles and divine punishment (Numbers 21, 25).

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