



HAPPY HOUR

+ THE BOOK OF NUMBERS



Numbers

- + Numbers continues the historical narrative begun in Exodus. It picks up one month after the close of Exodus (Ex 40:2; Nm 1:1), which is about one year after the Israelites' departure from Egypt.
- + Numbers covers the remaining thirty-nine years of the Israelites' stay in the wilderness, from Sinai to Kadesh, and finally to the plains on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

What's In Numbers

- + I. First Census and Consecration of Israel at Sinai (1:1-6:27)
 - + A. Numbering and arrangement of the people (1:1-2:34)
 - + B. Choosing of the Levites (3:1-4:49)
 - + C. Cleansing and blessing of the people (5:1-6:27)
- + II. Preparation for Departure to the Promised Land (7:1-10:36)
 - + A. Gifts of the tribal leaders (7:1-89)
 - + B. Consecration of the Levites (8:1-26)
 - + C. Observance of the Passover (9:1-14)
 - + D. Movement of the camp (9:15-10:36)
- + III. From Mount Sinai to Kadesh (11:1-15:41)
 - + A. Disobedience of the people (11:1-14:45)
 - + B. Miscellaneous instructions and laws (15:1-41)
- + IV. Rebellion against Aaron's Priesthood (16:1-19:22)
 - + A. Judgment of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (16:1-17:13)
 - + B. Duties and revenues of priests and Levites (18:1-32)
 - + C. Ordinance of the red cow (19:1-22)
- + V. From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab (20:1-25:18)
 - + A. Rebellion and judgment of Moses and Aaron (20:1-29)
 - + B. Judgment and healing via snakes (21:1-35)
 - + C. Balaam's efforts to curse Israel (22:1-24:25)
 - + D. Campaign of Phinehas against idolatry (25:1-18)
- + VI. Second Census and Preparation of the New Generation (26:1-30:16)
 - + A. Another counting of Israel (26:1-65)
 - + B. Inheritance for Zelophehad's daughters (27:1-23)
 - + C. Instructions to the new generation (28:1-30:16)
- + VII. Preparation for Entering the Promised Land (31:1-36:13)
 - + A. Vengeance against the Midianites (31:1-54)
 - + B. Settlement of tribes beyond the Jordan (32:1-42)
 - + C. Journey from Egypt summarized (33:1-49)
 - + D. Instructions for division of Canaan (33:50-34:29)
 - + E. Levitical cities and havens of refuge (35:1-34)
 - + F. Laws of female inheritance amended (36:1-13)

Numbers 31:21-24

+²¹ Then Eleazar the priest said to the soldiers who had gone into battle, "This is what is required by the law that the Lord gave Moses: ²² Gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, lead ²³ and anything else that can withstand fire must be put through the fire, and then it will be clean. But it must also be purified with the water of cleansing. And whatever cannot withstand fire must be put through that water. ²⁴ On the seventh day wash your clothes and you will be clean. Then you may come into the camp."

Water of Purification

+ **19** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: ² "This is a requirement of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke. ³ Give it to Eleazar the priest; it is to be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence. ⁴ Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the tent of meeting. ⁵ While he watches, the heifer is to be burned—its hide, flesh, blood and intestines. ⁶ The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool and throw them onto the burning heifer.

Three Types of Baptism

- + Water baptism.
- + Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- + Baptism of fire.
- + Since its origins in Jewish religious life, Christian baptism has served as a symbol of passing from death into life through Christ's resurrection.
- + Baptism began as a ritual to initiate new believers into the Jewish religion and continued to serve as a purifying mechanism in Jewish religious life.
- + After the time of John the Baptist, baptism took on an expanded meaning, as it signified turning from death to life through the power of Christ's death and resurrection.

Baptism

- + The priority of faith and repentance prior to baptism
- + The forgiveness of sins
- + The initiation into Christian fellowship
- + The impartation of the Holy Spirit

The Great Commission

+ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Younger Black Americans less connected to Black churches than older generations

% of Black Americans who ...

	Attend congregation that is ...			Seldom/ never attend	No answer
	Black	White/ other race	Multiracial		
	%	%	%	%	%
Generation Z	29	13	10	46	1=100
Millennial	27	9	14	49	1
Generation X	36	8	16	39	1
Baby Boomer	46	6	17	31	1
Silent Generation*	49	7	18	26	1

*This includes a very small number of those in the Greatest Generation (born before 1928).

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. The “seldom/never” column includes those did not answer the question about how frequently they attend religious services.

Source: Survey conducted Nov. 19, 2019-June 3, 2020, among U.S. adults.

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Nine-in-ten religiously unaffiliated Black Americans believe in some kind of higher power

% of Black Americans who say they believe in ...

	NET God or other higher power	God of the Bible/ scripture	Other higher power
All Black adults	97%	74%	21%
Black affiliated	99	85	13
Black unaffiliated	90	36	53
Atheist/agnostic	63	3	60
Nothing in particular	94	41	52
All U.S. adults	90	59	31
All affiliated	97	75	22
All unaffiliated	72	17	54
Atheist/agnostic	46	1	45
Nothing in particular	86	26	60

Note: Those who gave unclear responses about the type of God they believe in or did not answer the questions about belief in God are not shown.

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