FINAL STUDY NOTES – *Numbers Chapters 13-15* 11/9-10/26

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: ***Numbers Chapter 10*** – Two Silver Trumpets*;* Departure from Sinai. ***Chapter 11*** – The People Complain*;* The Seventy Elders*;* The LORD Sends Quail. ***Chapter 12 –*** Dissention of Aaron and Miriam.

THIS WEEK*:* ***Numbers Chapter 13*** – Spies Sent into Caanan – *(vs. 1-33)*. ***Chapter 14*** – Israel Refuses to Enter Caanan - *(vs. 1-10);* Moses Intercedes for the People – *(vs. 11-25);* Death Sentence on the Rebels – *(vs.26-38);* A Futile Invasion Attempt – *(vs. 39-45)*. ***Chapter 15*** – Law of Grain and Drink Offerings – *(vs. 1-21);* Laws Concerning Unintentional Sin – *(vs. 22-29);* Law Concerning Presumptuous Sin - *(vs. 30-31);* Penalty for Violating the Sabbath – *(vs. 32-36);* Tassels on Garments – *(vs.37-41)*.

Chapter 13 - Spies Sent into Canaan - ***[1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2] "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, everyone a leader among them." [3] So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel.***

- **In Deuteronomy chapter 1, we are given the additional insight that this idea to send the spies into the land** of Canaan, to spy out the land prior to going into it, was not the idea of God. That was the idea of the people. That the LORD permitted it, is absolutely clear because there is no condemnation on His part or even condemnation on the part of Moses related to that. ***(Deu 1:21) Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it****, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.' [22] "And every one of you came near to me and said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities*

into which we shall come.[23] "The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve of your men, one man from each tribe.

[4] Now these were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

- **It lists the tribes, and those men who went in to represent their tribes.** We are only going to mention two; *from the tribe of Judah (v. 6), Caleb; and from the tribe of Ephraim (v. 8), Hoshea.*

[5] from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori; [6] from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; [7] from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph; [8] from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun; [9] from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu; [10] from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi; [11] from the tribe of Joseph, that is, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi; [12] from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli; [13] from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael; [14] from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; [15] from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. [16] These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

- **The name Hoshea or Jehoshua means, "Jehovah is our salvation."** The *Jeh*, *Yah*, actually in Hebrew, the J has a Y pronunciation, Yeshua. The name Jesus is the Greek form for the Hebrew name, *Yehoshua,* which is Jehovah is our salvation. When God told Joseph to call his name Jesus, *(Mat 1:21) And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.* So Moses changed Hoshea's name from Jehoshua to Joshua, or Yeshua.

[17] Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, [18] and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; [19] whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; [20] whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

- **It was probably August when these twelve spies were to go into the land**; to look over it and bring a report of the land that God had promised to them. Probably the idea was the encouragement of the people. They had come now to the border of the land, to go in and to possess it.

[21] So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. [22] And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) [23] Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol (means cluster), ***and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. [24] The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there.***

Report of the Spies - ***[25] And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. [26] Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.***

- **They had come to the wilderness at Paran.** Kadesh is really sort of the border as they would enter the land. They have come to the borders of the promised land.

[27] Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

- **Just look at this cluster of grapes!** The land does flow with milk and honey!

[28] Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

- **The giants were there**. They were called the Anakim (Anak); the Emim, and the Zamzummim (Zuzim). King Og of Bashan was described in *(Deu 3:11)* as one of the last of the Rephaim, whose iron bed was 13 feet long!

[29] The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks (the coasts) ***of the Jordan."***

- **That would be the mountains of Israel, the place around Jerusalem.** The Hittites, Jebusites, and the Amorites from Hebron on up into the area of Ephriam, Bethel, on up into Nablus, and Shechem.

[30] Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

- **Caleb said that the cities are strong, they are fortified, they tall guys there!** But let us go! We are well able to take it!"

[31] But the (ten) ***men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."***

- **Again, they are not putting God into the factor. They are forgetting God completely!** They are looking at it from purely natural eyes. Caleb was looking at it from a spiritual standpoint, "God is with us, let us go up, we are able to overcome them. Let us go up right now! Man it is great! Let us go for it!" ***Would I have been one of the two believers? Or one or the ten doubters?***
- **Forty years later, when he was eighty years old, they have come into and conquered a part of the land, Caleb asks to help.** So Joshua said, "Okay, so go ahead." Old Caleb went in and wiped them out in that area that he was promised, around Hebron! He was a "go for it" kind of a guy!

[32] And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. [33] There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

- **All were giants! That was not true!** Too often, we generalize, expanding the situation! You know that was not true, they were not all giants, but when you report it, you say, "Everybody was huge!"
- **It is amazing how things can grow in your mind and how things look worse than they really are** when you start telling the story. How we can embellish and add to it. "Everyone was a giant! We saw the giants and we were like grasshoppers, in our own and their sight. I mean they could just step on us and crush us!

Chapter 14 - The People Rebel - ***[1] So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. [2] And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!***

- **Then all of the congregation started complaining**. It does not take much to trigger that anymore. They found fault already, so it is easy now to find fault again and again.

[3] Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" [4] So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." [5] Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. [6] But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; [7] and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. [8] If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

- ***Joshua and Caleb were*** **putting the LORD** into the factor, which makes a huge **difference** in the whole thing!

[9] Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

- **That is the difference! Looking at your situation, through the eyes of the LORD's presence with you**, and without the LORD. One, you will panic, and the other, you will have confidence. If you put the LORD in the factor, Hey, there is nothing to it! What a difference the LORD makes. How important it is that we put Him in every factor of life, that **we do not forget the LORD.** That we **factor Him in!**
- ***Factoring in the LORD is most important! How often do I first try to solve a problem without considering the LORD! How quickly do I factor Him in?***

[10] And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

- **Here Joshua and Caleb are encouraging,** "Hey let us go, we can do it! The LORD is with us!"
- **What does the congregation do?** They said, "Let us stone them. Kill them! You know, we want to complain. We want to gripe. We do not want to think about victory." Someone talks about, "Well the LORD is with us; the LORD will help us," "Kill him! We do not want to hear that, you know, the taking away of all of my crying and all of my complaining."

- ***The glory of the LORD appeared!*** **Have you noticed that every time** there is a rebellion, or murmuring, or complaining, the glory of the LORD appears? He is highly displeased with this rebellion against Him. We see this six times in ***(Numbers 14:10,21,22; 16:19,42; 20:6).***
- ***How often does my disobedience, complaining or murmuring, anger the LORD to the point of His showing me His glory?***

[11] Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? [12] I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Moses Intercedes for the People - ***[13] And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, [14] and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. [15] Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, [16] 'Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.' [17] And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying, [18] 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'***

- **It would appear that God's mind is being changed by Moses**. But **we must remember that God was the inspiration** behind the prayer of Moses. Where does true prayer begin? True prayer always begins with God.. Moses' prayer was inspired by God. Really God was looking for the excuse not to wipe them out.
- **Ezekiel talks about it,** "And God was looking for a man who would stand in the gap, who would fill in the hedge, who would intercede for the people, that He would not destroy them." God was looking for an excuse not to do it. He was looking for a man to stand in the gap to do the interceding, but He could not find one, "Therefore," He said, "My judgement had to fall."
- **I wonder how many times God's judgement falls, rather than the mercy and the grace of God, because** there is not a man there interceding. God cannot find a man to stand in the gap and intercede in that situation.
- ***Am I really willing to be "one man" standing in the gap? Oh, my Lord, help me to have a willing and available heart to do just that!***
- **When justice demands one thing, God desires mercy, not justice**. But He has to have the basis for the mercy, and thus in this case, the **basis was Moses' interceding, and God responding. The man standing in the gap and filling in the hedge, and standing between God and the people, interceding in their behalf, that they might receive.** The people were not confessing their guilt; Moses was, interceding in their behalf.

[19] Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

God Promises Judgment - ***[20] Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;***

- ***Pardon, the iniquity of these people. I pray according to the greatness of your mercy****: Just as you have forgiven people from Egypt even until now. So the Lord said, "I have pardoned according to your word:* I was just looking for the excuse, "Thank you Moses**. I pardon!" Oh what grace and mercy!** (God remembered Abraham re Lot at Sodom and Gomorra!)

[21] but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD — (praying for this?)

- **There is a day coming when the whole earth is going to be filled with the glory of the LORD**. And God is now swearing by the fact of its existence. "As truly as I live, this earth is going to be filled with the glory of the LORD." We are told that the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD, even as the waters do cover the sea! Oh how I wait! How I desire that day when **the earth is filled with the glory of the LORD! I am certain that it is coming! "*But truly as I live*," God said, "*this earth shall be filled with the glory*!"**

[22] because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice,

- **These ten times: twice at the sea,** *(Exo 14:11)* twice concerning water, *(Exo 15:23);* twice about manna, *(Exo 16:2);* twice about quails, *(Exo 16:12);* once by the calf, *(Exo 32:1*); and once in the wilderness of Paran, *(Num 14:1*), the last and tenth was the present temptation.

[23] they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. [24] But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. [25] Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea." [26] And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, [27] "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.

- ***How long? How does that apply to me and my complaining? Does the LORD ever still have to ask me that question? How long?***

[28] Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you

- **Now what did they say? They said, "God has brought us here, and our wives and our children** are going to be slain by these people. Our children are going to be wiped out."

[29] The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. [30] Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.

- **Remember they had numbered off about six hundred thousand men, from twenty years and above**. He said, "Every one of you is going to die here in the wilderness."

[31] But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. [32] But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. [33] And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. [34] According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.

- **"You have rejected me; you are going to know My rejection**." What a horrible thing when a person experiences God's rejection! ***Oh, LORD help me never even to come close to that!***

[35] I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.' " [36] Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, [37] those very (ten) *men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD. [38] But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.*

- **Now the people then said, "Oh, we've sinned against the LORD, we'll go in,** you know, we'll attack. Moses said, "No! Do not do that, God has already pronounced His judgement. You will not prevail. They will prevail against you. Do not do it!" But he could not talk them out of it, they had to go ahead and try to attack, and they were defeated.

Israel Defeated in Battle - *[39] Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly. [40] And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!" [41] And Moses said, "Now why do you transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed. [42] Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD is not among you. [43] For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you."*
[44] But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed from the camp. [45] Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as Hormah.

- **This was the beginning of the world's longest funeral march,** lasting forty years, until those six hundred thousand men, above the age of twenty, died. (41/day – 600,000/(40*365) God said, "You're not going to go in." For forty years, they are now to wander in the wilderness, a year for each day of the spy trip.
- **Their slavery in Egypt was a type of our slavery in a life of sin.** The bondage to sin. The old life of corruption and sin - their life in Egypt, the misery, the slavery in sin. The Red Sea **typifies their water**

baptism. Of course the blood on the door posts to save their sons, typifies the blood of Christ, bringing us redemption. **Their passing through the Red Sea, was their baptism,** the end of a relationship to the old life. We are leaving Egypt; this is our separation.

- **Baptism is a separation from the old life of the flesh, entering now into a new relationship with God.** Now they are living a life of the consciousness of God's presence. We enter now into this new life of the Spirit, and into this life of a consciousness of God's presence. We are walking now with God, seeing His works.
- **There is a legitimate wilderness experience** for the child of God, in our growth and development, as we are passing from the old life of bondage to sin, until we come into the full, rich life of blessing, walking completely in the Spirit.
- **But there was also for them, through unbelief, an illegitimate wilderness experience**. This is true of many Christians today, being in the wilderness too long! Not going anywhere, just **circling in the wilderness**.
- **I am going to live after the Spirit, the life of richness and** blessing, which is the life of really experiencing God's blessing and power, fall upon your life when you cross over the Jordan, and you come into the land. You begin to inherit the land, and you begin to conquer really, over the flesh, and the things of the flesh. As God said to Joshua, "Every place you put your foot, I have given that to you for your possession!"
- **We have learned to live with our weakness; we have learned to live with our failures**. We have learned to excuse them, and accept them, rather than to receive God's victory over them. "I do not have to live after the flesh. I can lay claim to Christ's victory in my life! I can say, 'LORD, this territory is mine!
- **You are beginning to possess your possessions. Oh let us enter into it!** Let us not roam in the wilderness anymore! Let us come out of the wilderness! Let us start moving, where it really is counting and making a difference, where I am really beginning now, to progress in my walk, and in my life in Christ.

Chapter 15 - Laws About Sacrifices - ***[1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2] "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you,***

- **Now, this to me is really special. In that they have just been turned away from the land through their unbelief!** They have just been told that they are going to have to wait for forty years. It is at this time that God then gives to them the commands of the types of offering that they are to offer **when** they come into the land. God is reassuring them that they are going to come into the land! It would be a time of tremendous discouragement.

[3] and you make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or in your appointed feasts, to make a sweet aroma to the LORD, from the herd or the flock, [4] then he who presents his offering to the LORD shall bring a grain offering of one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil; [5] and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering you shall prepare with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb. [6] Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil; [7] and as a drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a sweet aroma to the LORD. [8] And when you prepare a young bull as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to the LORD, [9] then shall be offered with the young bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil; [10] and you shall bring as the drink offering half a hin of wine as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. [11] 'Thus it shall be done for each young bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or young goat. [12] According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do with everyone according to their number. [13] All who are native-born shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD (notice the exactness, the preciseness of the LORD.) ***[14] And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever is among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do. [15] One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. [16] One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.' " [17] Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [18] "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land to which I bring you, [19] then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD. [20] You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a heave offering; as a heave***

offering of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up. [21] Of the first of your ground meal you shall give to the LORD a heave offering throughout your generations.

- **So God gives to them commandments at this time, that they have to do, when they come into the land**, so God is assuring them, "You are going to come into the land. It is going to be a time, this generation is going to die off, but when you come into the land that you are going to inhabit, that I am going to give to you."

Laws About Unintentional Sins - ***[22] 'If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses—***

- **God then gives the command concerning the offerings for their unintentional sins.** So often sin is unintentional, and yet it must be atoned for. Like they say, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." For a person who sinned presumptuously, that is something different

[23] all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations— [24] then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. [25] So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin. [26] It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally. [27] 'And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering. [28] So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. [29] You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them. [30] 'But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people. [31] Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.' "

- **Having then given that law for the presumptuous sin**, we immediately have an example of a man.

A Sabbath Breaker Executed - ***[32] Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.***

- **This was a presumptuous sin**. They were told the Sabbath day was to be holy to the LORD. They were not to do any type of labor. This man knew the law, his gathering sticks on the Sabbath day, was a presumptuous sin.

[33] And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. [34] They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.

- **They were told that he should be put to death**, but they did not know how he was to be executed,

[35] Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." [36] So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.

- **So the severe consequences upon the person** who sinned presumptuously.
- ***How seriously do I consider the importance of not sinning presumptuously? I know I should not do it, but I do it anyway? Do I see my sin at all the way as my Lord sees them?***

Tassels on Garments - ***[37] Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [38] "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.***

- **The LORD spoke unto Moses concerning their garments. That they were to make these little tassels** on the corners of their garments, throughout their generations. There was to be this sky-blue thread, in the tassel.

[39] And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and <u>remember all the commandments</u> of the LORD and do them, and <u>that you may not follow the harlotry</u> to which <u>your own heart</u> and <u>your own eyes are inclined,</u>

- **They sewed these little tassels with the blue thread in them on the four corners of their outer garment**, Every time they put this on, the blue thread would remind them of the Law of the LORD.
- **In obedience to the law Jesus had tassels on the corners of His robe**. We remember in the scripture when Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house at the death his daughter, a woman made her way through the crowd, and touched the hem of Jesus' garment, What the woman probably grabbed hold of, was one of these tassels. She had been hemorrhaging for twelve years. The moment she grabbed hold, the hemorrhaging ceased.

[40] and that <u>you may remember</u> and <u>do all My commandments</u>, and <u>be holy for your God</u>. [41] <u>I am the LORD your God</u>, who <u>brought you out</u> of the land <u>of Egypt</u>, <u>to be</u> your <u>God</u>: <u>I am the LORD</u> <u>your God</u>."

- **This was what was commanded to Israel, here in Numbers**, God knows our tendency to forget things. God's will, as He said. "*that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined.* God wants us to follow after His law. We need to be reminded, even on our garments, these tassels with the blue threads, are reminders that I am to seek, fulfill and keep the law of the LORD.
- **Jesus wore the garment with the tassels on it.** Notice it is to be throughout all their generations. Today they wear the Tallit, but they do not wear it as an outer garment anymore. It still has little tassels on it.
- **They are to remind you to do all of His commandments and be holy for your God.** I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God. May we be in the Word of God every single day – our reminder!

SUMMARY:

- ***Num 14:9*** **Factoring in the LORD is most important!** How often do I first try to solve a problem without considering the LORD! How quickly do I factor Him in?
- ***Num 14:10*** **How often does my disobedience, complaining or murmuring, anger the LORD to the point** of His showing me His glory?
- ***Num 14:18*** **Am I really willing to be "one man" standing in the gap?** Oh, my Lord, help me to have a willing and an available heart to do just that!
- ***Num 14:27*** **How long? How does that apply to me and my complaining?** Does the LORD ever still have to ask me that question? How long?
- ***Num 15:35*** **How seriously do I consider the importance of not sinning presumptuously?** I know I should not do it, but I do it anyway? Do I see my sin at all the way as my Lord sees them?
- ***(Num 14:11, 27) Then the LORD said to Moses: "<u>How long</u> will these people reject Me? And <u>how long</u> will they not believe Me? [27] "<u>How long</u> shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.***

<u>HOW LONG</u> *Terry MacAlmon (5:21)*
How long, how long Till I awake in Your likeness How long, how long Till I become like You
Lord, You are calling me To be all Your own Yet how I struggle to Surrender to Your throne
Give me a grace, O God To die that I might live In You, in You
How long, how long Till I awake in Your likeness How long, how long Till I become like You
Lord, You are calling us To be a spotless bride Raised up in holy power
That cannot be denied Give us the grace, O God To boldly bear Your name For You, for You
How long, how long Till we awake in Your likeness How long, how long Till we become like You
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Lord make us more like You Till we become like You

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study *Numbers Chapters 16-18*