

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Book of Numbers: *Part Two* Numbers 26-36

Book of Numbers

Two Major Sections:

- 1. Numbers 1-25:** “first generation”
 - census and preparations for the march to Canaan
 - subsequent failure and judgment
- 2. Numbers 26-36:** “second generation”
 - census and preparations for Canaan
 - *subsequent failure or success?*

Book of Numbers

New Beginning (Numbers 26-36)

- New census – God’s faithfulness
- New leadership – Joshua and Eleazar
- New issues of land inheritance
- Renewed emphasis on proper worship

Extravagant Worship

Prescribed Offerings

- these were regular, ongoing offerings that followed the calendar (“appointed time”)
- these were expressions of worship – “*a soothing aroma*”

Extravagant Worship

Prescribed Offerings

- *schedule (appointed times)*
 - *Daily* – every morning & evening
 - *Weekly* – every Sabbath Day
 - *Monthly* – first day of every month
 - *Yearly* – in conjunction with the feasts

Culminated in the Feast of Booths – a great celebration

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Prescribed Offerings

- *one year total (minimum):*
 - 1086 lambs
 - 113 bulls
 - 32 rams & 24 goats
 - One ton of flour
 - 1000 bottles of oil and wine

Extravagant Worship

Significance

1. The Centrality of God in All of Life
 - Every day begins and ends with worship of God
 - Time is ordered by and a gift from God
 - Rest/worship is the goal of life

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Significance

2. The Necessity of Atonement for Life
 - Atonement through substitutionary death was the basis of all worship
 - Displayed the enormity of the offense of sin against God
 - Displayed the greatness of His grace in providing a means of substitution

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Significance

3. The Dedication of One's Life to God
 - Costly sacrifices were to be expressions of the worshiper's heart attitudes
 - The grain offerings symbolized the worshiper's gratitude and consecration to the Lord

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New Covenant Application

- We offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ
 - Every aspect of life is to be a spiritual act of worship – inward experience of the heart
 - Our life itself is a "living sacrifice" to be used and "poured out" in service of the Lord