

3rd Quarter – Week 2

(Final Preparations to Enter the Promised Land)

Day 1 Numbers 24	Key Thoughts: • Balaam turned from sorcery because he sees that the Lord will bless Israel. The spirit of God reveals to him the prosperity of Israel as a nation. God reveals the King of Israel will be great (24:1-9). • Balak is furious with Balaam for not cursing Israel. He refuses to pay Balaam. Balaam tells the king he cannot go against what God has declared (24:10-14). • Balaam delivers the prophecy of Israel's success and the defeat of King Balak (24:15-25). Jesus Christ: The ultimate victorious king in the prophecy is Jesus Christ.
Day 2 Numbers 25-26 See map of area divided for the Tribes of Israel	Key Thoughts: • The men of Israel begin to the worship false gods and commit sin with Moabite women. God is angry and instructs Moses to punish the leaders (25:1-5). • Phinehas, a young priest, executes an Israelite who brought a Midianite woman into the camp. His faithfulness to God stops a plague. God honors the young priest's family forever (25:6-18). • Another census is taken counting the men twenty years and older who are capable of fighting. The count shows just over six hundred thousand men which is about the same number recorded forty year earlier (26:1-51). • Before they cross the river, the land is divided up between the tribes (26:52-55). God keeps His promises as the first generation of adults died in the desert. Only Joshua and Caleb are still alive to enter the promised land (26:57-65). Jesus Christ: Phinehas, a grandchild of Aaron, acted in holy zeal for God's Name. It was a picture of Jesus Christ in the temple throwing out the money changers.
Day 3 Numbers 27-28	Key Thoughts: • Five sisters are facing a problem with their family land. Their father had died and there are no sons. They go to Moses with the matter and Moses sought God's will. God meets their needs by changing the law to allow women to keep their family land (27:1-11). • Moses is about to die and he asks God to pick a new leader. God chooses Joshua who is full of the Holy Spirit. Moses introduces him to Israel as their new leader (27:12-23). • Chapter 28 contains the rules for daily and seasonal offerings. The exact instructions cover regular gifts and sacrifices. The emphasis on faithfulness in all things is God's desire (28:1-31). Jesus Christ: The continual sacrifices were a constant reminder that the sins of the people needed an ultimate sacrifice to remove sins once and for all. Hebrews 10:10-14 declares Jesus was that sacrifice.

Day 4 Numbers 29–30	Key Thoughts: • Chapter 29 gives the sacrifices required during the seventh month. The Feast of Trumpets was intended to remind Israel to wake up spiritually and prepare for the holy days ahead (29:1–6). • The offering on the Day of Atonement included the confession of sin and the need for God’s forgiveness (29:7–11). • The Feast of Tabernacles was an eight day event. The people would live in temporary shelters reminding them of God’s care in the wilderness (29:12–38). The Lord commanded daily and yearly sacrifices (29:39–40). • Chapter 30 covers making vows to the Lord. God expects the promise to be kept. Woman who were unmarried living with their father had to have the approval of their father to make a vow. Jesus Christ: Jesus told his followers to let their yes be yes and no be no (Matt. 5:33–37).
Day 5 Numbers 31	Key Thoughts: • God commands Moses to destroy the Midianites because they tricked Israel into worshipping false gods. The defeat of the Midianites includes the killing their five kings and the false prophet Balaam (31:1–12). • Moses is upset because the women who led the Israelite men into sin are spared. Moses orders the judgment of death on all but the female children (31:13–24). • The spoil is all accounted for and then divided up equally (31:25–47). • God miraculously protected His people. There were no casualties for the Israelite soldiers. A large offering of gold is given to the Tabernacle (31:48–54). Jesus Christ: Israel battled enemies who were being used by Satan in an attempt to stop God’s plan of a Savior coming through Israel. Jesus won the victory over our enemies sin and death.
Day 6 Numbers 32	Key Thoughts: • The tribe of Gad and Reuben asked for land east of the Jordan River outside of the promised land. The selfish request causes Moses to be angry and concerned they would not help fight. (32:1–15). • Gad and Rueben agree to send their warriors to fight until every tribe had their land. Moses agrees and tells the leaders of Israel to oversee the agreement. The land is given to Gad, Reuben, and half of the tribe of Manasseh. The tribes built their cities and continued to send soldiers to the rest of the land (32:16–4:42). Jesus Christ: The Israelite had to fight for the Promised Land. Jesus has already won the battle for us to enter into eternal rest (Heb. 4:9–10).