



Outline of the Entire Old Testament by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

**Numbers = Worship is Front & Center
Or, Regulating the Rebellious**

**[God Is Orderly]
Blueprint for Redemption**

I. Ordering the Wanderers **1:1-19:22**

A. Census #1 of Men in **the Wilderness of Sinai 1:2-54**

(1 month after **Exodus 40:17**)

1. All Male Warriors **1:2-3, 20-46** (603,550, v. **46**)
2. Tribal "Census Takers" **1:4-19**
3. Levites excepted **1:47-54**

B. Campsite of All **2:1-6:21**

1. Tribes by banners around **tabernacle 2:1-34**
2. **Priesthood** established **3:10-4:49** **Hebrews 4:14-5:11**
3. Numbered Levite males 1 month+ = 22,000 **3:14-39**
 - a. Israelite firstborn males = 22,273 **3:40-51**
 - b. **Levitical duties** distributed **4:1-49** **Hebrews 6:19-8:6**
4. No unclean may serve **5:1-31**
 - a. Lepers rejected **5:1-4**
 - b. Law of restitution **5:5-10**
 - c. Law of jealousy **5:11-31**
5. **Nazirite** is purest **6:1-21** **Matthew 2:19-23**

C. "Church" Started **6:22-9:23**

1. **Sacrifices** for tribal leaders **6:22-7:88**
2. **Lamps** arranged **7:89-8:4**
3. **Levites cleansed 8:5-26**
4. **2nd Passover** [14th day, 1st month, 2nd yr.] **9:1-14**
 - a. Observed **9:1-5** **1 Corinthians 5:7**
 - b. "Make-up" Passover law *applied* **9:6-14**
5. **Tabernacle raised 9:15-23**

(the same [1st day, 1st month, 2nd yr.] as in **Exodus 40:17-38**)

- D. Campaign Begun **10:1-19:22** **Romans 11:22**
1. **Trumpet signals 10:1-10**
 2. **Tabernacle 1st** then procession of people **10:11-36**
(20th day, 2nd month, 2nd yr.)
 3. **Gripe & Grumble about (God's provision of) food**
 - a. God's fire burned camp's outskirts **11:1-3**
 - b. Manna given **11:4-15** **John 6:22-59**
 - c. Seventy elders anointed **11:16-30**
 - d. Quail abundantly sent at **Kibroth Hattaavah 11:31-35**
 4. **Gripe & Grumble (Moses' family) about "frontman" at Hazeroth 11:5-12:16**
 5. **Gripe & Grumble about the future (God's goal) 13:1-14:45**
 - a. Spies sent to "check out" Promised Land **13:1-25**
 - b. Spies report (10 against 2) **13:26-14:10**
 - c. Moses intercedes **14:10-38**
 - d. Failed faithless invasion **14:39-45**
 - e. **Faithful worship required 15:1-41**
 - (1 proper offerings for sins **15:1-21**)
 - (2 sacrifices for unintentional sins **15:22-29**)
 - (3 nothing but separation for intentional sin **15:30-31**)
 - (4 sabbath violation punishment *applied* **15:32-36**)
 - (5 tassels to remind them to obey **15:37-41**)
 6. **Gripe & Grumble about (God behind) Moses 16:1-19:22**
 - a. Earth swallows Korah and company **16:1-50**
 - b. Aaron's budding rod shows the way **17:1-13**
 - c. **Proper priests from Aaron's house 18:1-19:22**
 - (1 Aaron's sons and tribe of Levi only **18:1-7**)
 - (2 offerings and tithes support Levites **18:8-24**)
 - (3 Levites also to offer tithes **18:25-32**)
 - (4 Laws to purify people **19:1-22**)

II. Ordering the Way **20:1-25:18**

- A. **Wilderness of Zin 20:1-21:20**
1. Miriam died at **Kadesh 20:1**
 2. Moses' rebellion at **Meribah 20:2-13**
 3. Passage through Edom refused **20:14-21**
 6. Aaron died at **Mount Hor 20:22-29**
 7. Canaanites defeated at **Hormah 21:1-3**
 8. **Gripe & Grumble about travel around Edom 21:4-9**
 - a. Fiery serpents **21:4-7** **John 3:14-17**

- b. Bronze serpent on a pole saves **21:8-9**
- 9. Kept them moving **21:10-20**

B. From ***Pisgah's Top*** **21:20**

- 1. Amorites (King Sihon) defeated **21:21-32**
- 2. Bashan (King Og) defeated at ***Edrei*** **21:33-35**
- 3. Moabite King Balak's bamboozle **22:1-25:18**
 - a. Request for Balaam to curse Israelites denied **22:1-20**
 - b. Balaam's donkey spoke **22:21-40**
 - c. Balaam's prophecy #1 **22:41-23:12**
 - d. Balaam's prophecy #2 **23:13-26**
 - e. Balaam's prophecy #3 **23:27-24:14**
 - f. Balaam's prophecy #4 **24:15-25**
 - g. Israelite harlotry with Moabite women **25:1-18**

III. Ordering the Winners **26:1-36:13**

- A. Census #2 of male warriors 20 years + **26:1-65**
- B. Inheritance law *applied* to daughters **27:1-11** **1 Corinthians 7:12**
- C. Joshua chosen to replace Moses **27:12-23**
- D. **Worship reminders 28:1-29:40**
 - 1. Daily burnt offerings **28:1-8**
 - 2. Sabbath day offerings **28:9**
 - 3. First of the month offerings **28:10-15**
 - 4. Passover offerings **28:16-25**
 - 5. Firstfruit offerings **28:26-31**
 - 6. Trumpets (7th month, 1st day) **29:1-6**
 - 7. Day of Atonement (7th month, 10th day) **29:7-11**
 - 8. Feast of Tabernacles (7th month, 15th day) **29:12-40**
- E. Laws of Vows - man or woman (prenuptial ?) **30:1-16**
- F. Defeat of Midianites **31:1-54**
 - 1. Killed all the males **31:1-10**
 - 2. Killed whoring women and male children,
virgin daughters spared **31:11-24**
 - 3. Plunder divided between warriors and rest **31:25-54**
- G. Tribes settling east of Jordan River **32:1-42**

H. Diary of campsites in wilderness **33:1-49**

I. Instructions for conquest of Canaan **33:50-36:13**

1. Land will be divided by tribes **33:50-56**
2. Promised Land boundaries established **34:1-15**
3. Tribal dividers appointed **34:16-29**
4. Levitical cities designated **35:1-5**
5. Cities of refuge **35:6-34**
6. Law of female inheritance *applied* **36:1-13**

Learning From the Wilderness - Don't Be That Way

1. God's children should never mix worldliness with religion **1 Corinthians 10:1-22.**
2. Moses nor Jesus Christ cannot lead the faithless to victory **Hebrews 3:1-4:16**
3. There is a "gap in faith" between Red Sea and Jericho **Hebrews 11:29-30**
4. God only "put up with" the Israelites in wilderness **Acts 13:17-19**
5. Israelites ignored God's miracles from Egypt through wandering, choosing idols instead **Acts 7:35-45**