

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
NUMBERS – 32 – TWO AND A HALF TRIBES RECEIVE THEIR LAND
NUMBERS – 33 – A RECORD OF EVERY STOP THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL MADE

Say – Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Numbers.

Numbers 32

Say – Moses “assumed” without hearing the whole matter about the tribes of Reuben, Gad and a half-tribe of Menasseh which is a lesson in humility. Moses thought wrongly on this matter; Moses needed to find out all the facts before making a decision.

Say – In verses 1-5 is the request of the tribes of Reuben and Gad for an inheritance and bring us not over Jordan.

¹Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

²The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

³Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

⁴Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

⁵Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

⁶And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

⁷And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

⁸Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land.

⁹For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

¹⁰And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

¹¹Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

¹²Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

¹³And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

¹⁴And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

¹⁵For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

¹⁶And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:

Say – What is a sheepfold? A sheepfold is an enclosure for the protection of the sheep and also from keeping them from wandering away and getting lost. These folds were simple walled enclosures, usually without roofs, with the walls covered with thorns to keep out the robbers. (From the New Bible Compact Dictionary, pg. 544)

The Bible tells us ¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that entereth in by the door (Christ) is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the porter (Christ, the doorkeeper) openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. (We know the voice of our Master and we know it by studying.) ⁵And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. (Why do people follow every wind of doctrine; because they do not know their Shepherd.) John 10:1-5

¹⁷But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. (Now they are telling Moses what's on their mind; that they would help them all the way.)

¹⁸We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. (This is a good attitude.)

¹⁹For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

²⁰And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,

²¹And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

²²And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

Say – “And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad according to their families” Joshua 13:24. Moses “gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Manasseh...” Joshua 13:29. Moses also gave to the Reubenites. “With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance...” Joshua 13:8. Moses heard the entire story now and was relieved that they would “go armed before the LORD to war” vs. 20.

²³But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

²⁴Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

²⁵And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

²⁶Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead:

²⁷But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord saith.

²⁸So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel: (Moses arranges the matter with Eleazar and with Joshua, his successor.)

²⁹And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

³⁰But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

³¹And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

³²We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be our's.

Say – Moses settles them in the land they wanted, see vs 33.

³³And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities of the country round about.

³⁴And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

³⁵And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

³⁶And Bethnimrah, and Bethharan, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

³⁷And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

³⁸And Nebo, and Baalmeon, (their names being changed (from Canaanite names to Hebrew,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded (The Bible tells us “¹⁷For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name” Hosea 2:17)..

³⁹And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was in it.

⁴⁰And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

⁴¹And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havothjair.

⁴²And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Numbers 33

Say – This chapter is a record of every stop the children of Israel made after departing Egypt.

¹These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

²And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out.

³And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

⁴For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.

⁵And the children of Israel removed from Rameses (main city of Egypt), and pitched in Succoth.

⁶And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

⁷And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pihahiroth, which is before Baalzephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

⁸And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

⁹And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.

¹⁰And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

¹¹And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.

¹²And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

¹³And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

¹⁴And they removed from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim (This is where Amelek came to attack Israel.), where was no water for the people to drink (The Israelites complained because there was no water.).

¹⁵And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.

¹⁶And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibrothhattaavah.

¹⁷And they departed from Kibrothhattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.

¹⁸And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

¹⁹And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmonparez.

²⁰And they departed from Rimmonparez, and pitched in Libnah.

²¹And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

²²And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

²³And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

²⁴And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

²⁵And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

²⁶And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

²⁷And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

²⁸And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

²⁹And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

³⁰And they departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth.

³¹And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Benejaakan.

³²And they removed from Benejaakan, and encamped at Horhagidgad.

³³And they went from Horhagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

³⁴And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

³⁵And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Eziongaber.

³⁶And they removed from Eziongaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh. (Sent the spies into the land of Canaan.)

³⁷And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.

³⁹And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

⁴⁰And king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

⁴¹And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

⁴²And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

⁴³And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

⁴⁴And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.

⁴⁵And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibongad.

⁴⁶And they removed from Dibongad, and encamped in Almondiblathaim.

⁴⁷And they removed from Almondiblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

⁴⁸And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

⁴⁹And they pitched by Jordan, from Bethjesimoth even unto Abelshittim in the plains of Moab.

Say – How to conquer the land of Canaan.

⁵⁰And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

⁵¹Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

⁵²Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

⁵³And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. (This the children of Israel did not obey totally; now they put it in museums but it does not impress God. God tells us where to live and when we are in obedience to God we are happy where He puts us and happy for others.)

⁵⁴And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. (This was based on the size of the family; just what they needed.)

⁵⁵But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

⁵⁶Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them. (Verse 55 and 56 – and they are “pricks” in their side until they turn to God to this day. A command they did not obey and are paying daily.)

MEMORY VERSE

And they came near unto him, and said, we will build sheepfolds here for out cattle, and cities for our little ones:

Numbers 32:16

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

WHAT IS A SHEEPFOLD?

A SHEEPFOLD IS AN ENCLOSURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SHEEP AND ALSO FROM KEEPING THEM FROM WONDERING AWAY AND GETTING LOST.

THESE FOLDS WERE SIMPLE WALLED ENCLOSURES, USUALLY WITHOUT ROOFS, WITH THE WALLS COVERED WITH THORNS TO KEEP OUT THE ROBBERS.

THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT A SHEEPFOLD

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER.

BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP.

TO HIM THE PORTER OPENETH; AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE: AND HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP MY NAME, AND LEADETH THEM OUT.

AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. (We know his voice by listening to know the truth.)

AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS. (We only follow God and Jesus; we will not follow false doctrine.)

THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.

ALL THAT EVER CAME BEFORE ME ARE THIEVES AND ROBBERS: BUT THE SHEEP DID NOT HEAR THEM.

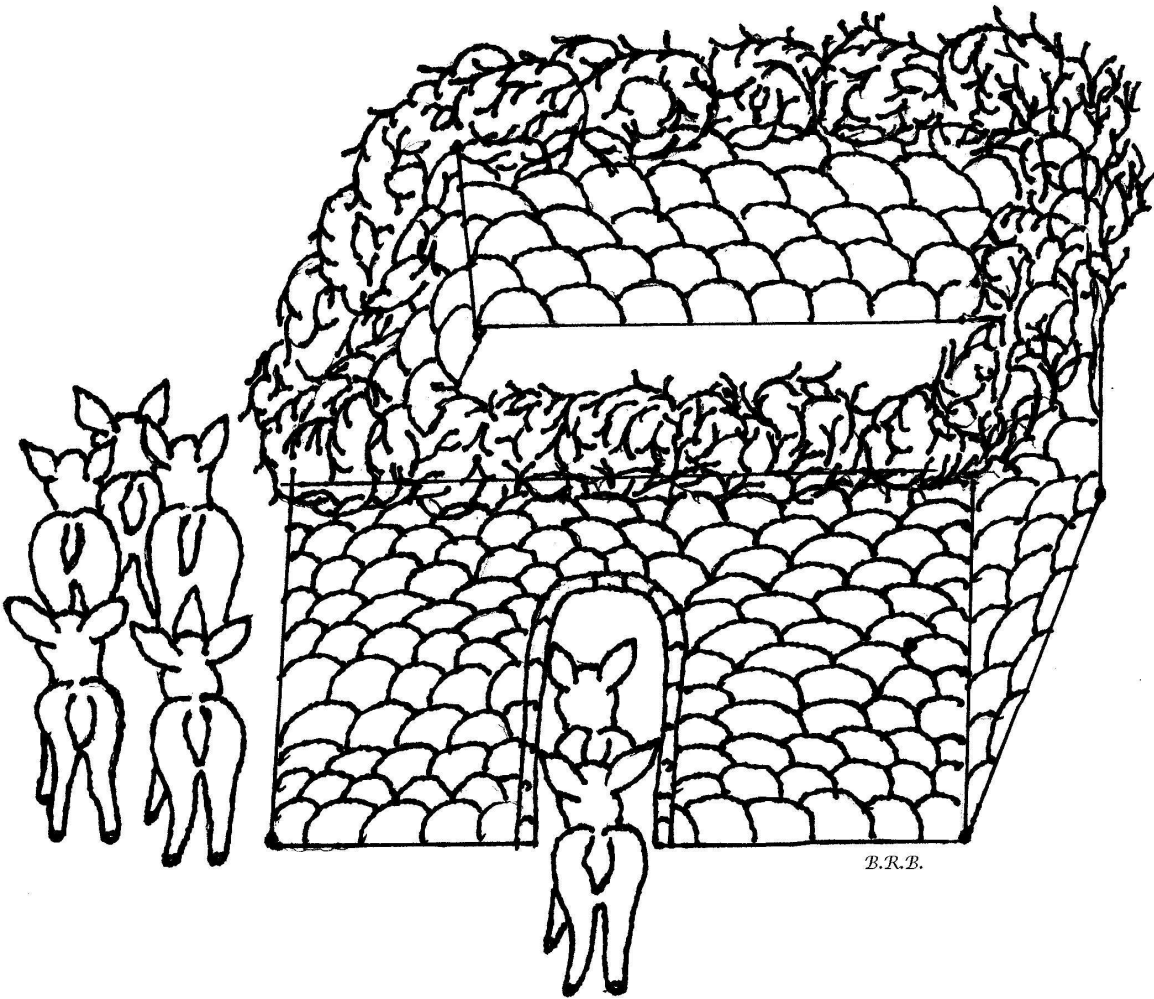
I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE.

THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. (Christ gave His life for us at Passover.)

A SHEEPFOLD

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AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM FOR THEY KNOWETH HIS VOICE. AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS. I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT AND FIND PASTURE. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.