

Numbers 31-35

Chapter 31

Overview

1. V1-11 – Vengeance/Midianites – (Israelites/Harlotry - Nu 25:17)
2. V8 & 16 – Balaam Killed for counsel to Barak 25:2
3. V14-15 - Disobedience Army/Kept women – Moses angry!
4. V25-47 - Dividing/Plunder/Tribute = Fought 1/500 & Stayed = 1/50
5. V49 – No One Lost – Leads to V50 – Offering to Lord!

Point #1 (V16) - Moses Angry w/People's Disobedience

- * Moses – V16 - What got us in trouble in 1st place!!!
 - * Why? – Tempting to the Flesh!
 - * 1 Samuel 15 – Saul/Amalekites - spares (1 S 15:9, 20, 22)
 - * Disobedience - Minimum Dangerous brings Disaster & Destruction!
- Proverbs 14:12** ¹²There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.
- Proverbs 16:25** ²⁵There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Application – We are not Smarter than God – Bad is Bad!

Chapter 32

Overview

1. V1-5 - Gad/Reuben ask for land East/Jordan – Good for Livestock
2. V6-15 - Moses confronts/being like “Discouragers”/Kadesh/Barnea
3. V16-42 – People/Moses agree they go in and help/come back
4. V23 – Be sure your sin will find you out.

Point #2 (V23) – Hypocrisy – Saying One thing & Doing Another

Matthew 24:45-51 ...the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- * Annais/Saphira; Pharisees, Judgmental Person (Speck/Plank)

Application – Honesty is the Best Policy

Job 36:13 ¹³“But the hypocrites in heart store up wrath; They do not cry for help when He binds them.

Chapter 33

Overview

1. History of Children of Israel Journey out of Egypt

Point #3 (V2) - Moses Wrote/Starting Points @ Command/Lord Psalm 77:8-12 ⁸Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore? ⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah ¹⁰And I said, “This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.” ¹¹I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. ¹²I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Application

1. Good to remember where we have been; Lord's faithfulness; our errors/failures/past – so won't go back; to share with next generations.

Chapter 34

Overview

1. The Lord Establishes Israel's Borders – As an Inheritance

Point #4 (V2) Lord Established Israel's Borders - As/Inheritance

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Psalm 122:6-9 ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. ⁷Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces.” ⁸For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, “Peace be within you.” ⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

Application – Position Toward Israel – Not Political/Spiritual

Chapter 35

Overview

1. Cities for the Levites (48) & Cities of Refuge (6)

Point #5 (V16-21 & V22-28) – Murderer vs. Manslayer

Exodus 20:13(6th Commandment) ¹³“You shall not murder. (7523)

- * Paul was a Murderer – Killing without Justification

- * Murder forgivable? Manslaughter Forgivable? Mt 12:31, I Jn 1:9

Application – All sin/forgivable except one – Remember-Others/Us!