

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 19 – Various Offerings Through Miriam’s Punishment (Numbers 7-12)

1. On what day did the princes of Israel bring their offerings before the Lord?
 - They brought their offerings before the Lord on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them (**Numbers 7:1-3**).
2. Who were the offerings of the princes of Israel given to?
 - They were given to the Levites to be used in the service of the tabernacle (**Numbers 7:5-6**).
3. Why did the sons of Kohath receive nothing from these offerings from the princes of Israel?
 - Because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders (**Numbers 7:9**).
4. What people were taken from among the children of Israel and cleansed?
 - The Levites (**Numbers 8:6**).
5. Who were the Levites given to as a gift from God?
 - *“And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel. And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary”* (**Numbers 8:18-19**).
6. What was the age range for a Levite to go in and wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation?
 - 25 years old unto 50 years old (**Numbers 8:24-26**).
7. In keeping the Passover, a question arose about men who were defiled because of touching a dead body. What was done to find the answer to the question which arose?
 - *“And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel. And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the Lord in his appointed season among the children of Israel? And Moses said unto them, **Stand still, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you.** And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the Lord. The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They shall leave*

none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it” (Numbers 9:5-12).

- Today God speaks through His word (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). We need to consult Him before doing anything as did Moses in this account (**Ephesians 5:10; 17**).

8. What was to occur if someone was clean and not on a journey, but did not partake of the Passover at the appointed time?

- *“But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the Lord in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin” (Numbers 9:13).*

9. Was there a different law for the stranger among them in regards to the Passover?

- No, (**Numbers 9:14**).

10. How did the children of Israel know when God wanted them to journey or remain located in one place?

- When the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle they stayed put. When the cloud was removed, they journeyed. This is how the Lord commanded them (**Numbers 9:17-23; cf. 10:11-12**).

11. What was made to be used for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camps?

- *“Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps” (Numbers 10:2).*

12. Who would blow the trumpets?

- The sons of Aaron (**Numbers 10:8**).

13. What was Israel to do to be remembered before God in times of war against an enemy that oppressed them?

- They were to blow an alarm with the trumpets; and they’d s be remembered before the Lord, and saved from their enemies (**Numbers 10:9**).

14. What was the destination of the journey, beginning in Numbers 10:11, according to Moses?

- *“The place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel” (Numbers 10:29).*

15. What did Moses ask of God when the ark was set forward and when it rested while on this journey?

- *“And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel” (Numbers 10:35-36).*

16. Why did the Lord consume those that were on the uttermost parts of the camp in fire?
 - Because they complained (**Numbers 11:1-3**).
17. Were the children of Israel happy with eating manna given to them by God?
 - No, the complained and even said they like the fish of Egypt better (**Numbers 11:4-9**).
18. Was Moses overwhelmed by the complaints of the children of Israel?
 - Yes, and it is sad how low they drove him. We should read through **Numbers 11:10-15** and be sure not to burden our brethren in like ways.
19. How did the Lord aid Moses and at the same time punish the complainers?
 - God gave Moses help in the form of the 70 elders in Israel. He also had other prophesy. He then promised to feed the people flesh for a month, so much that it'd come out of their nostrils. Then, while those that lusted ate God caused a plague among them so that they died (**Numbers 11:16-34**).
20. Who spoke against Moses because of his wife?
 - Aaron and Miriam (**Numbers 12:1-2**).
 - In that same text they challenged Moses' authority (**v.2**).
21. Was Moses a meek man?
 - Yes, above all the men upon the face of the earth (**Numbers 12:3**).
22. Did the Lord allow the complaints against Moses to continue?
 - No, the Lord did not overlook the sins of Aaron and Miriam. He spoke with them and smote Miriam with leprosy so that she was as white as snow (**Numbers 12:4-10**).
23. Was there any indication of repentance for what occurred against Moses?
 - Yes, by Aaron as he admitted being foolish and sinful (**Numbers 12:11-12**).
24. Was Moses able to forgive those who spoke against him?
 - Obviously he was as he asked God for pardon on their behalf and received it after Miriam spent seven days outside of the camp (**Numbers 12:13-15**).