

THE WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

Numbers 16, 17, 20, 21

After the people had failed to believe and obey God, their forty years of wandering began. Read the following to see what happened during these years:

A. The First Problem: Read Numbers 16:1-40

1. What four men had a complaint against Moses and Aaron? Numbers 16:1

2. Who joined with them in this complaint? Numbers 16:2

3. What did they accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:3
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. How did Moses say they could settle this dispute? Numbers 16:6, 7

5. What did God tell the people to do after this? Numbers 16:24, 26

6. What happened to the leaders of this rebellion? Numbers 16:31-33

7. What happened to the men who had joined them in the rebellion? Numbers 16:35

B. The Second Problem: Read Numbers 16:41-17:13

1. The next day, what did the people accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:41b

2. What did God send because of this? Numbers 16:45, 46b

3. How many of the people died because of this judgment? Numbers 16:49

4. After this, what did God tell the leaders of the twelve tribes to do? Numbers 17:2

5. How was God going to show whom He had chosen to come near to Himself? Numbers 17:5

6. Who was shown to be God's choice? Numbers 17:8

7. What did God command to be done with Aaron's rod? Numbers 17:10

C. The Third Problem: Read Numbers 20:1-29

1. What was the problem that faced the people in the desert of Zin? Numbers 20:2a

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2. What did the people do because of this problem? Numbers 20:2b

3. What did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 20:8

4. What did Moses do? Numbers 20:10, 11

5. What did God tell Moses and Aaron after this? Numbers 20:12, 13

6. What happened to Aaron shortly after this? Numbers 20:24-29

D. The Fourth Problem: Read Numbers 21:1-9

1. Because the king of Edom would not give the Israelites passage through his land (Numbers 20:14-21), they had to go around it. What happened as they did this? Numbers 21:4

2. What did the people do? Numbers 21:5

3. What punishment did God send? Numbers 21:6

4. When the people repented of their sin, what did God tell Moses to make? Numbers 21:8

5. What did the people have to do to be saved from death? Numbers 21:8b, 9b

6. Of what was the brazen serpent a picture? (See John 3:14, 15)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I ever sinned, so that I deserve punishment by God? (See Romans 3:23, 6:23)

2. Am I willing to obey God, and accept His remedy for my sin? (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)
