

THE JOURNEY FROM SINAI BEGUN

Numbers 9 – 10

After the Tabernacle was completed, the Israelites were almost ready to leave Mt. Sinai. Read now to discover what they did just before they left, and how they were guided on their journey northward toward Canaan:

A. Guidance for the Journey: Read Numbers 9

1. Between the time the Tabernacle was set up and the time the people were numbered, what did the Israelites do? Compare Exodus 40:17 with Numbers 1:1 and 9:1-3, 5

2. From the day that the Tabernacle was completed, what was always upon it?

- a. By day? Numbers 9:15, 16a

- b. By night? Numbers 9:16b

3. How did the people of Israel know when to travel? Numbers 9:17a

4. How did they know where to pitch their tents? Numbers 9:17b

1. Who determined whether they journeyed or pitched their tents?

Numbers 9:18a

6. What determined how long they stayed in one place? Numbers 9:18c-21a

7. Was there any difference if the cloud were taken up at night? Numbers 9:21b

6. Did it matter how long it was before the cloud was taken up?

Numbers 9:22, 23

B. Notice of the Journey: Read Numbers 10:1-10

1. What did God tell Moses to make for the calling of assembly, and for the journeying of the camps? Numbers 10:2a

2. Read Numbers 10:3-6, and tell what was to happen when they blew

- a. both trumpets? 3

- b. one trumpet? 4

- c. an alarm? 5

- d. a second alarm? 6

3. Who was to blow the trumpets? Numbers 10:8

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1. For what two other purposes were these trumpets to be used?

Numbers 10:9, 10

- a. _____
b. (three items) _____

C. The Journey Begun: Read Numbers 10:11-36

1. How long after the Israelites had left Egypt did they begin their journey from Mt. Sinai?
Compare Exodus 12:2, 6, 51 with Numbers 10:11-13

(Notice that this was just 20 days after the people were numbered, which would be at the end of the seven-day feast of unleavened bread.)

2. List the order in which they traveled: Numbers 10:14-28

- a. Which three tribes? 14, 15, 16 _____
b. What next? 17 _____
c. Which three tribes? 18, 19, 20 _____
d. What next? 21 _____
e. Which three tribes? 22, 23, 24 _____
f. Which three tribes? 25, 26, 27 _____

3. Who did Moses encourage to go with them, to help them through the wilderness travels?
Numbers 10:29-31

4. What advantage would this be to him? Numbers 10:32

5. How long did the first stage of their journey last? Numbers 10:33-36

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who made the day-by-day decisions in the Israelites' lives?

2. Who makes the daily decisions in *my* life? Would God like me to wait upon Him to show His will in each of these tiny areas? Am I willing to do this? Would I benefit from it if I did?