

# THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

WEEK 23 – Numbers 16 – Numbers 21 & Luke 1 – 2

## WEEK 23 – ANSWERS

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others
2. **Monday** –
  - 1) Numbers 16 – Read & Answer Below
    - a) Who were the three “ring-leaders” that along with the 250 princes “gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron...?” (Korah, Dathan and Abiram, vs. 1)
    - b) What false accusation do they question Moses and Aaron with in Numbers 16:3? (They said to Moses and Aaron, “Wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?” Remember, this was a false accusation. From the earlier context, it is clear that they were jealous and/or wanted to share in the power, prestige, etc. that they perceived came from leadership. They did not respect God’s Word on the matter of “who” was authorized to lead. Moses himself said to them, “Ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi,” vs. 7. One cannot help but think of congregations today who refuse to follow godly and sound elderships. While most of the religious world seems to be confused on the concept of the eldership, and while many “elders” in liberal congregations do not respect God’s Word themselves, it is certainly true that faithful and solid elders should be respected and followed as they guide the local autonomous congregations. Compare Hebrews 13:7, 17.)
    - c) Numbers 16:9-10 declares, “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to \_\_\_\_\_ unto them? And He hath brought thee near to Him, and all thy brethren the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ with thee: and seek ye the \_\_\_\_\_ also?” (service; tabernacle; minister; Levi; priesthood)
    - d) Per Numbers 16:11, Moses said that this rebellious group was actually against \_\_\_\_\_. (The Lord)
    - e) Which two of the rebellious leaders would not even “come up” at the summons of Moses? (Dathan and Abiram, vs. 12)
    - f) What verse describes these rebellious men as being “wicked men?” (Numbers 16:26)
    - g) How did Korah, Dathan and Abiram, die? (The earth swallowed them up, vs. 31-32)
    - h) How did the 250 princes/men who had offered incense, die? (Fire from the Lord consumed them, vs. 35)
    - i) Did the miraculous display of discipline upon Korah, Dathan, Abiram, etc. cause the people to have a long term respect for God and Moses? (Not at all. In fact, vs. 41ff says, “But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord.” As the text goes on to show, because of this murmuring and additional rebellion, 14,700 died when the Lord sent a plague among them.)

2) Luke 1 – Read Only

3. **Tuesday** –

1) Numbers 17 – Read & Answer Below

- a) How many rods were to be used in all? (Twelve rods, vs. 2, 6)
- b) Whose name was to be written upon the “rod of Levi?” (Aaron’s name, vs. 3)
- c) What was the purpose of this demonstration regarding the budding rod? (To show whom the Lord would chose and to cause to cease the murmuring of the children of Israel in regards to the leadership/priesthood, vs. 5)
- d) What happened to the twelve rods after the demonstration was over? (The rods were brought out before the people, but then Aaron’s rod that had budded was taken back “before the testimony” so that it could be “kept for a token/sign against the rebels,” vs. 10)
- e) Did Moses do as the Lord had commanded him in this activity? (Yes, vs. 11)

2) Luke 1 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What person did Luke say that he was writing to? (Theophilus, vs. 3)
- b) What was the name of the priest mentioned early in this chapter? What was his wife’s name? (Zacharias; Elisabeth, vs. 5)
- c) Were this priest and his wife living a righteous life or an unrighteous life? (They were living righteously before God. As vs. 6 says, “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.”)
- d) How many children did they have as mentioned in Luke 1:7? (As the text says, “they had no child...Elisabeth was barren.” Also, “they both were now well stricken in years.”)
- e) What did the angel tell Zacharias to name the son they would have? (John, vs. 13)
- f) What was the angel’s name? (Gabriel, vs. 19)
- g) What was the name of the virgin who would give birth to Jesus? (Mary, vs. 27, 31)
- h) Were Mary and Elisabeth related to each other? (Yes. They were cousins, vs. 36)
- i) Upon what day was John circumcised? (The eighth day, vs. 59)
- j) When Zacharias was able to speak again, what did he do immediately? (The text says, “...and he spake, and praised God,” vs. 64)

4. **Wednesday** –

1) Numbers 18 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What person and his sons would “bear the iniquity of the sanctuary?” (Aaron and his sons, vs. 1)
- b) What tribe of Israel was to be responsible for ministering to the tabernacle? (Levi, vs. 2, 6, 23)
- c) What type of offering is specifically mentioned in Numbers 18:8? (Heave offering)
- d) Were Aaron and those pertaining to the Levites allowed to eat certain portions of the sacrifices? (Yes, vs. 8ff)
- e) Were these portions, the scraps and left-over items? (No, vs. 12-13)

- f) Were the firstlings (or firstborn) of a cow, or of a sheep, or of a goat to be redeemed? (No, vs. 17)
- g) Would Aaron and the Levites have an inheritance or part in the land of promise? If not, why not? (No. Because God said, “I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel, vs. 20)
- h) Would this mean that the Levites in essence worked for free or received nothing for their labors? (Not at all. In fact God said, “And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, vs. 21. The Levites would be supported by the people. The people would give “the best” to God and the Levites would have their portion from this, vs. 24)
- i) Since the Levites were supported by the tithes of the people, were the Levites exempt from giving to the Lord themselves? (No! In fact, vs. 26 says, “...When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up...even a tenth part of the tithe.)
- j) Could the Levites give the scraps or left-over items, when they gave to God? (Not at all, vs. 29-32)

2) Luke 1 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) When the angel first appeared to Zacharias, where was the angel standing? (He was standing on the right side of the altar of incense, vs. 11)
- b) The angel told Zacharias that his \_\_\_\_\_ was heard? (prayer, vs. 13)
- c) It is said in this chapter that John would go forth “in the spirit and power of \_\_\_\_\_...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Elias (i.e., Elijah), vs. 17)
- d) Luke 1:19 reads, “And the angel answering said unto him, I am \_\_\_\_\_, that stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God....” (Gabriel; presence)
- e) Whose throne did the angel say would be given to Jesus? (The throne of his father (i.e., think of lineage) David, vs. 32)
- f) Did Elisabeth go to visit Mary or did Mary go to visit Elisabeth? (Mary went to visit Elisabeth, vs. 39ff)
- g) How long did Mary stay with Elisabeth before returning home? (About three months, vs. 56)
- h) Toward the end of this chapter when Zacharias was prophesying about Jesus, he said, God “hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant \_\_\_\_\_....” (David, vs. 69)
- i) In this same prophesying, Zacharias also referred to “The oath which He (i.e., God) sware to our father \_\_\_\_\_.” (Abraham, vs. 73)
- j) Referencing his own son, Luke 1:76 finds Zacharias saying, “And thou, child, shalt be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ His ways.” (prophet; prepare)

5. **Thursday** –

1) Numbers 19 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What color heifer is mentioned in the early part of this chapter? (A red heifer, vs. 2)

- b) Did it matter if this heifer had ever been yoked or not? (Yes, it mattered. The text says that she was to be, “without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which NEVER came yoke, vs. 2)
- c) How many times was her blood to be sprinkled before the tabernacle of the congregation? (7 times, vs. 4. Once again, it is evident that God does care about details!)
- d) After the heifer was slain, what would they do to the heifer “in his [i.e., Eleazar’s] sight?” (Burn her, vs. 5ff)
- e) What was to be gathered by “a man that is clean” so that it could be kept “for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation:... a purification for sin?” (The ashes of this heifer, vs. 9)
- f) Numbers 19:11-22 makes it clear that this “water of separation” which involved the ashes from the burning of the red heifer was involved in making one clean after they had done what? (Touched the dead body of any man, touched a bone, a grave, etc., vs. 11ff)

2) Luke 2 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

1) Numbers 20 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Who died in Kadesh, and was buried there? (Miriam, vs. 1)
- b) What was the issue behind why the people “chode with Moses?” (There was no water for the congregation, vs. 2)
- c) What did God tell Moses to “do” in order for water to come forth from the rock? (God said, “...speak ye unto the rock,” vs. 8)
- d) Did Moses obey God’s specific commandment in this regard? (No. Moses actually, “lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice...,” vs. 11)
- e) Was God pleased with Moses? (No, vs. 12ff)
- f) What did God say specifically that Moses had not done “in the eyes of the children of Israel?” (God said, “Because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me..., vs. 12. It would be helpful to connect this back to vs. 10 where Moses hastily said, “...Must WE fetch you water out of this rock?” Not only did Moses smite the rock when he was supposed to speak to it, but particularly Moses failed to give God the glory in his haste and anger)
- g) This water was called “the water of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Meribah, vs. 13)
- h) What country (of kinfolks) did Moses ask for permission to pass through? Was it granted? (Edom. The answer was, “Thou shalt NOT pass by me,” vs. 14, 18)
- i) What verse says, “Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border...?” (Numbers 20:21)
- j) Whose death is discussed in Numbers 20:22-29? (Aaron’s death)

2) Luke 2 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Why did Joseph and Mary go from Nazareth into Bethlehem? (Because of the tax/registration that was enacted, vs. 1-5)
- b) How far along was Mary in her pregnancy at this time? (As noted, Mary was “great with child,” vs. 5. In fact, vs. 6 says, “And so it was, that, while they were there [i.e., Bethlehem], the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.”)

- c) Why did Joseph and Mary not stay in “the inn?” (Because there was “no room for them in the inn,” vs. 7)
- d) Luke 1:11 reads, “For unto you is born this day in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ a Saviour, which is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.” (David; Christ; Lord)
- e) When the shepherds came “with haste,” where did they find the baby Jesus? (They found Him with Joseph and Mary and He was “lying in a manger,” vs. 16)
- f) What was the name of the man to whom “it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ?” (Simeon, vs. 25-26)
- g) What was the reaction of Joseph and Mary upon hearing the blessing given by Simeon upon Jesus? (They marveled at those things which were spoken of Him, vs. 33)
- h) What was the name of the prophetess/widow who “departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day?” (Anna, vs. 36)
- i) What feast was being observed when Jesus was accidentally left behind by his parents when he was twelve years old? (The feast of passover, vs. 41ff)

## 7. Saturday –

### 1) Numbers 21 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What Canaanite king is mentioned in the early part of this chapter? (A king Arad, vs. 1)
- b) Who did the people speak against as depicted in Numbers 21:5? (God and Moses)
- c) What did God send among the people to punish them for their murmuring? (Fiery serpents, vs. 6)
- d) What did Moses erect in order to spare the people? (A serpent of brass upon a pole, vs. 9)
- e) Were the people spared/saved the moment they mentally accepted what God had said or was it “when” they obeyed and actually looked upon the brazen serpent? (Numbers 21:9 makes this very clear. It says, “...everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.” Their faith/belief had to be coupled with their obedience. True faith always involves action. Mere mental ascent without obedience is certainly NOT biblical saving faith. Of extreme interest is the fact that John 3:16 is in the context of this background. Compare, John 3:14)
- f) Where is Arnon? (It is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites, vs. 13)
- g) Who was the king of the Amorites? (Sihon, vs. 21)
- h) Would this king allow the Israelites to pass through as they requested? (No, vs. 23)
- i) What other king is mentioned toward the end of this chapter? (Og, the king of Bashan, vs. 33)
- j) Did Israel defeat both of the kings mentioned in this chapter in battle or were they defeated by them? (They defeated these kings, vs. 24, 35)

### 2) Luke 2 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) What is the name of the city known as “the city of David?” (Bethlehem, vs. 4, 11)
- b) Luke 2:10 reads, “And the \_\_\_\_\_ said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be to \_\_\_\_\_ people.” (angel; joy; all)
- c) What did the angel and the multitude of the heavenly host say in their praises? (They said, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men,” vs. 14)
- d) What Old Testament chapter serves as the background for Luke 2:21-22? (Leviticus 12)
- e) Was Simeon a righteous or wicked man? (He was “just and devout,” vs. 25)
- f) Luke 2:32 says that Jesus would be, “A light to lighten the \_\_\_\_\_, and the glory of Thy people \_\_\_\_\_.” (Gentiles; Israel)
- g) What type of person was Anna? (She was one who “departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day,” vs. 37)
- h) Regarding Joseph and Mary’s obedience, Luke 2:39 says, “And when they had performed \_\_\_\_\_ things according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city \_\_\_\_\_.” (all; law; Nazareth)
- i) Was the boy Jesus obedient to His parents? (Yes, vs. 51)