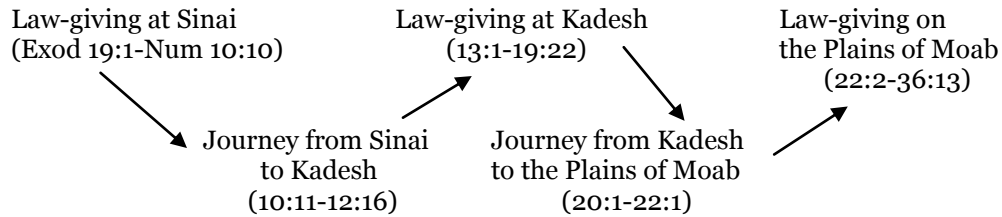


## Numbers 12

Lesson 12: Aggression & Intercession  
(Handle Hostile Takeovers on Your Knees)

### A. Mapping the Big Picture

1. Theme – The Wilderness: Extreme Lessons that Count
2. Chronological Outline of Numbers
  - a. Num 1-10 ... 20 days ... 1446/5 BC
  - b. Num 11-25 ... 38 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days ...
  - c. Num 26-36 ... 5-6 Months ... 1406/5 BC
3. Geographic Outline of Numbers



4. Some Keys to the Book
  - a. “God is not a man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.  
Has he said, and will he not do it?  
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”  
Num 23:19 (ESV) / Emphasis: God’s faithfulness
  - b. “And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
‘Because you did not believe in me,  
to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel,  
therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land  
that I have given them.’”  
Num 20:12 (ESV) / Emphasis: man’s unfaithfulness

### B. Scouting Out Some Details in Num 12

Numbers 1 – Delegate -- and Take Stock of God’s Blessing  
 Numbers 2 – Place What’s Most Important in the Center – God!  
 Numbers 3 – Identify People who Love God’s Holiness as Leaders  
 Numbers 4 – Count Capable Men – And Delegate Duties to Them  
 Numbers 5 – Keep the Camp Clean  
 Numbers 6 – A Vow of Dedication Demands More  
 Numbers 7 – Wise Leaders Dedicate Their People & Resources  
 Numbers 8 – Give Top Helpers a Bright, Clean Start  
 Numbers 9 – Watch the Clock of God’s Commands  
 Numbers 10 – Clearly Signal What You’re Doing  
 Numbers 11 – Complaining Can Be a Grave Offense

Just BURIED complainers in 11:34, ... NOW watch what happens!

1. (12:1-3) A Family Complaint
2. (12:4-9) A Divine Confrontation
3. (12:10) A Visible Consequence
4. (12:11-13) Voices of Intercession
5. (12:14-16) A Defined Ex-communication

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### 6. Some Correlation

#### *How to Treat the Opposition*

- a. Lev 19:18
- b. Gal 5:14
- c. Prov 14:21
- d. Matt 5:43-48

#### *How to Act when You Have Questions about an Authority*

- e. "Touch not My Anointed" – 1 Chr 16:22 & Psalm 105:15
  - i. Prophets – 1 Kgs 19:16
  - ii. Priests – Exod 29:7
  - iii. Kings – 1 Sam 2:35
  - iv. Jesus Christ – Ps 2:2
  - v. To whom does this apply?
- f. Fundamental Attitude – Respect
  - i. Heb 13:7
  - ii. Heb 13:17
  - iii. 1 Peter 2:16-18
- g. Fundamental Action – Appeal
  - i. 1 Tim 5:17-18
  - ii. 1 Tim 5:19-25
- h. Other

### C. Undertaking Application

1. A Word to the Wise, Who Do Memorize – See a verse to memorize?
2. Shiny Imprints & Digging for Gold – List a great truth you noticed.
3. Praying to the Lord for Wisdom – Write out a prayer.
4. Gearing Up for the Next Adventure (Num 13) - What Questions Do You Have?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

### D. Further Insight