

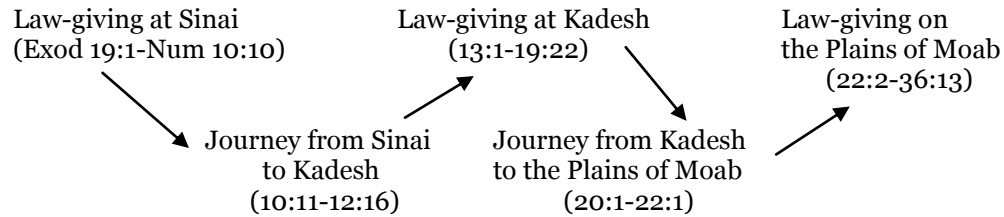
Numbers 14

Lesson 14: Delaying a Right Action is Deadly

(Fear & Doubt Forecast 4 Decades of Death)

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 13

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
 Numbers 12 – Handle Hostile Takeovers on Your Knees
 Numbers 13 – Seek to Capture the Fruit God Promises

1. (14:1-10) Cries of Fearful Anguish
 - a. The Weeping Wimps (vv. 1-4)
 - i. If only we’d died!
 - ii. Let’s pick a new leader and go back!
 - b. The Enthusiastic Exhorters (vv. 5-9)
 - c. The Condemning Congregation (v. 10)
2. (14:11-25) A Faithful Appeal
 - a. The LORD Deliberates Destruction (vv. 11-12)
 - b. Moses Persuades Patience (vv. 13-19)
 - i. Based on a (Potentially) Ruined Reputation
 - ii. Based on Known Character
 - c. The LORD Pardons – Partially (v. 20-25)

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3. (14:26-38) A Forecast of Death over Forty Years
 - a. Twenty-and-up (vv. 26-29)
 - b. Exceptions (vv. 30-35)
 - c. Immediate Action (vv. 36-38)
4. (14:39-45) Defeat from Dilatory Faith (Dilly-Dallying)
5. Some Correlation

Fear is Not God's Plan for His Man

- a. Prov 29:25
- b. Prov 26:13
- c. Romans 8:15
- d. 2 Timothy 1:7
- e. Matt 28:18-20
- f. Heb 13:6
- g. James 1:5-7

Delayed Obedience?

- h. 1 Cor 16:13
- i. James 4:17

- j. 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 15)
 - a. (Chap 15) Why would God focus on offerings in chapter 15?
 - b. (15:16) Did God's laws for His people apply to non-Israelites who resided among them?
 - c. (15:22-36) What was the difference between presumptuous sins and unintentional sins and their outworkings?
 - d. (15:37-41) Why put tassels on clothing?

D. Further Insight