

# Basic Training in the Bible

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### The Setting:

### Here's the plan:

Travel north from Sinai, to Kadesh Barnea, and enter the Promised Land from the south following their Warrior God the whole way.

### Their Preparation:

Organizing by tribe (1-4)  
Purifying the people (5-10:10)  
The Aaronic Blessing (6:22-27)  
God's Presence (9:15-23)  
The Battle Cry (10:25-26)

### The Plan Gets Derailed: (Chapters 11-25)

Complaining, Complaining, and more complaining (...with a few laws sprinkled in)

### Key Stories:

12-13 – the 12 Spies

22-24 – Balaam and his talking donkey

25 – Those dirty Moabites! ...and those meathead Israelites!

### Preparation for Round 2:

26:1-65 – The second census – 601,000



### **A Few Big Themes:**

1. The **Promised** Land
2. Preparations for Battle
3. Israel is a mess ...But God is still faithful

### **God always provides enough; We just want more.**

greed, lust, addiction, gluttony, hoarding etc. Vs contentment, joy, gratitude, modesty etc.

### **A Quick Summary:**

- Covers the 40 years in the wilderness
- The Israelites' long stay in the desert as they journey from MT. Sinai to the plains of Moab, East bank of Jordan River
- It's a mix of genres: narrative, law, census lists, oracles from pagan prophets etc.

### **A Biblical Summary: Psalm 106**

### **This Week's Readings:**

**Option 1:** Numbers 1-36 – 7,7,7,7,8

**Option 2:**

- 9-10 – Preparations to take the Promised Land Pt. 1
- 11-12 – Complaining
- 13-4 – Rebellion
- 16, 17, 20 – More of the same
- 22-25 – The Balaam Incident and the Temple Prostitutes