

A modern, three-pane glass revolving door with a dark metal frame, set in a hallway with glass walls. The door is slightly ajar, and the interior of the hallway is visible through the glass. The lighting is dim, creating a moody atmosphere.

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The Book of Numbers

11 And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? 12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

## Moses Intercedes for the People

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, <sup>14</sup> and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup> Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say,

16 'It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.' 17 And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying,

18 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.' 19 Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now."

## God Promises Judgment

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. <sup>21</sup> But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, <sup>22</sup> none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice,

<sup>23</sup> shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. <sup>24</sup> But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. <sup>25</sup> Now, since the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valleys, turn tomorrow and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.”

## Numbers 1: 2-4

<sup>2</sup> “Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. <sup>3</sup> From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company. <sup>4</sup> And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers.

# NUMBERS

GOD + ISRAEL'S JOURNEY FROM

MT SINAI...

## MOSES NUMBERS

the people of ISRAEL, sets up camp formation

12 TRIBES

LEVITES

GOD

- Provides shelter when Israel's on the move.
- Center of camp when Israel stops.
- Protector + guide

(1:1-10:10)

... TO PARAN ...

## MOSES SPIES OUT LAND

LAND = GOOD. NATIVES = STRONG.

Israel COMPLAINS



(11)

Aaron + Miriam complain

(12)

God punishes them

### ISRAEL REBELS

plans to kill Moses + return to Egypt

(14)

### GOD BANS

this generation from the land, spares Joshua and Caleb.

### NEW LAWS

for living in land

(15)

### KORAH REBELS

claims equality with Moses + Aaron

(16)

### GOD AFFIRMS

Moses + Aaron, earth swallows Korah... spares sons (26:11)

### NEW LAWS

for the priests

(18-19)

(13-19)

Israel COMPLAINS



Aaron + Miriam die, Moses will die too.

(20)

God judges, heals, FIGHTS!

(21)

... TO THE

## PLAINS OF MOAB

### NEW CENSUS

this generation enters Caanan (26)

### PHINEAS

Aaron's grandson is zealous for God (25)

### MEANWHILE



### BALAAM

tries to curse Israel 7 times...

but GOD only allows him to pronounce 7 BLESSINGS

(22-24)

## ALMOST THERE...

- More laws
- Joshua named Moses' successor
- 2 1/2 tribes settle outside the promised land (it's OK)

(22-36)

40 YEARS

WEST.

BENJAMIN,  
35,400.

MANASSEH  
32,200.

EPHRAIM,  
40,500.

CAMP OF EPHRAIM.

NORTH.

DAN,  
62,700.

ASHER,  
41,500.

NAPHTALI,  
53,400.

CAMP OF DAN.

TRIBE OF LEVI.

GERSHONITES

MERARITES

TABERNACLE

KOHATHITES

Aaron  
MOSES  
Priests

TRIBE OF LEVI.

CAMP OF REUBEN.

GAD,  
45,650.

SIMEON,  
69,300.

REUBEN,  
46,500.

SOUTH.

JUDAH,  
74,600.

ISSACHAR,  
54,400.

ZEBULON,  
57,400.

CAMP OF JUDAH.

EAST.

## Proverbs 23:26

<sup>26</sup> My son, give me your heart,  
and let your eyes observe my  
ways.

## Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own  
understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and  
he shall direct thy paths.