

Forty Years Later: God's Faithfulness

Numbers 26

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40 years have passed since they first took a census to get ready to go into Canaan but failed to do so out of unbelief.

1. God is Faithful Even in Discipline vv. 1-51

Differences:

- Chapters 1 & 3 just list the men. Chapter 26 list the men and their families associates with each.
- The actual numbers differ from 1&3 to 26, but really only slightly. The total number, as well as the number for each individual tribe.
- What's remarkable about this is that Israel continued to grow and held their people together even though God had said that the entire generation would die.

This reminds us that God's promises are certain. They might be delayed at times by humans sin or for other reason, but the promises are not ultimately frustrated by sin or circumstances.

- 2 Peter 3:9-10
- Habakkuk 2:4
- Hebrews 6:17-19

2. God is Faithful in His Providence :: vv. 52-56

The size of the land was determined by proportion size, but the location was determined by lot.

3. God is Faithful to His Word :: vv. 63-65

At the beginning of the Moab narrative God had given the death sentence to an entire generation. Here at the end, we are told that the death sentence has been carried out. The census proved that God had kept his word.

Yet, there is hope. Hope that the new generation will follow Joshua and Caleb whereas their fathers and grandfathers did not.