

does not have a good name, and unfortunately it is the only one that the name has been translated into English. In all the other cases we keep the Greek names that were given them by the Greek interpreters and they are *good* descriptive names, but the ~~any~~ man who is not biblically trained may not recognize what each ~~the~~ name means. In this case he recognizes what the unfortunate and erroneous name means -- that the Greek gave to the book. In the other cases the Heb. names are often not particularly ~~not~~ helpful in telling what the book is. Probably it would be in Gen. because the first word of Gen. is "in the beginning" and the Heb. calls it *beresheith*; in the beg., and Gen. is the book of ~~beginnings~~ beginnings. But in the other three books the Heb. word - "these are the names" or "these words" or something like that, doesn't tell you much. But in this case the Heb. name is taken from the 3rd or 4th word in the book, and it is "in the desert" / "in the wilderness" and that means exactly - describes what the book is. It is the story of the experience of the Israelites in the desert.

So under II. we will ~~add~~ *add* & make

A. The Book of Nu.m. follows the Exodus, not merely chronologically but *also* psychologically and spiritually. It follows the Exodus, not merely chronologically. Sometimes arguments are based on the fact that two things happen to be next to the ~~the~~ other, or one thing came later than the other. When there is no causal relation. But here there is a definite causal relation. Their trip through the wilderness was possible because they had come out of Egypt. They could not possibly have escaped from Egypt without the Lord's wonderful provision, and so the Exodus is the necessary background for the understanding of Numbers. This is important for the Christian, as we will see in a minute.

1. We Note the Great importance in the OT of the Exodus. Over and over in the OT we find God referred to as the One who brought them out of the House of Bondage, out from the land of Egypt. This was a great experience which God wished the people constantly to keep in mind. Over and over it is referred to. Now there were many other