Numbers

record of the wilderness journey. The book of Num. is of particular interest and importance to the Christian to most of us because it fits the situation in which we are even though we find in all the rest of the OT and in the NT much that is of great value to every aspect of our lives. This corresponds to the particular situation in which we are.

A. Egypt has been left behind; The journey is already well under way. The book of Num. begins "that the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai in the tab. of the cong. on the first day of the 2nd mo. in the 2nd yr. after they were come out of the land of Egy. saying." They had already been 2 yrs. away from Egy. when Num. begins.

1. This makes is particularly important for most of us. Most of us are not people that -- who have just come to a knowledge of the Lord. Most of us have known Him for some time. Most of us have a danger that the original enthusiasm pf our Christian passage may have dulled a fit, may have died down a little. We are already at least in the 2nd yr. since we have come out of Egypt. And so the book of Num. deals not so much with the beginning of the Christian life as with the one who has already made considerable progress in it. So that makes it particularly important for most of us.

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2. Foundations have already been laid. They are important but largely in the past The foundations we donstantly go back to , we remember, we think about them; they are
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very vital for our lives but when Num. begins they have/largely given in the book of Ex. already. And so we keep going back to them. They are important, and many matters in them find repetition in Num., and we will look a t them more at length as we go on,
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but we will now sketch briefly these matters of importance already in the wilderness journey before the book of Num. starts.

B. Summary of the Portion of the Wilderness Journey already completed.

The children of Israel left Egy. as described in Ex. 12   And so there is already the rest of the book of Ex. and all of Lev. And these are matters that correspond to