

13. All the Rest of Ex. and the Book of Lev. -- the Presentation of the Law. (And we could spend a semester on that, but it does not fit with our present course.) But it is a vital part in the experience of the Christian, a vital part at this point in his wilderness journey. And so

C. The Major Portion of the Wilderness Journey (Capital B. was the Summary of these events) at the beg. of the book of Num. The Major Portion of the Wilderness Journey is about to begin, and special preparation is needed. And so logically somebody might say, Why start Numbers where it does? You are continuing the wilderness journey that is described in Exodus. why make a division^{here?} But it is a very logical place for a division. Because the early experiences of the Christian are described here in Exodus. and those are important with us in our dealings with young Christians and with new Christians, and they have many lessons for us but for most of us the things that we need are contained in Numbers to a very large extent, because this is the account of people who have already made a good start in the wilderness journey and now they have reached a point where they need to go forward with the law already given, with these experiences already past. they need to go forward and so very logically ch. 1 has the [?] ~~sentence~~ census. Very good question someone asked, Why ask it, why give the census here? What's the point in ~~starting~~ starting Numbers with that census, the number of people in each of the tribe? Why should it be there? And why should Moses be ordered to make one, and David be punished for having numbered the people? ~~Why?~~ Well those are important questions and we'll discuss them 4 weeks from today. Let us pray: Our God our Father, we thank thee for the importance of this material in the Scripture in/^{its} relation to our lives. We thank you Our God for the lessons that we have passed through, most of us, on the way to the beginning of the bk. of Num. Help us never to forget them but to apply them & use them in our dealings with others who need them so much. But O our God help us to go forward in our wilderness journey & learn the many lessons that Num has for us that are to vital for our pilgrimage journey in order that our lives may accomplish the most for our Saviour. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.