

# Interesting Facts About Numbers

**MEANING:** Derived from the two numberings (census) of Israel.

- Generation of the Exodus took place at Mt. Sinai. Numbers 1
- Generation that grew up in the wilderness took place on the Plains of Moab. Numbers 36

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**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 4th Book in the Bible
- 4th Book in the Old Testament
- 4th Book in the Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- 62 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 36

**VERSES:** 1,288

**WORDS:** 39,902

## NUMBERS

### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT NUMBERS:

- Numbers has been called:
  - The “Book of Journeyings.”
  - The “Book of Murmurings.”
  - The “Fourth Book of Moses.”
- Numbers covers almost 39 years.
  - 1:1 - 10:11 covers some 21 days.
  - 10:1 - 33:38 covers about 38 years.
  - 33-38 through Deuteronomy 1:3 covers about 6 months.
- Numbers opens some 13 months after the Exodus.
- Numbers records the tragic story and consequences of Israel’s unbelief.
- What could have been an 11 day journey turned into a 40 year ordeal.

- Numbers has more than 80 claims that “the Lord spoke to Moses.”
- Because of the rebellion at Kadesh Barnea in accepting the report of 10 of the 12 spies while rejecting the reports of Joshua and Caleb, the generation of the exodus will not be the generation of the conquest.
  - The mission of the spies lasted 40 days.
  - God assigned one year of wandering for each day the spies spied out the land. With this time already elapsed since having left Egypt, that added about 38 more years.
- Almost nothing is recorded about the transition years after the rebellion at Kadesh Barnea.
- Kadesh Barnea was some 150 miles north of Mt. Sinai, and some 50 miles south of Beersheba, the southern gateway to Canaan.

