

Numbers, Prelude

- We'll see "inherit," "inheritance," and "disinherit" found 54 times in 34 verses
- We'll see the biblical definition of intercession
 - Aaron "stood between the dead and the living": Numbers 16:48
- We'll see someone interceding because he was "zealous for his God"! (Numbers 25:11-13)
- We'll see God document for all eternity that two particular people "followed Me fully." (Numbers 14:24; 32:12; Deuteronomy 1:36; see also Joshua 14:8-9)
- We'll see someone who always had spunk for the Lord, even when he was 85 years old!
- We'll see the "glory of the Lord" appearing many times... but what does it do?!
- We'll see a people...
 - more willing to concentrate on their wretched, troubled past instead of looking to and trusting God's promises for their future
 - who needed to be constantly reminded about the series of tremendous miracles that delivered them from the hands of a brutal, abusive, and repressive nation
 - who kept forgetting that the powerful God that worked the series of tremendous miracles was able to take care of them
 - not believing that what God wants for them is the best
 - blaming circumstances instead of calling on the Lord to help them
 - constantly complaining and murmuring
 - crossing a line, going too far, going to a point of no return
 - giving a bad report of what God wanted to give them
 - falsely accusing God of wanting to make victims out of their children
 - calling "evil" what God called "good"
 - who, except for 2 people, will look from their human perspective instead of from God's perspective
 - calling God's daily provision for them "worthless"
 - who are today in constant turmoil as a nation because thousands of years ago they did not fully obey God's commands
- We'll see the importance of...
 - getting God's perspective
 - having a "different spirit"
 - making proper offerings to the Lord
- We'll see the leader of a heathen nation knowing that the battle he wanted to win needed to be fought on the spiritual level and not on the physical level
- We'll see a prophet...
 - motivated by greed
 - who has only a token of respect for God
 - hoping that God will change His mind about His permanent promises
 - risking death at God's hands
 - who can't listen properly or see straight because of his greed
 - who talks back to his talking donkey
 - who meets an appropriate end to his life
- We'll see a godly leader...
 - take accusations that people made against him to the Lord
 - build and develop other leaders
 - delegate authority and responsibilities

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning": Romans 15:4

"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.":
1 Corinthians 10:6

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition":
1 Corinthians 10:11