

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 6/25/12 TO 7/1/12

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 Read Numbers 9:1 to 10:36

Israel has been camped at the base of Mt. Sinai for about a year. As the people prepare to break camp, they celebrate the Passover. Then the pillar of cloud lifts and the nations marches out toward the Promised Land. The tribe of Judah leads the way- its standard (banner) shining in the sun (10:14).

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 Read Numbers 11:1 to 12:16

The people tire of God's provision and grumble because He has not- in their opinion- done a good job in caring for them. Moses takes these complaints personally and goes to the Lord in near despair. In love, the Lord helps Moses and feeds His people in a miraculous way. As the reading closes, He also reaffirms his choice of Moses to lead Israel despite the jealousies of Miriam and Aaron.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012 Read Numbers 13:1 TO 15:41

At the Lord's command, Moses sends out twelve spies, one from each of the twelve tribes, to scout out the land of Canaan. Ten of the spies report news that provokes terror in Israel. But Joshua and Caleb try to reassure the people and encourage them to trust in the Lord. Faithless and rebellious, the people pay the price of their unbelief.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012 Read Numbers 16:1 to 18:52

As you read today, note the difference of opinion between some in Israel and the Lord concerning the authority of Aaron and the Levites who served God and the people in the tabernacle.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012 Read Numbers 19:1 to 20:29

Because death comes to human beings as a consequence of sin, death defiled those Old Testament believers who came into contact with it. By His own death, Christ has purified us from this pollution. The sacrifice of the red heifer pointed forward to this (Numbers 19). Chapter 29 records the death of Miriam (20:1) and Aaron (20:22-29).

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012 Read Numbers 21:1 to 21:35

As Israel moves toward the outskirts of Canaan, she faces several enemies- not the least of which is the nation's own tendency toward discouragement and complaining. In grace, God makes victory possible, providing all that the people need.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012 Come to worship us the Sunday before the 4th of July celebration and then use some time later in the day to catch up on the week's readings if necessary.