

An Outline for Sefer Bamidbar"

[What 'belongs' & what doesn't]

Chapter	Ongoing Narrative	Mitzvot l'dorot (Commandments)
**	<i>Preparing to leave Sinai</i>	
1->4	Organizing the camp, army etc.	
5		Laws of "asham" * "sotah"
6		Laws of "nazir" & birkat kohanim
7	Dedication of Mishkan by the Nsiim	
8	Ceremony for Leviim, replacing bchorim	
9	Pesach in the desert; instructions on how to travel following the 'anan'	[Pesach sheni/ reason for delay?]
10	Using the "chatzrotot" for travel signals; Travel begins on 20 Iyar; "va'yhi b'nsoa"	
**	<i>Failure of first generation</i>	
11	Sin of the "mitavim"; 70 elders appointed	
12	Sin of Miriam, talking against Moshe	
13-14	Sin of the spies; & the "maapilim"	
15		Laws re: korbanot, taking challa, Sanhedrin, shabbat, & tzizit
16-17	Korach's rebellion; test of the 12 staffs	
18		Laws re: Compensation for the kohanim
19		Laws re: 'para aduma' / "tumat meyt"
20	Moshe & Aharon's sin at Mei Meriva; Fortieth year/ journey around Har Seir	
21	War with Arad; sin of "nachash nchoshet" War with Sichon/ Conquer of Transjordan	
22-24	Story of Bilam & Balak	
25	Sin of Bnei Yisrael with 'bnot Moav'; revenge taken by Pinchas etc.	
**	<i>Preparing to Enter Canaan</i>	
26	Census, who will inherit the land	
27	Complaint of daughters of Tzlofchad; Moshe is told to die, Yehoshua appointed	
28-29		Laws of Tmidim u'Musafim (holidays)
30		Laws re: annulling vows
31	War against Midyan	
32	Inheritance taken by Reuven, Gad & Menashe; & their promise to fight...	
33	Summary of Travel thru the desert	[Mitzvah to conquer the land?]
34	Borders of Eretz Cannan (to conquer)	
35	Cities of Levites & Cities of Refuge	
36	Bnot Tzlofchad - protecting inheritance	

