

Priceless Lessons from Gen W: An Exposition of Numbers

Seven Reasons Why We Need Numbers Today

Numbers 1:1–16 and 1 Corinthians 10:1–14

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The fourth book in the Bible is one of the most overlooked because reading numbers on a page can be mind-numbing. The name of this book most likely comes from the two censuses it reports. The first census (Numbers 1) records the generation that leaves Egypt and the second census (Numbers 26) records the generation that enters the Promised Land. Numbers explains why the first generation (Gen W) wasn't permitted to enter the land and showcases the unrelenting love and unfailing grace of God for his people. **Here are seven reasons why we need Numbers now:**

1. We need to see _____ (1 Corinthians 10:4,9; also, Numbers 1:1–16).
2. We need _____ to avoid and follow (10:6).
3. We need to resist compromise with _____ (10:8,9).
4. We need to stop _____ (10:10).
5. We need to know our _____ (10:11).
6. We need to _____ (10:12–14).
7. We need to marvel at God's patient _____ (10:13).