

Bible Project Video

Numbers Overview: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/numbers/>

Theme or Focus

Numbers 1–12, 14–18 frame the spying of the land in Israel’s wilderness journey. Numbers 1–10 shows order, preparation, and God’s presence guiding the camp. But chapters 11–12 begin a pattern of complaint and rebellion. Chapter 14 reveals the tragic consequence of unbelief, an entire generation wandering because fear overruled trust. Chapters 15–18 then reaffirm covenant structure, priestly leadership, and God’s continued faithfulness despite Israel’s failure. The wilderness becomes a testing ground. It exposes the heart. Fear magnifies obstacles; faith magnifies God’s promises. The people had witnessed deliverance, provision, and guidance, yet standing before giants, they forgot the Lord’s power.

Psalm 27 complements this theme with its declaration: “The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?” The psalm contrasts fear with confident trust in God’s presence. Where Israel hesitated at the border, the psalmist models courageous faith grounded in the character of God.

Week 11

March 16 - March 22, 2026

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION GUIDE

Main Sermon Passage

Number 13:26-33

Study Passages of the Week

Memory Verse

Psalm 27:1: “The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?”

How does Psalm 27 redefine fear in light of God’s presence and salvation?

Fill in the Blanks

The spies described the land as flowing with _____ and _____.
Numbers 13

Caleb urged the people to go up and take possession of the land because “we can certainly _____ it.”

Because of unbelief, Israel would wander in the _____ for forty years. Numbers 14

Numbers emphasizes the importance of the _____ and priesthood in guiding the people.

“The LORD is my _____ and my salvation, whom shall I fear?”
Psalm 27

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Reflection & Discussion

In Numbers 13:26–33, what specifically caused the majority of the spies to respond in fear?

How do earlier complaints in Numbers 11–12 prepare us to understand Israel’s response in chapter 13?

What are the consequences of unbelief described in Numbers 14?

How do Numbers 15–18 demonstrate God’s continued faithfulness after Israel’s failure?