

Passage: Numbers 30-36

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Discovered:

- If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word.
- If a young woman makes a vow to the Lord in her father's house and he hears, he can object to it and it will be void and forgiven or if he says nothing the vow will be upheld.
- If a married woman makes a vow to the Lord, her husband can object and it will be void & forgiven or he can say nothing and the vow upheld.
- A widow's vow will be upheld (includes divorced women)
- 12,000 men (1,000 from each tribe) went to war against Midian. They killed every male, including the kings & Balaam. They captured the women & children, livestock & goods. When they went to war, they took vessels of the sanctuary (ark) with.
- The plunder was to be divided in half - half to the warriors & half to the congregation with a tribute given to the Lord & the Levites.
- Not one Israelite warrior was killed.
- Reuben, Gad, Manasseh settled Gilead (land before crossing the Jordan) with the promise their warriors would continue to fight until all of Canaan was taken.
- Chapter 33 - recounts the Israelites journey out from Egypt, through the wilderness until now.
- Lord commandment: shall drive out all inhabitants from the land and destroy all figured stones, metal images & high places.
- Lord's warning: if you do not drive them out, they will be a thorn in your side and make trouble for you and I will do what I thought to do to them.
- Boundaries of the Land were established with the remaining 9 & 1/2 tribes taking possession
- Tribal chiefs for dividing the land were assigned: Caleb for Judah, Shemuel for Simeon, Elidad for Benjamin, Bukki for Dan, Hanniel for Manasseh, Kemuel for Ephraim, Elizaphan for Zebulun, Paltiel for Issachar, Ahinud for Asher & Pedahel for Naphtali.
- The tribes will give a portion of their cities of refuge for those who committed manslaughter. They could not leave the city safely (without risk of the avenger being able to retaliate) until the high priest died.
- Female heirs, daughters of Zelophehad to marry within their tribe so that their land inheritance would not leave the tribe.

Help me to remember:

that promises are to be kept. The Lord was beginning to fulfill his promise of the land of Canaan and wanted others to keep their vows and promises.

Lord, I ask that

I think carefully the vows and promises I make, just as you keep your word, I should keep mine.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
the fulfillment of your promises
as an example to live by.