
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Num. 8	Instructions for the 7 lamps; The service of the Lewites
Tuesday:	Num. 9	Instructions for the second Passover; The appearance of the cloud and fire
Wednesday:	Num. 10	Instructions for the 2 silver trumpets; The Yisra'elites' departure from the Wilderness of Sinai to the Wilderness of Paran
Thursday:	Num. 11	The peoples' complaints and the provision of manna; Appointment of the 70 elders; The quail and the plague
Friday:	Num. 12	Miryam and Aharon speak against Mosheh; Miryam chastised with leprosy

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be following the journey of Yisra'el from the Wilderness of Sinai with the cloud and fire leading them to the Wilderness of Paran. We will learn about the 2 silver trumpets and the departure of the tribes according to their divisions. Now, let's read Num. 9:15-23 & 10:1-36.

PARSHA POINTS

- On the day that the Dwelling Place was raised up, the cloud covered it - 9:15
- The cloud covered the Dwelling Place of the Witness continually, from evening until morning, by day and by night - 9:15-16
- Whenever the cloud moved, the children of Yisra'el would depart - 9:17, 21, 22
- If the cloud remained above the Dwelling Place, the children of Yisra'el guarded the Charge of Yahweh, and did not depart - 9:18-19, 22
- At the mouth of Yahweh, Yisra'el camped and departed, and guarded the Charge of Yahweh by the hand of Mosheh - 9:23



- Yahweh spoke to Mosheh saying, "Make 2 (**shtayim**) silver trumpets (**chatsotserot**) for yourself of beaten work" for (10:1-2):
 - the gathering of the congregation
 - breaking camp
- When both silver trumpets are blown, all the congregation shall meet before you at the door of the Tent of Meeting - 10:3
- If 1 (**achat**) silver trumpet is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Yisra'el shall gather to you - 10:4
- When you blow a shout (**teruah**), the camp that lies on the east side (Yehudah) shall depart - 10:5
- When you blow a shout a second time, the camp that lies on the south side (Re'uben) shall depart - 10:6
- When the assembly is to be assembled, you blow, but DO NOT shout - 10:7
- The sons of Aharon, the priests, shall be the ones to blow the trumpets: this is a law forever throughout your generations - 10:8
- When you go into battle against an enemy that distresses you in your land, you shall shout with the trumpets, and Yahweh will remember you and save you from your enemies - 10:9
- You shall blow the trumpets (10:10):
 - in the day of your gladness
 - in your Appointed Times
 - at the beginning of your months/new moons
 - over your burnt offerings
 - over your peace offerings
 - as a remembrance that Yahweh is Elohim
- On the 20th day of the 2nd month/new moon, in the 2nd year, the cloud was taken up from above the Dwelling Place of the Witness - 10:11
- The children of Yisra'el departed for the first time from the Wilderness of Sinai, following the cloud to the Wilderness of Paran where the cloud stopped - 10:12-13



The tribes of Yisra'el departed according to their divisions

- The banner (**degel**) of the **camp of Yehudah** departed first (10:14-16):

- Nahshon, son of Amminadab was over Yehudah's army (**tsava**)
- Nethane'l, son of Tsu'ar was over Yissaskar's army
- Eliyab, son of Helon was over Zebulun's army



- The sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari departed next, bearing the Dwelling Place - 10:17

- The banner of the **camp of Re'uben** departed next, according to their divisions (10:18-20):

- Elitsur, son of Shedey'ur was over Re'uben's army
- Shelumi'el, son of Tsurishaddai was over Shim'on's army
- Elyasaph, the son of De'u'el was over Gad's army



- The Qehathites departed next, bearing the set-apart objects, while the Dwelling Place was being set up in preparation for them - 10:21

- The banner of the **camp of Ephrayim** departed next, according to their divisions (10:22-24):

- Elishama, son of Ammihud was over Ephrayim's army
- Gamli'el, son of Pedahsur was over Menashsheh's army
- Abidan, son of Gid'oni was over Binyamin's army



- The banner of the **camp of Dan** formed the rear guard for the rest of the camps, and departed according to their divisions (10:25-27):

- Ahi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai was over Dan's army
- Pag'i'el, son of Okran was over Asher's army
- Ahira, son of Enan was over Naphtali's army



- This was the order of setting out for the children of Yisra'el, according to their divisions, when they departed - 10:28

- Mosheh told Hobab, the son of Re'uw'el (Yithro) his father-in-law to come with them to the land of Kena'an - 10:29

- Hobab told Mosheh that he would go back to his own land and to his relatives - 10:30

- Mosheh convinced Hobab to come with them and be their scout - 10:31

- The cloud traveled for 3 (**shalosh**) days to seek out a resting place for Yisra'el - 10:33-34

- Whenever the ark set out, Mosheh said, "Rise up, Oh Yahweh! And let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You." - 10:35

- Whenever the ark rested, Mosheh said, "Return, Oh Yahweh, to the countless thousands of Yisra'el." - 10:36



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Discuss the cloud leading and guiding the children of Yisra'el in the desert. How does this relate to our walk with Yahweh? Do we look to Him for guidance in our steps, just as Yisra'el looked to the cloud?
- Research the calls associated with the silver trumpets - the tekiah, teruah, shevarim and tekiah gadolah. Which call indicated the call to assembly and which one indicated the call to break camp or to go into battle?
- Find other references in the Scriptures regarding the silver trumpets used in praise, such as 1 Chronicles 15-16 and 2 Chronicles 5.

