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Numbers

What is the book of Numbers?

- Numbers is an account of events in Israel's history. It's recorded as a collection of stories and laws. They were passed down within Israelite and Jewish families for hundreds of years. God spoke the laws to Moses and the people of Israel.
- It's thought that Moses wrote some of these stories and laws down. It's thought that he wrote them down between the years 1450 and 1410 BC.
- Others were written down by other Israelites.

Who was this book written for?

- For the people of Israel.

Why was Numbers written?

- To record the Israelites' journey from Mount Sinai to the border of Canaan.
- To record more of God's laws for the Israelites.
- To record the lists of people that were counted.

Main ideas

- Jacob's family line had grown very large.
- The Israelites suffered when they disobeyed God and spoke against him.
- God forgave the Israelites. He had patience with them and provided for them.

Outline

The Israelites prepare to leave Mount Sinai (1 – 10).

The Israelites speak against God and Moses (11 – 12).

The Israelites refuse to enter Canaan (13 – 14).

Wandering in the desert (15 – 19).

Marching from Kadesh to the plains of Moab (20 – 21).

The Israelites prepare to enter Canaan (22 – 36).