

Numbers Series

Geographical Structure of Numbers

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- V. **Israel at the Plains of Moab (22–26)**
(beyond the Jordan near Jericho)
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Major Themes

- Israel's Two Fundamental Sins
- Yahweh as the Head and Center of His People
- Yahweh as the Source of Israel's Blessing
- The Coming of a New Generation under Joshua

Key Text

⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.

—Numbers 14:8–9