

“...Go!!”

Numbers Chapter 10

Up to this chapter, the Lord has been preparing Israel to walk differently than ever before. Now is the time to Go! To Go where no man has gone before in the manner that no man has gone before. Going with the Lord.

Num 10:1 **1) Go When the Trumpet Sounds** vs 1-10

The LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

Num 10:2 "Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

- The Lord give instructions for making Two Silver Trumpets.
- They are hammered out (make by hand) of silver.
- The use is for:
 - **Summoning** the Congregation to the Tent of Meeting
 - **Signaling** the Camps to set out on the journey following the cloud
 - **Alarming** in verse 9 they are blown when they go to battle
 - **Celebrating** in verse 10 they are blown on the appointed holy days
- These will be amazing trumpets that all the camp will hear them. 2 Million People.
- It is interesting that the Lord instructs them to make these silver trumpets now. In all their making of lavers, alters, stands, rings, utensils, it is now brought up to make these.
 - It is NOT a afterthought that the Lord forgot about these.
 - It is NOW that they are needed. The Lord gives you at the appropriate time those things you need.
 - Jesus told the apostles Mark 13:11 "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is **given you in that hour**; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit."

Summoning

Num 10:3 "When both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

- Two Blown - All the congregation shall gather
- Possibly two trumpets may be different sizes or pitch and that the blasts might be different in length, that they would be known as to what the signals mean.

Num 10:4 "Yet if *only* one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

- One Blown - The Leaders and Heads of the divisions gather

Signaling

Num 10:5 "But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched on the east side shall set out.

Num 10:6 "When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on the south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.

Num 10:7 "When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.

Num 10:8 "The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

- The Trumpets are sounded and the signals are given to begin marching out.
- At the first blast the East side goes first.
- At the Second the South side goes Second. So on and so forth until they were all moving.
- This is simply an introduction to the process of setting out. More detail is covered in verses 13-28.

Alarming

Num 10:9 "When you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.

- When they go into battle or attacked the Trumpets Alarm Israel of the attack.

- Israel's defense strategy is interesting. There is an early warning system.
 - Watchmen are standing guard (eventually on Jerusalem Walls) **Isaiah 62:6** "On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves"
 - The Trumpets are sounded if an adversary attacks.
 - They are sounded not just for Israel to gather arms and defend themselves but to be a cry for help to the Lord to be saved from the enemy.

Celebrating

Num 10:10 "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

- Rosh Hashanah - the beginning of the Jewish Religious New Year. The Shofar is blown.
 - **Leviticus 23:24** "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.'"
- This was a shadow of the Lord Jesus Return taught in the New Testament
- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."
- **Matthew 24:30-31, 42** "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other....Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."
- **1 Corinthians 15:52** "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
- In terms of the Lord sounding a trumpet in our lives - **DO YOU HEAR A TRUMPET?**
- **Jeremiah 4:19** "My soul, my soul! I am in anguish! Oh, my heart! My heart is pounding in me; I cannot be silent, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war."
 Jeremiah speaks of hearing the trumpet in his heart and soul. God alarms us within us. Are we hearing the trumpet today.
 - **Summoning** us to Jesus, His Cross of Redemption
 - **Signaling** us to move into ministry with His divine guidance
 - **Alarming** us to intercede, pray, engage in battle for the souls of men
 - **Celebrate** His return and the rapture of His church.

Num 10:11 **2) Go According to God's Ways** vs 11-28

Now in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, the cloud was lifted from over the tabernacle of the testimony;

- This is 2 years, 2 months and 20 days since leaving Egypt.
- When they moved out from Egypt it looked different. They were a mob of slaves mass exiting from their oppressors.
- This time they move out, they have been counted, organized, instructed, given leaders and assigned tasks. This time they look more like a disciplined army.

Num 10:12 and the sons of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

Num 10:13 So they moved out for the first time according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

- This is the first time in an orderly fashion.

- Here is the list of order.

Num 10:14 The standard of the camp of the sons of **Judah**, according to their armies, set out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army,

- It is note worthy that as they moved out the instruction of the Lord was that they would move out with Judah (PRAISE) leading.
- Our lives should reflect the same focus in attitude.

Num 10:15 and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of **Issachar**;

Num 10:16 and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of **Zebulun**.

Num 10:17 Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of **Gershon** and the sons of **Merari**, who were carrying the tabernacle, set out.

Num 10:18 Next the standard of the camp of **Reuben**, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army,

Num 10:19 and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of **Simeon**,

Num 10:20 and Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the tribal army of the sons of **Gad**.

Num 10:21 Then the **Kohathites** set out, carrying the holy *objects*; and the tabernacle was set up before their arrival.

- In the center of their moving out are the holy objects.
- The center of our going out should be holiness.

Num 10:22 Next the standard of the camp of the sons of **Ephraim**, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army,

Num 10:23 and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of **Manasseh**;

Num 10:24 and Abidan the son of Gideoni over the tribal army of the sons of **Benjamin**.

Num 10:25 Then the standard of the camp of the sons of **Dan**, according to their armies, *which formed* the rear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai over its army,

Num 10:26 and Pagiel the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of **Asher**;

Num 10:27 and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of **Naphtali**.

Num 10:28 This was the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.

Num 10:29 **3) Go taking Someone With You** vs 29-36

Then Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us and we will do you good, for the LORD has promised good concerning Israel."

- Who is Moses' Father in Law?
 - This passage **Numbers 10:29** Reuel is Moses' Father-in-law and Hobab is his son (Moses' brother-in-law)
 - In **Exodus 3:1; 4:18; 18:1,2,5,6+12** Jethro is the name of Moses' father-in-law

In many cultures people can be called by two different names. The answer is Moses' Father-in-law's name is both Jethro and Reuel. It may be the result of Jethro taking his father's name when his father died.
 - But in **Judges 4:11** Hobab is named Moses' Father-in-law.

The Hebrew word *chathan* is most commonly translated as "father-in-law" (21 of 33 occasions). However, the word is more generic, appropriately used of any relationship via marriage. It can be use of "marriage" (Genesis 34:9; Joshua 23:12), "mother-in-law" (Deuteronomy 27:23), "son-in-law" (1 Samuel 18:21, 22, 23, 26, 27), "affinity" (1 Kings 3:1; 2 Chronicles 18:1; Ezra 9:14), and "brother-in-law" (Judges 4:11)

- The point here is that Moses was inviting his father-in-law to come along with him.
- Are we asking friends, family and acquaintances to come.

Num 10:30 But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my *own* land and relatives."

Num 10:31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us.

Num 10:32 "So it will be, if you go with us, that whatever good the LORD does for us, we will do for you."

- Of course, just like others we invite, some will prefer not to.
- Moses still does not give up. He pleads even more.
- Moses must be sure (confident) that the best place to be is journeying with the Lord.
- Psalm 84:10 *"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."*

Num 10:33 Thus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the three days, to seek out a resting place for them.

- The cloud journeyed before them to seek a resting place for them.
- John 14:2-4 *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."*

Num 10:34 The cloud of the LORD was over them by day when they set out from the camp.

Num 10:35 Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said, "Rise up, O LORD! And let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."

Num 10:36 When it came to rest, he said, "Return, O LORD, *To* the myriad thousands of Israel."

- Moses cries out that the LORD'S enemies be scattered.
- Moses realizes that forward progress does not happen without warfare.
- This is what the Lord was training Israel for.

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