

## Further Meditation on this Gospel Picture

### Jesus Our Passover Feast... (Never forget the Gospel)

#### Key Idea:

Jesus is out in front of us, Jesus is with us and Jesus works through us.

#### Jesus Goes In Front of Us

1. Jesus was God with Us (**Matthew 3:16–17**)
2. Jesus Shows Us What Belonging to God Looks Like (**Matthew 17:5**; Philippians 2:5–11)
  - Jesus Proclaimed the Truth...
  - He Was Rejected, Suffered & Died...
  - He Came Back from the Dead & has Gone Ahead to the Right Hand of God to Prepare a Place for Us!

Jesus is **With Us** (**Acts 2:1-4**; Matthew 28:20)

Jesus Speaks through Us, We are God's Trumpets  
(Cf. 1 Cor. 14:8–9)

- 1) We Call All God's People to Worship
- 2) We Sound the Alarm...

**Matthew 16:18** (Cf. Ephesians 4:8)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **my church**, and the ***gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***

**Isaiah 58:1** (Cf. Rev. 8-9 – Trumpet blasts of Judgment)

“Cry aloud; do not hold back; ***lift up your voice like a trumpet***; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

**Hebrews 12:1–2** (Cf. 1 Peter 2:20–25)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ***let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*** <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who ***for the joy that was set before him endured the cross***, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>1</sup> Ashley, T. R. (1993). The Book of Numbers (p. 188). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

## In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#10 in the Series] **Setting out for the Promised Land: Part 2, The Lord Directs His People into Battle** – Numbers 9:1–10:36

**Sermon Outline – May 31, 2015**

### Children's Sermon/Introduction

- ❖ Everything is About Jesus!

#### Numbers 9:3

<sup>3</sup> On the fourteenth day of this month, ***at twilight***, you shall keep [the Passover] at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its rules you shall keep it.”

- ❖ “Between the Evenings” (Traditionally 3:00pm)

#### Key Point from Last Week:

(Passover Command) Look back to look forward.  
Never move past the gospel.

Notes:

#### Transition...

#### Today's Key Point:

Jesus is out in front of us, Jesus is with us and Jesus works through us.

**Setting out for the Promised Land...**  
**The Lord Directs His People into Battle**

#### BIG PICTURE: STARTING OUT RIGHT!

NUMBERS 1-10:10 – GETTING READY TO GO...

**SETTING OUT FOR THE LAND, LED BY THE LORD (9:1–10:36)**

1. THE PASSOVER CELEBRATED (9:1-14)
2. LED BY GOD'S GLORY CLOUD OVER THE TABERNACLE (9:15-23)
3. THE SILVER TRUMPETS (10:1-10)
4. THE ORDERED MARCH BEGINS (10:11-28)
5. MOSES ASKS HOBAB SON OF REUEL TO JOIN THEM (10:29-32)
6. THE ARK/CLOUD GOES BEFORE THEM (10:33-36)

#### **The Glory Cloud of the LORD (9:15–23)**

**Why Go Back to the Glory Cloud?** (Cf. Exodus 40)

<sup>15</sup> **On the day that the tabernacle was set up**, (Ex. 40:17) the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning.

❖ In Exodus: God Coming into His Tent (Ex. 40:34–38)

❖ In Numbers: God's Command is Emphasized (Why?)

<sup>18</sup> *At the command of the Lord* the people of Israel set out, and *at the command of the Lord* they camped. ... <sup>23</sup> *At the command of the Lord* they camped, and *at the command of the Lord* they set out. *They kept the charge* of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

- This is God's Army (He's the King)
- Obedience training... (Cf. 1 Peter 2:13–17)
- It Reveals Our Hearts... (If you knew exactly what Jesus wanted you to do, would you be able to do it?)

❖ Should we look for guidance like this as Christians?

❖ Does the Glory Cloud make an Appearance in the NT?

Matthew 3:16–17; Matthew 17:5; Acts 2:1-4

### *The Silver Trumpets (10:1–10)*

#### Why the Command for Trumpets?

❖ A Reminder of Mt. Sinai (Cf. Exodus 19:16)

❖ God Employs Means...

“Jewish tradition is that the convocation sound (vv. 3–4) was a long steady blast, while the alarm signal (vv. 5–6) was a succession of three shorter notes.”<sup>i</sup>

❖ God Promises to Hear & Remember...

#### Numbers 10:9–10

<sup>9</sup> And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall *sound an alarm* with the trumpets, *that you may be remembered before the LORD your God*, and you shall be saved from your enemies. <sup>10</sup> *On the day of your gladness also*, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, *you shall blow the trumpets* over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. *They shall be a reminder of you before your God: I am the LORD your God.*”

#### Key Picture:

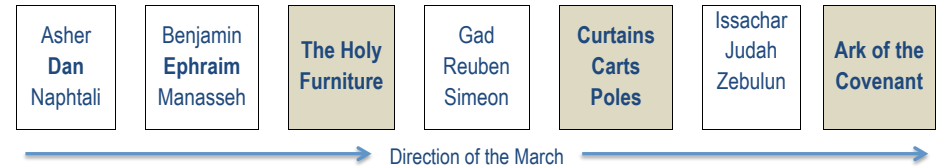
Israel has been organized into God's army and were to march out to battle at His command.

### *The Cloud Lifts... (10:11–36)*

### The Ordered March Begins (11-28, 33–36)

<sup>11</sup> In the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, *the cloud lifted* from over the tabernacle of the testimony, <sup>12</sup> and the people of Israel set out by stages from the wilderness of Sinai. And the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

Picture of Israel Marching through the wilderness removed



#### Hobab son of Reuel (29-32)

(Jethro; Cf. Ex. 2:18; [Ex. 3:1; 4:18; 18:1, 5, 9, 12])

<sup>31</sup> And he said, “Please do not leave us, for *you know where we should camp* in the wilderness, and you will *serve as eyes* for us. <sup>32</sup> And if you do go with us, *whatever good the Lord will do to us, the same will we do to you.*”

Notes:

#### God Leads Out His Army (33-36)

<sup>33</sup> So they set out from the mount of the Lord three days' journey. And *the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them* three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.

<sup>34</sup> And *the cloud of the Lord was over them by day*, whenever they set out from the camp. <sup>35</sup> **And whenever the ark set out, Moses said**, “*Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you.*” <sup>36</sup> **And when it rested, he said**, “*Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel.*”

#### Key Picture:

The LORD has gathered and ordered his army and he himself is leading the march.