

Exegesis of Numbers
APTS: BOT640/BHE640

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2nd Trimester, 2005

Course Description

This course is both an exposition of the English text of the book of Numbers and the Exegesis of the Hebrew text of the same.

Course Goals

The goals of **BHE640**, a Hebrew Exegesis of the book of Numbers are:

1. to be conversant with the major issues that have been raised in scholarly discussions concerning the book of Numbers;
2. to be able to read the Hebrew text of the book of Numbers and understand its morphological and syntactic peculiarities;
3. to be introduced to text-criticism of the Pentateuch;
4. to be able to exegete a selected Hebrew pericope;
5. to be exposed to the themes and theological trajectories in the book of Numbers.

The goals of **BOT640**, an English exposition of the book of Numbers are:

1. to be conversant with the major issues that have been raised in scholarly discussions concerning the book of Numbers;
2. to have a working knowledge of the exposition of the text of the book of Numbers;
3. to be exposed to the themes and theological trajectories in the book of Numbers.

Class Structure

Since this course is composed of two tracks, the class will meet 3 times a week. Students enrolled in BHE640 will attend the Joint Lecture session and the Hebrew Reading session. Students enrolled in BOT640 will attend the Joint Lecture session and the English Exposition session.

Course Work

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1. (10% of total grade) Participation in the Lecture sessions and Journaling on the lecture:

Each student will be graded based on class interaction during the Lecture session. Also each student will be required to keep an online journal, i.e., a response to each lecture that is given. Write three or four paragraphs about the lecture, with at least a one paragraph summary, and the next two or so being a response.

2. (10% of total grade) Participation in the course Forum:

Each student will be required to participate in the course forum at the course website. Each week discussion topics will be provided by the instructor. Students are to respond at least two times each week, once to the question and once to a fellow student's posting.

3. (10% of total grade) Secondary Literature:

Each student will read the articles designated for the different sections and the appropriate passages from Ashley's commentary by the day of the lecture session. A record will be kept of the reading assignments and the dates that they were read. Submit a running record of the reading via the course website.

4. (50%) Rapid Hebrew Reading:

Each BHE640 student will be required to attend the Hebrew reading sessions and translate assigned passages. In this course the whole Hebrew text of the book of Numbers will be read. There will be a weekly vocabulary quiz over words that occur more than 25 times in the Old Testament.

5. (20%) Hebrew Sight Reading Exam:

The final exam will be the translation of a passage from Numbers.

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4. (10% of total grade) Quiz:

"Where in Numbers?" quiz will be given online a week before the conclusion of the course.

5. (30% of total grade) Class Presentation:

Each student will be required to make one, 20 minute, class presentation on one of the following topics. S/he will be asked to distribute a typed outline of the presentation with a working bibliography. Each student will also be required to be a respondent, 7 minutes, for another topic. All students will be required to respond and discuss the presentation/reading

material.

- 1.1 Concerning the Unfaithful Wife: Numbers 5.11-31
- 1.2 The Nazirites: Numbers 6.1-21
- 1.3 The Red Heifer: Numbers 19.1-21
- 1.4 The Daughters of Zelophehad: Numbers 27.1-11; 36.1-13

6. (30% of total grade) Final Exam:

There will be a comprehensive final exam for BOT640.

Assignments Schedule

BOT640 – Class Presentations

1. Concerning the Unfaithful Wife: Numbers 5.11-31

Reading:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, pp. 117-135.
- Brichto, H. C. "The Case of the Šōtā and a Reconsideration of Biblical Law." *HUCA* 46 (1978): 55-70.
- Fishbane, Michael. "Accusations of Adultery: a Study of Law and Scribal Practice in Numbers 5:11-31." *HUCA* 45 (1974): 25-45.
- Frymer-Kensky, Tikva. "The Strange Case of the Suspected Sotah (Numbers 5:11-31)." *VT* 34 (1984): 11-26.

2. The Nazirites: Numbers 6.1-21

Reading:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, pp. 135-148.
- Diamond, Eliezer. "An Israelite Self-offering in the Priestly Code: A New Perspective on the Nazirite." *JQR* 88, no. 1-2 (1997): 1-18.
- Cartledge, Tony W. "Were Nazirite Vows Unconditional." *CBQ* 51 (1989): 409-22.

3. The Red Heifer: Numbers 19.1-22; 5.1-4

Reading:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, pp. 361-374.
- Milgrom, Jacob. "The Paradox of the Red Cow (Num 19)." *VT* 31, no. 1 (1981): 62-72.
- Baumgarten, Albert I. "The Paradox of the Red Heifer." *VT* 43, no. 3 (1993): 442-451.
- Milgrom, Jacob. "Confusing the Sacred and the Impure: A Rejoinder." *VT* 44, no. 4 (1994): 554-559

4. The Daughters of Zelophehad: Numbers 27.1-11; 36.1-13

Reading:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, pp. 540-546, 657-660.

Sakenfeld, Katharine Doob. "Zelophehad's Daughters." *PRS* 15, no. 4 (1988): 37-47.
 Ulrich, Dean R. "The Framing Function of the Narratives about Zelophehad's Daughters." *JETS* 41, no. 4 (1998): 529-538.

BHE640 Rapid Hebrew Reading Schedule

In this course, the student will have an opportunity to read the entire book of Numbers in Hebrew. The once a week Hebrew Reading session will highlight difficult grammatical construction. Students will be asked to bring questions to the session to be worked over in class. Each week there will be a short vocabulary quiz of words occurring more than 25 times in the MT appearing in the assigned reading.

1. Introduction to the Hebrew of Numbers
2. Num 1-4
3. Num 5-7
4. Num 8-11
5. Num 12-15
6. Num 16-19
7. Num 20-22
8. Num 23-25
9. Num 26-29
10. Num 30-32
11. Num 33-36

Lecture Schedule

1. Introduction to the Book of Numbers:

- 1.1 General Introduction
- 1.2 Introduction to the Text of Numbers
 - 1.2.1 The Masoretic Text
 - 1.2.2 The Septuagint Text
 - 1.2.3 The Dead Sea Scrolls
 - 1.2.4 The Samaritan Pentateuch
- 1.3 The Structure of the book of Numbers
- 1.4 The Theological Significance of the book of Numbers

Read:

Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 1-17.

Recommended:

Harrelson, Walter J. "Guidance in the Wilderness: the Theology of Numbers." *Interpretation* 13 (1959): 24-36.

Jastram, Nathan. "The Text of 4QNum^b." In *The Madrid Qumran Congress: Proceedings of the International Congress on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Madrid 18-21 March, 1991*. ed. Julio Trebolle Barrera and Luis Vegas Montaner, 177-98. Leiden and New York: E. J. Brill, 1992.

Knierim, Rolf P. "The Book of Numbers." Chap. in *The Task of Old Testament Theology: Method and Cases*. 380-388. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

- Lee, W. "The Transition from the Old Generation to the New Generation in the Book of Numbers: A Response to Dennis Olson." In *Reading the Hebrew Bible for a New Millennium: Form, Concept, and Theological Perspective* vol. 2. ed. Deborah Ellen, Michael Floyd, Wonil Kim and Marvin A. Sweeney, 201-20. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity, 2000.
- Lee, W. *Punishment and Forgiveness in Israel's Migratory Campaign*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003.
- Olson, Dennis T. *The Death of the Old and the Birth of the New: The Framework of the Book of Numbers and the Pentateuch*. Brown Judaic Studies 71. Chico, California: Scholars Press, 1985.
- Pike, Dana M. "The Book of Numbers at Qumran: Texts and Context." In *Current Research and Technological Developments on the Dead Sea Scrolls: Conference on the texts from the Judean Desert, Jerusalem, 30 April 1995*. ed. Donald W. Parry and Stephen D. Ricks Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah no. 20, 166-93. Leiden: Brill, 1996.
- Voitila, Anssi. "The Translator of the Greek Numbers." In *IX Congress of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies: Cambridge, 1995*. ed. Bernard A. Taylor. Septuagint and Cognate Studies Series no. 45, 109-21. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1997.

2. Numbers 1 & 26: The Censuses and their Theological Significance

- 2.1 The Relationship of Numbers 1 and 26
- 2.2 Numbers 1-4 in Context
- 2.3 Theological Nuggets from Names
- 2.4 Theological Significance of the Censuses

Read:

Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 43-108, 525-540.

Recommended:

- Davies, Eryl W. "A Mathematical Conundrum: The Problem of the Large Numbers in Numbers I and XXVI." *VT* 45, no. 4 (1995): 449-469.
- Heinzerling, Rüdiger. "On the Interpretation of the Census Lists by C J Humphreys and G E Mendenhall." *VT* 50, no. 2 (2000): 250-252.
- Humphreys, C. J. "The numbers of people in the Exodus from Egypt: Decoding mathematically the every large numbers in Numbers I and xxvi." *VT* 48, no. 2 (1998): 196-213.
- McEntire, M. "A response to Colin J. Humphreys's 'The number of people in the Exodus from Egypt: Decoding mathematically the very large numbers in Numbers I and xxvi.'" *VT* 49 (1999): 262-264.
- Mendenhall, G. E. "The Census Lists of Numbers 1 and 26." *JBL* 77 (1958): 52-66.
- Milgrom, J. "On decoding very large numbers." *VT* 49, no. 1 (1999): 131-132.
- Wenham, J. W. "Large Numbers in the Old Testament." *TB* 18 (1967): 19-53.

3. Numbers 33 & 21: The Wilderness Travelogue

- 3.1 Kadesh, Edom, Mount Hor, Moab
- 3.2 "The 'route' of the Israelites from Egypt to Transjordan is depicted in the following

passages: Exod 12:37; 13:17-18a, 20; 14:2; 15:22, 23, 27; 16:1; 17:1; 19:1-2; Num 10:12, 33; 11:25; 12:16; 14:25; 20.1a, 22; 21:4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18b, 19a, 19b, 20, 33; 22:1.”¹

Read:

Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 398-431, 620-37.

Recommended:

Coats, G. W. "The Wilderness Itinerary." *CBQ* 34 (1972): 135-52.

Davies, G. I. "The Wilderness Itineraries." *TB* 25 (1974): 46-81.

Davies, G. I. *The Way of the Wilderness: A Geographical Study of the Wilderness Itineraries in the Old Testament*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979.

Frankel, David. "Two Priestly Conceptions of Guidance in the Wilderness." *JSOT* 81 (1998): 31-7.

Walsh, Jerome T. "From Egypt to Moab: A Source Critical Analysis of the Wilderness Itinerary." *CBQ* 39, no. 1 (1977): 20-33.

4. Numbers 10:11-14.45: The Nature of Sin, Sins and Forgiveness

4.0 The Journey Begins: 10.11-32

4.1 Enveloped by the Ark: 10:33-36

4.2 The Beginnings of Sins in the Wilderness: 11

4.3 Initial Signs of Leadership Struggles: 12

4.4 The Spies and their mission: Numbers 13

4.5 Sin and Forgiveness, Yahweh Style: Numbers 14

Read:

Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 190-274.

Recommended:

Beck, John A. "Geography and the Narrative Shape of Numbers 13." *BibSac* 157 (2000): 271-80.

Burns, Rita J. *Has the Lord Indeed Spoken Only through Moses? A Study of the Biblical Portrait of Miriam*. SBL Dissertation Series 84. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1987.

Coates, George W. *Rebellion in the Wilderness: The Murmuring Motif in the Wilderness Traditions of the Old Testament*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 1968.

Coats, George W. "Humility and Honor: a Moses Legend in Numbers 12." In *Art and Meaning*, D. Clines, D. Gunn and A. Hauser. 1982.

Cooper, Alan. "At the Entrance to the Tent: More Cultic Resonances in Biblical Narrative." *JBL* 116, no. 2 (1997): 201-15.

Cotton, Roger D. "The Pentecostal Significance of Numbers 11." *JPT* 10, no. 1 (2001): 3-10.

Hymes, David C. "Numbers 12: Of Priest, Prophets, or 'None of the Above'." *AJBI* 24 (1998): 3-22.

Jobling, David. "Structural Analysis of Numbers 11 and 12." *SBLSP* no. 11 (1977): 171-203.

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- Krašovec, Jože. "Is there a Doctrine of 'Collective Retribution' in the Hebrew Bible?" *HUCA* 65 (1994): 35-90.
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- Newing, Edward G. "The Rhetoric of Altercation in Numbers 14." In *Perspectives on Language and Text*, E. Conrad and E. Newing. 211-228. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1987.
- Reviv, Hanoch. "The Traditions Concerning the Inception of the Legal System in Israel: Significance and Dating [Ex 18:12-27; Num 11:16-25; Deut 1:9-17]." *ZAW* 94, no. 4 (1984): 566-75.
- Reviv, Hanoch. *The Elders in Ancient Israel: A Study of a Biblical Institution*. Jerusalem: The Magnes Press, The Hebrew University, 1989.
- Sakenfeld, Katharine D. "Problem of Divine Forgiveness in Numbers 14." *CBQ* 37 (1975): 317-330.
- Sommer, Benjamin D. "Reflecting on Moses: The Redaction of Numbers 11." *JBL* 118, no. 4 (1999): 601-24.
- Weisman, Ze'ev. "The Personal Spirit as Imparting Authority [Num 11:16-17, 24-25; 2 King 2:1-15]." *ZAW* 93, no. 2 (1981): 225-34.
- Widmer, Michael. *Moses, God and the Dynamics of Intercessory Prayer: A Study of Exodus 32-34 and Numbers 13-14*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2004.

5. Numbers 16-17; 27.12-23: Rebellion and Leadership Struggles

Read:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 295-337, 546-55.

Recommended:

- Coates, George W. *Rebellion in the Wilderness: The Murmuring Motif in the Wilderness Traditions of the Old Testament*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 1968.
- Magonet, Jonathan. "The Korah Rebellion." *JSOT* 24 (1982): 3-25.
- Milgrom, Jacob. "The Rebellion of Korah, Numbers 16-18: A Study in Tradition History." *SBLSP* 27 (1988): 570-73.
- Rivkin, Ellis. "The Story of Korah's Rebellion: Key to the Formation of the Pentateuch." *SBLSP* 27 (1988): 574-81.
- Wenham, Gordon J. "Aaron's Rod (Numbers 17:16-28)." *ZAW* 93, 2 (1981): 280-281.

6. Numbers 20-21; 31.1-23: Death, Defeat and Victories

Read:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 376-97, 582-601.

Recommended:

- Christensen, Duane L. "Num 21:14-15 and the Book of the Wars of Yahweh." *CBQ* 36

- (1974): 359-360.
- Freund, Richard A. "Thou Shalt Not Go Thither": Moses and Aaron's Punishments and Varying Theodices [Sic] in the MT, LXX and Hellenistic Literature [Num 20:1-13, Deut 32:51; Reply to W. H. Propp, JBL 107:19-26 Mr 1988]." *SJOT* 8, 1: 105-125.
- Gunn, David M. "Battle Report: Oral or Scribal Convention? [Num 21:23-24; Judg 11:20-22]." *JBL* 93 (1974): 513-518.
- Kohata, F. "A Tradition History of Num 20.1-13." *Seishogaku-Ronshu* 12 (1977), 31-62.
- Mann, T. W. "Theological Reflections on the Denial of Moses." *JBL* 98 (1979), 481-94.
- Milgrom, Jacob. "Magic, Monotheism and the Sin of Moses," in *The Quest for the Kingdom of God: Studies in Honor of George E. Mendenhall*, eds. H. B. Huffmon, F. A. Spina and A. R. W. Green (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1983), 251-265.
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- Propp, William H. "The Rod of Aaron and the Sin of Moses." *JBL* 107 (1988): 19-26.
- Sakenfeld, Katharine Doob. "Theological and Redactional Problems in Numbers 20:2-13." In *Understanding the Word*, J. Butler, E. Conrad, and B. Ollenburger. 1985.
- van Seters, John. "Conquest of Sihon's Kingdom: a Literary Examination [Num 20:14-21; 21:21-25; Deut 2:26-37; Judg 11:19-26]." *JBL* 91 (1972): 182-197.

7. Numbers 22-25: The Strange Stories of Balaam and the Israelites

Read:

- Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 432-524.

Recommended:

- Albright, W. F. "The Oracles of Balaam." *JBL* 63 (1944): 207-253.
- Allen, Ronald B. "The Theology of the Balaam Oracles (Num 22-24)." In *Tradition and Testament*, J. Feinberg. 1981.
- Barré, Michael L. "The Portrait of Balaam in Numbers 22-24." *Interpretation* 51, 3 (1997): 254-266.
- Bewer, J. A. "The Literary Problems of the Balaam Story in Numbers." *AJT* 9 (1905): 238-262.
- Coats, George W. "Balaam: Sinner or Saint?" In *Saga, Legend, Tale, Novella, Fable*, G. Coats. 1985.
- Coats, George W. "The Way of Obedience: Traditio-Historical and Hermeneutical Reflections on the Balaam Story." *Semeia*, 24 (1982): 53-79.
- Cohen, Jeffrey M. "Balaam; did God change his mind?" *JBQ* 20, 3 (1992): 159-163.
- Collins, John Joseph. "The zeal of Phinehas; the Bible and the legitimation of violence." *JBL* 122, 1 (2003): 3-21.
- Dijkstra, Meindert. "The geography of the story of Balaam; synchronic reading as a help to date a biblical text." In *Synchronic or Diachronic? A Debate on Method in Old Testament Exegesis*, Johannes C. de Moor. 72-97. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995.
- Dijkstra, Meindert. "Is Balaam Also Among the Prophets?" *JBL* 114, 1 (1995): 43-64.
- Douglas, Mary. "Balaam's place in the Book of Numbers." *Man* 28, 3 (1993): 411-430.
- Ford, Lewis S. "The Divine Curse Understood in Terms of Persuasion." *Semeia* 24, 1 (1982): 81-87.
- Frankel, David. "The Deuteronomic Portrayal of Balaam." *VT* 46, 1 (1996): 30-42.

- Goldin, Judah. "In defense of Balak; not entirely Midrash." *Judaism* 40, 4 (1991): 455-460.
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- Greene, John T. "Balaam as Figure and Type in Ancient Semitic Literature to the First Century BCE with a Survey of Selected Post-Philo Applications of the Balaam Figure and Type." In *Society of Biblical Literature: 1990 Seminar Papers*, D. Lull. 1990.
- Greene, John T. "Balaam: Prophet, Diviner, and Priest in Selected Ancient Israelite and Hellenistic Jewish Sources." In *Society of Biblical Literature: 1989 Seminar Papers*, D. Lull. 1989.
- Guyot, G. H. "The Prophecy of Balaam." *CBQ* 2 (1940): 330-340.
- Guyot, G. H. "Balaam." *CBQ* 3 (1941): 235-242.
- Hackett, Jo Ann. *The Balaam Text from Deir 'Alla*. Harvard Semitic Monographs 31. Chico, California: Scholars Press, 1984.
- Hackett, Jo Ann. "Some Observations on the Balaam Tradition at Deir 'Alla." *BA* 94, 4 (1986): 216-222.
- Hayward, Robert. "Balaam's prophecies as interpreted by Philo and the Aramaic Targums of the Pentateuch." In *New Heaven and New Earth Prophecy and the Millennium; Essays in Honour of Anthony Gelston*, P. J. Harland and C. T. R. Hayward. 19-36. Leiden: Brill, 1999.
- Hoftijzer, Jacob. "Prophet Balaam in a 6th Century Aramaic Inscription." (11-17) *Biblical Archaeology*, 39 (1976).
- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. "Balaam son of Beor in light of Deir 'Alla and Scripture; saint or soothsayer?." In *"Go to the Land I Will Show You"; Studies in Honor of Dwight W. Young*, Joseph E. Coleson and Victor H. Matthews. 95-106. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1996.
- Kitz, Anne Marie. "Prophecy as Divination." *CBQ* 65, 1 (2003): 22-42.
- Kosmala, H. "Form and Structure in Ancient Hebrew Poetry." *VT* 14, 4 (1964): 423-445.
- Layton, S. C. "Whence comes Balaam? Num. 22,5 Revisited." *Biblica* 73 (1992): 32-61.
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- Lemaire, Andre. "Fragments from the Book of Balaam Found at Deir Alla." *BAR* 11, 5 (1985): 27-39.
- Lutzky, Harriet. "Ambivalence toward Balaam." *VT* 49, 3 (1999): 421-425.
- Lutzky, Harriet. "The Name "Coxbi" (Numbers XXV 15, 18)." *VT* 47, 4 (1997): 546-549.
- Malamat, Abraham. "'Amm l'badad yiskon"; a report from Mari and an oracle of Balaam." *JQR* 76, 1 (1985): 47-50.
- Margaliot, M. "The Connection of the Balaam Narrative with the Pentateuch." Chap. in *Proceedings of the Sixth World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Volume 1. 279-290. Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, 1977.
- Moberly, R. Walter L. "On learning to be a true prophet; the story of Balaam and his ass." In *New Heaven and New Earth Prophecy and the Millennium; Essays in Honour of Anthony Gelston*, P. J. Harland & C. T. R. Hayward. 1-17. Leiden: Brill, 1999.
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- Organ, Barbara E. "Pursuing Phinehas: A Synchronic Reading." *CBQ* 63, 2 (2001): 203-218.
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- Wharton, J. A. "The Command to Bless: An Exposition of Numbers 22:41-23:25." *Interpretation* 13, 1 (1959): 37-48.
- Wifall, Walter. "Asshur and Eber, or Asher and Heber? A Commentary on the Last Balaam Oracle, Num 24:21- 24." *ZAW* 82, 1 (1970): 110-114.
- Wolters, Al. "The Balaamites of Deir 'Alla as Aramaean Deportees." *HUCA* 59, 1 (1988): 101-113.

8. Priestly & Cultic Issues:

8.1 Numbers 5.1-4; 19.1-22; 31.19-24: Uncleaness & Death Pollution

Read:

Ashley, Timothy R. *The Book of Numbers*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993, 109-11, 361-74, 595-6.

Recommended:

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