

1. Give an overview of events transpiring from Numbers 9 (starting with the Passover) up to Numbers 12 (ending with Miriam returning to the camp).

2. Numbers 9:10-13 Passover appears to be the only moed in which willful refusal to observe results in being cut off from Israel (which was discussed last meeting in the interactive covenant discussion).

Discuss this from this standpoint: Is the observance of Passover a reaffirmation of continuing in the covenant?

3. Numbers 9:14 This text is used by some to propagate that the requirement of circumcision is what is required of both the native born as well as the stranger (ger) and that gentile believers are not held accountable to certain commandments of Torah in the same way as Jewish believers.

Is this correct?

Reference: http://ffoz.org/blogs/2009/09/one_law_in_context.html

4. Numbers 11 In this chapter there are two examples of complaining: One that is incorrect and one that is correct. Expound on what separates these and explain what we need to take with us so as to not fall into the wrong one.

5. Numbers 12 The sin of "lashon hara" (evil speech) is examined with the speaking and actions of Miriam and Aaron. Breakdown the "pieces and parts" of what took place and summarize on how this action could have been avoided and yet the subject addressed by Miriam and Aaron.

6. Numbers 10:35-36 Inverted 'nuns' appear in the Hebrew text of the Tanakh 9 times with two being in this section. Discuss the significance for our understanding of this text.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Num 10:33" with a search bar containing "Numbers" and "10" and "33". The main text area displays Hebrew text from Numbers 10:33-36 and Numbers 11:1. Two red arrows point to specific inverted nun characters (נ) in the text. The first arrow points to the nun in "בְּחַד הַיּוֹם" (Numbers 10:33). The second arrow points to the nun in "וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה וַיִּחַר אַפּוֹ" (Numbers 11:1). The text is as follows:

33 וַיִּסְעוּ מִתֵּר יְהוָה דֶּרֶךְ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים וְאֶרְוֹן בְּחַד הַיּוֹם נִסַּע לִפְנֵיהֶם דֶּרֶךְ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים לְתוֹר לָהֶם
34 וַעֲנִן יְהוָה עֲלֵיהֶם יוֹמָם בְּנִסְעָם מִן־הַמַּחֲנֶה: ׀ ׀
35 וַיְהִי בְּנִסְעֵ הָאָרֶץ וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה קוּמָה! יְהוָה וַיִּפְצֹל אִיבֹיךָ וַיִּנְסוּ מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ מִפְּנֵיךָ:
36 וּבִנְחָה יֹאמֶר שׁוּבָה יְהוָה רַבְבוֹת אֲלֵפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: ׀ ׀

Numbers 11:1 וַיְהִי הָעָם כְּמִתְאַנְנִים רַע בְּאֶזְנֵי יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה וַיִּחַר אַפּוֹ וַתִּבְעַר־בָּם אֵשׁ יְהוָה
בַּקֶּזֶה הַמַּחֲנֶה:
2 וַיִּצְעַק הָעָם אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיַּחְפְּלֵל מֹשֶׁה אֶל־יְהוָה וַתִּשְׁקַע הָאֵשׁ:
3 וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא תִּבְעָרָה כִּי־בְעָרָה בָּם אֵשׁ יְהוָה:
4 וְהִאֲסַפְּסֵף אֲשֶׁר בִּקְרָבוֹ הִתְאוּוּ תֵאוּהוּ וַיִּשְׁבּוּ וַיִּכְפּוּ גַם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמְרוּ מִי יֹאכְלֵנוּ בָּשָׂר:
5 וְזָכְרֵנוּ אֶת־הַדָּגָה אֲשֶׁר־נֹאכַל בַּמִּצְרַיִם חָנָם אֶת הַקִּשְׁאִים וְאֶת הָאֲבִטָּחִים וְאֶת־הַחֲצִיר וְאֶת־הַבְּצָלִים
וְאֶת־הַשּׁוּמִים:

