

"Wandering: Israel on a Road Trip"

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Introduction: Leading Israel was like herding cats. Moses had over 3 million kids on a road trip who were complaining and asking "Are we there yet?" The hard thing about road trips with little kids is their fussing, fighting and endless questioning. Another hard thing about road trips is taking a wrong turn and getting off the way to the destination. In **The Story** we come to the wanderings of Israel as Moses leads them toward the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. The Deafening Complaints of Israel to Moses (Numbers 11-12)

A. Israel complains about the traveling.

Deuteronomy 8:4, Nehemiah 9:21, Psalm 78

B. Israel complains about the food.

Exodus 16, Exodus 17, Exodus 20, Exodus 28, Exodus 32, Exodus 34

C. Miriam and Aaron complain about Moses.

Philippians 2:14, John 6:43, Proverbs 27:3

II. The Dangerous Wrong Turn of the Israelites (Numbers 13-14)

A. The spies are designated.

B. The challenge is delivered.

C. The detour is directed.

III. The Dynamic Farewell Speech of Moses (Deuteronomy 32-33)

A. Moses did not practice what he preached.

Numbers 20

B. Moses did not enter the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 34

C. Moses did not glorify himself...He pointed them to God!

Deuteronomy 33:29

Conclusion: Picture yourself as the driver of a car. You are behind the wheel. You have the directions printed out. You have programmed your diving GPS. And, you realize that all those behind you are going to follow where you go. Where are you headed? On this "road trip" called life, need to make a covenant with God. But we also need to make a covenant with our family, with our church family, and with this local community to trust and obey God. We need to know that God will never lead us in a wrong turn. Will you follow God? Are you ready to surrender to His will?