

## “Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Don and the FBC Family”

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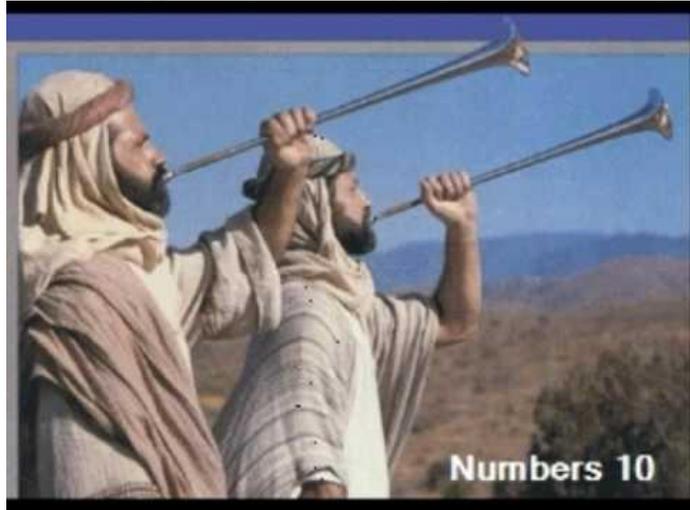
- ✓ Numbers 10:1-36– From the trumpets to departure from Sinai.
- ✓ John 17:1-26 – Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.
- ✓ Psalm 10:1-18 – Description of the wicked and the call for justice.

### SUMMARY AND REFLECTIONS:

**Numbers 10:1-36.** In the first ten verses we see how God provided a means for the masses, two million, of Israelites to know when and how to move together in an orderly manner. God

provided the blowing of trumpets to facilitate this. This would be the responsibility of the priests. In verses 11-36 we have their departure from Sinai. We are told that the first leg of the journey from Sinai lasted three days. They travelled only during the daylight hours. At night the cloud and the ark rested along with the people. One of the most beautiful verses in the Bible is verse 29, *“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.”*

All of human history is the writing of God Story. We do not get to choose when we come into the world or the journey He has for us. He brings us into this world and sets out our journey. Although there is much in God’s plan that we have no say about, there is one area that we do have a say: the kind of person we become; our character. We can become loving and virtuous characters in His Story like Moses, Joshua, Caleb, the Apostle Paul, Timothy or we can become like the Israelites who rebelled against the Lord only to live a life in divine discipline or Demas, who had forsaken the Lord, loving the world rather than the Lord.



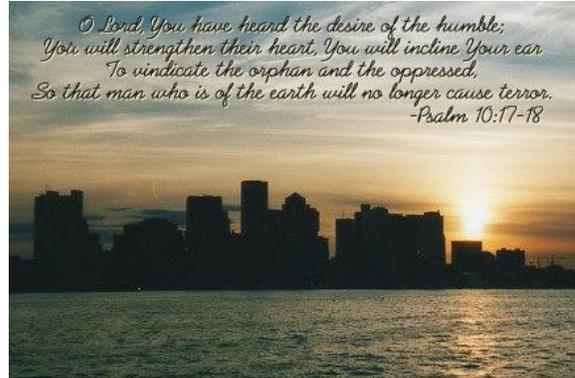
**John 17:1-26.** This chapter covers Jesus’ intercession. In verses 1-5 Jesus prays for Himself that He may be restored to His pre-incarnate glory as part of the completion of His work. Starting in verse 6, He moves to the disciples—note the emphasis on the “Word,” which focuses on the revelation of God through Jesus Christ. He asks God to protect them from the evil one. Jesus’ prayers are not only for disciples of His time, but for those in the following ages, like us. The prayer to keep them from the evil one is in the context of ‘sanctity.’ The idea is keeping believers by sanctifying and consecrating them to God. There is great evil and darkness in the world in which we find ourselves. This evil is a great threat to our spiritual well-being on a

### John 17

1. Jesus prayed for Himself (John 17:1-5).
2. Jesus prayed for His disciples (John 17:6-19).
3. Jesus prayed for all believers. (John 17:20-26).

thousand fronts. Only by advancing in love and commitment to the Lord by knowledge and by love can we avoid evil infecting us and thus all of our lives.

**Psalm 10:1-18.** David begins by providing a description of the wicked: arrogant, boastful, those who are taking advantage of the weak and speak abusively of the Lord. Note how the wicked have no room for God or God's laws. Note how they persecute the righteous. Does this not describe much of liberal America and other terrorists of our day? The fact that our country is coming apart at the seams is no wonder. Let us renew our efforts to follow David in asking God to protect us and to execute judgment on the evil who crush the righteous. For example, may the Lord utterly destroy all of those who are cutting off the heads of Christians and seek to put Christians and all people under the rule of Allah. May the Lord remove all of those who live only to blaspheme Him and persecute His own people.



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