

. . . . in Genesis because the first word is "in the beginning" and the Hebrew calls it b^eresheith, "in the beginning" and Genesis is the Book of beginnings. But in the other three books the Hebrew word, "These are the names" or "these words" or something like that doesⁿt tell you much, but in this case the Hebrew word is taken from the third or fourth word in the book and it is - - and that describes exactly what the book is; it is the story of the experience of the Israelites in the desert.

So under Roman Numeral II we will make a Capital A.

A. The Book of Numbers Follows the Exodus, not merely chronologically but also psychologically and spiritually. It follows the Exodus, not merely chronologically. Sometimes arguments are based on the fact that two things happened - - or one thing came later than the other, and there is no ~~chronological~~ causal relation, but here there is a definite ~~chronological~~ causal relation. Their trip through the wilderness was possible because they had come out of Egypt. They could not possibly have escaped from Egypt without the Lord's wonderful provision, and so the Exodus is the necessary background for the understanding of Numbers, and this is important for the Christian as we will see in a minute.

But number One ~~100~~ under A, we note the great importance in the OT of the Exodus. Over ~~in the OT~~ and over in the OT God is referred to as the one who brought them out of the house of bondage, out from the land of Egypt. This was a great experience which God wished His people to constantly keep in mind. Over and over this is referred to. Now there were ^{many wonderful} other things God did for the Israelites. He took them through the Red Sea. He called Abraham out in the first place, and directed him to trust him. He delivered the Israelites from all sorts of enemies and difficulties, but there is no particular relationship of Israel to God that is stressed even a fraction of what this is, in the OT. Because the Exodus God intended should be that which was constantly be in their mind as a fact that God had rescued them from the place of bondage and had delivered