# NUMBERS EXPLAINED

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There is so much to the Bible. It is fascinating to uncover the meanings written by God to us. In order to fully understand, we have to take it back to the original language. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek. Understanding these languages is

vitally important. In some languages, there simply is not an English counterpart to a particular word, so we have to get as close as we can. For instance, the name James does not have a word in Spanish. You would have to say Jaime (HY-MEE) which is not James but is as close as we can come. The translators appointed by King James I did an amazing job and without them, we would not have this Bible in the English language. Those translators even wrote a letter to King James and the people explaining that while they did the best they could, they knew that some mistakes were made and that it is important for each of us to check them out...which is what God wants us to do any way. He wants us to study His word and not rely on mankind for our knowledge.

The easiest way to do this is to get a Strong's Concordance. In the Concordance, you have a listing of every word utilized in the Bible. Say for instance, you want to look up the word "grove". It is utilized 17 times in the entire Bible. In 16 of those instances, it means sacred trees or poles set up near an alter for Baal worship. In one verse, however, it means an actual grove, or a tamarisk tree. There are different letters in the concordance. H is for Hebrew, or Old Testament and G is for Greek, or New Testament. The word "Grove" is either H815 or H842. You have to take it back to the original word in order to understand the meaning. A grove of trees should be harmless, right? Well, not if it is for idol worship.

Also, whenever you see a word in the Bible that is in italics, it signifies that that word has been added by the translators. It isn't in the original manuscripts. This was done to make the sentence flow easier for the reader. Once we understand how to find those meanings within God's Holy Word, the Bible comes alive and opens up to us in a way like never before. I encourage you to check out the meanings for yourself. Don't rely on mankind for the answer. Trust God alone and you will never go astray.

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Understanding God's Word the way He intended.

Written by God.

Scribed by Moses,

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This study bible is meant to be used with a Strong's Concordance with Hebrew and Greek Lexicon.

## THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED NUMBERS

*B'midvar* (In the Wilderness)

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;
- 3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

(Moses and Aaron will do the first numbering of the tribes, but later it will be Moses and Eliezer, who is Aaron's oldest surviving son.)

**4** And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

(There are twelve tribes from the twelve sons of Jacob. The chief of each tribe would be with Aaron and Moses throughout the headcount.)

 ${f 5}$  And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

(Elizur means God of the Rock and Shedeur means spreader of light.)

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

(Shelumiel means peace of God and Zurishaddai means rock of the almighty.)

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

(Nahshon means enchanter and Amminadab means people of liberality. The promised seed line is through Nahshon from the house of Judah. David will come through this line and then Jesus Christ.)

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

(Nethaneel means given of God and Zuar means small.)

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

(Eliab means God of his father and Helon means strong.)

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

(Elishama means God of hearing and Ammihud means people of splendor. Gamaliel means reward of God and Pedahzur means a rock has ransomed.)

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni.

(Abidan means father of judgment and Gideoni means warlike.)

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

(Ahiezer means brother of help and Ammishaddai means people of the almighty.)

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.

(Pagiel means accident of God and Ocran means to make a mess of.)

14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

(Eliasaph means God is gatherer and Deuel means known of God. Deuel will be Reuel in 2:14 of this book. It is a grammatical error from the translation. The "D" and the "R" being very hard to distinguish from each other. In chapter 10, he will be Deuel again.)

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

(Ahira means brother of wrong and Enan means having eyes.)

16 These were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

(The word renowned here means called out.)

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names:

(This is to say they were specified by name.)

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by

their polls.

(The word pedigree here is to show lineage.)

- 19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. (Only two will make it into the promise land after this forty years in the wilderness and they are Caleb and Joshua.)
- 20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 21 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.
- 22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 23 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.
- **24** Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 25 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.
- 26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
- 27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. (Judah is the largest of the tribe and will be when they enter into the promise land. Most tribes numbered here will lose a significant portion of their number when they are numbered in chapter 26.)
- 28 Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 29 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.
- 30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 31 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
- **32** Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 33 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.
- **34** Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 35 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.
- 36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 37 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.
- **38** Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 39 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.
- 40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

- 41 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.
- 42 Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
  - 43 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.
- 44 These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.
- 45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;
  - **46** Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. (This is the number of the fighting men. The women, children and elderly were not included in this number.)
  - **47** But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. (The Levites were not warriors, but priests, although not all Levites were priests. They had other duties.)
  - 48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,
  - 49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:
- 50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.
- 51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.
- 52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

(There are three tribes in each camp.)

- 53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.
  - 54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
- 2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

(There are four separate camps with three tribes in each camp. Ensign means a signal or a sign.)

**3** And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.

(The ensign of the tribe of Judah is a Lion. In astronomy, not astrology, Judah is Leo.)

- 4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.
- 5 And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar.

(Issachar is Cancer.)

- **6** And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.
- 7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun. (Zebulun is Virgo.)
- 8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
- **9** All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.
- 10 On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

(The ensign of the tribe of Reuben is a man. It is Aquarius.)

- 11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.
- 12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

(Simeon is Pisces, a fish.)

- 13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.
- **14** Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel. (Remember that the Reuel here is actually Deuel, Gad is Aries, a ram.)
- 15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.
- **16** All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.
- 17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

(The Levites were Libra.)

18 On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

(Ephraim is Taurus, a bull.)

- 19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.
- 20 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

(Manasseh is also Taurus.)

- 21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.
- 22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni. (Benjamin is Gemini)
- 23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.
- **24** All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.
- 25 The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

(Dan is Scorpio, an eagle.)

- 26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.
- 27 And those that encamp by him *shall be* the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

(Asher is Sagittarius. Remember the four captains of these camps. The lion, the man, the bull and the eagle. We will discuss them further.)

- 28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.
- 29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.

(Naphtali is Capricorn. See Ezekiel 1:5-10 and you will read about God's throne coming to earth and the description of the 4 living creatures being the lion, the man, the calf and the eagle. These are the four major ensigns of Israel. Also see Revelation 4:6-8 and read of the 4 beasts full of eyes.)

- 30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.
- **31** All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.
- **32** These *are* those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

(Again, this number is of the army only. The total of all could easily have reached over 2 million when you included women, children and the elderly.)

- 33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

- 1 These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.
- 2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
- 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.
- **4** And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.
  - 5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
  - 6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.
- 7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.
- **8** And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.
  - 9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.
- 10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh night shall be put to death.

(The word stranger used here is a non-priest.)

- 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

(God has replaced the firstborn of all the tribe of Israel with the Levites.)

- 13 Because all the firstborn *are* mine; *for* on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.
  - 14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,
- 15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

(Notice that the number begins at one month old as opposed to the other tribes where the age is twenty.)

- 16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.
- 17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. (Gershon means refuge. Kohath means ally and Merari means bitter.)
- ${f 18}$  And these  ${\it are}$  the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

(Libni means white and Shimei means famous.)

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

(Amram means high people. Izehar means oil or light. Hebron means alliance and Uzziel means strength of God.)

20 And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

(Mahli means sick and Mushi means sensitive.)

- 21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the Gershonites.
- 22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

- 23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.
- **24** And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael. (Eliasaph means God is gatherer and Lael means belonging to God.)
- 25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *shall be* the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

(The tabernacle was somewhat water resistant by the way the drapes were hung together and overlapping each other.)

- 26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.
- 27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these *are* the families of the Kohathites.

(They would be assigned to guard the ark of the covenant.)

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

(There is a mistranslation here. It is actually eight thousand three hundred.)

- 29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.
- 30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.
- **31** And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

(The candlestick is the menorah. The hanging is the vail that separates the court from the holy of holies.)

- **32** And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.
  - 33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.
- **34** And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.
- 35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.
- **36** And *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,
  - 37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.
- **38** But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall* be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.
- **39** All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

(In biblical numerics, the number 22 means light and the number 1000 means glory of God. 22,000 would mean The light of the glory of God.)

- 40 And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.
- **41** And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.
  - 42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

(Remember that God is taking the Levites as His own as a trade for the firstborns of Israel. There are 22,000 Levites and 22,273 firstborns of Israel. There are more firstborns of Israel than Levites. God has said they will be traded head for head.)

- 44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- **45** Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I *am* the LORD.
- 46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;

(This is the 273 over and are to be redeemed with silver.)

- 47 Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them*: (the shekel *is* twenty gerahs:)
  - 48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.
  - 49 And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:
- **50** Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary:
- **51** And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
- 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers,
- 3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.
  - 4 This shall be the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the most holy things:
- 5 And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it:
- 6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof.
- 7 And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:
- **8** And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.
- **9** And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:
  - 10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.
- 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:
- 12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar:
  - 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a pumple cloth thereon:
- 14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it.
- 15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.
- **16** And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat offering, and the anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.
  - 17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
  - 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:
- 19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:
  - 20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.
  - (A very limited few were to go into the holy of holies.)
  - 21 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
  - 22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;
  - 23 From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do

the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

(They started at age 25 but had five years of probation.)

- **24** This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for burdens:
- 25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,
- **26** And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.
- 27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

(The word "appointment" is Strong's H6310 and is peh and means mouth, as in spoken of man.)

28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

(Ithamar is Eleazar's younger brother, Aaron's youngest son.)

- 29 As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;
- 30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- **31** And this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,

(The boards and bars made of shittim wood and the sockets made of brass.)

- 32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.
- 33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
- **34** And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers.
- 35 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

(Remember this numbering is for the Levites only.)

- 36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.
- 37 These were they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
  - 38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,
- 39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
- 40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.
- **41** These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.
  - 42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,
- 43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

(This word service means organized for war. Remember this is God's army.)

- 44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.
- 45 These be those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
- 46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,
- 47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,
  - 48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.
- 49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:

(Issues were open sores and the like. Leprosy is contagious. Not only are these health laws, God dwelled with these people and therefore wanted no uncleanness around Him.)

- 3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.
- 4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.
  - 5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- **6** Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;

(These sins would be lying, stealing, cheating, etc. The word trespass in this verse means a breach of trust, as in a trespass against a neighbor or against God.)

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed.

(He would have to repay what was taken plus 20% of the value of the thing that was taken. He would also have to come up with a ram for a trespass offering to the Lord.)

**8** But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

(This is to say that if the one who had been wronged had already passed away, then the recompense would go to the priest.)

- 9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.
- 10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.
- 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

(The following laws will concern the suspiciousness of a man that his wife is cheating and how to handle these problems.)

- 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,
- 13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner*;
- 14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
- **15** Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.
  - 16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:
- 17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:

(This would be like the holy spirit being in the water since the dirt came from inside the tabernacle.)

**18** And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:

(If guilty, the curse of God would be on her. Uncovering of her head is symbolical of uncovering her sin.)

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:

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