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1:1 ¶ **Now** **YHWH** spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai [[Camp 11: 33:15](#)], in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year

after they had come out of the land of Egypt [[ExodusYear +1/02/01: 2515 AB: Ex 12:41](#); one month after the Tabernacle was set up: [Ex 40:1](#)], saying: 2

“Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel,

by their families,
by their fathers' houses,
according to the number of names,
every male individually, 3
from twenty [20] years old

and above

— all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. 4 And with you there shall be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father's house. 5 These are the names of the men who shall stand with you:

Leah's sons (five of six) first:

from **Reuben**, [[1-L1](#)]

Elizur [“Rock is **God**”] the son of Shedeur [“darter of light”];

6 from **Simeon**, [[2-L2](#)]

Shelumiel [“**God** is friend”]

the son of Zurishaddai

[“Almighty is Rock”];

[[Levi missing: priests' helpers](#)] [[3-L3](#)]

7 from **Judah**, [[4-L4](#)]

Nahshon [“enchanter”] the son of Amminadab [“noble is my kinsman”; Aaron's father-in-law];

8 from **Issachar**, [[9-L5](#)]

Nethanel [“**God**-given”]

the son of Zuar [“littleness”];

9 from **Zebulun**, [[10-L6](#)]

Eliab [“(my) father is **God**”]

the son of Helon [“strength”];

Rachel's sons/grandsons:

10 from the sons of Joseph: [[11-R1](#)]

from **Ephraim**, [[11-R1-2](#)]

Elishama [“heard is my **God**”]

the son of Ammihud

[“majesty is my kinsman”];

from **Manasseh**, [[11-R1-1](#)]

Gamaliel [“**God** is my reward”]

the son of Pedahzur

[“the Rock has ransomed”];

11 from **Benjamin**, [[12-R2](#)]

Abidan [“judge is my father”]

the son of Gideoni [“my hewer”];

Bilhah's first son:

12 from **Dan**, [[5-B1](#)]

Ahiezer [“help is my brother”]

the son of Ammishaddai

[“Almighty is my kinsman”];

Zilpah's second son:

13 from **Asher**, [[8-Z2](#)]

Pagiel [“**God**'s event”]

the son of Ocran [“troubled”];

Zilpah's first son:

14 from **Gad**, [[7-Z1](#)]

Eliasaph [“added is my **God**”]

the son of Deuel [“**God** they know”];

Bilhah's second son:

15 from **Naphtali**, [[6-B2](#)]

Ahira [“evil is my brother”]

the son of Enan [“having eyes”].”

[Why the above scrambled order?

Apparently due to the camping arrangement specified below.]

Israel's Sons in Birth Order:

Reuben	1-L1
Simeon	2-L2
(Levi	3-L3 — priests)
Judah	4-L4
Dan	5-B1
Naphtali	6-B2
Gad	7-Z1
Asher	8-Z2
Issachar	9-L5
Zebulun	10-L6
(Dinah	D-L7)
Joseph	11-R1
(His two sons adopted by Jacob:	
Manasseh	11-R1-1
Ephraim	11-R1-2
)	
Benjamin	12-R2
End of List	

16 These were chosen from the congregation, leaders of their fathers' tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel.

17 ¶ **Then** Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name,

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month [[ExodusYear+1/02/01](#)]; and they recited their ancestry

by families, [[^ begetting](#)]

by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty [20] years old

and above,

each one individually. 19

As **YHWH** commanded Moses, so he numbered them [at [Camp 11](#)] in the Wilderness of Sinai.

[[I Ch 2:3-5](#) // [Ruth 4:18-22](#) indicate where Amminadab and Nahshon fit.]

Judah's Descendants	
<i>Sons indicated by indentation:</i>	
Judah	[cf. Ge 38 // 1Ch 2:3-5]
(by Shua's daughter, his first wife)	
Er	[died before Egypt]
Onan	[died before Egypt]
Shelah	
(by Tamar)	
Perez	[cf. Ge 38:24-30]
Hezron	[cf. Ru 4:18-22]
Ram	
Amminadab	[Nu 1:7]
Nahshon	[Nu 1:7]
Salmon	[Mt 1:5a]
(by Rahab)	
Boaz	[Ru 4:13]
(by Ruth)	
Obed	
Jesse	
David	
Elisheba	[daughter]
[Aaron's wife]	
Hamul	
Zerah	

[Amminadab was **Aaron**'s father-in-law, Nahshon his brother-in law, and **Elisheba** the daughter of Amminadab his wife: [Ex 6:23](#)]

[Judah's three then-living sons entered Egypt with him, along with his two grandsons, Hezron & Hamul: [Ge 38](#); the rest were born afterward.]

[[Vv20-43 in parallel, next page:](#)]

[Presented in four parallel columns.]

20 Now the children of **Reuben**,
Israel's oldest son,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
every male individually,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 21
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Reuben were
forty-six thousand five hundred
[46,500].

22 From the children of **Simeon**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
of those who were numbered,
according to the number of names,
every male individually,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 23
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Simeon were
fifty-nine thousand three hundred
[59,300].

[Now Gad is listed in a different place:]

24 From the children of **Gad**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 25
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Gad were
forty-five thousand six hundred and
fifty [45,650].

26 From the children of **Judah**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 27
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Judah were
seventy-four thousand six hundred
[74,600].

28 From the children of **Issachar**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 29
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Issachar were
fifty-four thousand four hundred
[54,400].

30 From the children of **Zebulun**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 31
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Zebulun were
fifty-seven thousand four hundred
[57,400].

32 From the [two] sons of Joseph
[Ephraim and Manasseh],
[From] the children of **Ephraim**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 33
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Ephraim were
forty thousand five hundred
[40,500].

34 From the children of **Manasseh**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 35
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Manasseh were
thirty-two thousand two hundred
[32,200].

36 From the children of **Benjamin**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 37
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Benjamin were
thirty-five thousand four hundred
[35,400].

38 From the children of **Dan**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 39
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Dan were
sixty-two thousand seven hundred
[62,700].

40 From the children of **Asher**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 41
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Asher were
forty-one thousand five hundred
[41,500].

42 From the children of **Naphtali**,
their **genealogies**
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
according to the number of names,
from **twenty years old and above**,
all who were able to go to war: 43
those who were numbered
of the tribe of Naphtali were
fifty-three thousand four hundred
[53,400].

Summary

[Verse pairs in vv20-43 read the same except for the yellow-highlighted lines above.
Here is a brief, summary version:]

20 ... **Reuben**, ... forty-six thousand five hundred [46,500].

22 ... **Simeon**, ... fifty-nine thousand three hundred [59,300].

[Now Gad is listed in a different place:]

24 ... **Gad**, ... forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty [45,650]

26 ... **Judah**, ... seventy-four thousand six hundred [74,600]

28 ... **Issachar**, ... fifty-four thousand four hundred [54,400]

30 ... **Zebulun**, ... fifty-seven thousand four hundred [57,400]

32 From the [two] sons of Joseph [Ephraim and Manasseh],
... **Ephraim**, ... forty thousand five hundred [40,500]

34 ... **Manasseh**, ... thirty-two thousand two hundred [32,200]

36 ... **Benjamin**, ... thirty-five thousand four hundred [35,400]

38 ... **Dan**, ... sixty-two thousand seven hundred [62,700]

40 ... **Asher**, ... forty-one thousand five hundred [41,500]

42 ... **Naphtali**, ... fifty-three thousand four hundred [53,400]

[These are in the camping-order groups of the next chapter.]

Total of Isrealite Armies

44 ¶ These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve [12] men, each one representing his father's house. 45

So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war in Israel – 46

all who were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty [603,550].

Spreadsheet confirmation:

(start vs end of 39 years)

Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51
Reuben	46,500	43,730
Simeon	59,300	22,200
Gad	45,650	40,500
Judah	74,600	76,500
Issachar	54,400	64,300
Zebulun	57,400	60,500
Ephraim	40,500	32,500
Manasseh	32,200	52,700
Benjamin	35,400	45,600
Dan	62,700	64,400
Asher	41,500	53,400
Naphtali	53,400	45,400
Total	603,550	601,730

[Levi (estimate) ~14,500 ~14,500]

[Some "scholars" claim these numbers are too high, but a little algebra proves them not so scholarly.ⁱ]

Levites Not Counted

47 ¶ But the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe; 48 for YHWH had spoken to Moses, saying: 49

“Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them, among the children of Israel; 50 but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry

the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle. 51

And when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; And when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up.

The outsider who comes near shall be put to death. 52

The children of Israel

shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies; 53

but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony

that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony.”

Deuteronomy 10:8-9

At that time YHWH separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of YHWH, to stand before YHWH to minister to Him and to bless [others] in His name, to this day [~39 years later]. 9 Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; YHWH is his inheritance, just as YHWH your God promised him.

54 Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that YHWH commanded Moses, so they did.

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Numbers 2

Camp Arrangement

2:1 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2

“Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting [as specified next]:

[Presented in parallel on next page]

3 ¶ “On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with **Judah** shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be the leader of the children of Judah.” 4 And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred [74,600].

5 “Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of **Issachar**, and Nethanel the son of Zuar shall be the leader of the children of Issachar.” 6 And his army was numbered at fifty-four thousand four hundred [54,400].

7 “Then comes the tribe of **Zebulun**, and Eliab the son of Helon shall be the leader of the children of Zebulun.” 8 And his army was numbered at fifty-seven thousand four hundred [57,400].

9 All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with **Judah**, one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred [186,400]. “These shall break camp first.”

Spreadsheet confirmation:		
Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51
Judah	74,600	76,500
Issachar	54,400	64,300
Zebulun	57,400	60,500
Total	186,400	201,300

[Tradition: Judah-Lion, Reuben-Man, Ephraim-Ox, Dan-Eagle — Re 4:7, Eze 1:10, 10:14 — faces of cherubim; lion: chief of wild, ox: chief of domesticated, eagle: chief of birds, man: chief of all (Ge 1:28).]

10 “On the south side shall be the standard of the forces with **Reuben** according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.” 11 And his army was numbered at forty-six thousand five hundred [46,500].

12 “Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of **Simeon**, and the leader of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.” 13 And his army was numbered at fifty-nine thousand three hundred [59,300].

14 “Then comes the tribe of **Gad**, and the leader of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel.” 15 And his army was numbered at forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty [45,650].

16 All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with **Reuben**, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty [151,450]. “They shall be the second to break camp.”

Spreadsheet confirmation:		
Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51
Reuben	46,500	43,730
Simeon	59,300	22,200
Gad	45,650	40,500
Total	151,450	106,430

17 “And the tabernacle of meeting shall move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they shall move out, everyone in his place, by their standards.”

18 “On the west side shall be the standard of the forces with **Ephraim** according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.” 19 And his army was numbered at forty thousand five hundred [40,500].

20 “Next to him comes the tribe of **Manasseh**, and the leader of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.” 21 And his army was numbered at thirty-two thousand two hundred [32,200].

22 “Then comes the tribe of **Benjamin**, and the leader of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni.” 23 And his army was numbered at thirty-five thousand four hundred [35,400].

24 All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with **Ephraim**, one hundred and eight thousand one hundred [108,100]. “They shall be the third to break camp.”

Spreadsheet confirmation:		
Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51
Ephraim	40,500	32,500
Manasseh	32,200	52,700
Benjamin	35,400	45,600
Total	108,100	130,800

Camp and Journey Order [2:1-31]
East: Judah, Issachar, Zebulun
South: Reuben, Simeon, Gad
Center: Levites around Tabernacle: 1:50
West: Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin
North: Dan, Asher, Naphtali

25 “The standard of the forces with **Dan** shall be on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.” 26 And his army was numbered at sixty-two thousand seven hundred [62,700].

27 “Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of **Asher**, and the leader of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.” 28 And his army was numbered at forty-one thousand five hundred [41,500].

29 “Then comes the tribe of **Naphtali**, and the leader of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.” 30 And his army was numbered at fifty-three thousand four hundred [53,400].

31 All who were numbered of the forces with **Dan**, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred [157,600]. “They shall break camp last, with their standards.”

Spreadsheet confirmation:		
Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51
Dan	62,700	64,400
Asher	41,500	53,400
Naphtali	53,400	45,400
Total	157,600	163,200

Spreadsheet confirmation:
Four Sides: v1:46 v26:51
Judah: E 186,400 201,300
Reuben: S 151,450 106,430
Ephraim: W 108,100 130,800
Dan: N 157,600 163,200
Total 603,550 601,730

Total of Israelite Armies

32 These *are* the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. **All** who were numbered according to their armies of the forces were **six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty** [603,550 plus the Levites, perhaps ~14,500 [more](#)].

Levites Not Counted

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, just as **YHWH commanded Moses**. 34 Thus the children of Israel did according to all that **YHWH commanded Moses**; so they camped by their standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses.

Numbers 3

Recap of Aaron's Sons

3:1 ¶ **Now these are the records of Aaron and Moses when YHWH spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai**. 2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab [*"generous"*], the firstborn, and Abihu [*"he is (my) father"*], Eleazar [*"helped by God"*], and Ithamar [*"coast of palms"*]. 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he consecrated to minister as priests. 4

[↪ [Le 10:1-11](#)]

Nadab and Abihu had died before YHWH when they offered profane fire before YHWH in the Wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests in the presence of Aaron their father.

Duties of the Levites: Help Priests

5 And **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying: 6 **"Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.** 7 **And they shall attend to his needs and the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle.** 8 **Also they shall attend to all the furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting, and to the needs of the children of Israel, to do the work of the tabernacle.** 9 **And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they are given entirely to him from among the children of Israel.** 10 **So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall attend to their priesthood; but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."**

11 **Then YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying: 12 **"Now behold, I Myself have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine,** 13 **because all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am YHWH [your God and King]."**

Census of the Levites

14 ¶ **Then YHWH** spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying: 15 **"Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families; you shall number every male from a month old and above."** 16

So Moses numbered them according to the word of **YHWH**, as he was commanded.

17 These were the sons of **Levi** by their names [see chart, next page]: **Gershon** [*"exile"*], **Kohath** [*"assembly"*], and **Merari** [*"bitter"*].

18 And these are the names of the sons of **Gershon** by their families: **Libni** [*"white"*] and **Shimei** [*"renowned"*].

19 And the sons of **Kohath** by their families: **Amram** [*"exalted people"*], **Izehar** [*"shining oil"*], **Hebron** [*"association"*], and **Uzziel** [*"God is my strength"*].

20 And the sons of **Merari** by their families: **Mahli** [*"sick"*] and **Mushi** [*"yielding"*].

These are the families of the **Levites** by their fathers' houses.

21 From **Gershon** came the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimites; these were the families of the **Gershonites**. 22 Those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above — of those who were numbered there were **seven thousand five hundred** [7,500]. 23 The families of the **Gershonites** were to camp behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the leader of the fathers' house of the Gershonites was **Eliasaph** [*"added is my God"*] the son of Lael [*"God's own"*]. 25 The **duties** of the children of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting included: the tabernacle, the tent with its covering, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, 26 the screen for the door of the court, the hangings of the court that are around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords, according to all the work relating to them.

27 From **Kohath** came the family of the Amramites, the family of the Izharites, the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these were the families of the **Kohathites**. 28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and above, there were **eight thousand six hundred** [8,600; some Greek LXX manuscripts say 8,300, which makes the total come out right in v39] keeping charge of the **sanctuary**. 29 The families of the children of **Kohath** were to camp on the **south side** of the tabernacle. 30 And the leader of the fathers' house of the families of the **Kohathites** was **Elizaphan** [*"protected by my God"*] the son of Uzziel. 31 Their **duty** included: the ark, the table, the lampstand,

the altars,
the utensils of the sanctuary with
which they ministered,
the screen, and
all the work relating to them.

32 And **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest *was to be* chief over the leaders of the Levites, with oversight of those who kept charge of the sanctuary.

33 From **Merari** came the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of **Merari**.³⁴ And those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above, were six thousand two hundred [6,200].³⁵ The leader of the fathers' house of the families of **Merari** was

Zuriel ["God is my Rock"]
the son of Abihail
["Might is my father"].

These were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.³⁶ And the appointed duty of the children of Merari included: the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, its utensils, all the work relating to them,³⁷ and the pillars of the court all around, with their sockets, their pegs, and their cords.

38 Moreover those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tabernacle of meeting, were

Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary, to meet the needs of the children of Israel; but the outsider who came near was to be put to death.

Total of the Levites

39 All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of YHWH, by their families, all the males from a month old and above, were twenty-two thousand. [22,000 ~ 7,500 + 8,600 + 6,200 = 22,300; see v28 – Moses seems to be rounding off generally, but then there is an issue with the 273 difference in v43-46. The Talmud says 300 were firstborn, so already YHWH's.ⁱⁱ] [Perhaps ~14,500 aged 20+?]

Levites Instead of Firstborns

40 ¶ Then YHWH said to Moses: "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and above, and take the number of their names.⁴¹ And you shall take the Levites for Me — I am YHWH [your God and King] — instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel."⁴²

So Moses numbered all the firstborn among the children of Israel, as YHWH commanded him.⁴³ And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names from a month old and above, of those who were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three [22,273].⁴⁴ Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 45

"Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock.

The Levites shall be Mine:

I am YHWH [your God and King].⁴⁶

And for the redemption of the two hundred and seventy-three [273] of the firstborn of the children of Israel, who are more than the number of the Levites,⁴⁷ you shall take five [5] shekels¹ for each one individually; you shall take them in the currency of the shekel of the sanctuary, the shekel of twenty [20] gerahs [the weight of 16 barley grains or 4 to 5 carob beans].⁴⁸ And you shall give the money, with which the excess number of them is redeemed, to Aaron and his sons."⁴⁹

So Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites.

50 From the firstborn of the children of Israel he took the money, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five [1,365 = 5 x 273] shekels², according to the shekel of the sanctuary.⁵¹ And Moses gave their redemption money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of YHWH, as YHWH commanded Moses.

[^v Only a tiny % were firstborn? ⁱⁱ Estimating another 50% under 20: 22,273/(603,550*1.5) = 2.46% ?]

[Levi's 3 sons entered Egypt with him; the rest were born afterward: ↑]

¹ A silver shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 5 shekels = ~\$14.40, in 2008 value.

² So ~\$3900 in 2008 value.

From Exodus 6:16-25

Sons indicated by indentation:

Levi [died at 137 years old]
/ [in 2328 AB: Ge 30:24-25]
Gershon
| Libni
| Shemei
Kohath [died at 133]
| Amram [died at 137]
+wife: Jochebed; Kohath's sis.
| Miriam (dau.) [Nu 33:39]
| Aaron [died at 123]
| + wife: Elisheba [above]
| Nadab [no children]
| Abihu [no children]
| Eleazar
+wife: a dau. of Putiel
| Phinehas
| Ithamar [De 34:7]
Moses [died at 120]
| +wife: Zipporah [Ex 2:21]
| Gershon [Ex 2:22]
| Eliezer [Ex 18:4]
Izhar
| Korah [Cf. Nu 16]
| Assir [These 3 did]
| Elkanah [not die with]
| Abiasaph [Korah: 26:11]
Nepheg
Zichri
Hebron
Uzziel
| Mishael
| El(i)zaphan [Cf. Nu 3:30]
| Zithri
Merari
| Mahli
| Mushi
Jochebed [daughter: Nu 26:59]
[born in Egypt, wife of her nephew Amram, bore Miriam, Aaron, Moses]

February 28

Numbers 4

Service of the Kohathites

4:1 ¶ Then YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2

“Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the children of Levi, [This pattern appears 7 times:] by their families and by their fathers’ house, 3 from thirty [30] years old and above, even to fifty [50] years old,

all who enter the service to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 4

This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of meeting, relating to the most holy things: 5

When the camp prepares to journey, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. 6 Then they shall put on it a covering of badger [or dugong] skins, and spread over that a cloth entirely of blue; and they shall insert its poles. 7 On the table of showbread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the pitchers for pouring; and the showbread shall be on it. 8 They shall spread over them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles. 9 And they shall take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand of the light, with its lamps, its wick-trimmers, its trays, and all its oil vessels, with which they service it. 10 Then they shall put it with all its utensils in a

covering of badger skins, and put it on a carrying beam. 11 Over the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles. 12 Then they shall take all the utensils of service with which they minister in the sanctuary, put them in a blue cloth, cover them with a covering of badger skins, and put them on a carrying beam. 13 Also they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it. 14 They shall put on it all its implements with which they minister there —

the firepans,
the forks,
the shovels,
the basins, and
all the utensils of the altar —

and they shall spread on it a covering of badger skins, and insert its poles. 15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is set to go, then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them; but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These are the things in the tabernacle of meeting that the sons of Kohath are to carry.

Duty of Eleazar, Son of Aaron

16 The appointed duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is: the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the daily grain offering, the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle, of all that is in it,

with the sanctuary and its furnishings.”

17 Then YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 18

“Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19 but do this in regard to them, that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint each of them to his service and his task. 20 But they shall not go in to watch while the holy things are being covered, lest they die.”

Service of the Gershonites

21 ¶ Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 22

“Also take a census of the sons of Gershon,

by their fathers’ house and by their families. 23 From thirty [30] years old and above, even to fifty [50] years old, you shall number them, all who enter to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting. 24

This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and carrying: 25 They shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tabernacle of meeting with its covering, the covering of badger skins that is on it, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, 26 the screen for the door of the gate of the court, the hangings of the court that are around the tabernacle and altar, and their cords, all the furnishings for their service and all that is made for these

things: so shall they serve. 27 Aaron and his sons shall assign all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all their tasks and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all their tasks as their duty.

Duty of Ithamar, Son of Aaron

28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting. And their duties shall be under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Service of the Merarites

29 As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families and by their fathers’ house. 30 From thirty [30] years old and above, even to fifty [50] years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

31 And this is what they must carry as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 32 and the pillars around the court with their sockets, pegs, and cords, with all their furnishings and all their service; and you shall assign to each man by name the items he must carry.

Duty of Ithamar, Son of Aaron

33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.”

Number of Kohathite Servers

34 ¶ And

Moses,
Aaron, and
the leaders of the congregation,
numbered
the sons of the **Kohathites**

by their families and
by their fathers' house, ³⁵
from **thirty [30] years old and above**,
even to **fifty [50] years old**
everyone who entered
the service for work

in the tabernacle of meeting; ³⁶
and those who were numbered
by their families

were **two thousand seven hundred and
fifty [2,750]**. ³⁷

These *were* the ones
who were numbered
of the families
of the **Kohathites**,
— all who might serve
in the tabernacle of meeting,
whom Moses and Aaron numbered
according to the commandment of
Y_{HWH}

[as recorded] by the hand of Moses.

Number of Gershonite Servers

38 And those

who were numbered of
the sons of **Gershon**,

by their families and
by their fathers' house, ³⁹
from **thirty [30] years old and above**,
even to **fifty [50] years old**
everyone who entered
the service for work

in the tabernacle of meeting ⁴⁰

— those who were numbered
by their families,
by their fathers' house,
were **two thousand six hundred and
thirty [2,630]**. ⁴¹

These *are* the ones
who were numbered
of the families
of the sons of **Gershon**,
of all who might serve
in the tabernacle of meeting,
whom Moses and Aaron numbered
according to the commandment of
Y_{HWH}.

Number of Merarite Servers

42 Those of the families of

the sons of **Merari**
who were numbered,

by their families *and*
by their fathers' house, ⁴³
from **thirty [30] years old and above**,
even to **fifty [50] years old**,
everyone who entered
the service for work

in the tabernacle of meeting ⁴⁴

— those who were numbered
by their families

were **three thousand two hundred
[3,200]**. ⁴⁵

These *are* the ones
who were numbered
of the families
of the sons of **Merari**,
whom Moses and Aaron numbered
according to the word _____ of
Y_{HWH}

[as recorded] by the hand of Moses.

Total of Levite Servers

46 All
who were numbered of the Levites,
whom
Moses,
Aaron, and
the leaders of Israel,
numbered,

by their families and
by their fathers' houses, ⁴⁷
from **thirty [30] years old and above**,
even to **fifty [50] years old**,
everyone who came to do
the work of service and
the work of bearing burdens

in the tabernacle of meeting
— ⁴⁸ those who were numbered

were **eight thousand five hundred and
eighty [8,580=2,750+2,630+3,200]**. ⁴⁹
[So, 8,580 of 22,000 (**3:39**):

8,580 from 30 to 50 years old, of
22,000 from one month up, so
Perhaps, ~x,000 from 1 mo. to 30
and y,000 aged 50+???

No reasonable values for x & y?
According to the commandment of
Y_{HWH} they were numbered
[as recorded] by the hand of Moses,
each

according to his service and
according to his task;
thus were they numbered by him,
as Y_{HWH} commanded Moses.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 5-7]

Numbers 5

Those Put Outside the Camp

5:1 ¶ And Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “Command the children of Israel that they put **out of the camp**: and every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled by a corpse. 3 You shall put **out** both male and female; you shall put them **outside the camp**, that they may not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.” 4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them **outside the camp**; as Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did. [Symbolic of putting sin out.]

Sin, Confession, Restitution

5 **Then** Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 6 “Speak to the children of Israel: **When** a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against Y^{HWH}, and that person is guilty, 7 **then** he shall confess the sin **that** he has committed. He shall make **restitution** for his trespass in full, plus one-fifth [1/5th] of it, and give it to the one he has wronged. 8 But if the man has no relative to whom **restitution** may be made for the wrong, the **restitution** for the wrong **must go** to Y^{HWH} for the priest, in addition to the ram of the **atonement** with which **atonement** is made for him. 9 Every offering of all **the holy things** of the children of Israel **that** they bring to the priest shall be his. 10 And every man’s **holy things** shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.”

The Ordeal of Jealousy (in Marriage)

11 ¶ And Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 12 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: **If** any man’s wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him, 13 and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and *there was* no witness against her, nor was she caught — 14 **if the spirit of jealousy** [first use of “the spirit of ___”; likely just an attitude, not a demon — suspicion] comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or **if the spirit of jealousy** comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself — 15 **then** the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall bring the offering required for her, one-tenth [1/10th] of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it is **a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for remembering,** for bringing iniquity to remembrance. 16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before Y^{HWH}. 17 The priest shall take **holy water** in an earthen vessel, and take some of the **dust** that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the **water**. [There is no magic in the dust. This is simply a ritual that Y^{HWH} used to reveal guilt or innocence. He must act to prove the woman guilty.] 18

Then the priest shall stand the woman before Y^{HWH}, uncover the woman’s head, and put **the offering for remembering** in her hands, which is **the grain offering of jealousy**.

And the priest shall have in his hand **the bitter water that brings a curse** [first mention; it is really Y^{HWH} who brings the curse: v21]. 19 And the priest shall put her under oath, and say to the woman,

“If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness **while** under your husband’s authority, be free from **this bitter water that brings a curse**. 20 But if you have gone astray **while** under your husband’s authority, and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you, ...” 21

Then the priest shall put the woman under **the oath of the curse**, and he shall say to the woman,

“Y^{HWH} make you a **curse** and an oath among your people, **when** Y^{HWH} makes your thigh rot and your belly swell; 22 and may **this water that causes the curse** go into your stomach, and make *your* belly swell and *your* thigh rot.”

Then the woman shall say, “Amen, so be it.” 23

Then the priest shall **write these curses in a book**, and he shall scrape them off into the bitter water. 24 And he shall make the woman drink **the bitter water that brings a curse**, and **the water that**

brings the curse shall enter her to become bitter. 25 **Then** the priest shall take the **grain offering of jealousy** from the woman’s hand, shall wave the offering before Y^{HWH}, and bring it to the altar; 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the offering, as its memorial portion, burn it on the altar, and **afterward** make the woman drink the water. 27 **When** he has made her drink the water, **then** it shall be, if she has defiled herself and behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, **that the water that brings a curse** will enter her and become bitter, and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot, and the woman will become a **curse** among her people. 28 But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is **clean**, **then** she shall be free and may conceive children. 29 [This test requires a miracle to show that she is guilty, not the opposite (as in the Salem witch trials: tie a weight to her, throw her in a lake, and if she floats, she is not a witch).]

This is the law of jealousy, **when** a wife, **while** under her husband’s authority, goes astray and defiles herself, 30 or **when** the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes **jealous** of his wife; **then** he shall stand the woman before Y^{HWH}, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her. 31 **Then** the man shall be free from iniquity [of allowing adultery, if she is guilty? Or of false accusation, if she is not?], but that woman shall bear her guilt.”

[If it’s a leap year, you get a day to browse for **other interesting issues**.]

March 1

Numbers 6

Nazarite Vow

6:1 ¶ Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:

“When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite,ⁱⁱⁱ

[first mention: definition]

to separate himself to YHWH *[first use of this terminology; cf. 16:9,21]*, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and similar drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from similar drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. 4

All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin. 5 All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to YHWH, he shall be holy *[set apart]*; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. 6

All the days that he separates himself to YHWH he shall not go near a dead body: 7 he shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is *[visibly]* on his head. 8 All the days of his separation he shall be holy to YHWH. 9

And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrat-

ed head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh *[7th]* day he shall shave it. 10 Then on the eighth *[8th]* day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting; 11 and the priest shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned in regard to the corpse; and he shall sanctify his head that same day. 12 He shall consecrate to YHWH the days of his separation, and bring a male lamb in its first year as a trespass offering; but the former days shall be lost, *[meaning as if they hadn't happened?]* because his separation was defiled.

[Samson: Jud 13:3-7, 16:17;

Samuel: 1Sa 1:11; Rechabites:

Jer 35; John the Baptist: Lu 1:15;

Paul temporarily: Ac 18:18]

The Law of the Nazirite

13 Now this is the law of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 14 And he shall present his offering to YHWH: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram

without blemish as a peace offering,¹⁵ a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their grain offering *[bread]* with their drink offerings *[wine]*. 16 Then the priest shall bring them before YHWH and offer his sin offering and his

burnt offering; 17 and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to YHWH, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering. 18 Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. 19

And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated head *[hair]*, 20

and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before YHWH; they are holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.’

21 This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to YHWH the offering for his separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide; according to the vow that he takes, so he must do according to the law of his separation.”

The Way to Bless Verbally

22 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 23

“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, “This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: 24 YHWH bless you and keep you; 25 YHWH make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; 26

YHWH lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.’ 27

So they shall put My name on *[first use of this terminology]* the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”^{iv}

[For Chronology:

Nu 9:15-23, then Nu 7:1-9:14, moved to the end of Exodus.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 10-12]

Numbers 10:1-10

Two Silver Trumpets

10:1 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 2

“Make for yourself two *[2]* silver trumpets^v; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. 3 When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 4 But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you. 5 When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. 6 When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. 7 And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. 8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations. 9 When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered

before Y^{HWH} your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. 10 Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am Y^{HWH} your God [and King].”

Deuteronomy 1:6-8

Moses Recounts God's Command to Possess the Land

“Y^{HWH} our God spoke to us in Horeb [same as or next to Sinai], saying: ‘You have dwelt long enough at this mountain [Mt. Sinai]. 7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. 8 See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land that Y^{HWH} swore to your fathers — to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — to give to them and their descendants after them.’”

Numbers 10:11-16

The Israelites Follow the Cloud

11 ¶ Now it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year [ExodusYear+1/02/20, so ~mid-May, 2515 AB: Ex 12:41], that the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. 12 And

the children of Israel set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran. 13

[Exodus Route Map vs. traditional route] So they started out for the first time according to the command of Y^{HWH} by the hand [leadership] of Moses.

Camp and Journey Order [2:1-31]

East: Judah, Issachar, Zebulun

South: Reuben, Simeon, Gad

Center: Levites around Tabernacle: 1:50

West: Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin

North: Dan, Asher, Naphtali

14 The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab [Aaron's brother- and father-in-law]. 15 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. 16 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle. [Too soon? Cf. 2:17, but 2:21b explains why this refinement.]

18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army was Elizur the son of Shedeur. 19 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 20 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival.)

22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud. 23 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 24 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. 27 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 Thus was the order of march of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they began their journey.

Setting Out For Canaan Land

29 ¶ Now Moses said to Hobab [only mention] the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law [thus, Hobab was Moses' brother-in-law], “We are setting out for the place of which Y^{HWH} said,

‘I will give it to you.’

Come with us, and we will treat you well; for Y^{HWH} has promised good things to Israel.” 30

And he said to him, “I will not go, but I will depart [Mt. Sinai, in northern Midian] to my own land [farther south in Median] and to my relatives.” 31

So Moses said, “Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. 32 And it shall be, if you go with us — indeed it shall be — that whatever good Y^{HWH} will do to us, the same we will do to you.” 33

So they departed from the mountain of Y^{HWH} on a journey of three [3] days; and the ark of the covenant of Y^{HWH} went before them for the three [3] days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. 34 And the cloud of Y^{HWH} was above them by day [no travel at night?] when they went out from the camp. 35 So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said:

[Ps 68 by David inspired by this:]

“Rise up, O Y^{HWH}! Let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.” 36

And when it rested, he said: “Return, O Y^{HWH}, [↓ 1,000s] To the many thousands of Israel.”

33:16 They moved from the Wilderness of Sinai [ExodusYear+1/02/20, so 2515 AB = 1490 BC: 10:11] and camped at [Camp 12] (12) Kibroth Hattaavah [“graves of lust”; see 11:34].

Numbers 11

Complaining Displeased Y_{HWH}

11:1 ¶ **Now when** the people complained [only 3 days into their trip to *Canaan*], it displeased Y_{HWH}; for Y_{HWH} heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire [judgment] of Y_{HWH} burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. 2 **Then** the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to Y_{HWH}, the fire was quenched. 3 So he called the name of the place *Taberah* [“burning”], because the fire of Y_{HWH} had burned among them.

“Give Us Meat To Eat”

4 ¶ **Now** the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving [for food]; so the children of Israel also wept again and said:

“Who will give us meat to eat? 5

We remember

the fish [↓ not so much]

that we ate freely in Egypt,

the cucumbers, [↖ in bondage]

the melons,

the leeks,

the onions, and

the garlic; 6

but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna [“what is it?”] before our eyes!” 7

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. 8 The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. 9 And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

Moses Overburdened

10 **Then** Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of Y_{HWH} was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. 11

So Moses said to Y_{HWH},

“Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me,

“Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child”, to the land that You swore to their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying,

“Give us meat, that we may eat.” 14 I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now — if I have found favor in Your sight — and do not let me see my wretchedness!”

Y_{HWH} Provides Help for Moses

16 ¶ So Y_{HWH} said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy [70] men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 **Then** I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

Y_{HWH} Provides Meat (Quail)

18 **Then you shall say to the people**, “Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of Y_{HWH}, saying,

“Who will give us meat to eat?”

For it was well with us in Egypt.”

Therefore Y_{HWH} will give you meat, and you shall eat. 19

You shall eat,

not one [1] day,

nor two [2] days,

nor five [5] days,

nor ten [10] days,

nor twenty [20] days, 20

but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised Y_{HWH} who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying,

“Why did we ever come up

out of Egypt?”” 21

And Moses said [to Y_{HWH}],

“The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand [600,000] men on foot [so perhaps ~2,500,000 people in all]; yet You have said,

“I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.” 22

Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?” 23

And Y_{HWH} said to Moses,

“Has Y_{HWH}’s arm been shortened? **Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not.**” [Cf. [Is 50:2](#) “shortened hand”]

24 ¶ So Moses went out and told the people the words of Y_{HWH}, and he gathered the seventy [70] men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. 25 **Then** Y_{HWH} came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy [70] elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied (although they never did so again). 26 But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad [“God has loved”], and the name of the other Medad [“love”].

And the Spirit rested upon them. **Now** they were among those listed [of the 70], but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28

So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, one of his choice men,

answered and said,

“Moses my lord, forbid them!” 29

Then Moses said to him, “Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all Y_{HWH}’s people were prophets and that Y_{HWH} would put His Spirit upon them!” [A wish for the Kingdom of God to come in fullness. [Joel 2:32](#); [1Co 14:1](#); [1Jn 2:26](#)] 30

And Moses returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Israel.

31 ¶ Now a wind went out from YHWH, and it brought quail from the sea [so they were still near the Gulf of Aqaba] and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side,

all around the camp, and about two cubits [~3 feet] above the surface of the ground [if a day's journey was, say, ~10 miles, that would be ~600 sq. miles of fluttering quail!]. 32 And the people stayed up

all that day, all night, and all the next day, [Ps 106:13-15] and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten [10] homers [a unit of dry measure, ~300 liters/homer; so the least gathered was ~3,000 liters; times 600,000 (assuming this was per family/man) = 1.8B liters, at least! Preservation presumably by drying and salting.]); and they spread them out [MSG: for drying] for themselves all around the camp. 33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of YHWH was aroused against the people, and YHWH struck the people with a very great plague. 34 So he [Moses] called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah ["graves of lust"], because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving [so not all of them].

Next Camp: Hazeroth

35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazeroth ["settlement"], and camped at Hazeroth [Camp 13: 33:17].

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Numbers 12

Miriam, Aaron Speak Against Moses

12:1 ¶ Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he [Moses] had married an Ethiopian woman [presumably Zipporah had died or abandoned him]. 2 So they said, "Has YHWH indeed spoken

only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And YHWH heard it. 3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the lands [earth]. [Added later by Joshua?])

4 ¶ Suddenly YHWH said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam,

"Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out. 5 Then YHWH came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. 6 Then He said, "Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you, I, YHWH, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. 8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings [secrets]; And he sees the form of YHWH. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

9 So the anger of YHWH was aroused against them, and He departed.

Miriam Judged

10 ¶ And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. 11 So Aaron said to Moses,

"Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. 12 Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!"

Moses Prays for Miriam

13 So Moses cried out to YHWH, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!" 14

Then YHWH said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven [7] days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven [7] days, and afterward she may be received again."

15 So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven [7] days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again.

Next Camp: Wilderness of Paran

16 And afterward the people moved from Hazeroth and camped in the Wilderness of Paran [Camp 14?]. [Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 13-15]

Numbers 13

YHWH Sends Spies into Canaan [from the Wilderness of Paran]

Deuteronomy 1:19ff

Moses Recounts the Spies Incident

19 ¶ "So we departed from Horeb [Sinai: Nu 10:33; Ex 3:1], and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as YHWH our God had commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. 20 And I said to you,

'You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which YHWH our God is giving us. 21 Look, YHWH your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as YHWH God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.' 22

And everyone of you came near to me and said,

'Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.' 23a

The plan pleased me well. [And apparently, YHWH, for He sent the spies into the land: Nu 13.]

13:1 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2

"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." 3

De 1:23b so I took twelve [12] of your men, one man from each tribe.

So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of YHWH, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4

Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes

Now these were their names:
 [not the same list as in chaps. 1 & 2;
 perhaps younger, vigorous men:]
 from the tribe of **Reuben**:
 Shammua [“renowned”] the son of
 Zaccur [“mindful”];
 5 from the tribe of **Simeon**:
 Shaphat [“(he has) judged”] the son of
 Hori [“cave dweller”];
 6 from the tribe of **Judah**,
Caleb [“dog”] the son of
Jephunneh [“He will be facing”];
 7 from the tribe of **Issachar**:
 Igal [“He redeems”] the son of
 Joseph [“YHWH has added”];
 8 from the tribe of **Ephraim**:
Hoshea [“salvation”] the son of
 Nun [“fish” or “posterity”]
 [= **Joshua** [“YHWH is salvation”],
 per Moses: v16b[↑]];
 9 from the tribe of **Benjamin**:
 Palti [“my deliverance”] the son of
 Raphu [“healed”];
 10 from the tribe of **Zebulun**:
 Gaddiel [“God is my fortune”] the
 son of Sodi [“acquaintance”];
 11 from the tribe of Joseph, that is,
 from the tribe of **Manasseh**:
 Gaddi [“my fortune”] the son of
 Susi [“my horse”];
 12 from the tribe of **Dan**:
 Ammiel [“God is my kinsman”] the
 son of Gemalli [“camel driver”];
 13 from the tribe of **Asher**:
 Sethur [“hidden”] the son of
 Michael [“who is like God”];
 14 from the tribe of **Naphtali**:
 Nahbi [“hidden”] the son of
 Vophsi [“rich”];
 15 from the tribe of **Gad**:
 Geuel [“God’s majesty”] the son of
 Machi [“decrease”].

16 These are the names of the men
 whom Moses sent to spy out the land.
 And Moses called Hoshea the son of
 Nun, ‘Joshua’. 17 Then Moses sent
 them to spy out the land of **Canaan**,
 and said to them,
 “Go up this way into the **South**,
 [of the land of Canaan, as in Genesis]
 and go up to the mountains, 18
 and see what the land is like:
 whether the people who dwell in it are
 strong or weak,
 few or many; 19
 whether the land they dwell in is
 good or bad;
 whether the cities they inhabit are
 like camps or strongholds; 20
 whether the land is
 rich or poor; and
 whether there are
 forests there or not.
Be of good courage. And
Bring some of the fruit of the land.”
Now the time was the season of the
 first ripe grapes. [~July-August,
 ExodusYear+1; 2515 AB; Ex 12:41]

21 ¶ So they went up and spied out
 the land from
 the **Wilderness of Zin** [“flat”]
 as far [north (of Damascus)] as
 Rehob [“broad place”; where?],
 near the entrance of
Hamath [“fortress”]. 22
 And they went up through the **South**
 [of Canaan] and came to
Hebron [“association”; ~20 miles
 south of Jerusalem and ~20 mi.
 (30 km) north of Beersheba, where
 Abraham and Isaac had lived];

[The peoples who were in Hebron:]
 Ahiman [“my brother is a gift”],
 Sheshai [“noble”], and
 Talmai [“furrowed”],
 the descendants of
Anak [“neck”; progenitor of a
 family or tribe of giant people
 in Canaan; apparently known
 to Moses’ original audience],
 were there [in Hebron].
 (Now **Hebron** was built seven [7] years
 before **Zoan**³ in Egypt.)

De 1:24 And they departed and went
 up into the mountains, and came to
 the **Valley of Eshcol**, and spied it out.

23 Then [near the end?] they came to
 the **Valley of Eshcol** [“cluster”], and
 there cut down a branch with one cluster
 of grapes; they carried it between two
 of them on a pole. They also brought
 some of the pomegranates and figs. 24
 The place was called the **Valley of**
Eshcol because of the cluster that the
 men of Israel cut down there. 25 And
 they returned from spying out the land
 after forty [40] days [to ~September].

Show and Tell

26 ¶ Now they departed and came back
 to Moses and Aaron and all the con-
 gregation of the children of Israel in
 the Wilderness of Paran, at **Kadesh**
 [“holy”; same as Kadesh-Barnea: De
 1:19b above]; they brought back word

³ Zoan: “place of departure”; an ancient city
 of lower Egypt, existing before Abraham,
 later called Tanis by the Greeks; located on
 the eastern bank of the Tanitic branch of the
 Nile; the capital of the Shepherd dynasty,
 and the dwelling place of the Pharaoh at the
 time of the exodus; modern ‘San’.

to them and
 to all the congregation,
 and showed them the fruit of the land.

De 1:25 They also took some of the
 fruit of the land in their hands and
 brought it down to us; and they
 brought back word to us, saying,
 ‘It is a good land that YHWH our
 God is giving us.’

27 Then they told him [Moses], and said:
 “We went to the land where you sent us.
 It truly ‘flows with milk and honey’
 [promised at the burning bush: Ex 3:8],
 and this is its fruit. 28
 Nevertheless the people who dwell
 in the land are strong; the cities are
 fortified and very large; moreover we
 saw the descendants of Anak there. 29
 The **Amalekites** dwell in the land of the
South; the **Hittites**, the **Jebusites**, and
 the **Amorites** dwell in the mountains;
 and the **Canaanites** dwell by the sea
 and along the banks of the Jordan.”
 [Apparently this caused disquiet:]

Good Report by Caleb

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before
 Moses, and said,
 “Let us go up at once and
 take possession,
 for we are well able to overcome it.”
 [Apparently, Joshua agreed: 14:6]

Bad Report by [10] Others

31 But the men who had gone up with
 him [other than Joshua] said,^{vi}
 “We are not able to go up against the
 people, for they are stronger than we.”
 32 And they gave the children of Israel
 a bad report of the land that they had
 spied out, saying,

“The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants [Hebrew: *nephilim*]); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Numbers 14

The Israelites Cry and Complain

14:1 ¶ So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

De 1:26 Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of YHWH your God; 27 and you complained in your tents, and said, ‘Because YHWH hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”’

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness [of Paran: 13:26]! 3 Why has YHWH brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” 4

So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” [Mutiny near the bounty!]

De 1:29 Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. 30 YHWH your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how YHWH your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’

Joshua and Caleb Exhort the People

5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and

Caleb the son of Jephunneh,

who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying:

“The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8 If YHWH delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land that flows with milk and honey.’ [promised at the burning bush: Ex 3:8]

9 Only do not rebel against YHWH, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and YHWH is with us. Do not fear them.” 10

De 1:32 Yet, for all that, you did not believe YHWH your God, 33 who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents,

to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

And all the congregation said to stone them [Joshua & Caleb (and Moses & Aaron?)] with stones.

De 1:34 And YHWH heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying, 35

‘Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed YHWH.’

Moses Pleads for the People

Now the glory of YHWH appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel. 11 ¶

Then YHWH said to Moses:

“How long will these people reject Me [as their King]? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs that I have performed among them? 12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.” 13 [testing Moses: passed]

And Moses said to YHWH:

“Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, 14 and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, YHWH,

are among these people;

that You, YHWH, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them,

and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. 15

Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations that have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, 16

‘Because YHWH was not able to bring this people to the land that He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.’ 17

And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord [Adonai] be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 18

‘YHWH is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.’ [Ex 20:5b (2nd commandment) and Ex 34:6-7] 19

Pardon the iniquity of this people,

I pray, according to

the greatness of Your mercy,

just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”

Pardon, but also Consequences

20 ¶ Then YHWH said:

“I have pardoned, according to your word; 21 but truly, as I live, all the lands [earth] shall be filled with the glory of YHWH — 22 because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten [10] times [in reference to the 10 spies? Or an idiom?], and have not heeded My voice, 23 they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

24 But My servant Caleb [also Joshua: v30], because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. 25

Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn [back] and move out into the wilderness by the Way [Road] of the Red Sea.”

De 1:37 YHWH was also angry with me for your sakes, saying, ‘Even you shall not go in there; 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

26 And YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 27 “How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints that the children of Israel make against Me. 28 Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says YHWH, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: 29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty [20] years old and above [so ~603,550 men (2:32), plus women and children, less two:]. 30 Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land that I swore I would make you dwell

in. 31 But your little ones [under 20], whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have despised.

De 1:39 Moreover your little ones and your children [under 20], [Nu 14:3] who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn [back] and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way [Road] of the Red Sea.’

32 But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness [as they suggested in v2]. 33 And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty [40] years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty [40] days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one [1] year, namely forty [40] years, and you shall know My rejection [punishment as discipline, for He still took care of them]. 35 I YHWH have spoken this; I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness [of Paran:13:26] they shall be consumed [devoured: 13:32], and there they shall die.”

Judgment on the 10 Bad-Report Spies 36 ¶ Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, 37 those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before YHWH. 38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

Obedience Too Late: Disobedience

39 Then Moses told these words [vv27-35] to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain [a mountain in Seir: De 1:44b], saying, “Here we are, and we will go up to the place that YHWH has promised, for we have sinned!”^{vii}

De 1:41 Then you answered and said to me, ‘We have sinned against YHWH. We will go up and fight, just as YHWH our God commanded us.’ And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain. 42 And YHWH said to me, ‘Tell them, “Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies.”’

41 And Moses said, “Now why do you transgress the command of YHWH? For this will not succeed. 42

Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for YHWH is not among you. 43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and [^ cf. 13:29] you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned away from YHWH, YHWH will not be with you.”

De 1:43 So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of YHWH, and presumptuously went up into the mountain.

44 But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop; nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of YHWH nor Moses departed from the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as Hormah [“devotion”; a town in South Canaan (later the south of Judah); location unknown].

De 1:44 And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back, from Seir [“hairy”/ “shaggy”] to Hormah [“devotion”]. 45 Then you returned and wept before YHWH, but YHWH would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you. 46 So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you spent there.

March 3

Numbers 15

Back to Lawgiving: Offerings

15:1 ¶ And Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 2

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:

“When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you, 3 and you make

an offering by fire to Y^{HWH}, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or in your appointed feasts, to make a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}, from the herd or the flock, 4

then he who presents his offering to Y^{HWH} shall bring a grain offering of one-tenth [$1/10^{\text{th}}$] of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth [$1/4^{\text{th}}$] of a hin of oil; 5 and one-fourth [$1/4^{\text{th}}$] of a hin of wine

as a drink offering

you shall prepare with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6

Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering

two-tenths [$2/10^{\text{th}}$] of an ephah of fine flour mixed with

one-third [$1/3^{\text{rd}}$] of a hin of oil; 7 and as a drink offering

you shall offer

one-third [$1/3^{\text{rd}}$] of a hin of wine as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}. 8

And when you prepare a young bull as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to Y^{HWH}, 9

then shall be offering with the young bull a grain offering of three-tenths [$3/10^{\text{th}}$] of an ephah of fine flour mixed with

half [$1/2$] a hin of oil; 10 and you shall bring as the drink offering half [$1/2$] a hin of wine

as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}. 11

Thus it shall be done for each young bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or young goat. 12

According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do with everyone according to their number. 13

All who are native-born shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}. 14

And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever is among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire,

a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH},

just as you do, so shall he do. 15

One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before Y^{HWH}. 16 One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.” 17

Again Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 18 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:

“When you come into the land to which I bring you, 19 then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up

a heave offering to Y^{HWH}. 20

You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a heave offering; as a heave offering

of the threshing floor,

so shall you offer it up. 21 Of

the first of your ground meal

you shall give to Y^{HWH}

a heave offering

throughout your generations.

22 ¶ If you [the whole congregation: v24] sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments

that Y^{HWH} has spoken to Moses — 23 all that Y^{HWH} has commanded you [as recorded] by the hand of Moses, from the day Y^{HWH} gave commandment and onward throughout your generations — 24 then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation,

that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering,

as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH},

with its grain offering

and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and

one kid of the goats

as a sin offering. 25

So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering,

an offering made by fire to Y^{HWH}, and their sin offering before Y^{HWH},

for their unintended sin. 26 It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally.

27 And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering. 28

So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally, before Y^{HWH} to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. 29 You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.

30 ¶ But the person who does anything presumptuously [“with a high hand”; cf. 14:44],

whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on Y^{HWH}, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he

has despised the word of Y^{HWH}, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.”

Example of Work on the Sabbath

32 Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness [of Paran: 13:26], they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. 34 They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him. 35 Then YHWH said to Moses,

“The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.” 36

So, as YHWH commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died. [Cf. Le 24:10-16]

37 ¶ Again YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 38

“Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. 39

And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of YHWH and do them,

and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, 40

and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God. 41

I am YHWH your God [and King], who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am YHWH your God [and King].”

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 16-17]

Numbers 16

Korah's Uprising Against YHWH

16:1 ¶ Now

Korah [“bald”]^{viii}

the son of Izhar [“shinning oil”], the son of Kohath [“assembly”], the son of Levi⁴,

with

Dathan [“belonging to a fountain”] and Abiram [“exalted is my father”]

[2 of] the sons of Eliab

[“my father is God”], and

On [“wealth”/“vigor”]

the son of Peleth [“swiftness”],

[3] sons [descendants] of Reuben, took men; 2 and they rose up before Moses

with some of the children of Israel:

two hundred and fifty [250] leaders

of the congregation,

representatives

of the congregation,

men of renown [Ge 6:4b]. 3

They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them,

“You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and YHWH is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of YHWH?”

[Cf. Jude 10-11] 4

⁴ Confirmed: only four generations back to Levi, so 215 years from Jacob and his family's moving to Egypt to the Exodus is reasonable; 400 or 430 is too long.

So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; 5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying,

“Tomorrow morning YHWH

will show

who is His and

who is holy [set apart], and

will cause him to come near to Him.

That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him. 6 Do this:

Take censers,

Korah and all your company; 7

put fire in them and

put incense in them

before YHWH tomorrow,

and it shall be that

the man whom YHWH chooses is the holy one.

You take too much upon yourselves,

you sons of Levi!” 8

[Though D, A, & O were “sons” of Reuben, not Levi: v1.]

Then Moses said to Korah,

“Hear now,

you sons of Levi: 9

Is it a small thing to you

that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel,

to bring you near to Himself,

to do the work of the tabernacle

of YHWH, and

to stand before the congregation

to serve them; 10 and

that He has brought you near to Himself,

you and all your brethren,

the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also?

11 Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against YHWH. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?”

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call

Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab,

but they said,

“We will not come up! 13

Is it a small thing that

you have brought us up out of

a land flowing with milk and honey^{ix}, to kill us in the wilderness [of Paran: 13:26], that you should keep acting

like a prince over us? 14 Moreover you have not brought us into

‘a land flowing with milk and honey’, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes

of these men? We will not come up!” 15

Then Moses was very angry, and said to YHWH,

“Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them.” 16

And Moses said to Korah,

“Tomorrow, you and all your company be present before YHWH — you and

they, as well as Aaron. 17 Let each take his censer and put incense in it,

and each of you bring his censer before YHWH,

two hundred and fifty [250] censers; both you [all] and Aaron, each with his censer.” 18

The Next Day: Judgment

So every man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of Y^{HWH} appeared to all the congregation. 20 And Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 21 “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” 22 Then they fell on their faces, and said, “O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh [first use of this description (of only 2: 27:16)], shall one man sin, and You be angry with all the congregation?”

The Ground Swallows 3 Families

23 ¶ So Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 24 “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’” 25 [What about On? Had he backed out by this time?] Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins.”

27 So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children. 28 And Moses said: “By this you shall know that Y^{HWH} has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will. 29 If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then Y^{HWH} has not sent me. 30 But if Y^{HWH} creates [Hebrew: bara] a new thing [something that has never happened before], and the ground [earth] opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit [grave: Hebrew sheol], then you will understand that these men have rejected Y^{HWH}.” 31 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, 32 and the ground [earth] opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah [but not Korah’s sons: 26:11^x], with all their goods. 33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit [grave; Hebrew sheol]; the ground [earth] closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34 Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the ground [earth] swallow us up also!”

Fire Consumes the 250

35 ¶ And a fire came out from Y^{HWH} and consumed the two hundred and fifty [250] men who were offering incense [probably with profane fire as in Le 10:1-2]. 36 Then Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying: 37 “Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, to pick up the censers out of the blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the fire some distance away. 38 The censers of these men who sinned against their own souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar. Because they presented them before Y^{HWH}, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel.” 39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar, 40 to be a memorial to the children of Israel that no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before Y^{HWH}, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as Y^{HWH} had said to him through Moses.

The Third Day: Plague Kills 14,700

41 ¶ On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, “You have killed the people of Y^{HWH}.” 42 [Why did they blame M&A rather than Y^{HWH}?]

Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of Y^{HWH} appeared. 43 Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting. 44 And Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 45 “Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” And they [M&A] fell on their faces. 46 So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from Y^{HWH}. The plague has begun.” 47 Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped. 49 Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred [14,700], besides those who died in the Korah incident [>254]. 50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

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Numbers 17

The Budding Rod

17:1 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 2

“Speak to the children of Israel, and get from them a rod from each father’s house^{xi}, all their leaders according to their fathers’ houses — twelve [12] rods. Write each man’s name on his rod. 3 And [in addition] you shall write Aaron’s name on the rod of Levi. For there shall be one rod for the head of each father’s house. 4 Then you shall place them in the tabernacle of meeting before the Testimony, where I meet with you. 5 And it shall be that the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom; thus I will rid Myself of the complaints of the children of Israel, which they make against you.” 6

So Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and each of their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers’ houses, twelve [12] rods; and [in addition] the rod of Aaron was [placed] among their [12] rods [so 13 in all]. 7 And Moses placed the rods before YHWH in the tabernacle of witness [first time it is called that].

The 4th Day: Aaron’s Rod Buds

8 ¶ Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi,
[1] had sprouted
[2] and put forth buds,
[3] had produced blossoms
[4] and yielded ripe almonds^{xii}. 9

[It seems to have gone through all the normal phases of development, but very rapidly (cf. [Ge 1:12](#)), and from a dead stick (an emblem of resurrection)!]

Then Moses brought out all the rods from before YHWH to all the children of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod. 10 And YHWH said to Moses,

“Bring Aaron’s rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die.” 11

Thus did Moses; just as YHWH had commanded him, so he did. 12 So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying,

“Surely we die, we perish, we all perish! 13 Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of YHWH must die. Shall we all utterly die?”

[Audio: [Steve Gregg Nu 18-20](#)]

Numbers 18

Instructions to Priests

18:1 ¶ Then YHWH said to Aaron:

“You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear the iniquity related to the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity associated with your priesthood. 2 Also bring with you your brethren of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be joined with you and serve you while you and your sons are with you before the tabernacle of witness. 3 They shall attend to your needs

and all the needs of the tabernacle; but they shall not come near the articles of the sanctuary and the altar, lest they die — they and you also. 4 They shall be joined with you and attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the work of the tabernacle; but an outsider shall not come near you. 5 And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, that there may be no more wrath on the children of Israel. 6 Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; they are a gift to you, given by YHWH, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 7 Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood to you as a gift for service^{xiii}, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death.”

8 ¶ And YHWH spoke to Aaron:

“Here, I Myself have also given you charge of My heave offerings, all the holy gifts of the children of Israel; I have given them as a portion to you and your sons, as an ordinance forever. 9 This shall be yours of the most holy things reserved from the fire:

every offering of theirs, every grain offering and every sin offering and every trespass offering that they render to Me, shall be most holy for you and your sons. 10 In a most holy place you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you. 11 This also is yours:

the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and your sons and daughters with you, as an ordinance forever. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. 12 All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits that they offer to YHWH, I have given them to you. 13 Whatever first ripe fruit is in their land, which they bring to YHWH, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. 14 Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours. 15 Everything that first opens the womb of all flesh, which they bring to YHWH, whether man or beast, shall be yours; nevertheless

the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem. 16 And those redeemed of the devoted things you shall redeem when one month old, according to your valuation, for five [5] shekels of silver¹, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty [20] gerahs. 17 But

the firstborn of a cow, the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and burn their fat as an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to YHWH. 18 And their flesh shall be yours, just as the wave breast and the right thigh

are yours. 19 All the heave offerings of the holy things that the children of Israel offer to YHWH, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt [first occurrence of this term; only one in Numbers; cf. 2Ch 13:5 — the only other; preservation?] forever before YHWH with you and your descendants with you.”

20 ¶ Then YHWH said to Aaron: “You shall have no inheritance in their land [i.e., none of the Promised Land], nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. 21 Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work that they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 22 Hereafter the children of Israel shall not come near the tabernacle of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. 23 But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 24 For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to YHWH, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance^{xiv};

therefore I have said to them,

‘Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.’”

25 Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 26 “Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them:

‘When you receive [take] from the children of Israel the tithes, which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to YHWH, a tenth [$\frac{1}{10}^{\text{th}}$] of the tithes [so $\frac{1}{100}^{\text{th}}$]. 27 And your heave offering shall be reckoned to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress. 28 Thus you shall also offer a heave offering to YHWH from all your tithes that you receive from the children of Israel, and you shall give YHWH’s heave offering from it to Aaron the priest. 29 Of all your gifts you shall offer up every heave offering due to YHWH, from all the best of them, the consecrated part of them.’ 30

Therefore you shall say to them:

‘When you have lifted up the best of it, then the rest shall be accounted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor and as the produce of the winepress. 31 You may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is your reward for your work in the tabernacle of meeting. 32 And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. But you shall not profane [treat as common] the holy gifts of the children of Israel, lest you die.’”

Numbers 19

Red Heifer Ordinance

19:1 ¶ Now YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 2

“This is the ordinance of the law that YHWH has commanded, saying: ‘Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you^{xv}

a [rare] red heifer without blemish, in which there is no defect and

on which a yoke has never come. 3

You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him; 4

and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven [7] times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting. 5 Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight:

its hide,

its flesh,

its blood, and

its dung [offal]

shall be burned. 6

And the priest shall take [Le 14:1-32] cedar wood and [also used in] hyssop and [cleansing] scarlet, [leprosy]

and cast them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. 7 Then the priest

shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening. 8

And the one who burns it shall

wash his clothes in water,

bathe in water, and shall

be unclean until evening. 9

Then a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification; it is for purifying from sin. 10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall

wash his clothes, and

be unclean until evening.

It shall be a statute forever

to the children of Israel and

to the stranger

who dwells among them.

The Law re Touching a Dead Body

11 ¶ He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven [7] days.

12 He shall purify himself with the water on the third [3rd] day and^{xvi} on the seventh [7th] day;

then he will be clean.

But if he does not purify himself

on the third [3rd] day and

on the seventh [7th] day,

he will not be clean. 13 Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of YHWH. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness is still on him. 14

This is the law when a man dies in a tent: all who come into the tent and all who are in the tent shall be unclean seven [7] days; 15 and every open vessel that has no cover fastened on it, is unclean. 16 Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven [7] days. 17 And for an unclean person they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel. 18 A clean person shall

take hyssop and dip it in the water, sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave. 19

The clean person shall sprinkle the unclean

on the third [3rd] day and on the seventh [7th] day; and on the seventh [7th] day

he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean. 20

But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of YHWH. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean. 21 It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening. 22 Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches it shall be unclean until evening.”^{xvii}

[Scholars think there was a >37-year gap here that is unreported, when the prior generation was dying, ending with the 40th year, in which first Miriam (20:1), then Aaron (20:28), and finally Moses died (De 34:7). If so, many camps (14-31) reported in Nu 33 were in this gap. However, even some of the events of the last few chapters may have happened in this gap.]

Numbers 20

Miriam Dies in the Wilderness of Zin

33:36 They moved from Ezion Geber and camped in (32) the Wilderness of Zin [“flat”], which is [Camp 32:] Kadesh [-barnea; “holy”].

20:1 ¶ Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin [“flat”] in the first month [of ExodusYear+39, the 40th year: 33:38; 2553 AB; Ex 12:41], and the people stayed in Kadesh [-barnea; Kadesh: “holy”; extreme south of what became Judah]; and Miriam [“rebellion”] died there and was buried there [at ~130, if she was 10-12 years older than Moses: Ex 2:4].

The People Complain: No Water

2 Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. 3 And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying:

“If only we had died when our brethren died before YHWH! 4 Why have you brought up the assembly of YHWH into this wilderness [of Zin: v1], that we and our animals should die here? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink.”

6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of YHWH appeared to them. 7 Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 8

“Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.”

9 So Moses took the rod from before YHWH as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them,

“Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

12 Then YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron,

“Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel [did Moses not believe that merely speaking to the rock would work?], therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” 13

[Second place called Meribah (Kadesh: De 32:51), and for the same reason: Ex 17:7; prior place was Rephidim: Ex 17:1.]

This was the water of Meribah [“contension”, “strife”], because the children of Israel contended with YHWH, and He was hallowed among them.

Edom Refuses Passage to Israel

[Must be getting close to time to enter Canaan: Israel on the move; Miriam just died (v1) at perhaps ~130, and Aaron about to die at 123 (v24); cf. [De 2:1-7 below](#)]

14 ¶ **Now** Moses sent messengers from [Kadesh](#) to the king of [Edom](#) [around Mt. Seir: [Ge 32:3](#)]:

“Thus says your brother Israel [Edom = Esau, brother of Jacob = Israel]: ‘You know all the hardship that has befallen us, 15 how our fathers went down to Egypt [215 + 39 = 254 years before, in 2299 AB: [Ge 47:9](#)], and we dwelt in Egypt a long time [four generations (Levi → Kohath → Amram → Moses), 215 years, until 2514 AB: [Ge 21:9](#), so it is now 2553 AB = 1452 BC: v38], and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers. 16 **When** we cried out to **YHWH**, **He** heard our voice and sent the **Angel** and brought us up out of Egypt; **now** here we are in [Kadesh](#), a city on the edge of your border. [Is this a different Kadesh?]

17 Please let us pass through your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; we will go along the [King’s Highway](#) [[Map of Israel, Edom, Moab](#)]; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left **until** we have passed through your territory.” 18

Then Edom said to him, “You shall not pass through my land, lest I come out against you with the sword.” 19

So the children of Israel said to him, “We will go by the Highway, and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, **then** I will pay for it; let me only pass through on foot, nothing more.” 20

Then he said, “You shall not pass through.”

So [Edom](#) came out against them with many men and with a strong hand. 21 Thus [the king of (v14)] [Edom](#) refused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.

Israel Proceeds to Mount Hor Where Aaron Dies

22 ¶ **Then** the children of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from [Kadesh](#) [[Camp 32](#)] and came to [Mount Hor](#) [“mountain”; [Camp 33](#)].

33:37 They moved from [Kadesh](#) and camped at (33) [Mount Hor](#) [“Mt. Mountain”], on the boundary of the land of [Edom](#).

23 And **YHWH** spoke to Moses and Aaron in [Mount Hor](#) by the border of the land of [Edom](#), saying: 24

“Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land that I have given to the children of Israel, because you [plural] rebelled against **My word** at the water of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to [Mount Hor](#); 26 and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there.” 27

So Moses did just as **YHWH** commanded, and they went up to [Mount Hor](#) in the sight of all the congregation. 28 Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain [at 123 on 2553AB/05/01: [33:3](#), [33:38-39](#) (next)].

33:38 **Then** Aaron the priest went up to [Mount Hor](#) at the command of **YHWH**, and died there in the fortieth [40th] year [[Ex 12:41](#)]: after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month [[ExodusYear+39](#), so 2553AB/05/01]. 39 Aaron was one hundred and twenty-three years [123] old when he died on [Mount Hor](#).

Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. 29 **Now when** all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty [30] days.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Nu 21-22](#)]

Numbers 21:1-3

Israel Destroys Hormah (Canaanite)

33:40 **Now** the king of [Arad](#), the [Canaanite](#), who dwelt in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

21:1 ¶ The king of [Arad](#) [“a wild ass”], the [Canaanite](#), who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim [meaning uncertain: perhaps a mountain pass or caravan route; location unknown], **then** he fought against Israel and took some of them prisoners. 2 So Israel made a

vow to **YHWH**, and said [actually Moses speaking],

“If **You** will indeed deliver this people into my hand, **then** I will utterly destroy their cities.” 3

And **YHWH** listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the [Canaanites](#), and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. So the name of that place was called [Hormah](#) [“devotion”].

March 5

[Audio: Steve Gregg [De 1-3](#)]

Deuteronomy 2:1-7

Moses Recounts Skirting Edom

2:1 ¶ **Then** we turned and journeyed [south from [Mount Hor](#): [Nu 21:4a](#)] into the wilderness of the Way [Road] of the Red Sea, as **YHWH** spoke to me, and we skirted [Mount Seir](#) [“hairy”/“shaggy”; on the west] for many days. 2 And [at the southernmost point] **YHWH** spoke to me, saying: 3

“You have skirted this mountain long enough; **turn northward**. 4 And command the people, saying,

“You are about to pass through the territory [AV: coast; YLT, LXX: border; hence, edge] of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in [Seir](#); and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully. 5 Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given [Mount Seir](#) to Esau as a possession. 6

You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink. 7 For YHWH your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand.

He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty [40] years YHWH your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.”

[So, they are, indeed, in their fortieth year: ExodusYear+39. Here's what happened along the way:]

Numbers 21:4-12

Israel Goes Around Edom

4a ¶ Then they journeyed [south] from Mount Hor by the Way [Road] of the Red Sea, to go [skirt] around the land of Edom [along the western border of Edom];

33:41 So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at (34) Zalmonah [“shady”; Camp 34]. [So, likely south of Mount Hor, east of Edom/Seir.]

On the way: Fiery Serpents

21:4b and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses:

“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” 6

So YHWH sent fiery serpents [poisonous serpents: fiery from burning effect of poison] among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said,

“We have sinned, for we have spoken against YHWH and against you; pray to YHWH that He take away the serpents from us.”

So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then YHWH said to Moses,

“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” [An act of faith: not Calvinism.] 9

So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.^{xviii}

More Journey, More Camps

33:42 They departed from Zalmonah and camped at (35) Punon [“darkness”]. [Not clear: serpents at camp Z or P?]

33:43 They departed from Punon and camped at (36) Oboth [“waterskins”].

10 ¶ Now the children of Israel moved on and camped in Oboth [Camp 36].

33:44 They departed from Oboth and camped at (37) Ije Abarim [“ruins of Abarim”], at the border of Moab.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim [Camp 37], in the wilderness that is east of Moab, toward the sunrise.

12 From there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered [“osier brook”; boundary between Edom & Moab].

Deuteronomy 2:8-23

Moses Recounts Skirting Moab

8 ¶ And when we [had] passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from

the road of the plain, away from Elath [“grove of lofty trees”] and Ezion Geber [“backbone of a man”], we turned [north from Elath, along the east side of Edom,] and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab. 9

Then [near Moab] YHWH said to me, “Do not harass Moab [“of his father”]; Lot's first son through his oldest daughter: Ge 19:37], nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.” 10

(The Emim [“terrors”, hence terrorists; Ge 14:5d] had dwelt there [at Ar] in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim [“long-necked”]. 11 They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession that YHWH gave them.) 13

“Now rise and cross over the Valley of the Zered [“osier brook”; feeds into the Dead Sea: Edom-Moab boarder]. So we crossed over the Valley of the Zered. 14 And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea [Nu 13:26; De 1:19] until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered [Nu 21:12] was thirty-eight [38] years [confirmed: they were in their 40th year, for they started in the 2nd year], until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as YHWH had sworn to them. 15 For indeed

the hand of YHWH was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.

Moses Told to Avoid Ammon

16 So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people, 17 that YHWH spoke to me, saying: 18

“This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab. 19 And when you come near the people of Ammon [Lot's second son (Ben-Ammi) through his youngest daughter: Ge 19:38], do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.” 20

(That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzumim [“plotters”; also called Rephaim by others], 21 a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But YHWH destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, 22 just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day. 23

[Now about the Philistine area:] And the Avim [“ruins”], who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza — the Caph-torim, who came from Caphtor [“a crown”; original home of the Philistines], destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)

Numbers 21:13-26

Across the Arnon River

¹³ From there they moved and camped on the other side of the Arnon [*“rushing stream” River*], which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of YHWH [*what book is this?*

Possibly written by Moses?]:

“Waheb in Suphah [*“storm-wind”*],
The brooks of the Arnon, ¹⁵
And the slope of the brooks
That reaches to the dwelling of Ar
[*“a city”; in Moab, site unknown*],
And lies on the border of Moab.” ¹⁶

From there they went to Beer [*“well”*], which is the well where YHWH said to Moses,

“Gather the people together,
and I will give them water.”

[*This time they were not complaining, so YHWH volunteered the water, perhaps by showing them where to dig.*] ¹⁷

Then Israel sang this song:

“Spring up, O well!
All of you sing to it — ^{18a}
The well the leaders sank,
Dug by the nation’s nobles,
By [*AV: the direction of*] the lawgiver,
with their staves.” [*or ↑septer?*]
[*So, they were thankful.*]

Camps along the Arnon River

^{18b} And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah [*“gift of YHWH”*], ¹⁹ from Mattanah

to Nahaliel [*“torrents of God” (perhaps rapids in the Arnon river?)*], from Nahaliel

to Bamoth [*“high places” or “great high place”, again on the Arnon, apparently on downstream*], ²⁰ and from Bamoth, in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah [*“cleft”; a mountain in Moab on the northeast shore of the Dead Sea; site uncertain*], which looks down on the wasteland.

Sihon Refuses Passage, Attacks Israel

²¹ ¶ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying [*actually Moses speaking again*], ²²

“Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the King’s Highway [*they are back to the Highway that they would have taken them through Edom: 20:17-19*] until we have passed through your territory.” ²³

But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz [*“trodden down”; in what later became Reuben, east of the Dead Sea; site uncertain*] and fought against Israel. ²⁴ Then Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon [River] to the Jabbok [*“emptying”; a stream that intersects the mountain range of Gilead, and falls into the Jordan on the east about midway between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea*], as far as the people of Ammon

[*“tribal”; a people dwelling in Transjordan (modern Jordan: capital Ammon) descended from Lot through Ben-ammi: Ge 19:38*]; for the border of the people of Ammon was fortified [*strong, mighty, fierce*]. ²⁵ So Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its villages [*until David and beyond*]. ²⁶ For Heshbon [*“stronghold”; the capital city, located on the western border of the high plain and on the border line between what would later be the tribes of Reuben and Gad*]

was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon [*that is, the land of the Amorites was taken from Moab by Sihon (and disputed 300 years later: Judges 11:19)*].

[*copied here for context*]

Judges 11:12-26

View from 300 Years Later

¹² ¶ Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying,

“What do you have against me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?” ¹³

And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, “Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those lands peaceably.” ¹⁴

So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, ¹⁵ and said to him,

“Thus says Jephthah:

‘Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon [*cf. De 2:16-23*]; ¹⁶ for when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. ¹⁷ Then [*cf. Nu 20:14-21, De 2:1-7*] Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying,

“Please let me pass through your land.”

But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab [*cf. De 2:8-15*], but he would not consent. So Israel remained in Kadesh. ¹⁸ And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed

the land of Edom and
the land of Moab,

came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. ¹⁹ Then [*cf. Nu 21:21-26*] Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon [*“stronghold”*]; and Israel said to him,

“Please let us pass through your land into our place.” ²⁰

But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz [*“trodden down”*], and fought against Israel. ²¹ And YHWH God of Israel delivered Sihon and

all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. 22 They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan. 23 And now YHWH God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? 24 Will you not possess whatever Chemosh

[“subduer”; the national deity of the Moabites and a god of the Ammonites; also identified with Baal-peor, Baal-zebul, Mars, & Saturn] your god gives you to possess? So whatever YHWH our God takes possession of before us, we will possess. 25 And now, are you any better than Balak [“devastator”] the son of Zippor [“sparrow”], king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them? 26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer [“ruins”] and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon, for three hundred [300] years, why did you not recover them within that time?

[Began in 2553 AB (Nu 21:21-26) when Moses conquered Heshbon, plus 52 years to Othniel (see summary following Jud 16:31), then 248 years to Jephthah, so 2853 AB. This is a chronological anchor to many other dates re the judges: 2605 AB + 248 years = 2853 AB.]

Numbers 21:27-32

27 Therefore those who speak in proverbs say:

“Come to Heshbon, let it be built; Let the city of Sihon be repaired. 28 For fire went out from Heshbon, A flame from the city of Sihon; It consumed Ar of Moab, The lords of the heights of the Arnon. 29 Woe to you, Moab! You have perished,

O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity, To Sihon king of the Amorites. 30 But we [Israel] have shot at them; Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon. Then we laid waste as far as Nophah, Which reaches to Medeba.”

[Dibon: “wasting”; a town north of the Arnon on the east side of the Jordan, taken over by the Israelites and later rebuilt by the children of Gad.]
[Nophah: “blast”; a town north of the Arnon, in old Moab; site unknown.]
[Medeba: “water of rest”; a town north of the Arnon, in old Moab, later assigned to Reuben; located 4 miles (6 km) southwest of Heshbon; still extant.]

33:45 They departed from Ijim [Ije Abarim; [Camp 37](#)] and camped at (38) [Dibon Gad](#). 33:46 They moved from [Dibon Gad](#) and camped at (39) [Almon Diblathaim](#). *[“concealing the two cakes”]*

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites [until David and beyond]. 32 Then Moses sent to spy out Jazer [“helped”; an Amorite city; site uncertain; later a Levitical city east of the Jordan, in Gilead in the territory of Gad]; and they took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Deuteronomy 2:24-37

Moses Recounts About King Sihon

24 ¶ “Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle. 25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’ 26 And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth [“eastern”; one of the towns in the district east of the Dead Sea later allotted to the tribe of Reuben and given to the Merarite Levites] to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27 ‘Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot, 29 just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me [but neither allowed them to go up the middle on The King’s Highway],

until I cross the Jordan to the land that YHWH our God is giving us.’ 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for YHWH your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day. 31 And YHWH said to me, ‘See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.’ 32 Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz. 33 And YHWH our God delivered him over to us; so we defeated him, his sons, and all his people. 34 We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining. 35 We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities that we took. 36 From Aroer [“ruins”], which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and from the city that is in the ravine, as far as Gilead, [“rocky region”; a mountainous region bounded on the west by the Jordan, on the north by Bashan, on the east by the Arabian plateau, and on the south by Moab and Ammon; sometimes called ‘Mount Gilead’ or the ‘land of Gilead’ or just ‘Gilead’; divided into north and south] there was not one city too strong for us; YHWH our God delivered all to us. 37 Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon — anywhere along the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever YHWH our God had forbidden us.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Numbers 21:33-35

King Og Attacks Israel

33 And they turned and went up by the way to Bashan.

[“fruitful”; a district east of the Jordan known for its fertility; later given to the half-tribe of Manasseh]

So Og king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 34

[“goodly pasture”; a chief city of Bashan, well north of the Jabbok river]

Then YHWH said to Moses, “Do not fear him, for I have delivered him

into your hand, with all his people and his land;

and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.” 35

So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until

there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land.

Deuteronomy 3:1-11

Moses Recounts About King Og

3:1 ¶ “Then we turned and went up — the road to Bashan;

and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2

And YHWH said to me, “Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand;

[and] you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.” 3

So YHWH our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. 4 And we took all his cities

at that time; there was not a city that we did not take from them:

sixty [60] cities, all the region of Argob [“heap of clods”], the kingdom of Og in Bashan — 5 all these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars — besides a great many rural towns. 6

And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city. 7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves. 8

And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon

[“a sanctuary”; a mountain on the northeastern border of Palestine and Lebanon and overlooking what later became the border city of Dan] 9 (the Sidonians call Hermon ‘Sirion’ [“breastplate”], and the Amorites call it ‘Senir’ [“snow mountain”]), 10

all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salcah

[“migration”; a town or district at the extreme eastern limit of Bashan later allocated to the tribe of Gad; modern ‘Sulkhad’ is 56 miles (90 km) east of the Jordan at the southern extremity of the Hauran mountain range]

and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 11

For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead.

(Is it not in Rabbah [“great”] of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits [~13½ feet] is its length and four cubits [~6 feet] its width, according to the standard cubit.”

Psalm 135:10-12

10 He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings — 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan — 12 And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.

Psalm 136:17-22

17 To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever; 18 And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever — 19 Sihon king of the Amorites, For His mercy endures forever; 20 And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy endures forever — 21 And gave their land as a heritage, For His mercy endures forever; 22 A heritage to Israel His servant, For His mercy endures forever.

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Numbers 22

Israel Moves to the Plains of Moab

33:47 They moved from **Almon** Diblathaim and camped in (40) the mountains of **Abarim** [“regions beyond”], before **Nebo** [“prophet”].

33:48 They departed from the mountains of **Abarim** and camped in (41) **the plains of Moab** [cf. 21:26] by the Jordan,

across from **Jericho**. 49

They camped by the Jordan, from **Beth Jesimoth** [“house of the desolation”] as far as the **Abel Shittim** [“meadow of acacias”]; NKJV: Abel Acacia Grove] in **the plains of Moab**. [cf. 21:26]

22:1 ¶ **Then** the children of Israel moved, and camped in [Camp 41:] **the plains of Moab** on the side of the Jordan across from **Jericho**. 2

Balak Hires Balaam to Curse Israel

Now **Balak** [“devastator”] the son of **Zippor** [“sparrow”] saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And **Moab** was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and **Moab** was sick with dread because of the children of Israel. 4 So **Moab** said to the elders of **Midian**, “**Now** this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.”

And **Balak** the son of **Zippor** was king of the **Moabites** at that time. 5 **Then** he sent messengers [~400 miles!] to **Balaam** [“not of the people”] the son of **Beor** [“burning”] at **Pethor** [“soothsayer”],

which is near the [Euphrates] River in the land of the sons of his people^{xix} [Aram: 23:7], to call him, saying: “Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the land [earth], and are settling next to me! 6 Therefore please come at once,

curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.” 7

So the elders of **Moab**^{xx} and the elders of **Midian** departed with the diviner’s fee in their hand, and they came to **Balaam** and spoke to him the words of **Balak**. 8 And he said to them, “Lodge here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as **YHWH** speaks to me.”

So the princes of **Moab** stayed with **Balaam**. 9

Then **God** came to **Balaam** and said, “Who are these men with you?” 10

So **Balaam** said to **God**, “**Balak** the son of **Zippor**, king of **Moab**, has sent to me, saying, 11

“Look, a people has come out of Egypt, and they cover the face of the land [earth]. Come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overpower them and drive them out.” 12

And **God** said to **Balaam**, “You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.” 13

So **Balaam** rose in the morning and said to the princes of **Balak**, “Go back to your land, for **YHWH** has refused to give me permission to go with you.” 14

And the princes of **Moab** rose and went to **Balak**, and said, “**Balaam** refuses to come with us.”

15 ¶ **Then** **Balak** again sent princes, more numerous and more honorable than they. 16 And they came to **Balaam** and said to him,

“Thus says **Balak** the son of **Zippor**: ‘Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me; 17 for I will certainly honor you greatly, and I will do whatever you say to me. Therefore please come, curse this people for me.’” 18

Then **Balaam** answered and said to the servants of **Balak**,

“Though **Balak** were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of **YHWH** my **God**, to do less or more. 19 **Now** therefore, please, you also stay here tonight, that I may know what more **YHWH** will say to me.” 20

2 Peter 2:15

[Nu 31:8,16; De 23:4-5; Jos 13:22, 24:9-10; Ne 13:2; Mic 6:5]

They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of **Balaam** the son of **Beor**, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

[*Balaam seems to give a good response, but God had already spoken on the matter:*]

And **God** came to **Balaam** at night and said to him,

“If the men come to call you, rise and go with them; but only the word that I speak to you — that you shall do.” 21

So **Balaam** rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of **Moab**.

22 ¶ **Then** **God**’s anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of **YHWH** took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two [2] servants were with him. 23 **Now** the donkey saw^{xxi} the Angel of **YHWH** standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So (1) **Balaam** struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. 24 **Then** the Angel of **YHWH** stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. 25

And when the donkey saw the Angel of **YHWH**, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed **Balaam**’s foot against the wall; so (2) he struck her again. 26 **Then** the Angel of **YHWH** went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27

And when the donkey saw the Angel of **YHWH**, she lay down under **Balaam**; so **Balaam**’s anger was aroused, and (3) he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 **Then** **YHWH** opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to **Balaam**,

“What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three [3] times?” 29

And Balaam said to the donkey,

“Because you have abused me.

I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!” 30

So the donkey said to Balaam,

“Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day?

Was I ever disposed to do this to you?”

And he said,

“No.” 31

Then Y^{HWH} opened Balaam’s eyes, and he saw the Angel of Y^{HWH} standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face [act of worship, not refused, so this is a theophany]. 32

And the Angel of Y^{HWH} said to him,

“Why have you struck your donkey these three [3] times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me. 33

Jude 11

Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three [3] times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live.” 34

And Balaam said to the Angel of Y^{HWH},

“I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if [since] it displeases You, I will turn back.” 35

Then the Angel of Y^{HWH} said to Balaam,

“Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak.”

So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ Now when Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which is on the border at the Arnon [River], the boundary of the territory [perhaps Aroer?]. 37

Then Balak said to Balaam,

“Did I not earnestly send to you, calling for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?” 38

And Balaam said to Balak,

“Look, I have come to you! Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I must speak.” 39

So Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath Huzoth [“city of streets”]. 40 Then Balak offered oxen and sheep, and he sent some to Balaam and to the princes who were with him.

41 So it was the next day, that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high places of Baal [“high places” or “great high place”, so “the high places of the great high place”], that from there he might observe the extent of the people.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 23-24]

Numbers 23

23:1 ¶ Then Balaam said to Balak,

“Build seven [7] altars for me here, and prepare for me here seven [7] bulls and seven [7] rams.” 2

And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar. 3 Then Balaam said to Balak,

“Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps Y^{HWH} will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you.”

So he went to a desolate height. 4 And God met Balaam, and he said to Him,

“I have prepared the seven [7] altars, and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram.” 5

Then Y^{HWH} put a word in Balaam’s mouth, and said,

“Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.” 6

So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab. 7

And he took up [uttered]

his [first (of 7)] oracle and said:

“Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram [“exalted”; Syria], From the mountains of the east. [n.?]

‘Come, curse Jacob for me, And come, denounce Israel!’ 8

How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And

How shall I denounce whom Y^{HWH} has not denounced? 9

For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him.

There! A people dwelling alone, Not reckoning itself

among the nations. 10

Who can count the dust of Jacob,

Or number one-fourth [1/4] of Israel?

Let me die the death of the righteous,

And let my end be like his!”^{xxii} 11

Then Balak said to Balaam,

“What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed them bountifully!” 12

So he answered and said,

“Must I not take heed to speak what Y^{HWH} has put in my mouth?”

13 ¶ Then Balak said to him,

“Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there.” 14

So he took [brought] him

to the field of Zophim [“watchers”], to the top of Pisgah [“cleft”],

and built seven [7] altars, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar. 15 And he [Balaam] said to Balak,

“Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet Y^{HWH} over there.” 16

Then Y^{HWH} met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said,

“Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak.” 17

So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him.

And Balak said to him,

“What has Y^{HWH} spoken?” 18

Then he took up [uttered] his [second (of 7)] oracle and said:

“Rise up, Balak, and hear!

Listen to me, son of Zippor! 19

God is not a man, that He should lie,

Nor a son of man, that He should repent.

Has He said,

and will He not do? Or

Has He spoken,

and will He not make it good? 20

Behold,
I have received a command to bless;
He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. 21
He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.
[in regard to any dispute with Moab]
YHWH his God is with him, And
The shout of a King is among them. 22
God brings them out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox. 23
For there is no sorcery against Jacob,
Nor any divination against Israel.
It now must be said of Jacob

And of Israel,
‘Oh, what God has done!’ 24
Look, a people rises like a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion;
It shall not lie down
until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain.” 25

Then Balak said to Balaam,
“Neither curse them at all, nor bless
them at all!” [If you aren’t going to
curse them, at least don’t bless them!] 26
So Balaam answered and said to Balak,
“Did I not tell you, saying,
‘All that YHWH speaks,
that I must do’?” 27
Then Balak said to Balaam,
“Please come,
I will take you to another place;
perhaps it will please God that you
may curse them for me from there.” 28
So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor
[“cleft”; a mountain peak in Moab
belonging to the Abarim range and
near Pisgah], that overlooks the waste-
land. 29 Then Balaam said to Balak,

“Build for me here seven [7] altars,
and prepare for me here seven [7]
bulls and seven [7] rams.” 30
And Balak did as Balaam had said, and
offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

Numbers 24

24:1 ¶ Now when Balaam saw that it
pleased YHWH to bless Israel, he did
not go as at other times, to seek to use
sorcery, but he set his face toward the
wilderness. 2 And Balaam raised his
eyes, and saw Israel encamped accord-
ing to their tribes; and the Spirit of God
came upon him [first use of this termi-
nology; next: 1 Sa 10:10]. 3
Then he took up [uttered]
his [third (of 7)] oracle and said:

“The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
The utterance of the man
whose eyes are opened, 4
The utterance of him
who hears the words of God,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
who falls down,
with eyes wide open: 5

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!
Your dwellings, O Israel! 6
Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens by the riverside,
Like aloes planted by YHWH,
Like cedars beside the waters. 7
He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many waters.
His King shall be higher than Agag⁵, And
His Kingdom shall be exalted. 8
God brings him out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox;

⁵ Agag: “I will overtop” (Title for the king
of Amalek? There was a later Amalikite
Agag in the days of Saul: 1Sa 15).

He shall consume the nations,
his enemies;
He shall break their bones
And pierce them with his arrows. 9
He bows down,
He lies down

as a lion; And
as a lion,
who shall rouse him?
“Blessed is he who blesses you, And
Cursed is he who curses you.”
[Ge 12:3, 27:29]

10 ¶ Then Balak’s anger was aroused
against Balaam, and he struck his hands
together; and Balak said to Balaam,
“I called you to curse my enemies, and
look, you have bountifully blessed
them these three [3] times! 11
Now therefore, flee to your place.
I said I would greatly honor you, but
in fact, YHWH has kept you back from
honor.” 12

So Balaam said to Balak,
“Did I not also speak to your messen-
gers whom you sent to me, saying, 13
‘If Balak were to give me his house
full of silver and gold, I could
not go beyond the word of YHWH,
to do good or bad of my own will.
What YHWH says,
that I must speak’? 14

And now, indeed, I am going to my
people. Come, I will advise you what
this people will do to your people in
the latter days [of what? — just means
the future. Fulfilled: Nu 31].”

15 ¶ So he took up [uttered]
his [fourth (of 7)] oracle and said:
“The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
And
The utterance of the man
whose eyes are opened, 16
The utterance of him
who hears the words of God,
and has the knowledge of
the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
who falls down,
with eyes wide open: 17

I see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
A Star shall come out of Jacob;
A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,
And batter the brow of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of tumult. 18
And Edom shall be a possession;
Seir also,
his enemies,
shall be a possession,

While Israel does valiantly. 19
Out of Jacob One shall have dominion,
And destroy the remains of the city.”
[Perhaps Bozrah or Teman: Am 1:11-
12? David did so, then the greater
David, the Messiah, spiritually.] 20

Then he looked on Amalek [Ge 36:12,
22], and he took up [uttered]
his [fifth (of 7)] oracle and said:
“Amalek was first among the nations,
But shall be last until he perishes.”
[Ex 17:8-16, De 25:17-19, 1Sa 15]

21 Then he looked on the Kenites [the tribe from which Moses' father-in-law was a member and which lived in Midian, the area east of the Gulf of Aqaba, an arm of the Red Sea], and he took up [uttered] his [sixth (of 7)] oracle and said: "Firm is your dwelling place, And your nest is set in the rock; 22 Nevertheless Kain⁶ shall be burned. How long until Asshur⁷ carries you away captive?"

23 Then he took up [uttered] his [seventh (of 7)] oracle and said: "Alas! Who shall live when God does this? 24 But ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus⁸, And they shall afflict Asshur⁷ [Assyria] and afflict Eber⁹, And so shall Amalek, until he perishes." [NAS: they also will come to destruction]

⁶ Kain: "possession"; apparently a city in Midian; if so, the map is of a different city, or some of them had moved from Midian.

⁷ Asshur or Assyria: "a step";

the second son of Shem, eponymous ancestor of the Assyrians.

⁸ Hebrew: Chittim or Kittim: "bruisers"; a general term for all islanders of the Mediterranean; the descendants of Javan, the son of Japheth and grandson of Noah: Ge 10:4. (Da 11:30 so refers to the Romans against Antichus Epiphanes.)

⁹ Eber or Heber: "the region beyond"; son of Salah, great grandson of Shem, father of Peleg and Joktan: Ge 10:21.

25 So Balaam rose and departed and returned to his place [but not before giving some evil advice: ↓];

Revelation 2:14

But I have a few things against you [the church at Pergamos in ~AD 68], because you have there those who hold the teaching [doctrine] of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel: to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

[Unrecorded event but Moses also refers to it in Nu 31:16.]

Balak also went his way.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 25-27]

Numbers 25

Harlotry With Moab: Plague

25:1 ¶ Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove [Hebrew: Shittim: "the acacias"], and the people began to commit harlotry

with the women of Moab: 2

they invited the people

to the sacrifices of their gods,

and the people ate and

bowed down to their gods. 3

So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor

[“lord of the gap/cleft”], and

the anger of YHWH was aroused against Israel. 4

Then YHWH said to Moses,

“Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before YHWH,

out in the sun,

that the fierce anger of YHWH

may turn away from Israel.” 5

So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.”

6 ¶ And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 7 Now when Phinehas [“mouth of brass”] the son of Eleazar [“helped by God”], the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman [of Midian], through her body [singular: he had been “joined to her”, so they had become one flesh: Ge 2:24].

So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. 9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand [24,000]. [Cf. 1Co 10:8 Paul said 23,000 fell in one day; so it may have been known to have lasted into a second day.] 10 Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say [from Me],

‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’”

14 Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri [“my music”] the son of Salu [“weighed”], a leader of a father’s house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi [“my lie”] the daughter of Zur [“rock”]; he was head of the people of a father’s house in Midian [called a king in 31:8].

Moses Told to Harass the Midianites

16 ¶ Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 17

“Harass the Midianites, and Attack them [cf. Nu 31]; 18 for they harassed you with their schemes by which they seduced you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Peor.”

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Numbers 26

Second Census of All Israel 2553 AB

26:1 ¶ And it came to pass, after the plague,

that YHWH spoke to

Moses and

Eleazar

the son of Aaron the priest,

saying: 2

“Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty [20] years old and above, by their fathers’ houses, all who are able to go to war in Israel.” 3

So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying: 4

“Take a census of the people from twenty [20] years old and above, just as YHWH commanded

Moses and

the children of Israel

who came out of

the land of Egypt.”

5 ¶ Reuben was the firstborn of Israel.

The children of Reuben were:

From Genesis 46

Reuben

Hanoch [“dedicated”]

Pallu [“distinguished”]

| Added by Nu 26:8-9:

| Eliab [“my father is God”]

| Nemuel [“God’s day”]

| Dathan [“belonging to a

| fountain”]

| Abiram [“exalted is father”]

Hezron [“surrounded by a wall”]

Carmi [“my vineyard”]

of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites;

of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6

of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites;

of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7

These are the families of the Reubenites: those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty [43,730, down from 46,500 thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1:20ff].

8 And the son of Pallu was Eliab.

9 The sons of Eliab were:

Nemuel,

Dathan, and

Abiram.

These are the Dathan and Abiram, representatives of the congregation, who contended against Moses and Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against YHWH; 10 and the ground [earth] opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty [250] men; and they became a sign. [Nu 16] 11 Nevertheless the children of Korah did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families were:

From Genesis 46

Simeon

Jemuel [“God’s day”]

Jamin [“right hand”]

Ohad [“united”]

Jachin [“He will establish”]

Zohar [“tawny”]

Shaul [“desired”]

of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites;

of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites;

[Ohad must have died, with no sons]

of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; 13

of Zerah [“rising”], the family of the Zarhites;

of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14

These are the families of the Simeonites:

twenty-two thousand two hundred [22,200, down from 59,300 thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1:20ff].

15 The sons of **Gad** according to their families *were*:

From Genesis 46
Gad
Ziphion [“lookout”],
Haggi [“festive”],
Shuni [“fortunate”],
Ezbon [“hasting to discern:
I will be enlargement”]
Eri [“watchful”]
Arodī [“I shall subdue:
I shall roam”]
Arelī [“lion of God”]

of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; [Zephon: “treasure”]
of Haggi, the family of the Haggites;
of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; 16
of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; [Ozni: “my ear (hearing)”]
of Eri, the family of the Erites; 17
of Arod_, the family of the Arodites;
of Arelī, the family of the Arelites. 18

These *are* the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them: forty thousand five hundred [40,500, down from 45,650 **thirty-eight** [38] years earlier: [Nu 1:20ff](#)].

19 The sons of **Judah** *were*:
Er and Onan; and
Er and Onan

died in the land of **Canaan**. 20
And the sons of Judah according to their families *were*:

From Genesis 46
Judah *by Shua's daughter*:
Er [“awake”] [died in Canaan]
Onan [“strong”] [ditto]
Shelah [“a petition”]
then by Tamar:
Perez [“breach”] [twin of Zerah]
Hezron [“surrounded by a wall”]
Hamul [“spared”]
Zerah [“rising”] [twin of Perez]

of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites;
of Perez, the family of the Parzites;
of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of **Perez** were:
of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites;
of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These *are* the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them: seventy-six thousand five hundred [76,500, up from 74,600 **thirty-eight** [38] years earlier: [Nu 1:20ff](#)].

23 The sons of **Issachar** according to their families *were*:

From Genesis 46
Issachar
Tola [“worm”]
Puyah [“splendid”]
Job [“persecuted”]
Added by Nu 26:24b:
Shimron [“watch-height”]

of Tola, the family of the Tolaites;
of Pu_ah, the family of the Punites; 24
of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; [J: “he will return”]
[and, apparently born in Egypt:]
of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them: sixty-four thousand three hundred [64,300, up from 54,400 **thirty-eight** [38] years earlier: [Nu 1:20ff](#)].

26 The sons of **Zebulun** according to their families *were*:

From Genesis 46
Zebulun
Sered [“fear”]
Elon [“terebinth, mighty”]
Jahleel [“God waits”]

of Sered, the family of the Sardites;
of Elon, the family of the Elonites;
of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them: sixty thousand five hundred [60,500, up from 57,400 **thirty-eight** [38] years earlier: [Nu 1:20ff](#)].

28 The sons of Joseph according to their families, by Manasseh and Ephraim, were:

From Genesis 46

Joseph

Manasseh [*“causing to forget”*]

Ephraim [*“I shall be doubly fruitful”*]

29 The sons of **Manasseh**:

From Genesis 46

Manasseh [*“causing to forget”*]

Added by Ge 50:23:

Machir [*“sold”*]

[*“brought up on Joseph’s knee”*: Ge 50:23:]

Added by Nu 26:29-33:

Gilead [*“rocky region”*]

Jeezer [*“no help”*]

Helek [*“portion”*]

Asriel [*“God’s prince I shall be”*]

Shechem [*“back”*]

Shemida [*“wise”*]

Hepher [*“a well”*]

Zelophehad [*no sons*]
[*“firstborn”*]

Daughters: Mahlah [*“disease”*]
Noah [*“motion”*]
Hoglah [*“partridge”*]
Milcah [*“queen”*]
Tirzah [*“favorable”*]

of **Machir**, the family of the Machirites;
and **Machir** begot **Gilead**:
of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

30 These *are* the sons of **Gilead**:

of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites;

of Helek, the family of the Helekites; ³¹

of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites;

of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; ³²

of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites;

of **Hepher**, the family of the Hopherites. ³³ **Now**

Zelophehad
the son of **Hepher** had
no sons, but **daughters**;
and the names of the
daughters of

Zelophehad were:

Mahlah, [cf. 27:1]

Noah,

Hoglah,

Milcah, and

Tirzah.

³⁴ These *are* the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred [52,700, up from 32,200 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier**: Nu 1:20ff].

35 These *are* the sons of **Ephraim** according to their families:

From Genesis 46

Ephraim [*“I shall be doubly fruitful”*]

Added by Nu 26:35-36:

Shuthelah [*“noise of breaking”*]

Eran [*“watcher”*]

Becher [*“young camel”*]

Tahan [*“camp”*]

of **Shuthelah**, the family of the Shuthalhites;

of Becher, the family of the Bachrites [*“dromedaries”*];

of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

³⁶ And these *are* the sons of **Shuthelah**:
of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

³⁷ These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them: thirty-two thousand five hundred [32,500, down from 40,500 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier**: Nu 1].

These *are* the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38 The sons of **Benjamin** according to their families were:

From Genesis 46

Benjamin

- Belah [“destruction”]
- Becher [“young camel”]
- Ashbel [“**God** in man”]
- Gera [“a grain”]
- Naaman [“pleasantness”]
- Ehi [“my brother”]
- Rosh [“head”]
- Muppim [“serpents”]
- Huppim [“protected”]
- Ard [“I shall subdue”]

of **Bela**, the family of the Belaites;

[Becher must have died with no sons]

of Ashbel, the family of the

Ashbelites; [↓ or was Bela’s son: v40]

[Gera & Naaman must have died]

[Ehi must have been renamed:]

of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39

[Rosh must have died]

[Muppim must have been renamed:]

of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites;

[Huppim must have been renamed:]

of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

[Ard must have died, or was Bela’s son:]

40 And the sons of **Bela** were Ard and Naaman:
[Perhaps named after Bela’s fallen brothers:]
of Ard, the family of the Ardites;
of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those

who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand six hundred [45,600, up from 35,400 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1:20ff**].

Comparative analysis:

Genesis 46:21 Numbers 26:38-40

Benjamin	Benjamin
Belah	Bela_
	[destruction]
I shall subdue →	Ard
pleasantness →	Naaman
Becher	← young camel
Ashbel	Ashbel
	[God in man]
Gera	← a grain
Naaman	← pleasantness
Ehi	← my brother
exalted is	my brother → Ahiram
Rosh	← head
Muppim	← serpent
serpent →	Shupham
Huppim	← protected
coast-man →	Hupham
Ard	← I shall subdue

One possible resolution of the differences: (1) five of Benjamin’s sons died: Becher, Gera, Naaman, Rosh, and Ard; (2) Bela(h) named his two sons after his fallen brothers: Ard and Naaman; and (3) Ehi was renamed Ahiram, Muppim was re-spelled Shupham, and Huppim was renamed Hupham.

Alternatively, since Genesis is not clear as to when Benjamin was born, perhaps he was old enough to have grandsons Ard and Naaman at entry to Egypt, but he adopted them, so they are listed as sons in Genesis 46.

42 These are the sons of **Dan** according to their families:

From Genesis 46

Dan

_Hushim [“who makes haste”]

of **Shu_ham**, the family of the Shu_hamites [“pit-digger”].

44 The sons of **Asher** according to their families were:

From Genesis 46

- Asher [2 grandsons at entry to Egypt]
- Jimnah [“right hand”]
- Ishuah [“he will resemble”]
- Isui [“he resembles me”]
- Beriah [“with a friend”]
- [Asher’s two grandsons:]
- Heber [“comrade”]
- Malchiel [“my king is **God**”]
- Serah** [sister: “the prince breathed”]

of Jimna_, the family of the Jimnites;

[Ishuah must have died with no sons]

of **Jesui**, the family of the Jesuites;

of **Beriah**, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the sons of **Beriah**:
of Heber, the family of the Heberites;
of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the **daughter** of Asher was **Serah**.

These are the families of Dan according to their families. 43 **All the families of the Shuhamites**, according to those who were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred [64,400, up from 62,700 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1:20ff**].

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them: were fifty-three thousand four hundred [53,400, up from 41,500 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1:20ff**].

48 The sons of **Naphtali** according to their families were:

From Genesis 46

- Naphtali
- Jahzeel [*“God divides”*]
- Guni [*“my defender(?)”*]
- Jezer [*“forming”*]
- Shillem [*“repaid”*]

of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites;

of Guni, the family of the Gunites; 49

of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites;

of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred [45,400, down from 53,400 **thirty-eight [38] years earlier: Nu 1**].

*Spreadsheet confirmation:
(start vs end of 40 years)*

Son of Israel:	v1:46	v26:51	Gain/Loss
Reuben	46,500	43,730	-2,770
Simeon	59,300	22,200	-37,100
Gad	45,650	40,500	-5,150
Judah	74,600	76,500	1,900
Issachar	54,400	64,300	9,900
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	3,100
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	20,500
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	-8,000
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	10,200
Dan	62,700	64,400	1,700
Asher	41,500	53,400	11,900
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	-8,000
Total	603,550	601,730	-1,820

[See [Are these numbers accurate?](#) and endnote i.]

51 These are those who were **numbered** of the children of **Israel**: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty [601,730].

[Most had died natural deaths. Many had died in plagues: unknown number (11:33) + ~15,000 (16:49) + 24,000 (25:9), and the 10 spies (14:37). It appears from the spreadsheet that most of the casualties were in Simeon, but also in Ephraim and Naphtali, then Gad, and Reuben; the other tribes increased, to mostly make up the difference.]

Land Divided According to Numbers

52 ¶ Then **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying: 53

“To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. 54 To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. 55 But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. 56 According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller.” [Pr 16:33]

[Levi’s 3 sons entered Egypt with him; the rest were born afterward: ↑]

From **Exodus 6:16-25**

Sons indicated by indentation:

- Levi [died at 137 years old]
 - | [in 2386 AB: Ge 29:34]
 - Gershon
 - | Libni
 - | Shemei
 - Kohath** [died at 133]
 - | **Amram** [died at 137]
 - | +wife: Jochebed; **Kohath’s sis.**
 - | | Miriam (dau.) [↓ Nu 33:39]
 - | | Aaron [died at 123]
 - | | | + wife: Elisheba [above]
 - | | | Nadab [no children]
 - | | | Abihu [no children]
 - | | | Eleazar
 - | | | +wife: a dau. of Putiel
 - | | | | Phinehas
 - | | | Ithamar [↓ De 34:7]
 - | | | Moses [died at 120]
 - | | | +wife: Zipporah [Ex 2:21]
 - | | | Gershom [Ex 2:22]
 - | | | Eliezer [Ex 18:4]
 - | | | Zehar
 - | | | Korah [Cf. Nu 16]
 - | | | Assir [survived ↑]
 - | | | Elkanah [survived ↑]
 - | | | Abiasaph [survived ↑]
 - | | | Nepheg
 - | | | Zichri
 - | | Hebron
 - | | Uzziel
 - | | | Mishael
 - | | | El(i)zaphan [Cf. Nu 3:30]
 - | | | Zithri
 - | Merari
 - | | Mahli
 - | | Mushi
 - | | **Jochebed** (daughter: Nu 26:59)
 - | | | [born in Egypt, wife of her nephew **Amram**, bore Miriam, Aaron, Moses]

Census of the Levites

57 ¶ And these are those who were **numbered** of the Levites according to their families:

From Genesis 46

- Levi
 - | Gershon [*“exile”*]
 - | Kohath [*“assembly”*]
 - | Merari [*“bitter”*]

of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites;

of **Kohath**, the family of the Kohathites;

of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58

These are the families of the Levites: [See the family tree (left) from Ex 6] [of Gershon:]

the family of the Libnites, [Perhaps Shemei died w/no sons?] [of Kohath: (more below)] [Amram’s family = Aaronic priests + Moses’ descendants: v58b-61] [Izhar’ family: Perhaps Korah’s brothers, Nepheg & Zicri, died with him (16:32)? Or as part of the 250 (16:35)]

the family of the Hebronites, [Perhaps Uzziel and sons died?] [of Merari:]

the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and [of Kohath: (continued)] [of Izehar:]

[of Korah (his children did not die with him: 26:11): the family of the **Korathites**.

And **Kohath** begot **Amram**. 59 The name of Amram’s wife was **Jochebed** the daughter of Levi [Amram’s aunt], who was born to Levi in **Egypt**; and to **Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes**

Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam. 60

To Aaron were born

Nadab and
Abihu,
Eleazar, and
Ithamar. 61

And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered profane [common] fire before YHWH [Le 10:1-7].

62 Now those who were numbered of them [the Levites] were twenty-three thousand [23,000; up from 22,000 to start: 3:39], every male from a month old and above; for they were not numbered among the other children of Israel, because there was no inheritance [of land] given to them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho. 64

But among these [26:51] there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sinai [1:46]. 65

For YHWH had said of them,

“They shall surely die in the wilderness.” [cf. 14:35]

So there was not left a man of them, except

Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

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Numbers 27

Special Case: Daughters Only

27:1 ¶ Then came

the daughters of Zelophehad

the son of Hopher,

the son of Gilead,

the son of Machir,

the son of Manasseh,

from the families of Manasseh

the son of Joseph; and

these were the names of his daughters:

Mahlah, [cf. 26:33]

Noah,

Hoglah,

Milcah, and

Tirzah. 2

And they stood

before Moses,

before Eleazar the priest, and

before the leaders

and all the congregation,

by the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying: 3

“Our father died in the wilderness [so, at the spies incident, he was >20, but his daughters were <20];

but he was not

in the company of those who

gathered together against YHWH,

in company with Korah,

but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son?

Give us a possession among our father’s brothers.” 5

So Moses brought their case before YHWH. 6 And YHWH spoke to Moses,

saying: 7

“The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father’s brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. 8 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying:

‘If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. 9 If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 10 If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. 11 And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the [male] relative closest him in his family, and he shall possess it.’”

And it shall be to the children of Israel a statute of judgment, just as YHWH commanded Moses.

Time for Moses to Die

12 ¶ Now YHWH said to Moses:

“Go up into this Mount Abarim [“regions beyond”], and see the land that I have given to the children of Israel. 13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered. 14 For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes.” [Nu 20]

(These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

Moses Requests a Replacement Lead

15 ¶ Then Moses spoke to YHWH,

saying: 16

“Let YHWH, the God of the spirits of all flesh [second occurrence of this description (of 2; first: 16:22)],

set a man over the congregation, 17

who may

go out before them and

go in before them,

who may

lead them out and

bring them in,

that the congregation of YHWH may not be like sheep that have no shepherd.”

18 [Mt 9:36 – Jesus too thus concerned.]

And YHWH said to Moses:

“Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and

lay your hand on him; 19

set him

before Eleazar the priest and

before all the congregation, and

inaugurate him in their sight. 20

And you shall

give some of your authority to him,

that all the congregation

of the children of Israel

may be obedient. 21

He shall stand

before Eleazar the priest,

who shall inquire

before YHWH for him

by the judgment

of the Urim [“lights”];

at his word they shall go out, and

at his word they shall come in,

he and all the children of Israel

with him —

all the congregation.” 22

So Moses did as Y^{HWH} commanded him.
He took Joshua and set him
before Eleazar the priest and
before all the congregation. 23 And
he laid his hands on him and
inaugurated him,
just as Y^{HWH} commanded
[as recorded] by the hand of Moses.

Deuteronomy 3:21-29

Moses Recounts Charge to Joshua

21 ¶ “And I commanded Joshua at that
time, saying,

‘Your eyes have seen all that Y^{HWH}
your God has done to these two kings
[Sihon and Og: Nu 21:21-35];
so will Y^{HWH} do to all the kingdoms
through which you pass. 22

You must not fear them, for Y^{HWH}
your God Himself fights for you.’ 23
Then I pleaded with Y^{HWH} at that time,
saying: 24

‘O Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}], You
have begun to show Your servant
Your greatness and
Your mighty hand,
for what god is there
in heaven or
on land [earth]
who can do anything like
Your works and
Your mighty deeds? 25

I pray, let me cross over and see the
good land beyond the Jordan, those
pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’ 26
But Y^{HWH} was angry with me on your
account, and would not listen to me.
So Y^{HWH} said to me:

‘Enough of that!
Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27
Go up to the top of Pisgah, and
lift your eyes toward

the west,
the north,
the south, and
the east;

behold it with your eyes, for
you shall not cross over this Jordan. 28

But command Joshua,
and encourage him
and strengthen him;
for he shall go over before this people,
and he shall cause them to inherit
the land that you will see.’ 29

So we stayed in the valley opposite
Beth Peor [“house of Peor”].

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 28-30]

Numbers 28

Repeat Burnt-Offering Specifications

28:1 ¶ Now Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses,^{xxiii}
saying, 2

‘Command the children of Israel, and
say to them, [cf. Le 1, Nu 15]
‘My offering, My food for
My offerings

made by fire
as a sweet aroma to Me,
you shall be careful to offer to Me
at their appointed time.’ 3

Daily Offerings

And you shall say to them,
‘This is the offering made by fire
that you shall offer to Y^{HWH}:
two [2] male lambs
in their first year
without blemish,
day by day,
as a regular burnt offering. 4

The one lamb
you shall offer in the morning,
the other lamb
you shall offer in the evening, 5
and one-tenth [¹/₁₀th] of
an ephah of fine flour
as a grain offering
mixed with one-fourth [¹/₄th] of
a hin of pressed oil. 6
It is a regular burnt offering
that was ordained at Mount Sinai
for a sweet aroma,
an offering made by fire to Y^{HWH}. 7
And its drink offering shall be
one-fourth [¹/₄th] of a hin
for each lamb;
in a holy place you shall pour out
the drink to Y^{HWH}
as an offering. 8

The other lamb you shall offer
in the evening;
as the morning
grain offering and its drink offering,
you shall offer it
as an offering made by fire,
a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}. 9 ¶

Sabbath Offerings

And on the Sabbath day
two [2] lambs
in their first year,
without blemish, and
two-tenths [²/₁₀th] of an ephah of
fine flour
as a grain offering,
mixed with oil,
with its drink offering — 10
this is the burnt offering
for every Sabbath,
besides the regular burnt offering
with its drink offering. 11

Monthly New-Moon Offerings

At the beginnings of your months
you shall present
a burnt offering to Y^{HWH}:
two [2] young bulls,
one [1] ram, and
seven [7] lambs in their first year,
without blemish; 12
three-tenths [³/₁₀th] of an ephah of
fine flour
as a grain offering,
mixed with oil,
for each bull;
two-tenths [²/₁₀th] of an ephah of
fine flour
as a grain offering,
mixed with oil,
for the one ram; 13 and
one-tenth [¹/₁₀th] of an ephah of
fine flour,
mixed with oil,
as a grain offering
for each lamb,
as a burnt offering of sweet aroma,
an offering made by fire to Y^{HWH}. 14
Their drink offering shall be
half [¹/₂] a hin of wine for a bull,
one-third [¹/₃] of a hin for a ram,
and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb.
This is the burnt offering
for each month throughout the
months of the year. 15 Also
one kid of the goats
as a sin offering to Y^{HWH}
shall be offered, besides
the regular burnt offering and
its drink offering. 16 ¶

Repeat Feast-Offering Specifications

On the fourteenth day of the first month [EveryYear/01/14; Cf. Ex 23, Le 23 for prior feast specifications] is the Passover of YHWH. 17 And on the fifteenth [15th] day of this month is the feast: unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven [7] days. 18

Summary by Date of EachYear (Jewish year starts in March, so months are counted from there) [cf. De 16] Lev 23	
01/14	YHWH's Passover 23:5
01/15	Feast of Unleavened Bread 23:6 (for 7 days) (next two on Sundays)
Day after First Sabbath after Passover	
	Firstfruits Offerings 23:10
Fiftieth day after that First Sabbath	
	New-Grain Offering 23:16
07/01	Trumpets Sabbath 23:24
07/10	The Day of Atonement 23:27
07/15	Feast of Tabernacles 23:34 (ingathering; for 7 days)
07/22	Sacred Assembly 23:36

2Ch 8:13 Solomon follows the Law: according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, [cf. Le 23:44] for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three [3] appointed yearly feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks [Harvest], the Feast of Tabernacles [Ex 23:16b; Ingathering]. 14

This column parallels column four →

On the first [1st] day you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no customary work. 19a And you shall present an offering made by fire, as a burnt offering to YHWH: two [2] young bulls, one [1] ram, and seven [7] lambs in their first year. 19b Be sure they are without blemish. 20 Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths [3/10th] of an ephah you shall offer for a bull, and two-tenths [2/10th] for a ram; 21 you shall offer one-tenth [1/10th] of an ephah for each of the seven [7] lambs; 22 also one [1] goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you. 19b Be sure they are without blemish. 23 You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a regular burnt offering. 24 In this manner you shall offer the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven [7] days, as a sweet aroma to YHWH; it shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. 25 And

on the seventh [7th] day you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no customary work. 26 Also [New-Grain = Pentecost ↑] [= Feast of Weeks: Le 23:16]

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← This column parallels column two.

on the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new-grain offering to YHWH at your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work; 27 you shall present a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to YHWH: two [2] young bulls, one [1] ram, and seven [7] lambs in their first year, 31a (Be sure they are without blemish.) 28 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths [3/10th] of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths [2/10th] for the one ram, 29 and one-tenth [1/10th] for each of the seven [7] lambs; 30 also one [1] kid of the goats, to make atonement for you. 31a (Be sure they are without blemish.) 31b

You shall present them with their drink offerings, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering.

Numbers 29

29:1 ¶ And in the seventh month,
on the first day of the month
[Every-Year/07/01],
you shall have a holy convocation:
you shall do no customary work.
For you it is
a day of blowing the trumpets. 2
You shall offer
a burnt offering
as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}:
one [1] young bull,
one [1] ram, and
seven [7] lambs in their first year,
without blemish. 3
Their grain offering shall be
fine flour mixed with oil:
three-tenths [³/₁₀th] of an ephah
for the bull,
two-tenths [²/₁₀th]
for the [single] ram, 4 and
one-tenth [¹/₁₀th]
for each of the seven [7] lambs; 5
also
one [1] kid of the goats
as a sin offering,
to make atonement for you; 6
besides
the burnt offering with
its grain offering
for the New Moon,
the regular burnt offering with
its grain offering, and
their drink offerings,
according to their ordinance,
as a sweet aroma,
an offering made by fire to Y^{HWH}. 7

On the tenth day of this seventh month

[EveryYear/07/10]
you shall have a holy convocation:
you shall [fast:] afflict your souls:
you shall not do any work. 8

You shall present
a burnt offering to Y^{HWH}

as a sweet aroma:
one [1] young bull,
one [1] ram, and
seven [7] lambs in their first year.
Be sure they are without blemish. 9

Their grain offering shall be of
fine flour mixed with oil:
three-tenths [³/₁₀th] of an ephah
for the bull,
two-tenths [²/₁₀th]
for the one [1] ram, 10 and
one-tenth [¹/₁₀th]
for each of the seven [7] lambs; 11
also
one [1] kid of the goats
as a sin offering,
besides the sin offering for atonement,

the regular burnt offering with
its grain offering, and
their drink offerings. 12 ¶

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month

[EveryYear/07/15]
you shall have a holy convocation:
you shall do no customary work, and
you shall keep
a feast to Y^{HWH} seven [7] days. 13

You shall present
a burnt offering,
an offering made by fire
as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}:
thirteen [13] young bulls,
two [2] rams, and
fourteen [14] lambs in their first year.
They shall be without blemish. 14

Their grain offering shall be of
fine flour mixed with oil:
three-tenths [³/₁₀th] of an ephah
for each of the thirteen [13] bulls,
two-tenths [²/₁₀th]
for each of the two [2] rams, 15 and
one-tenth [¹/₁₀th]
for each of the fourteen [14] lambs; 16
also
one [1] kid of the goats
as a sin offering, besides

the regular burnt offering, [with]
its grain offering, and
its drink offering.

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appears seven (7) more times below:]

[Cf. the full expansion of [Nu 29:17-38](#).]

17-19 On the second day present
twelve [12] young bulls,
two [2] rams,
fourteen [14] lambs in their first year
without blemish, 18 and
their grain offering and
their drink offerings
for the bulls,
for the rams, and
for the lambs,
by their number,
according to the ordinance; 19
also one [1] kid of the goats
as a sin offering, besides
the regular burnt offering with
its grain offering, and
their drink offerings.

20-22 On the third day present
eleven [11] bulls, ...

23-25 On the fourth day present
ten [10] bulls, ...

26-28 On the fifth day present
nine [9] bulls, ...

29-31 On the sixth day present
eight [8] bulls, ...

32-34 On the seventh day present
seven [7] bulls, ...

35-38 On the eighth day
you shall have a sacred assembly;
you shall do no customary work; 36
you shall present a burnt offering,
an offering made by fire
as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}:

one [1] bull,
one [1] ram, [and]
seven [7] lambs ...

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39 These you shall present to **YHWH** at **your appointed feasts**, besides your vowed offerings and your freewill offerings, as your burnt offerings and your **grain** offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.”

40 So Moses told the children of Israel everything, just as **YHWH** commanded Moses.

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Numbers 30

Vows by a Man, Daughter, or Wife

30:1 ¶ **Then** Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying,

“This *is* the thing **that** **YHWH** has commanded: 2

“If a man makes a **vow** to **YHWH**, or swears an oath to bind himself by some **agreement**, **he shall not break his word**; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. 3 ¶

Or if a woman makes a **vow** to **YHWH**, and binds *herself* by some **agreement** **while** in her father’s house in her youth, 4 and her father hears her **vow** and the **agreement** by which she has bound herself, and her father holds his peace, **then** all her **vows** shall stand, and every **agreement** with which she has

bound herself shall stand. 5 But if her father overrules her **on the day** that he hears, **then** none of her **vows nor her agreements** by which she has bound herself shall stand; and **YHWH will release her**, because her father overruled her. 6 If indeed she takes a husband, **while** bound by her **vows** or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself, 7 and her husband hears *it*, and makes no response to her **on the day** that he hears, **then** her **vows** shall stand, and her **agreements** by which she bound herself shall stand. 8 But if her husband overrules her **on the day** that he hears *it*, he shall make void her **vow** **that** she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and **YHWH will release her**. 9

Also any **vow** of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her. 10 If she **vowed** in her husband’s house, or bound herself by an **agreement** with an oath, 11 and her husband heard *it*, and made no response to her *and* did not overrule her, **then** all her **vows** shall stand, and every **agreement** by which she bound herself shall stand. 12 But if her husband truly made them void **on the day** he heard *them*, **then** whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her **vows** or concerning the **agreement** binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and **YHWH will release her**. 13 Every **vow** and every binding **oath** to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void. 14 **Now** if her husband makes no response whatever to her **from day**

to day, **then** he confirms all her **vows** or all the **agreements** that bind her; he confirms them, because he made no response to her **on the day** that he heard *them*. 15 But if he does make them void **after** he has heard *them*, **then** he shall bear her guilt.” 16

These *are* the statutes

that **YHWH** commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father’s house.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 31-32]

Numbers 31

Vengeance on the Midianites^{xxiv}

31:1 ¶ And **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying: 2

“Take **vengeance on the Midianites** for the children of Israel [cf. 24:14b]. **Afterward** you shall be gathered to **your people**.” 3

So Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Arm some of yourselves for war, and let them go against the **Midianites** to take vengeance for **YHWH** on **Midian**. 4 A thousand [1,000] from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war.” 5

So there were recruited

from the divisions of Israel one thousand [1,000] from *each* tribe, twelve thousand [12,000] armed for war. 6

Then Moses sent them to the war, one thousand [1,000] from *each* tribe; he sent them to the war with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with **the holy articles** [ark] and the signal trumpets in his hand. 7

And they warred against the **Midianites**, just as **YHWH** commanded Moses, and they killed **all** the males. 8

They killed the kings of **Midian** with the rest of those who were killed —

Evi [“my desire”], [cf. Jos 13:21]

Rekem [“variegation”],

Zur [“rock”];

father of Cozbi: 25:15],

Hur [“hole”], and

Reba [“four”],

the five kings of **Midian**.

Balaam the son of Beor they also killed with the sword. 9 And the children of Israel took the women of **Midian** captive, with their little ones, and took as spoil

all their cattle,

all their flocks, and

all their goods. 10

They also burned with **fire**

all the cities where they dwelt, and

all their forts. 11

And they took

all the spoil and [↓ slaves]

all the booty — of man and beast. 12

Then they brought

the captives,

the booty, and

the spoil

to Moses,

to Eleazar the priest, and

to the congregation

of the children of Israel,

to the camp

in **the plains of Moab**

by **the Jordan**,

across from Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them **outside the camp**. 14 But Moses was angry with the officers of the army, *with* the captains over thousands [1,000s] and captains over hundreds [100s], who had come from the battle. 15 And Moses said to them: “Have you kept **all** the women alive? 16 Look, these *women* caused the children of Israel, **through the counsel of Balaam** [unrecorded; cf. Nu 25], to trespass against **YHWH** in the incident of **Peor**, and there was **a plague** among the congregation of **YHWH**. 17 **Now** therefore, **kill every** male among the little ones, and **kill every** woman who has known a man intimately. 18 But keep alive for yourselves **all** the young girls who have not known a man intimately. 19 And as for you, remain **outside the camp** seven [7] days: whoever has **killed** any person, and whoever has touched any **slain**, purify yourselves and your captives **on the third** [3rd] day and **on the seventh** [7th] day. 20 Purify every garment, everything made of leather, everything woven of goats’ hair, and everything made of wood.” 21 **Then** Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to the battle,

“This is the ordinance of the law **that** **YHWH** commanded Moses: 22 Only the **gold**, the **silver**, the **bronze**, the **iron**, the **tin** [first mention (of 4)], and the **lead** [third mention (of 9)], 23 — **everything that can endure fire**, you shall put through the **fire**, and it shall be **clean**; and it shall be **purified** with the **water** of **purification**. But **all** that cannot endure **fire** you shall put through **water**. 24 And you shall wash your clothes on the **seventh** [7th] day and be **clean**, and **afterward** you may come into the **camp**.”

25 ¶ **Now** **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying: 26 “**Count up the plunder that was taken** — of man and beast — **you and Eleazar the priest and the chief fathers of the congregation**; 27 and divide the plunder into two [2] parts, between: (1) those who took part in the war, who went out to battle, and (2) all the congregation. 28 And levy a tribute for **YHWH** on the men of war who went out to battle: one of every five hundred [1/500] of the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep; 29 take *it* from their half, and give *it* to Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to **YHWH**. 30 And from the children of Israel’s half you shall take one of every fifty [1/50], drawn from

the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep, from all the livestock, and give them to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle of **YHWH**.” 31 So Moses and Eleazar the priest did as **YHWH** commanded Moses. 32 The booty remaining from the plunder, which the men of war had taken, was: six hundred and seventy-five thousand [675,000] sheep, 33 seventy-two thousand [72,000] cattle, 34 sixty-one thousand [61,000] donkeys, 35 and thirty-two thousand [32,000] persons in all, of women who had not known a man intimately. 36

And the **half**, the portion for those who had gone out to war, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred [337,500] **sheep**; 37 and **YHWH**’s tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five [675 = 337,500/500]. 38 The **cattle** were thirty-six thousand [36,000], of which **YHWH**’s tribute was seventy-two [72 = 36,000/500]. 39 The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred [30,500], of which **YHWH**’s tribute was sixty-one [61 = 30,500/500]. 40 The **persons** were sixteen thousand [16,000], of which **YHWH**’s tribute was thirty-two [32 = 16,000/500] persons. 41 So Moses gave the tribute **that** was **YHWH**’s heave offering to Eleazar the priest, as **YHWH** commanded Moses. 42

Summary:
A mere 12,000 men (v6) killed 100s of thousands of people, leaving only 32,000 “virgins” (v35) without losing a single man (v49). Each man of war got, on average: (337.5K – 675)/12K = 28 sheep, (36K – 72)/12K = 3 cattle, (30.5K – 61)/12K = 2.5 donkeys, (16K – 32)/12K = 1.3 slaves.

And from the children of Israel’s **half**, which Moses separated from the men who fought — 43 **now** the **half** belonging to the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred [337,500] sheep, 44 thirty-six thousand [36,000] cattle, 45 thirty thousand five hundred [30,500] donkeys, 46 and sixteen thousand [16,000] persons — 47 and from the children of Israel’s **half** Moses took one of every fifty [1/50], drawn from man and beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of **YHWH**, as **YHWH** commanded Moses.

Summary:
The Levites collectively got: 337.5K / 50 = 6,750 sheep, 36K / 50 = 720 cattle, 30.5K / 50 = 610 donkeys, 16K / 50 = 320 slaves.

48 ¶ **Then** the officers who were over thousands of the army, the captains of thousands [1,000s] and captains of hundreds [100s], came near to Moses; 49 and they said to Moses,

“Your servants have taken a count of the men of war who *are* under our command, and **not a man of us is missing**.

50 Therefore we have brought an offering for **YHWH**, what every man found of ornaments of **gold**:

armlets and
bracelets and
signet rings and
earrings and
necklaces,

to **make atonement** for ourselves before **YHWH**.” 51

So Moses and Eleazar the priest received the **gold** from them, all the fashioned ornaments. 52 And all the **gold** of the offering that they offered to **YHWH**, from the

captains of thousands [1,000s] and captains of hundreds [100s], was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty [16,750] shekels¹⁰. 53 (The men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.) 54

Average: 16,750/12,000 = ~ 1.4 shekels/man = ~ \$300/man in 2008 U.S. dollars. Who knows how much each kept.

And Moses and Eleazar the priest received the **gold** from the captains of thousands [1,000s] and of hundreds [100s], and brought it into the tabernacle of meeting as a memorial for the children of Israel before **YHWH**.

¹⁰ A gold shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 16,750 = ~\$3,573,332 in 2008 dollars.

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Numbers 32

Reuben, Gad Request Gilead, Jazer

32:1 ¶ **Now**

the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock; and **when** they saw the land of **Jazer** and the land of **Gilead**,

that indeed the region *was* a place for livestock, 2

the children of Gad and the children of Reuben

came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, 3

Ataroth [“crowns”],
Dibon [“wasting”],
Jazer [“helped”],
Nimrah [“limpid”/“pure”],
Heshbon [“stronghold”],
Elealeh [“ascending is God”],
Shebam [“fragrance”],
Nebo [“prophet”], and
Beon [“indwelling”], 4

the country **that** **YHWH** defeated before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.” 5

Therefore they said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession.

Do not take us over **the Jordan**.” 6

And Moses said

to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben:

“Shall your brethren go to war **while** you sit here? 7 **Now** why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land **that** **YHWH** has given them? 8 Thus your fathers did **when** I sent them away from **Kadesh Barnea** [“holy” (desert of a fugitive)] to see the land. 9 For **when** they went up to the **Valley of Eshcol** [“cluster”] and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land **that** **YHWH** had given them. 10 So **YHWH**'s anger was aroused on **that day**, and **He** swore an oath [14:27-35], saying, 11

“Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from **twenty [20] years old and above**, shall see the land of which I swore to

Abraham,
Isaac, and
Jacob,

because they have not wholly followed **Me**, 12 **except**

Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and **Joshua** the son of Nun,

for they have wholly followed **YHWH**.” 13

So **YHWH**'s anger was aroused against Israel, and **He** made them wander in the wilderness **forty [40] years**,

until all the generation that had done **evil** in the sight of **YHWH**

was gone. 14 And look! You have risen in your father's place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more **the fierce anger of** **YHWH** against Israel. 15 For if you turn away from following

Him, **He** will **once again** leave them in the wilderness, and you will **destroy** all **these people**.” 16

Then they came near to him and said: “We will build sheepfolds **here** for our livestock, and **cities** for our little ones, 17 but we ourselves will be armed, ready to go before the children of Israel **until** we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return to our homes **until** every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance [to be 7 yrs: [Jos 14:15b](#)]. 19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan.” 20

Then Moses said to them:

“If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before **YHWH** for the war, 21 and **all** your armed men cross over the Jordan before **YHWH** **until** **He** has driven out **His enemies** from before **Him**, 22 and the land is subdued before **YHWH**, **then** afterward you may return and be blameless before **YHWH** and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before **YHWH**. 23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against **YHWH**; and **be sure, your sin will find you out**. 24 Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do what has proceeded out of your mouth.” 25

And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying:

“Your servants will do as my lord commands: 26 our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will be **there in the cities of Gilead**; 27 but your servants will **cross over**, every man armed for war, **before YHWH** to battle, just as my lord says.”

28 ¶ So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel. 29

And Moses said to them: “If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle **before YHWH**, and the land is subdued before you, **then** you shall give them the land of **Gilead** as a possession [map]. 30 But if they do not **cross over** armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of **Canaan**.” 31

Then the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying: “As **YHWH** has said to your servants, so we will do. 32 We will **cross over** armed **before YHWH** into the land of **Canaan**, but the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us on this side of the Jordan.” 33

So Moses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to **half** the tribe of Manasseh

[first mention in this passage] the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon [“warrior”] king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og [“long-necked”] king of **Bashan** [“fruitful”], the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country. 34

[How long did this take?:] And the children of **Gad** built: **Dibon** [“wasting”; a town in Moab] and **Ataroth** [“crowns”; a town in Gilead] and **Aroer** [“ruins”; a city on the north bank of the river Arnon, the southern point of the territory of Sihon the king of the Amorites and later of Reuben; modern ‘Arair’], 35

Atroth-Shophan [“crowns of their rapine”] and **Jazer** [“helped”; an Amorite city in Gilead; later a Levitical city in the territory of Gad; site uncertain] and

Jogbehah [“lofty”], 36 **Beth Nimrah** [“house of the leopard (limpid/pure? cf. v3)”]; a place east of the Jordan in Gad] and **Beth Haran** [“house of their mount: house of the joyful shouter”; a place in Gad, possibly “Beth Harran”, one hour east of Jordan, opposite Jericho], fortified cities, and folds for sheep. 37

And the children of **Reuben** built: **Heshbon** [“stronghold”] and **Elealeh** [“God is ascending”] and

Kirjathaim [“two cities”], 38 **Nebo** [“prophet”; on or near Mount Nebo, where Moses died] and **Baal Meon** [“lord of the habitation”] (their names being changed) and **Shibmah** [“fragrance”]; and they gave *other* names to the cities **that** they built. 39

[Perhaps a belated decision? (v33)] And the children of **Machir** the son of **Manasseh** went to **Gilead** and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. 40 So Moses gave **Gilead** to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelt in it. 41 Also **Jair** [first mention] the son [descendant] of Manasseh went and took its small towns, and called them **Havoth Jair** [“villages of Jair”]. 42 **Then** Nobah [1st mention] went and took **Kenath** [“possession”] and its villages, and he called it **Nobah** [“barking”], after his own name.

Deuteronomy 3:12-20

Moses Recounts Gilead Land Grants 12 ¶ “And this land, which we possessed at that time, from **Aroer**, which is by the River **Arnon**, and half the mountains of **Gilead** and its cities, I gave to the **Reubenites** and the **Gadites**. 13 The rest of **Gilead**, and all **Bashan**, the kingdom of Og, I gave to **half** the tribe of **Manasseh**.

(All the region of **Argob** [“heap of clods”], with all **Bashan**, was called the land of the giants. 14 **Jair** the son of Manasseh took all the region of **Argob**, as far as the border of the **Geshurites** [inhabitants of Geshur] and the Maachathites

[“pressure (literally she has pressed)”]; a people dwelling in Transjordan, probably descendants of Maachath, and called **Bashan** after his own name, **Havoth Jair** [“villages of Jair”], to this day.)

15 Also I gave **Gilead** to **Machir**. 16 And to the **Reubenites** and the **Gadites** I gave from **Gilead** as far as the River **Arnon**, the middle of the river as the border, as far as the River **Jabbok**, the border of the people of **Ammon**; 17 the plain also, with the Jordan as the border, from **Chinnereth** [“harps”; early name of the Sea of Galilee; later, a town and district in Naphtali near that Sea] as far as the east side of the **Sea of the Arabah** (the Salt Sea [Dead Sea]), below the slopes of **Pisgah** [including Mt. Nebo; see map].

Moses Recounts Charge to 3 Tribes

18 **Then** I commanded you [people of Reuben, Gad, and (½) Manasseh] at that time, saying: ‘**YHWH** your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall **cross over** armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. 19 But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities **that** I have given you, 20 **until** **YHWH** has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land **that** **YHWH** your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. **Then** each of you may return to his possession **that** I have given you.’”

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nu 33-36]

Numbers 33

Review of Journeys, Camps of Israel

33:1 ¶ These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand [leadership] of Moses and Aaron. 2 Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of Y^{HWH}. And these are their journeys according to their starting points: 3

They departed from Rameses ["child of the sun"; Ex 12:37] in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month [2514AB/01/15; Ex 12:41]; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians. 4 For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Y^{HWH} had killed among them. Also on their gods Y^{HWH} had executed judgments. 5

Then the children of Israel moved from Rameses and camped at:

- (1) Succoth ["booths"; Ex 12:37]. 6 They departed from Succoth and camped at
- (2) Etham [Egyptian: "with them: their plowshare"; Ex 13:17-20], which is on the edge of the [RS] wilderness. 7 They moved from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth ["place where sedge¹¹ grows"], which faces [is east of]

¹¹ A wetland plant that resembles grass and has a triangular stem, leaves growing in three vertical rows, and inconspicuous spikes of flowers.

- (3) Baal Zephon ["lord of the north"]; and they camped near Migdol ["tower"; Ex 14:1]. 8 They departed from before [Pi] Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three [3] days' journey in the Wilderness of Etham, and camped at
- (4) Marah ["bitter"; Ex 15:23]. 9 They moved from Marah and came to
- (5) Elim ["palms"; Ex 15:27]. At Elim were twelve [12] springs of water and seventy [70] palm trees; so they camped there. 10 They moved from Elim and camped by
- (6) the Red Sea. 11 They moved from the Red Sea and camped in
- (7) the Wilderness of Sin ["thorn" or "clay"; quail & manna provided there: Ex 16]. 12 They journeyed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at
- (8) Dophkah ["knocking"]. 13 They departed from Dophkah and camped at
- (9) Alush ["I will knead (bread)"]. 14 They moved from Alush and camped at
- (10) Rephidim ["rests", "stays", "resting places"], where there was no water for the people to drink [Meribah: the people contended, Moses struck the rock, Amalek attacked: Ex 17]. 15 They departed from Rephidim and camped in
- (11) the Wilderness of Sinai ["thorny"; law given (Ex 19-23)].

- (12) Kibroth Hattaavah ["graves of lust": 11:34; quail provided there for one month: 11:18-21]. 17 They departed from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at
- (13) Hazeroth ["settlement": 11:35; Miriam judged there for 7 days: Nu 12]. [Next places in the Wilderness of Paran, starting at Kadesh Barnea? 12:16, 13:26b, De 1:19b; spies into Canaan for 40 days: Nu 13:25]

Deuteronomy 2:14

And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea [Nu 20:22, 33:36] until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered [Nu 21:12] was thirty-eight [38] years [from Camp 14? to Camp 37?], until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as Y^{HWH} had sworn to them.

- 18 They departed from Hazeroth and camped at
- (14) Rithmah ["heath"]. 19 They departed from Rithmah and camped at
- (15) Rimmon Perez ["pomegranate of the breach"]. 20 They departed from Rimmon Perez and camped at

- (16) Libnah ["pavement"; later a Levitical city?]. 21 They moved from Libnah and camped at
- (17) Rissah ["ruin"]. 22 They journeyed from Rissah and camped at
- (18) Kehelathah ["assembly"]. 23 They went from Kehelathah and camped at
- (19) Mount Shepher ["Mt. Beauty"]. 24 They moved from Mount Shepher and camped at
- (20) Haradah ["fear"]. 25 They moved from Haradah and camped at
- (21) Makheloth ["place of assembly"]. 26 They moved from Makheloth and camped at
- (22) Tahath ["station"]. 27 They departed from Tahath and camped at
- (23) Terah ["delay"]. 28 They moved from Terah and camped at
- (24) Mithkah ["sweetness"]. 29 They went from Mithkah and camped at
- (25) Hashmonah ["fatness"]. 30 They departed from Hashmonah and camped at
- (26) Moseroth ["bonds"]. 31 They departed from Moseroth and camped at
- (27) Bene Jaakan ["sons of twisting"]. 32 They moved from Bene Jaakan and camped at [see De 10:6 below]
- (28) Hor Hagidgad ["cavern of Gidgad"]. 33 They went from Hor Hagidgad and camped at

- (29) Jotbathah [“pleasantness”].
34 They moved from Jotbathah and camped at
- (30) Abronah [“passage”].
35 They departed from Abronah and camped at
- (31) Ezion Geber [“backbone of a man”; located near Elath at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba].
36 They moved from Ezion Geber and camped in
- (32) the Wilderness of Zin [“flat”], [where Miriam died in Exodus-Year+39/01: 20:1; then Moses struck the rock, instead of speaking: 20:2-13; then Edom refused passage to Israel: 20:14-21] which is Kadesh [-barnea?; “holy”].
37 They moved from Kadesh and camped at
- (33) Mount Hor [“Mt. Mountain”], on the boundary of the land of Edom.

Deuteronomy 10:6

(Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan [“sons of twisting”; Camp 27, skipping Camps 28-32] to Moserah [“bonds”; aka Mt. Hor (not Moseroth, Camp 26, per the next statement)], where Aaron died [Camp 33, Mt. Hor: Nu 33:38], and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead. [Nu 20:22-29]

Aaron Dies

38 Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the command of YHWH, and died there in the fortieth [40th] year [Ex 12:41:] after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month [ExodusYear+39, so 2553AB/05/01].
39 Aaron was one hundred and twenty-three years [123] old when he died on Mount Hor.

Canaanite King of Arad

40 Now the king of Arad [“a wild ass”], the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel [details: 21:1-4a]. 41

Deuteronomy 10:7

From there they journeyed to Gudgodah [“the slashing place”; not mentioned in Nu 33], and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah [“pleasantness”; either another Jotbathah or an unmentioned revisit to Camp 29: Nu 33:33], a land of rivers of water.

So they departed from Mount Hor [“by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom”: 21:4a, De 2:1-7] and camped at

- (34) Zalmonah [“shady”].
42 They departed from Zalmonah and camped at
- (35) Punon [“darkness”].
43 They departed from Punon and camped at

- (36) Oboth [“waterskins”: 21:10; fiery serpents just before: 21:4-9].
44 They departed from Oboth and camped at
- (37) Ije Abarim [“ruins of Abarim”: “in the wilderness that is east of Moab”: 21:11], at the [eastern?] border of Moab [if eastern, they had recently crossed the Zered: De 2:14]. 45 They departed from Ijim and camped at
- (38) Dibon Gad [Dibon: “wasting”; a town north of Moab on the east side of the Jordan, taken over by the Israelites and later rebuilt by the children of Gad: 21:30].
46 They moved from Dibon Gad and camped at
- (39) Almon Diblathaim [“concealing the two cakes”; Beth-Diblathaim?].
47 They moved from Almon Diblathaim and camped in
- (40) the mountains of Abarim [“regions beyond”], before Nebo [“prophet”]. 48 They departed from the mountains of Abarim and camped in
- (41) the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho. 49 They camped by the Jordan, from Beth Jesimoth [“house of the desolation”] as far as the Abel Shittim [“meadow of acacias”; NKJV: Abel Acacia Grove] in the plains of Moab.

“Go, Conquer, Divide”

50 ¶ Now YHWH spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying, 51 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 then you shall: drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; 53 you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess. 54 And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone’s inheritance shall be whatever falls to him by lot; you shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers. 55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. 56 Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.’”

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Numbers 34

Overall Land Grant to Israel

[See [the map.](#)]

34:1 ¶ Then Y^{HWH} spoke to Moses, saying, 2

“Command the children of Israel, and say to them:

“When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance — the land of Canaan to its boundaries. [Map]

3 (S) Your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom; then your southern border shall extend eastward to the [S.] end of the Salt Sea; 4 your border shall turn from the southern side of the Maaleh-Akrabbim [“ascent of scorpions” or “scorpion pass”; Ascent of Akrabbim], continue to [the Wilderness of] Zin,

and be on the south of Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar Addar [“enclosure of glory”], and continue to Azmon [“strong”]; 5 the border shall turn from Azmon to

the Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the [Great or Mediterranean] Sea.

6 (W) As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western border.

7 (N) And this shall be your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall mark out your border line to

Mount Hor [not the same as in 33:37-39; somewhere in mod. Lebanon]; 8 from Mount Hor you shall mark out your border to the entrance of

Hamath [“fortress”; the principle city of upper Syria in the valley of the Orontes]; then the direction of the border shall be toward

Zedad [“mountain side”]; 9 the border shall proceed to

Ziphron [“fragrance”], and it shall end at

Hazar Enan [“village of fountains”]. This shall be your northern border.

10 (E) You shall mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan to Shepham [“bald”]; 11 the border shall go down from Shepham to

Riblah [“fertility”] on the east side of Ain [“spring”]; the border shall go down and reach to

the eastern side of the Sea of Chinnereth [“harps”; Galilee]; 12 the border shall go down

along the Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt Sea [Dead Sea].

This shall be your land with its surrounding boundaries.”

[Copy for comparison to the later grant:]

Ezekiel 47:13-23

13 ¶ Thus says the Lord [Adonai] Y^{HWH}: “These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve [12] tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

15 (N) This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by the road to Hethlon [“hiding place”], as one goes to Zeda [aka Zedad], 16 Hamath, Berothah [“cypress grove”], Sibram [“twofold hope”] (which is between the border of Damascus [“silent is the sackcloth weaver”; an ancient trading city, capital of Syria, located in the plain east of Hermon, 130 miles (205 km) northeast of Jerusalem] and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon [“middle court”] (which is on the border of Hauran [“caverns”]). 17 Thus the boundary shall be from the [Great, Mediterranean] Sea to Hazar Enan [“village of springs”], the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 (E) On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. This is the east side. [^ Dead]

19 (S) The south side, toward the South [Hebrew: Negev], shall be from Tamar [“palm tree”] to the waters of Meribah [“bitter”] by Kadesh [“holy”], along the brook [of Egypt] to the Great Sea.

This is the south side, toward the South.

20 (W) The west side shall be the Great Sea,

from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath.

This is the west side. 21

Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. 22 It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance”, says the Lord [Adonai] Y^{HWH}.

East for Reuben, Gad, ½ Manasseh

13 Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying:

“This is the land that you shall inherit by lot, that Y^{HWH} has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe [9½]. 14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben [1-L1] according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad [7-Z1] according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and the half-tribe of Manasseh [11-R1-1] has received its inheritance [2½]. 15 The two tribes and the half-tribe [2½] have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan, across from Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.”

Leaders to Divide Western Lands

16 ¶ And **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying, 17 “These *are* the names of the men who shall divide the land among you as an inheritance:
Eleazar the priest and
Joshua the son of Nun. 18
 And you shall take
 one leader of every tribe
 to divide the land for the inheritance. 19

Israel’s Sons in Birth Order:

Reuben	1-L1
Simeon	2-L2
(Levi	3-L3 –priests)
Judah	4-L4
Dan	5-B1
Naphtali	6-B2
Gad	7-Z1
Asher	8-Z2
Issachar	9-L5
Zebulun	10-L6
(Joseph	11-R1 –sons)
Manassah	11-R1-1
Ephraim	11-R1-2
Benjamin	12-R2
End of List	Ge 35:23-26

These *are* the names of the men:
 [a leader] from the tribe
 [of the children] of **Judah**, [4-L4]
Caleb [“dog”]
 the son of Jephunneh
 [“**He** will be facing”];
 20 [a leader] from the tribe
 of the children of **Simeon**, [2-L2]
Shemuel [“**God** is **His** name”]
 the son of Ammihud
 [“majesty is my kinsman”];
 21 [a leader] from the tribe
 [of the children] of **Benjamin**, [12-R2]
Elidad [“loved by my **God**”]

the son of Chislon
 [“confidence”];
 22 a leader from the tribe
 of the children of **Dan**, [5-B1]
Bukki [“wasting”]
 the son of Jogli [“he is exiled”];
 23 from the sons of **Joseph**:
 a leader from the tribe [11-R1-1]
 of the children of **Manasseh**,
Hanniel [“**God**-favored”]
 the son of Ephod
 [“a (special) girdle”], 24 and
 a leader from the tribe [11-R1-2]
 of the children of **Ephraim**,
Kemuel [“**God**-raised”]
 the son of Shiptan [“judicial”];
 25 a leader from the tribe
 of the children of **Zebulun**, [10-L6]
Elizaphan [“protected by my **God**”]
 the son of Parnach [“delicate”];
 26 a leader from the tribe
 of the children of **Issachar**, [9-L5]
Paltiel [“**God** delivers”]
 the son of Azzan [“very strong”];
 27 a leader from the tribe
 of the children of **Asher**, [8-Z2]
Ahihud [“majesty is my brother”]
 the son of Shelomi [“peaceful”];
 28 and
 a leader from the tribe
 of the children of **Naphtali**, [6-B2]
Pedahel [“**God**-ransomed”]
 the son of Ammihud
 [“majesty is my kinsman”].”
 29 These *are* the ones **YHWH** commanded
 to divide the inheritance among the
 children of Israel in the land of **Canaan**.
Numbers 35
Cities for the Levites
 35:1 ¶ And **YHWH** spoke to Moses in **the**
plains of Moab by **the** Jordan *across*
 from **Jericho**, saying: 2

“Command the children of Israel that
 they give **the Levites** cities to dwell in
 from **the inheritance** of their possession,
 and you shall *also* give the Levites
common-land around the cities. 3
 They shall have the cities to dwell in;
 and **their common-land** shall be for
 their cattle, for their herds, and for all
 their animals. 4 **The common-land** of
 the cities **that** you shall give the Levites
shall extend from **the wall** of the city
 outward a thousand cubits [~1500 feet]
 all around. 5
 And you shall measure **outside the city**
 on the **east** side two thousand cubits,
 on the **south** side two thousand cubits,
 on the **west** side two thousand cubits,
 and [~3000 feet on each side]
 on the **north** side two thousand cubits.
The city shall be in the middle.
This shall belong to them as **common-**
land for the cities. 6
Now among **the cities that** you will give
 to the Levites *you shall appoint*
six [6] cities of refuge,
 to which a manslayer may flee. And
 to these you shall add
 forty-two [42] cities. 7
 So all **the cities** you will give to the
 Levites *shall be*
 forty-eight [48];
 these *shall give* with **their common-**
land. 8 And **the cities that** you will give
shall be from **the possession** of the chil-
 dren of Israel;
 from the larger *tribe* you shall give many,
 from the smaller you shall give few.
 Each shall give some of its cities to the
 Levites, in proportion to **the inheritance**
 that each receives.”

Murder, Cities of Refuge

9 ¶ Then **YHWH** spoke to Moses, saying, 10
 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say
 to them:
 “When you cross **the Jordan** into **the land**
 of **Canaan**, 11 **then** you shall appoint
 cities to be **cities of refuge** for you, that
 the manslayer who kills any person
 accidentally may flee there. 12 They
 shall be **cities of refuge** for you from
 the avenger, that the manslayer may not
 die **until** he stands before the congrega-
 tion in judgment. 13 And of **the cities**
that you give, you shall have
six [6] cities of refuge. 14
 You shall appoint
 three [3] cities
 on **this side of the Jordan**, and
 three [3] cities
 you shall appoint in the land of **Canaan**,
that will be **cities of refuge**. 15 These
 six [6] cities
 shall be for **refuge**
 for the children of Israel,
 for the stranger, and
 for the sojourner among them,
 that anyone who kills a person acci-
 dentally may flee there. 16 But if he
 strikes him with an **iron** implement,
 so that he dies, he *is* a murderer; **the**
murderer shall surely be put to death.
 17 And if he strikes him with a stone
 in the hand, by which one could die,
 and he does die, he *is* a murderer; **the**
murderer shall surely be put to death.
 18 Or *if* he strikes him with a wooden
 hand weapon, by which one could die,
 and he does die, he *is* a murderer; **the**
murderer shall surely be put to death.
 19 The avenger of blood himself shall
 put the murderer to death; **when** he
 meets him, he shall put him to death.

20 If he pushes him out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, 21 or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him. 22

However, if he pushes him suddenly without enmity, or throws anything at him without lying in wait, 23 or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing it at him without seeing him, so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm, 24 then the congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments. 25 So the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge where he had fled, and he shall remain there until the death of the high priest [first use of this term since [Le 21:10](#)] who was anointed with the holy oil. 26 But if the manslayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled, 27 and the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood, 28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.¹² 29 And these

things shall be a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 30

Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person for the death penalty. 31 Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. 32

And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the [high] priest. 33 So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. 34

[Cf. [Ge 9:6](#); [Le 18:28](#)]

Therefore do not defile the land that you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I YHWH dwell among the children of Israel.”

Numbers 36

Land Owned by Daughters Again

36:1 ¶ Now the chief fathers of the families of the children of

Gilead

the son of Machir,

the son of Manasseh,

of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and

high priest, Christ, then free to go home to his possessions.

before the leaders, the chief fathers of the children of Israel. 2 And they said:

“YHWH commanded my lord Moses to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by YHWH to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters¹³. 3 Now if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken from the lot of our inheritance. 4 And when the Jubilee [[Le 25:8ff](#)] of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

5 ¶ Then Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of YHWH, saying:

“What the tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks is right. 6 This is what YHWH commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying,

‘Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father’s tribe.’ 7

[[1Co 7:39](#) ~ free to be married, but only in the Lord.]

¹³ Joseph → Manasseh → Machir → Gilead (“brought up on Joseph’s knees”: [Ge 50:23](#)) → Hopher → Zelophehad (died in the wilderness: [27:3](#)) → 5 daughters: [26:29-33](#); [27:1](#); the daughters did not die in the wilderness, so were certainly < 20 years old at the exodus, but more likely born there.

So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be the wife of one of the family of her father’s tribe, so that the children of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers. 9 Thus no inheritance shall change hands from one tribe to another, but every tribe of the children of Israel shall keep its own inheritance.”¹⁴ 10

Just as YHWH commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad; 11 for Mahlah,

Tirzah,

Hoglah,

Milcah, and

Noah,

the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to the sons of their father’s brothers [cousins]. 12 They were married into the families of the children of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father’s family. 13

These are the commandments and the judgments that YHWH commanded the children of Israel [as recorded here in writing] by the hand of Moses

in the plains of Moab

by the Jordan,

across from Jericho.

¹⁴ Marry “the one”? No, just within the tribe (among Christians). Rebekah was a rare exception. Use common sense, not “spooky” guidance.

¹² Cities of Refuge a type of Christ: a person was in bondage until the death of the
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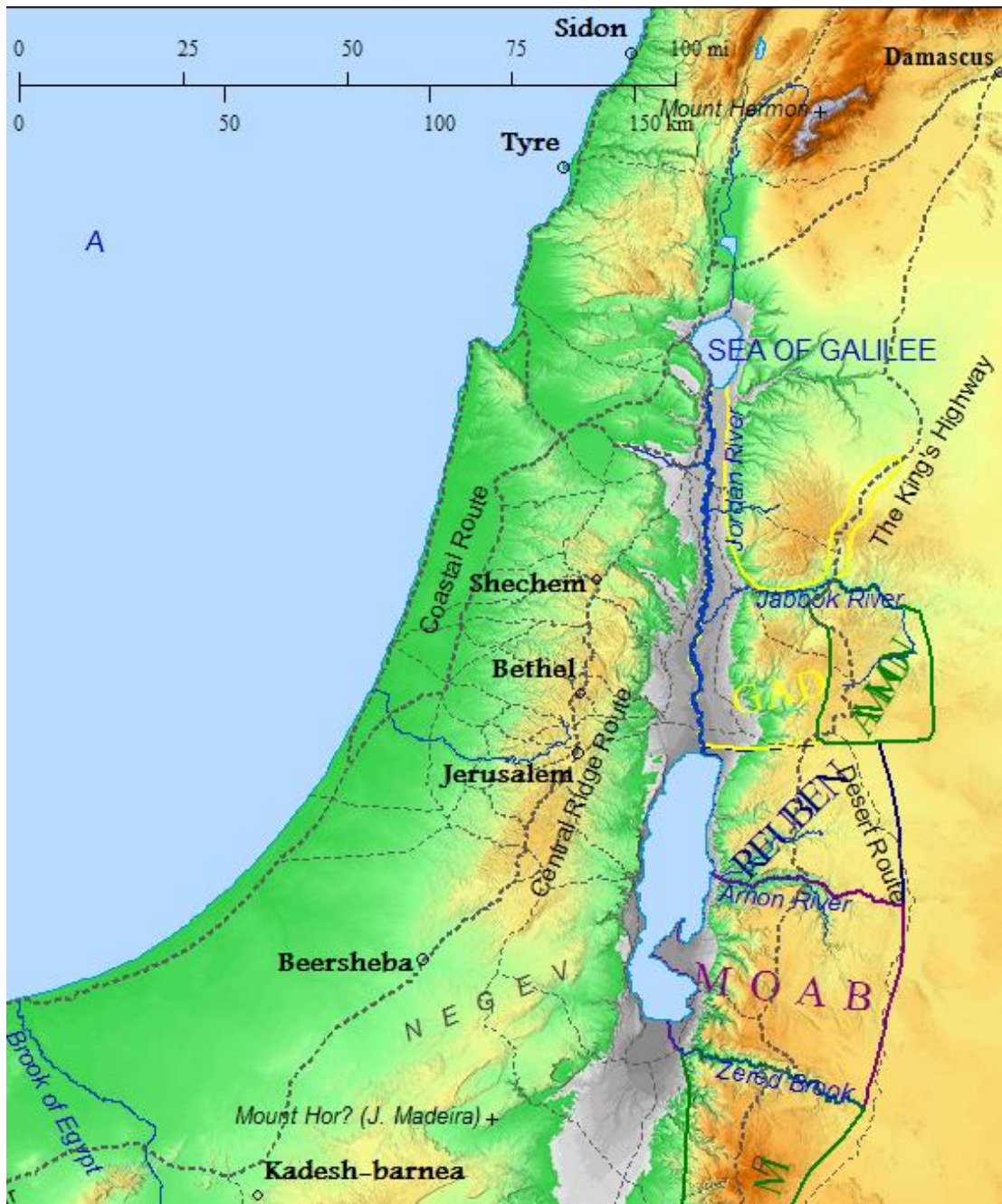
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Numbers 16:30 But if Y_{HWH} creates [bara] a new thing [something that has never happened before], and the land [earth] opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit [grave: Hebrew sheol], then you will understand that these men have rejected Y_{HWH}.”

Numbers 17:8

8 ¶ Now it came to pass on the next day [thus overnight] that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds.



Israel Land Grant Map

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See [Numbers 34](#) (as compared to [Ezekiel 47:13-23](#)).

In the second year of their forty years in the Wilderness, they sent spies into the land of Canaan from Kadesh-Barnea (bottom of the map). From there they seem to have moved from [Camp 14](#) to [Camp 37](#) within the next thirty-eight [38] years.

In the fortieth [40th] year, Moses seems to have led the people across to Mount Hor ([Camp 33](#)) and perhaps beyond, where they fought the king of Arad ([Nu 21:1-4](#), [33:40](#)), after which the king of Edom (Seir) rejected their request to go through Edom (just below Zered Brook at the bottom of the map), so they went “for many days” south, down the Arabah Valley (south of the Dead Sea, north of Aqaba), until **YHWH** instructed them to “turn northward” and go through the edge of Edom ([De 2:1-4](#)). Apparently, they had gone as far south as Elath and Ezion Gezer, at the top of the Gulf of Aqaba ([De 2:8](#)).

So they went north *along the boundary of Edom* ([De 2:4](#)), presumably on the Desert Route, across the Valley of the Zered Brook, then *along the boundary of MOAB*, presumably still on the Desert Route¹⁵. After crossing the Arnon River, they went west along it to The King’s Highway ([Nu 21:18b-26](#)), into king Sihon of Heshbon’s territory (later REUBEN) and then into king Og of Bashan’s territory (later GAD). (Half of Mannasseh got the land north of GAD, also part of Bashan. AMMON on the map is barely readable.)

¹⁵ [Nu 21:11](#) “in the wilderness **that is east of Moab**, toward the sunrise” suggests they were on the east edge of MOAB, on the Desert Route. (The map shows the Arnon River extending just that far east.)

Numbers 29:17-38

17 On the second day present twelve [12] young bulls, two [2] rams, fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 18 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 19 also one [1] kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

20 On the third day present eleven [11] bulls, two [2] rams, [and] fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 21 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 22 also one [1] [kid of the] goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

23 On the fourth day present ten [10] bulls, two [2] rams, and fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 24 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 25 also one [1] kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

26 On the fifth day present nine [9] bulls, two [2] rams, and fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 27 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 28 also one [1] [kid of the] goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

29 On the sixth day present eight [8] bulls, two [2] rams, and fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 30 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 31 also one [1] [kid of the] goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

32 On the seventh day present seven [7] bulls, two [2] rams, and fourteen [14] lambs in their first year without blemish, 33 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 34 also one [1] [kid of the] goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

35 On the eighth day you shall have a sacred assembly; you shall do no customary work; 36 you shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to Y^{HWH}:

one [1] bull, one [1] ram, [and] seven [7] lambs in their first year without blemish, 37 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; 38 also one [1] [kid of the] goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, [with] its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Endnotes from Steve Gregg lectures:

re Nu 19:20-22? [[[What do these verses have to do with what follows?]]] Jos 5:5 “This whole generation did not circumcise their sons”; Am 5:25-26—no sacrifices offered then, and made idols — Quoted and elaborated by Steven in Ac 7:42-43 versus Is 66:3 “He who kills a bull is as if ..., ... as if ..., ... as if ...” you might as well be worshipping an idol; so Amos may not have meant that they literally worshipped Molech – their sacrifices may have been treated as if they were.

Nu 21:10 **Failed to write down what Steve said. Must listen to the audio file.**

- ⁱ Nu 1-2 – Some “scholars” think these numbers are too big, suggesting that Hebrew ‘*eleph* should not be translated “thousand” but something smaller. Let’s do the algebra, just for three tribes: Reuben $46x+500$, Simeon $59x+300$, and Gad $45x+650$, which total $151x+450$, according to the text, where we are substituting “x” for “thousand”. Solve for x: $151x+450 = (46+59+45)x+(500+300+650)$, so $151x+450 = 150x+1450$, so subtracting $150x+450$ from each side, we have $x = 1,000$. QED The “scholars” are not as scholarly as 10th graders! [Russ Humphries](#) brought this to my attention; he did the algebra for Judah’s group; any group or the whole of Israel will show the same.
- ⁱⁱ (Editor’s observation: However, one would expect more like one in four to be firstborn, statistically, depending on the birthrate, so that 300 figure may be a rationalization.)
- ⁱⁱⁱ Nu 6 – Jeus was not a Nazarite: called a winebibber (He was a Nazarine = “from Nazareth”).
- ^{iv} Nu 6:27 – By this Israel was “taking the name Y_{HWH}” on them, hence the commandment not to take His name in vain applies.
- ^v Nu 10 – Silver Trumpets (not ram’s horns as before) [1Co 14:6-8](#) prophecying must be clear (like a clear trumpet blast signaling battle, or arise and move).
- ^{vi} Nu 13:31 – [2Ch 20:1-30](#) Jehoshaphat showed the faith that the Israelites should have shown here: their eyes were not on God.
- ^{vii} Nu 14:39ff – [Ps 95:8-11](#) “in the rebellion ... enter my rest”. (Quoted in [He 3:7b-11](#).)
- ^{viii} Nu 16 – [Jude 10-11](#) “These speak evil ... Cain ... Balaam ... Korah” Rebelling against true spiritual leadership. [He 13:7, 17, 24](#) “who rule (Greek: lead) you” v7: “who spoke the word of God to you,” v17: “they watch over your souls”.
- ^{ix} Nu 16:12-14: 1st land flowing... Egypt? Or referring to the aborted attempt to enter Canaan? Perhaps the latter, as “the land flowing...” elsewhere is always used of Canaan? (Huh? I don’t think so: sounds like a ref. to Egypt *as if* it had been “a land flowing with milk and honey” in contrast to the wilderness.)
- ^x Nu 16:32 – Korah’s sons were not killed — perhaps grown and living separately
- ^{xi} Nu 17:1-7 – 12 rods including Levi, so Joseph must have had one instead of Ephraim and Manasseh. [Ed.: I disagree. V6 says there were 12 rods, and Aaron’s rod was among them. To me, that means there were 13 in all.]
- ^{xii} Nu 17:8 – Aaron’s rod was an emblem of the resurrection; also like a septer, indicating that Aaron and his descendants were the true priests. [Ed.: Also, the rapid development from a dead stick is remanescent of God’s causing vegetation to grow and mature on the third day ([Ge 1:12](#)). Likely, the blossoms, displaced by the almonds as usual, were on the floor of the tabernacle.]
- ^{xiii} Nu 18:7b – the priesthood is a gift, it is a privilege to serve. Likewise the gifts of the Spirit are privileges to serve. [1Pe 4:10-11](#) – serve (your gift) as servants to one another (but sin is different: against God and perhaps the Church, so leaders have the right to call an assembly to discipline such; however, the elder’s “vision” is sometimes an agenda.)
- ^{xiv} Nu 18:24-26 – Israel tithed to support the Levites, who tithed of that to support the priests.
- ^{xv} Nu 19:1-10 – red heifer represents Christ ([He 9:13-14](#)); red blood, perfect: sinless.
- ^{xvi} Nu 19:11-13 – 3rd day = resurrection of Christ; 7th day = a Christian’s complete life.
- ^{xvii} Nu 19:20-22 – Jesus later said, “He who delivered me to you has the greater sin.” [[[Ed.: What does that have to do with Nu 19:20-22?]]]
- ^{xviii} Nu 21:4b-9 – Jn 3:14 Jesus compared himself to the serpent on the pole: Jesus became sin ([2Co 5:21](#)). Perhaps better: the serpent represents the devil, something impaled on a pole, which was effected when Jesus died on the cross ([Col 2:15](#); [He 2:14](#)). He conquered the serpent, the principalities and powers. [2Ki 18:4](#) Hezekiah broke in pieces the bronze serpent; the people called it Nehushtan – it had become an idol.
- ^{xix} Nu 22:5 – Balaam is mysterious: ~400 miles away — “his people” = Balak’s people: so was Balak not a Moabite? Balaam sounds like he knows Y_{HWH} here, but in the NT he is always stated to be bad ([2Pe 2:15](#), [Jude 11](#)). Note that Balaam always refers to “Y_{HWH}” (except 22:38 and the oracles) but the narrator always refers to Him as just “God”, except in reference to “the Angel of Y_{HWH}”. Could the knowledge of Y_{HWH} have survived in the Mesopotamian area from the time of Abraham?
- ^{xx} Nu 22:7 – Moabites = Midianites, but in [Judges 8:22-24](#) & [Ge 37:28](#) Midianites = Ishmael; lots of intermarriages.
- ^{xxi} Nu 22:23 – [2Ki 6:13-17](#) — Elisha asked Y_{HWH} to open the eyes of his servant. Did the donkey actually have some spiritual insight that we humans do not?
- ^{xxii} Nu 23:10d – But Balaam died a death of the wicked, in battle: retribution of Israel ([Nu 31:8](#)).
- ^{xxiii} Nu 28-29 – one continuous passage re offerings; compare with Nu 15 (doubled on Sabbath: new information); [Col 2:16](#) — let no man judge you re festivals, new moons, Sabbaths — the monthly offerings at 28:11 are at each new moon.
- ^{xxiv} Nu 31 ([25:14-18](#) Zimri-Cozbi: God was judging Midian (son of Abraham & Keturah)) 12,000 Israelites killed all the men of Midian, and their women, then there were still 32,000 virgins left, so there must have been perhaps 100K-120K men defeated by the 12,000 Israelites.