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LESSON ONE

Chapters One through Eleven

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Numbers 1–11
Numbers at a Glance

When the Saints Go Marching . . . Out, Number Them Thoroughly

How I loved, as a teenager, to dance to the rousing rhythm of that hymn, “When the Saints Go Marching In.” Unfortunately I never knew it was a hymn until I was twenty-nine! I remember my absolute shock — and delight — when the words suddenly came alive! All I could think was, How blind, how deaf I have been. My body caught the rhythm of the song, my lips uttered its words, but I was absolutely clueless as to its true meaning until my dear Lord took away the veil. I was to be among that number when the saints would go marching into heaven! Hallelujah! It was something to rejoice over.

Well, Beloved, our study of Numbers is all about when the saints, God’s holy people, go marching out — out from Sinai to the land promised to them as an everlasting possession.

Although it is an account of the journeys of Israel, you are going to discover so much that is applicable to your life. Yet in this first week it might not seem this way. In fact you could find yourself wondering why on earth you ever bought this book, ever committed to this study!

So this is a word of caution, of exhortation: Hangeth thou in there. Get through this first lesson. The best is yet to come. And as you study, remember that because there is still a veil over the eyes of Israel, and since Israel’s day of redemption as a nation is yet future (as pictured in the Day of Atonement which you studied in Leviticus), Numbers is a significant book to them, even today. It is part of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, to the Jews the most sacred portion of all the Bible.

It's important to understand the Jews, to be able to reason with them from the Scriptures, so give all you have to the study of this book. Remember, the gospel was preached by Paul to the Jew first and then to the Gentile. His strategy as he traveled was to go first to the synagogue and reason with the Jews until they cast him out. Then he would move on to the Gentiles, taking with him those Jews whose veil was lifted as they believed Jesus was the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah.

DAY ONE

1. If you're an experienced Precept student and have cut to the chase without reading the introduction to this lesson, reign yourself in and read it. You need to, faithful one, because although the first ten chapters of this book are not the most exciting you've read, they are here, positioned and ordained by God. We need to know what they say. So stick with us. Numbers is too good to miss.
2. Begin your study with prayer. Thank God that His Spirit leads and guides into all truth.
3. You are going to cover three chapters today simply observing the text and discerning the main theme of each. Don't get bogged down in literal numbers. Instead, get the big picture of what God wants His chosen people to know and to do. You are going to get some great insights.
4. In the Appendix of this workbook you will find a copy of the book of Numbers from the New American Standard Bible. We believe it is one of the best word-for-word translations. These pages are called Observation Worksheets. Following are some key words and phrases that you will want to mark on these Observation Worksheets.¹ If you see others, of course feel free to mark them. Just don't miss these.

As you observe the text, you may want to do it right in your Bible, especially if you have a Bible conducive to this, such as *The New Inductive Study Bible*. This way you always have your notes right there in the Bible and can use it as a teaching tool when you share truth with others in any capacity. It is smaller than the original and much easier to carry. It's absolutely wonderful.

5. Mark the following (including synonyms and pronouns when appropriate). You will find it helpful to put these on a large index card or the inside back cover of this book and mark them on the card as you will mark them in the

¹ If you are new to Precept, you will want to read about observing the text and marking key words in *The New How to Study Your Bible*.

text. On the back cover of this book, you'll find suggestions for marking some words used frequently throughout the Bible.

- a. All references to time, including references to age. All this is important because it tells you when the numbering began. We suggest that you mark time with a green circle. In chapter 1, mark the age of those numbered only the first time it is mentioned.
 - b. All geographical locations. This will include where the various tribes and the sons of Levi are to camp (chapters 2–3). Check the back cover for a suggested marking.
 - c. Mark the first reference to each of the twelve tribes. Check the back of your book for a suggested way to mark.
 - d. Mark references to the *Levites* (those of the tribe of Levi). Remember that Jacob had twelve sons, but Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, take his place in the listing of the tribes which then brings the number to thirteen once you come to Levi in Numbers 1:47-53.
 - e. *death (die)*. See the back cover for a marking suggestion.
 - f. *firstborn*
6. When you come to Numbers 3, watch for the names of the sons of Aaron and the names of the sons of Levi. Moses and Aaron were both Levites, yet God makes a distinction between Aaron's family and the rest of the sons of Levi. Observe the duties of these sons and their families. List these in the margin of chapter 3, segmenting the chapter accordingly.
 7. At the end of this lesson you will find a diagram entitled "The Camp Arrangement of Israel's Tribes." Giving special attention to the arrow that helps you know where east is, fill in the names of the tribes and Levi's sons in the appropriate places on the diagram. The information is all in the text of chapters 2 and 3.
 8. List what you learn from marking the references to the firstborn.
 9. Finally record the main theme of each chapter on the "Numbers at a Glance" chart. This chart can be found in the Appendix.

a. 1 Chronicles 13:1-14

b. 1 Chronicles 15:1-15

4. The blessing at the end of chapter 6 is a blessing that you might want to memorize and give to people as you invoke His name upon them. What a wonderful tradition it would be to say this to your loved ones every time you leave each other.
5. Once again record the main theme of each chapter on the “Numbers at a Glance” chart.

DAY THREE

1. We have three more chapters to cover today: Numbers 7–9. As you observe these, mark those things listed on your Key Word Bookmark. You might find it helpful to underline the references to the various offerings. If you studied Leviticus with us, you’ll appreciate and understand the purpose of these offerings; however, don’t let Numbers 7 wear you down with all its repetition.

Add the following words to your key word list: *Passover, cloud*

2. If you have time, make a list of the main things you learn about the Levites and about the cloud.
3. When you finish observing the chapters, do the “theme thing.”

After doing this lesson, have you wished that you had a cloud to follow? Oh, Beloved, if you are a child of God, you have His Spirit. You don’t need a cloud. As you will see on Day Five, He is far better. How we pray that you are in communion with God as you study, asking Him to open the eyes of your understanding and to show you the significance of these precepts for your own life.

DAY
FOUR

1. Read Numbers 10 and mark any key repeated words that you see in the text. You might want to add the word *trumpet(s)* to that list. As you read the chapter, keep the six enlightening questions before you: who, what, when, where, why, and how. Watch the “when” of the events covered in the chapter, what the event is, how it is to be executed, etc.
2. Think about what you learn about God from Moses’ words in Numbers 10:35-36. List your insights below.
3. Record the theme of Numbers 10 on the “Numbers at a Glance” chart.
4. If you want to get a jump start on Numbers 11, read and mark the first fifteen verses. Mark the following words in addition to any on your bookmark:
 - a. *complain* (You will encounter its synonym *grumbled* later. Put it on your key word list as well.)
 - b. *anger*
 - c. *meat*
 - d. *manna*
 - e. *weep*
5. Finally, Beloved, stop and think about how Moses felt. Can you relate? Do you think there was any legitimacy in his feelings? Write out your insights.

How are you doing, Beloved? Remember, we know this first lesson is a whopper. You’re going to make it, and you will be glad you did!

DAY
FIVE

1. Although you have already read Numbers 11:1-15, begin again today at verse 1 and complete your observations on this chapter.

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- a. Mark every reference to the Spirit of God because there are some great insights in this chapter.
 - b. Mark the word *plague* even though it is only used once. Plague is used for the first time in Numbers in 8:19, so mark it the same way. It will become a key word from this point on.
 - c. Note a significant “who” (a people group) is mentioned in this chapter. Mark every reference to the seventy elders.
2. List everything you learn about the seventy elders.
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3. Now make a list below of everything you learn about the Spirit from marking Him in this chapter.
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4. Finally let’s take a brief look at some other Scriptures that talk about the Spirit of God so we can better appreciate the significance of this event and the insights we glean from it. As you look up each passage, write out what you learn about the Spirit from the text.
 - a. Numbers 11 contains only the fifth reference to the Spirit of God in the Torah. Those that precede Numbers are in Genesis 1:2; Genesis 6:3; Exodus 31:3; and Exodus 35:31.

b. 1 Samuel 16:13-14

c. Nehemiah 9:30

d. Joel 2:28-32

e. Acts 2:1-4, 14-21, 33, 38-39

f. Ephesians 1:13-14

g. John 14:16-17

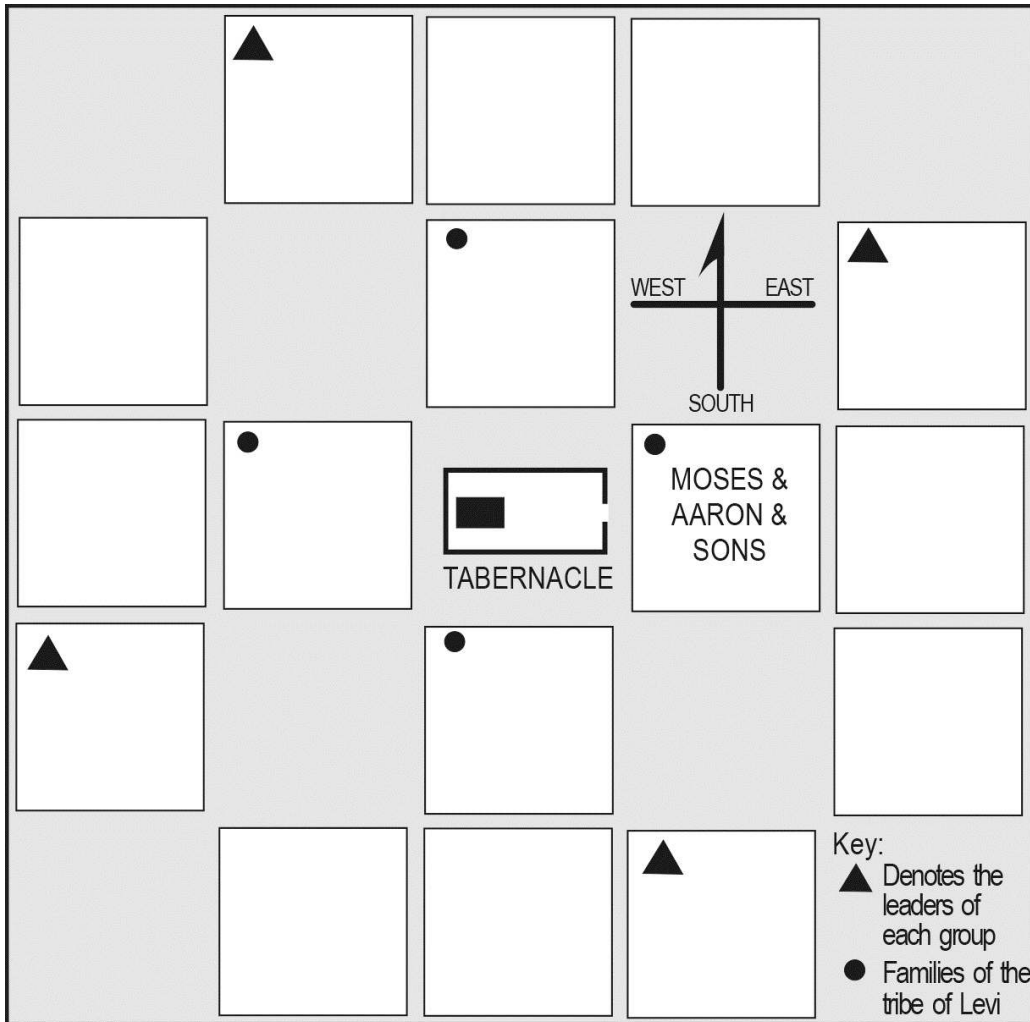
h. John 16:7-15

i. Romans 8:9

5. You are to be commended for the work you have done this week. We are proud of your perseverance. We can't wait for next week. It is going to be so enlightening and convicting and cleansing. Record the theme of Numbers 11 and you are finished.

Well, Beloved, that is but a taste of insight on the Holy Spirit. It's enlightening to compare Scripture with Scripture, to allow it to be our primary and foremost commentary. Just think, if you are a child of God, you possess the Holy Spirit! As you go about your day, meditate on your insights. These are truths you want to go deep into your being.

THE CAMP ARRANGEMENT OF ISRAEL'S TRIBES



NUMBERS 1
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THEN the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 “Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head
 - 3 from twenty years old and upward, whoever *is able to* go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.
 - 4 “With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, each one head of his father’s household.
 - 5 “These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;
 - 6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;
 - 7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;
 - 8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;
 - 9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;
 - 10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;
 - 11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;
 - 12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;
 - 13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;
 - 14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;
 - 15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.
 - 16 “These are they who were called of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers’ tribes; they were the heads of divisions of Israel.”
 - 17 So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name,

- 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first of the second month. Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,
- 19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.
- 20 Now the sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 21 their numbered men of the tribe of Reuben *were* 46,500.
- 22 Of the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, their numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 23 their numbered men of the tribe of Simeon *were* 59,300.
- 24 Of the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 25 their numbered men of the tribe of Gad *were* 45,650.
- 26 Of the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 27 their numbered men of the tribe of Judah *were* 74,600.
- 28 Of the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 29 their numbered men of the tribe of Issachar *were* 54,400.
- 30 Of the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,
- 31 their numbered men of the tribe of Zebulun *were* 57,400.

- 32 Of the sons of Joseph, *namely*, of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 33 their numbered men of the tribe of Ephraim *were* 40,500.
- 34 Of the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 35 their numbered men of the tribe of Manasseh *were* 32,200.
- 36 Of the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 37 their numbered men of the tribe of Benjamin *were* 35,400.
- 38 Of the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 39 their numbered men of the tribe of Dan *were* 62,700.
- 40 Of the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 41 their numbered men of the tribe of Asher *were* 41,500.
- 42 Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war,
- 43 their numbered men of the tribe of Naphtali *were* 53,400.
- 44 These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom was of his father's household.
- 45 So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to* go out to war in Israel,
- 46 even all the numbered men were 603,550.

- 47 The Levites, however, were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.
- 48 For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying,
- 49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take their census among the sons of Israel.
- 50 "But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it; they shall also camp around the tabernacle.
- 51 "So when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up. But the layman who comes near shall be put to death.
- 52 "The sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies.
- 53 "But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there will be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."
- 54 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all which the LORD had commanded Moses, so they did.

NUMBERS 2
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

- 2 “The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.
- 3 “Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab,
- 4 and his army, even their numbered men, 74,600.
- 5 “Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar,
- 6 and his army, even their numbered men, 54,400.
- 7 “*Then comes* the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon,
- 8 and his army, even his numbered men, 57,400.
- 9 “The total of the numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. They shall set out first.
- 10 “On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur,
- 11 and his army, even their numbered men, 46,500.
- 12 “Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,
- 13 and his army, even their numbered men, 59,300.
- 14 “*Then comes* the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Deuel,
- 15 and his army, even their numbered men, 45,650.
- 16 “The total of the numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And they shall set out second.

- 17 “Then the tent of meeting shall set out *with* the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place by their standards.
- 18 “On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud,
- 19 and his army, even their numbered men, 40,500.
- 20 “Next to him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the sons of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur,
- 21 and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200.
- 22 “Then *comes* the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni,
- 23 and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400.
- 24 “The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And they shall set out third.
- 25 “On the north side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,
- 26 and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700.
- 27 “Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: Pagiël the son of Ochran,
- 28 and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500.
- 29 “Then *comes* the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan,
- 30 and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400.
- 31 “The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan *was* 157,600. They shall set out last by their standards.”
- 32 These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers’ households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, 603,550.
- 33 The Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- 34 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family according to his father’s household.

NUMBERS 3
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW these are *the records of* the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

- 2 These then are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
- 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to serve as priests.
- 4 But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests in the lifetime of their father Aaron.
- 5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 6 “Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.
- 7 “They shall perform the duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.
- 8 “They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.
- 9 “You shall thus give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel.
- 10 “So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that they may keep their priesthood, but the layman who comes near shall be put to death.”
- 11 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 12 “Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.
- 13 “For all the firstborn are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, from man to beast. They shall be Mine; I am the LORD.”

- 14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,
15 “Number the sons of Levi by their fathers’ households, by their families;
every male from a month old and upward you shall number.”
16 So Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, just as he had
been commanded.
17 These then are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and
Merari.
18 These are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and
Shimei;
19 and the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and
Uzziel;
20 and the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the
families of the Levites according to their fathers’ households.
21 Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites;
these *were* the families of the Gershonites.
22 Their numbered men, in the numbering of every male from a month old and
upward, *even* their numbered men *were* 7,500.
23 The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle
westward,
24 and the leader of the fathers’ households of the Gershonites *was* Eliasaph the
son of Lael.
25 Now the duties of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting *involved* the
tabernacle and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the doorway of the
tent of meeting,
26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the court
which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, according to all
the service concerning them.
27 Of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izharites
and the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these were
the families of the Kohathites.
28 In the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *there were*
8,600, performing the duties of the sanctuary.

- 29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the southward side of the tabernacle,
- 30 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Kohathite families was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.
- 31 Now their duties *involved* the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service concerning them;
- 32 and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *was* the chief of the leaders of Levi, *and had* the oversight of those who perform the duties of the sanctuary.
- 33 Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these *were* the families of Merari.
- 34 Their numbered men in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *were* 6,200.
- 35 The leader of the fathers' households of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail. They *were* to camp on the northward side of the tabernacle.
- 36 Now the appointed duties of the sons of Merari *involved* the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its equipment, and the service concerning them,
- 37 and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.
- 38 Now those who were to camp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, are Moses and Aaron and his sons, performing the duties of the sanctuary for the obligation of the sons of Israel; but the layman coming near was to be put to death.
- 39 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the command of the LORD by their families, every male from a month old and upward, *were* 22,000.
- 40 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Number every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and make a list of their names.

- 41 “You shall take the Levites for Me, I am the LORD, instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the sons of Israel.”
- 42 So Moses numbered all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded him;
- 43 and all the firstborn males by the number of names from a month old and upward, for their numbered men were 22,273.
- 44 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 45 “Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. And the Levites shall be Mine; I am the LORD.
- 46 “For the ransom of the 273 of the firstborn of the sons of Israel who are in excess beyond the Levites,
- 47 you shall take five shekels apiece, per head; you shall take *them* in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs),
- 48 and give the money, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aaron and to his sons.”
- 49 So Moses took the ransom money from those who were in excess, beyond those ransomed by the Levites;
- 50 from the firstborn of the sons of Israel he took the money in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, 1,365.
- 51 Then Moses gave the ransom money to Aaron and to his sons, at the command of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

NUMBERS 4
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

- 2 “Take a census of the descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers’ households,
- 3 from thirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.
- 4 “This is the work of the descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, *concerning* the most holy things.
- 5 “When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;
- 6 and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over *it* a cloth of pure blue, and shall insert its poles.
- 7 “Over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall also spread a cloth of blue and put on it the dishes and the pans and the sacrificial bowls and the jars for the drink offering, and the continual bread shall be on it.
- 8 “They shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet *material*, and cover the same with a covering of porpoise skin, and they shall insert its poles.
- 9 “Then they shall take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand for the light, along with its lamps and its snuffers, and its trays and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it;
- 10 and they shall put it and all its utensils in a covering of porpoise skin, and shall put it on the carrying bars.
- 11 “Over the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth and cover it with a covering of porpoise skin, and shall insert its poles;
- 12 and they shall take all the utensils of service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a blue cloth and cover them with a covering of porpoise skin, and put them on the carrying bars.

- 13 “Then they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.
- 14 “They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of porpoise skin over it and insert its poles.
- 15 “When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy *objects* and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them*, so that they will not touch the holy *objects* and die. These are the things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.
- 16 “The responsibility of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is the oil for the light and the fragrant incense and the continual grain offering and the anointing oil — the responsibility of all the tabernacle and of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings.”
- 17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- 18 “Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites.
- 19 “But do this to them that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy *objects*: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load;
- 20 but they shall not go in to see the holy *objects* even for a moment, or they will die.”
- 21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 22 “Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers’ households, by their families;
- 23 from thirty years and upward to fifty years old, you shall number them; all who enter to perform the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.
- 24 “This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying:

- 25 they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting *with* its covering and the covering of porpoise skin that is on top of it, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,
- 26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the gate of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords and all the equipment for their service; and all that is to be done, they shall perform.
- 27 “All the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their loads and in all their work, shall be *performed* at the command of Aaron and his sons; and you shall assign to them as a duty all their loads.
- 28 “This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting, and their duties *shall be* under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
- 29 “*As for* the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers’ households;
- 30 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tent of meeting.
- 31 “Now this is the duty of their loads, for all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its sockets,
- 32 and the pillars around the court and their sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall assign *each man* by name the items he is to carry.
- 33 “This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.”
- 34 So Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and by their fathers’ households,
- 35 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.
- 36 Their numbered men by their families were 2,750.

- 37 These are the numbered men of the Kohathite families, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.
- 38 The numbered men of the sons of Gershon by their families and by their fathers' households,
- 39 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.
- 40 Their numbered men by their families, by their fathers' households, were 2,630.
- 41 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Gershon, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.
- 42 The numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' households,
- 43 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.
- 44 Their numbered men by their families were 3,200.
- 45 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.
- 46 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' households,
- 47 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and the work of carrying in the tent of meeting.
- 48 Their numbered men were 8,580.
- 49 According to the commandment of the LORD through Moses, they were numbered, everyone by his serving or carrying; thus *these were* his numbered men, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

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THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

- 2 “Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is unclean because of a *dead* person.
- 3 “You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell in their midst.”
- 4 The sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.
- 5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 6 “Speak to the sons of Israel, ‘When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty,
- 7 then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged.
- 8 ‘But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution which is made for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.
- 9 ‘Also every contribution pertaining to all the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the priest, shall be his.
- 10 ‘So every man’s holy *gifts* shall be his; whatever any man gives to the priest, it becomes his.’ ”
- 11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 12 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘If any man’s wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him,

- 13 and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act,
- 14 if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,
- 15 the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring *as* an offering for her one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, a reminder of iniquity.
- 16 ‘Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,
- 17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put *it* into the water.
- 18 ‘The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let *the hair of the woman’s* head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.
- 19 ‘The priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, “If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness, *being under the authority of your husband*, be immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse;
- 20 if you, however, have gone astray, *being under the authority of your husband*, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you”
- 21 (then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman), “the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD’S making your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell;
- 22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away.” And the woman shall say, “Amen. Amen.”

- 23 ‘The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness.
- 24 ‘Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her and *cause* bitterness.
- 25 ‘The priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman’s hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;
- 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer *it* up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.
- 27 ‘When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse will go into her and *cause* bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse among her people.
- 28 ‘But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive children.
- 29 ‘This is the law of jealousy: when a wife, *being* under *the authority of* her husband, goes astray and defiles herself,
- 30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall then make the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.
- 31 ‘Moreover, the man will be free from guilt, but that woman shall bear her guilt.’ ”

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AGAIN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

- 2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When a man or woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to dedicate himself to the LORD,
- 3 he shall abstain from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink, nor shall he drink any grape juice nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
- 4 ‘All the days of his separation he shall not eat anything that is produced by the grape vine, from *the* seeds even to *the* skin.
- 5 ‘All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD; he shall let the locks of hair on his head grow long.
- 6 ‘All the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.
- 7 ‘He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head.
- 8 ‘All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.
- 9 ‘But if a man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his dedicated head *of hair*, then he shall shave his head on the day when he becomes clean; he shall shave it on the seventh day.
- 10 ‘Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.
- 11 ‘The priest shall offer one for a sin offering and *the* other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him concerning his sin because of the *dead* person. And that same day he shall consecrate his head,
- 12 and shall dedicate to the LORD his days as a Nazirite, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering; but the former days will be void because his separation was defiled.

- 13 ‘Now this is the law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall bring the offering to the doorway of the tent of meeting.
- 14 ‘He shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering and one ewe-lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering and one ram without defect for a peace offering,
- 15 and a basket of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with their grain offering and their drink offering.
- 16 ‘Then the priest shall present *them* before the LORD and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.
- 17 ‘He shall also offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, together with the basket of unleavened cakes; the priest shall likewise offer its grain offering and its drink offering.
- 18 ‘The Nazirite shall then shave his dedicated head *of hair* at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and take the dedicated hair of his head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.
- 19 ‘The priest shall take the ram’s shoulder *when it has been* boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* on the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his dedicated *hair*.
- 20 ‘Then the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. It is holy for the priest, together with the breast offered by waving and the thigh offered by lifting up; and afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.’
- 21 “This is the law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to the LORD according to his separation, in addition to what *else* he can afford; according to his vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the law of his separation.”
- 22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 23 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:
- 24 The LORD bless you, and keep you;
- 25 The LORD make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
- 26 The LORD lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.’
- 27 “So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I *then* will bless them.”

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NOW on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils; he anointed them and consecrated them also.

- 2 Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the ones who were over the numbered men).
- 3 When they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for *every* two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them before the tabernacle.
- 4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 5 "Accept *these things* from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, *to* each man according to his service."
- 6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.
- 7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service,
- 8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
- 9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs *was* the service of the holy *objects*, *which* they carried on the shoulder.
- 10 The leaders offered the dedication *offering* for the altar when it was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.
- 11 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."
- 12 Now the one who presented his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

- 13 and his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 14 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 15 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 16 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
- 18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented *an offering*;
- 19 he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 20 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 21 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 22 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.
- 24 On the third day *it was* Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun;
- 25 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 26 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 27 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 28 one male goat for a sin offering;

- 29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.
- 30 On the fourth day *it was* Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;
- 31 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 32 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 33 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 34 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.
- 36 On the fifth day *it was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon;
- 37 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 38 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 39 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 40 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
- 42 On the sixth day *it was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;
- 43 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 45 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 46 one male goat for a sin offering;

- 47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
- 48 On the seventh day *it was* Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;
- 49 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 51 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 52 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.
- 54 On the eighth day *it was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;
- 55 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 57 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 58 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
- 60 On the ninth day *it was* Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;
- 61 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 63 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

- 64 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.
- 66 On the tenth day *it was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;
- 67 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 68 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 69 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 70 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
- 72 On the eleventh day *it was* Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the sons of Asher;
- 73 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 74 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 75 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 76 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.
- 78 On the twelfth day *it was* Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali;
- 79 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 80 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

- 81 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 82 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.
- 84 This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar from the leaders of Israel when it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans,
- 85 each silver dish *weighing* one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils *was* 2,400 *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;
- 86 the twelve gold pans, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 *shekels*;
- 87 all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, *all* the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;
- 88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, *all* the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.
- 89 Now when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

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THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

- 2 “Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps will give light in the front of the lampstand.’ ”
- 3 Aaron therefore did so; he mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- 4 Now this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers it was hammered work; according to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.
- 5 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 6 “Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them.
- 7 “Thus you shall do to them, for their cleansing: *sprinkle* purifying water on them, and let them use a razor over their whole body and wash their clothes, and they will be clean.
- 8 “Then let them take a bull with its grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and a second bull you shall take for a sin offering.
- 9 “So you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting. You shall also assemble the whole congregation of the sons of Israel,
- 10 and present the Levites before the Lord; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.
- 11 “Aaron then shall present the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the sons of Israel, that they may qualify to perform the service of the LORD.
- 12 “Now the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls; then offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.
- 13 “You shall have the Levites stand before Aaron and before his sons so as to present them as a wave offering to the LORD.

- 14 “Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine.
- 15 “Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and present them as a wave offering;
- 16 for they are wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel. I have taken them for Myself instead of every first issue of the womb, the firstborn of all the sons of Israel.
- 17 “For every firstborn among the sons of Israel is Mine, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.
- 18 “But I have taken the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel.
- 19 “I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, so that there will be no plague among the sons of Israel by their coming near to the sanctuary.”
- 20 Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel to the Levites; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.
- 21 The Levites, too, purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes; and Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD. Aaron also made atonement for them to cleanse them.
- 22 Then after that the Levites went in to perform their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and before his sons; just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.
- 23 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 24 “This is what *applies* to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting.
- 25 “But at the age of fifty years they shall retire from service in the work and not work any more.
- 26 “They may, however, assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep an obligation, but they *themselves* shall do no work. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations.”

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- THUS the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 “Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at its appointed time.
 - 3 “On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances.”
 - 4 So Moses told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover.
 - 5 They observed the Passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.
 - 6 But there were *some* men who were unclean because of *the* dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.
 - 7 Those men said to him, “*Though* we are unclean because of *the* dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?”
 - 8 Moses therefore said to them, “Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you.”
 - 9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
 - 10 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.
 - 11 ‘In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
 - 12 ‘They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

- 13 ‘But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man will bear his sin.
- 14 ‘If an alien sojourns among you and observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.’ ”
- 15 Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning.
- 16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.
- 17 Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.
- 18 At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.
- 19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the LORD’S charge and not set out.
- 20 If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the command of the LORD they set out.
- 21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or *if it remained* in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.
- 22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.
- 23 At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD’S charge, according to the command of the LORD through Moses.

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THE LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

- 2 “Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.
- 3 “When both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.
- 4 “Yet if *only* one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.
- 5 “But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched on the east side shall set out.
- 6 “When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on the south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.
- 7 “When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.
- 8 “The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.
- 9 “When you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.
- 10 “Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God.”
- 11 Now in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, the cloud was lifted from over the tabernacle of the testimony;
- 12 and the sons of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

- 13 So they moved out for the first time according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.
- 14 The standard of the camp of the sons of Judah, according to their armies, set out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army,
- 15 and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of Issachar;
- 16 and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of Zebulun.
- 17 Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who were carrying the tabernacle, set out.
- 18 Next the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army,
- 19 and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of Simeon,
- 20 and Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the tribal army of the sons of Gad.
- 21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy *objects*; and the tabernacle was set up before their arrival.
- 22 Next the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army,
- 23 and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of Manasseh;
- 24 and Abidan the son of Gideon over the tribal army of the sons of Benjamin.
- 25 Then the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, according to their armies, *which formed* the rear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai over its army,
- 26 and Pagiell the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of Asher;
- 27 and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of Naphtali.
- 28 This was the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.
- 29 Then Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us and we will do you good, for the LORD has promised good concerning Israel."

- 30 But he said to him, “I will not come, but rather will go to my *own* land and relatives.”
- 31 Then he said, “Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us.
- 32 “So it will be, if you go with us, that whatever good the LORD does for us, we will do for you.”
- 33 Thus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days’ journey, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the three days, to seek out a resting place for them.
- 34 The cloud of the LORD was over them by day when they set out from the camp.
- 35 Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,
“Rise up, O LORD!
And let Your enemies be scattered,
And let those who hate You flee before You.”
- 36 When it came to rest, he said,
“Return, O LORD,
To the myriad thousands of Israel.”

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NOW the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard *it*, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed *some* of the outskirts of the camp.

- 2 The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out.
- 3 So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.
- 4 The rabble who were among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, “Who will give us meat to eat?”
- 5 “We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,
- 6 but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna.”
- 7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium.
- 8 The people would go about and gather *it* and grind *it* between two millstones or beat *it* in the mortar, and boil *it* in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil.
- 9 When the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall with it.
- 10 Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, and Moses was displeased.
- 11 So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have You been so hard on Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all this people on me?”

- 12 “Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which You swore to their fathers’?”
- 13 “Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, ‘Give us meat that we may eat!’
- 14 “I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too burdensome for me.
- 15 “So if You are going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness.”
- 16 The LORD therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.
- 17 “Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear *it* all alone.
- 18 “Say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, “Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.
- 19 ‘You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,
- 20 but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?” ’ ”
- 21 But Moses said, “The people, among whom I am, are 600,000 on foot; yet You have said, ‘I will give them meat, so that they may eat for a whole month.’
- 22 “Should flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or should all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?”

- 23 The LORD said to Moses, “Is the LORD’S power limited? Now you shall see whether My word will come true for you or not.”
- 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.
- 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do *it* again.
- 26 But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.
- 27 So a young man ran and told Moses and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”
- 28 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, “Moses, my lord, restrain them.”
- 29 But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!”
- 30 Then Moses returned to the camp, *both* he and the elders of Israel.
- 31 Now there went forth a wind from the LORD and it brought quail from the sea, and let *them* fall beside the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp and about two cubits *deep* on the surface of the ground.
- 32 The people spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers) and they spread *them* out for themselves all around the camp.
- 33 While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very severe plague.

- 34 So the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had been greedy.
- 35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people set out for Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

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