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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



Num- Introduction

- **Statistics:** 36 chapters; 1288 verses; 32,896 words
- **Author:** Moses
- **Date:** 1450 BC
- **Theme:** The Importance Of A Walk Of Faith

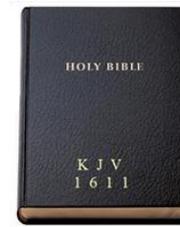
- The world will be judged one day based on what is recorded in the Lord's BOOKS (Rev 20:12), and some will even question (judge) the Lord's facts (Rom 3:4)
- *Numbers*, along with *1 Chronicles*, demonstrates that the Lord gives great attention to detail even if it seems trivial to us
- *Numbers* resumes historically where *Exodus* ended
- *Leviticus* emphasizes the believer's WORSHIP, PURITY, and POSITION; while *Numbers* emphasizes his WALK, PILGRIMAGE, and PROGRESS
- The word NUMBER(S) appears 127x

Outline Of Numbers

- I. Israel MEETING At Sinai (chs. 1-9)
- II. Israel MOVING To Kadesh-Barnea (chs. 10-14)
- III. Israel MEANDERING In The Wilderness (chs. 15-20)
- IV. Israel MARCHING To Jordan (chs. 21-36)



Num 1-5



The Number Of The Children Of Israel

Tribe	Num 1 (1490 BC)	Num 26 (1452 BC)	Difference
Reuben	46,500 (1:21)	43,730 (26:7)	-2,770
Simeon	59,300 (1:23)	22,200 (26:14)	-37,100
Gad	45,650 (1:25)	40,500 (26:18)	-5,150
Judah	74,600 (1:27)	76,500 (26:22)	+1,900
Issachar	54,400 (1:29)	64,300 (26:25)	+9,900
Zebulun	57,400 (1:31)	60,500 (26:27)	+3,100
Ephraim	40,500 (1:33)	32,500 (26:37)	-8,000
Manasseh	32,200 (1:35)	52,700 (26:34)	+20,500
Benjamin	35,400 (1:37)	45,600 (26:41)	+10,200
Dan	62,700 (1:39)	64,400 (26:43)	+1,700
Asher	41,500 (1:41)	53,400 (26:47)	+11,900
Naphtali	53,400 (1:43)	45,400 (26:50)	-8,000
Total	603,550 (1:46)	601,730 (26:51)	-1,820

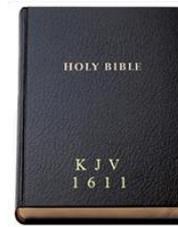




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- TWENTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD is defined as MILITARY AGE (1:3)
- The Levites were not numbered because they were exempt from MILITARY service due to their MINISTRY service (1:47-51)
- It was a capital crime for anyone other than a Levite to take down or set up the tabernacle (1:51)
- STANDARD = “a large field sign belonging to each three-tribe division (2:3,10,18,25)
- ENSIGN = “a small banner or flag which was carried at the head of each tribe”
- The Levites replaced the firstborn of the children of Israel as being set apart for the Lord (3:12); and their cattle replaced the cattle of the children of Israel (3:45)
- While the number of the children of Israel was according to the number of all the males 20 years old and upward (1:3), the number of the Levites was according to the number of all the males one month old and upward (3:15)
- Moses, Aaron, and Aaron’s sons encamped on the east side of the tabernacle- there is no mention of Moses’ sons, Gershom and Eliezer (3:38)
- The number of the firstborn is given (22,273) for the first time (3:43)





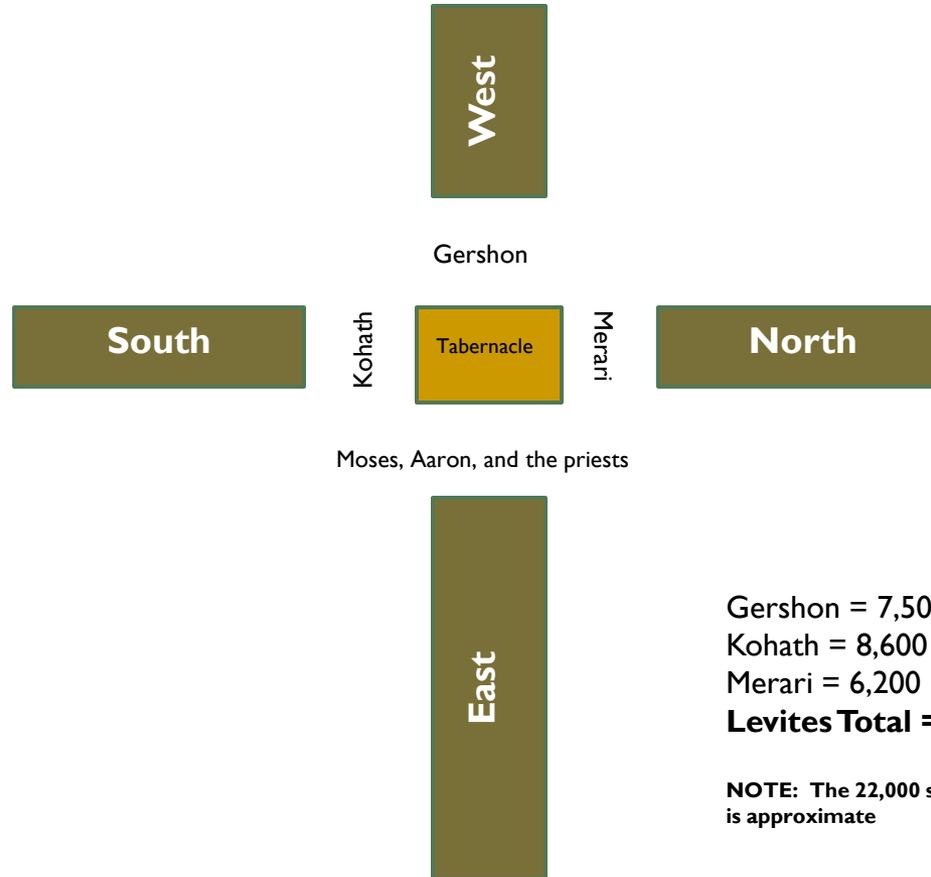
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EPHRAIM = 40,500
Manasseh = 32,200
Benjamin = 35,400
West Total = 108,100

REUBEN = 46,500
Simeon = 59,300
Gad = 45,650
South Total = 151,450

DAN = 62,700
Asher = 41,500
Naphtali = 53,400
North Total = 157,600

JUDAH = 74,600
Issachar = 54,400
Zebulun = 57,400
East Total = 186,900



Gershon = 7,500
Kohath = 8,600
Merari = 6,200
Levites Total = 22,300

NOTE: The 22,000 stated in 3:39 is approximate

The arrangement of the camps of the children of Israel from an aerial view was in the form of a CROSS





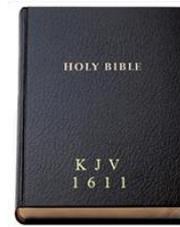
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- The work described in Num 4 was what each of the sons of Levi was responsible for in taking down or putting up the tabernacle
- The age range for service is stated as 30-50 years old (4:3,23,30), but is 25-50 in (8:24-25)- the difference could be: (1) the minimum age was lowered to 25 in 8:24; or (2) as indicated by rabbinical tradition, the age range of 25-50 includes a 5-year apprenticeship not included in the 30-50 year age range- the minimum age would be reduced to 20 under David (1 Chr 23:24)

Family	Number	Duty	Scripture
Sons of Kohath	2,750	All the FURNITURE and VESSELS	(4:4-15,34-37)
Sons of Gershon	2,630	All the CURTAINS and COVERINGS	(4:21-28,38-41)
Sons of Merari	3,200	All the BARS and BOARDS	(4:29-33,42-45)
Total	8,580		(4:46-48)

- All lepers were permanently put out of the camp, regardless of how good a person they were- since leprosy is a type of SIN, this pictures the fact that all lost sinners will be eternally separated from God and heaven, regardless of their works (5:2-4)
- The jealousy offering and ritual was instituted if a man suspected that his wife was guilty of adultery (5:12-15)





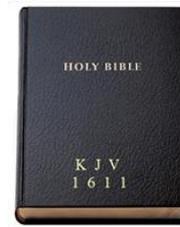
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- The offering consisted of a tenth part of an ephah of barley meal, with no oil or frankincense (5:15)

The Ritual Of The Jealousy Offering (5:17-28)

1. The priest mixed a vessel of water with dust from the floor of the tabernacle
2. The priest set the woman before the Lord with her head uncovered and the offering in her hands
3. While holding the vessel containing the mixture, the priest proclaimed a charge to the woman with an oath of cursing if she has been unfaithful to her husband- the curse included that, if guilty, the woman's thigh was to rot and her belly to swell
4. The woman was to respond to the charge and curse with two "amens" (i.e.- so be it)
5. The priest gave the mixture to the woman and waved the offering before the Lord
6. The priest took a handful of the offering and burned it upon the altar and caused the woman to drink the mixture
7. If the woman was guilty, her thigh would rot and her belly would swell, she would be a curse among the people, and unable to conceive; if she was innocent, nothing would happen to her thigh and belly, she would be free, and able to conceive





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- The phrase **HOLY WATER** appears only one time in the Bible (5:17)
- The water is **HOLY** because it is “set apart” for the Lord’s use, not because it was blessed by a priest and had healing or other miraculous properties
- The pagan notion of **SPELLS** and **MAGIC POTIONS** is a perversion of the jealousy offering ritual
- The first appearance of the word **AMEN** is associated with a **CURSE** (5:22)
- The mixture did constitute what amounts to the first “lie-detector” test (5:27-28)

