

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS
WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS?
WHY?

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WHAT DID THE LORD PROMISE ABRAHAM?

GENESIS 12:1-3

1 The LORD had said to Abram: Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

2 **I will make you a great nation**; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you and I will curse him who curses you. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (NKJ)

"I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NATION"

WHAT DID THE LORD PROMISE JACOB?

GENESIS 46:2-3

2 God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob! And he said, Here I am.

3 God said, I am God, the God of your father. Do not fear to go down to Egypt, for **I will make of you a great nation there.** (NKJ)

"I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION"

WHO WERE THE TWELVE SONS OF ISRAEL?

EXODUS 1:1-5

1 These are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;

4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 **All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons** (for Joseph was in Egypt already). (70)

HOW MANY OF JACOB'S FAMILY WENT TO EGYPT?

**WHO WERE THE LEVITES?
THE DESCENDENTS OF LEVI, SON OF JACOB**

WHO MADE AARON'S SONS PRIESTS?

READ: EXODUS 28:1

1 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. NKJV

WHO WERE THE SONS OF AARON?

NADAB, ABIHU, ELEAZAR AND ITHAMAR

WHO MADE THEM PRIESTS? THE LORD GOD

WHEN WERE THEY MADE PRIESTS?

BEFORE THE SPIES WERE SENT INTO CANAAN?

HOW OLD WERE AARON'S SONS?

WHO TOLD MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

NUMBERS 1:1-3

1 **The LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai**, 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, 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 years old and above-- all who are able to go to war in Israel**. You and Aaron shall number them **by their armies**. (NKJ)

HOW WERE THE ISREALITES NUMBERED?

EVERY MALE - 20 YEARS OLD - ABLE TO GO TO WAR

WHO TOLD MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

WHO NUMBERED THE ISRAELITES? **MOSES & AARON**

NUMBERS 1:17-19

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

18 **They assembled all the congregation together** on the first day of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, **from twenty years old and above,** each one individually.

19 **Moses numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai** as the LORD commanded.

HOW WERE THE ISREALITES NUMBERED?

EVERY MALE - 20 YEARS OLD - ABLE TO GO TO WAR

WHERE DID THIS NUMBERING TAKE PLACE?

IN THE WILDERNESS OF SINAI

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF REUBEN?

NUMBERS 1:20-21

21 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben were forty-six thousand five hundred. (46,500)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF SIMEON?

NUMBERS 1:22-23

23 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. (59,300)

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF GAD?

NUMBERS 1:24-25

25 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Gad were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. (45,650)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH?

NUMBERS 1:26-27

27 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah were seventy-four thousand six hundred. (74,600)

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF ISSACHAR?

NUMBERS 1:28-29

29 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar were fifty-four thousand four hundred. (54,400)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF ZEBULUN?

NUMBERS 1:30-31

31 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. (57,400)

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF EPHRAIM?

NUMBERS 1:32-33

33 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim were forty thousand five hundred. (40,500)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF MANASSEH?

NUMBERS 1:34-35

35 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Manasseh were thirty-two thousand two hundred. (32,200)

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN?

NUMBERS 1:36-37

37 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin were thirty-five thousand four hundred. (35,400)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF DAN?

NUMBERS 1:38-39

39 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. (62,700)

HOW THEY WERE NUMBERED? BY FAMILY TRIBE?

HOW MANY IN THE TRIBE OF ASHER?

NUMBERS 1:40-41

41 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Asher were forty-one thousand five hundred. (41,500)

HOW MANY OF THE TRIBE OF NAPHTALI?

NUMBERS 1:42-43

43 Those who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand four hundred. (53,400)

WHO TOLD MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

READ: NUMBERS 1:44-46

- 44 **These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve 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. NKJV (603,550)**

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED?

**TWENTY YEARS OLD AND ABOVE
ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO GO TO WAR**

HOW MANY WERE NUMBERED? 603,550

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL NUMBERED

| FAMILY TRIBE | TOTAL | NUMBERS |
|------------------|----------------|---------|
| REUBEN | 46,500 | 1:20-21 |
| SIMEON | 59,300 | 1:22-23 |
| GAD | 45,650 | 1:24-25 |
| JUDAH | 74,600 | 1:26-27 |
| ISSACHAR | 54,400 | 1:28-29 |
| ZEBULUN | 57,400 | 1:30-31 |
| EPHRAIM? | 40,500 | 1:32-33 |
| MANASSEH? | 32,200 | 1:34-35 |
| BENJAMIN | 35,400 | 1:36-37 |
| DAN? | 62,700 | 1:38-39 |
| ASHER | 41,500 | 1:40-41 |
| NAPHTALI | 53,400 | 1:42-43 |
| TOTAL | 603,550 | 1:44-46 |

WHAT DID GOD TELL MOSES ABOUT THE LEVITES?

WHY WERE THE LEVITES NOT NUMBERED WITH THE ISRAELITES?

NUMBERS 1:47-49

- 47 **The Levites were not numbered among them** by their fathers' tribe;
- 48 For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying:
- 49 **The tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel;** (NKJ)

**THE LORD TOLD MOSES
NOT TO NUMBER THEM WITH THE ISRAELITES
THEY WERE NOT MEN OF WAR**

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY ABOUT THE LEVITES?

HOW WAS MOSES TO NUMBER THE LEVITES?

NUMBERS 3:14-17

14 The LORD said to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai,

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 Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 These were the sons of Levi by their names: **Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.**

EVERY MALE FROM A MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

HOW WAS MOSES TO NUMBER THE LEVITES?

EVERY MALE FROM A MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

NUMBERS 3:21-22

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**.

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF GERSHON? (7,500)

HOW WAS MOSES TO NUMBER THE LEVITES?

EVERY MALE FROM A MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

NUMBERS 3:27-28

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** keeping charge of the sanctuary.

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF KOHATH? (8,600)

HOW WAS MOSES TO NUMBER THE LEVITES?

EVERY MALE FROM A MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

NUMBERS 3:33-34

33 **From Merari** came the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of Merari.

34 **Those who were numbered**, according to the number of **all the males from a month old and above**, were **six thousand two hundred**.

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF MERARI? (6,200)

HOW WAS MOSES TO NUMBER THE LEVITES?

EVERY MALE FROM A MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

NUMBERS 3:39

39 All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and above, were twenty-two thousand. (22,000)

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|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| FAMILY OF GERSHON | 7,500 | NUMBERS 3:21-22 |
| FAMILY OF KOHATH | 8,600 | NUMBERS 3:27-28 |
| FAMILY OF MERARI | 6,200 | NUMBERS 3:33-34 |
| TOTAL (22,300) | 22,000? | NUMBERS 3:39 |

HOW MANY LEVITES WERE NUMBERED?

THE NUMBERING OF THE ISRAELITES

WHEN DID GOD TELL MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

AT WHAT AGE WERE THE ISRAELITES TO BE NUMBERED?

WHY NUMBER THE MEN ABLE TO GO TO WAR?

WERE LEVITES NUMBERED WITH THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL?

WHY WERE THE LEVITES NUMBERED SEPARATELY?

AT WHAT AGE WERE THE LEVITES TO BE NUMBERED?

WERE THE LEVITES “MEN OF WAR”?

WHAT WERE THE LEVITES’ DUTIES?

**WHO WERE THE LEVITES?
THE DESCENDENTS OF LEVI, SON OF JACOB**

WHO WERE THE SONS OF AARON?

READ: EXODUS 28:1

1 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. NKJV

NADAB, ABIHU, ELEAZAR AND ITHAMAR

WHO MADE THEM PRIESTS? THE LORD GOD

**WHEN WERE THEY MADE PRIESTS?
BEFORE THE SPIES WERE SENT INTO CANAAN?
HOW OLD WERE AARON'S SONS?**

WHO MADE AARON'S SONS PRIESTS?

NUMBERS 3:1-4

1 Now these are the records of Aaron and Moses when **the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.**

2 And **these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.**

3 **These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he consecrated to minister as priests.**

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

WHO ANOINTED THEM AS PRIESTS? **AARON**

WHEN WERE THEY MADE PRIESTS?

BEFORE THE SPIES WERE SENT INTO CANAAN?

WHO APPOINTED ELEAZAR CHIEF PRIEST?

READ: NUMBERS 3:32

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**. (NKJV)

HOW OLD WAS ELEAZAR AT THIS TIME?

25 YEARS OLD?

READ: NUMBERS 8:24-26

AT WHAT AGE COULD THE LEVITES BEGIN TO SERVE?

READ: NUMBERS 8:24-26

- 24** "This is what pertains to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting;
- 25** "And at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more.
- 26** "They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties." (NKJ)

TWENTY- FIVE YEARS OLD?

WHO TOLD MOSES TO SEND SPIES TO CANAAN?

HOW WERE THEY CHOSEN?

NUMBERS 13:1-3

- 1 **The LORD 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 So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, **all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel**.

ONE LEADER FROM EACH TRIBE

WHO WAS CHOSEN FROM EACH TRIBE?

NUMBERS 13:4-16

- 4 **From the tribe of Reuben, Shammua** the son of Zaccur;
- 5 **From the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat** the son of Hori;
- 6 **From the tribe of Judah, Caleb** the son of Jephunneh;
- 7 **From the tribe of Issachar, Igal** the son of Joseph;
- 8 **From the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea** the son of Nun;
- 9 **From the tribe of Benjamin, Palti** the son of Raphu;

WHO WAS CHOSEN FROM EACH TRIBE?

NUMBERS 13:4-16

- 10 From the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;
- 11 From the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;
- 12 From the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;
- 13 From the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;
- 14 From the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;
- 15 From the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

WHO DID MOSES SEND TO SPY OUT THE LAND?

WHAT MEN WERE CHOSEN FROM EACH TRIBE?

ONE LEADER FROM EACH TRIBE

WHO WAS THE LEADER OF THE TRIBE OF LEVI?

MOSES? AARON?

WHY NOT SEND MOSES OR AARON?

WHO DID MOSES SEND FROM THE TRIBE OF LEVI?

NO ONE?

WHAT DID MOSES WANT THE SPIES TO DO?

NUMBERS 13:17-24

17 Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains,

18 See what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many;

19 See whether the land they dwell in is good or bad. See whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds;

20 See whether the land is rich or poor. See 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.

DID THE SPIES DO WHAT MOSES ASKED?

NUMBERS 13:17-24

21 So **they went up and spied out the land** from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.

22 They went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, **the descendants of Anak, were there.** (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 They came to the Valley of Eshcol, 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 which the men of Israel cut down there.

DID THE SPIES DO WHAT MOSES ASKED?

NUMBERS 13:25-27

25 They returned from spying out the land after forty days.

26 They departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 They told him, We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey and this is its fruit.

HOW LONG WERE THEY GONE?

FORTY DAYS

WAS IT A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY?

WHAT DID THE REPORT TO MOSES?

NUMBERS 13:28-30

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.

30 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.

WHO DWELLED IN THE LAND?

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WERE THEY?

WHAT DID CALEB SAY?

WHAT DID THE REPORT TO MOSES?

NUMBERS 13:31-33

31 But **the men who had gone up with him said**, **We are not able to go up against the people**, for **they are stronger than we**.

32 **They gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land** which 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). **We were like grasshoppers** in our own sight and so we were in their sight.

WHAT DID THE OTHER SPIES SAY?

HOW DID THE CONGREGATION RESPOND?

NUMBERS 14:1-4

- 1 **The congregation lifted up their voices and cried and wept that night.**
- 2 **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!**
- 3 **Why has the LORD 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 **They said to one another, Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.**

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

WHAT DID JOSHUA AND CALEB SAY?

NUMBERS 14:6-9

6 **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 **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 the LORD delights in us**, then **He will bring us into this land and give it to us**, a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 **Only do not rebel against the LORD**, Nor **fear the people of the land**, for they are our bread. **Their protection has departed from them** and **the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.**

WHAT DID THE CONGREGATION WANT TO DO?

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY?

NUMBERS 14:10-12

- 10** **The congregation said to stone them with stones.**
Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.
- 11** **The LORD said to Moses:** **How long will these people reject Me? How long will they not believe Me,** with all the signs which I have performed among them?
- 12** **I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them.** **I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.**

WHY DID THE MOSES PLEAD FOR THE ISRAELITES?

NUMBERS 14:13-16

13 **Moses said to the LORD:** **The Egyptians will hear it,** for by Your might You brought these people up from among them,

14 **They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land.** **They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and that 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 **If You kill these people as one man,** then **the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,**

16 **Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.**

WHAT DID MOSES WANT THE LORD TO DO?

NUMBERS 14:17-20

17 Now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying,

18 The LORD 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.

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.

20 The LORD said: I have pardoned, according to your word;

WHY WAS THE LORD UPSET WITH THE ISRAELITES?

NUMBERS 14:21-24

21 But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD--

22 Because these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, 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, 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.

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY ABOUT CALEB?

HOW DID THE LORD PLAN TO PUNISH THE ISRAELITES?

NUMBERS 14:26-30

- 26 **The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron**, saying,
- 27 **How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who murmur against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel murmur against Me.**
- 28 **Say to them, As I live, says the LORD, 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 years old and above.**
- 30 **Except for Caleb** the son of Jephunneh and **Joshua** the son of Nun, **You shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.**

WHO WOULD DIE IN THE WILDERNESS?

DID THIS INCLUDE THE LEVITES?

WHAT WOULD BECOME OF THE LITTLE ONES?

NUMBERS 14:31-33

31 **Your little ones**, whom you said would be victims, **I will bring in**. They shall know the land which you have despised.

32 But **as for you**, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 **Your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years** and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

WHO WOULD DIE IN THE WILDERNESS?

DID THIS INCLUDE THE LEVITES?

WHO DID THE LORD CALL AND EVIL CONGREGATION?

NUMBERS 14:34-35

- 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, **forty days**, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, **namely forty years**. And you shall know My rejection.
- 35 I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

WHO DID THE LORD CALL **AN EVIL CONGREGATION**?

HOW LONG WOULD THEY BE PUNISHED? **40 YEARS**

WHAT WAS THEIR PUNISHMENT?

THEY WOULD DIE IN THE WILDERNESS

DID THIS INCLUDE THE LEVITES?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SPIES?

NUMBERS 14:36-38

36 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 the LORD.

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.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EVIL SPIES?

THEY DIED OF THE PLAGUE

WHY WERE JOSHUA AND CALEB SPARED?

WHEN ELEAZAR WAS APPOINTED **CHIEF PRIEST**

HOW OLD WAS HE?

25 YEARS OR OLDER - NUMBERS 8:24-26

WHY APPOINT ELEAZAR TO BE **HIGH PRIEST?**

READ: NUMBERS 20:25-28

25 "Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor.

26 "Strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there."

27 Moses did just as the LORD commanded. 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. Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. (NKJ)

AARON WAS GOING TO DIE

WHO TOLD MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

WHO NUMBERED THE ISRAELITES? **MOSES & ELEAZAR**

NUMBERS 26:1-4

- 1 **The LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest, saying:
- 2 **Take a census of the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go to war in Israel.**
- 3 **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 years old and above, just as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt.**

HOW WERE THE ISREALITES NUMBERED?

EVERY MALE - 20 YEARS OLD - ABLE TO GO TO WAR

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED? **BY TRIBE?**

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF RUEBEN?

NUMBERS 26:5-7

- 7 **These are the families of the Reubenites.** Those who were numbered of them were **forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.** (43,730)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF SIMEON?

NUMBERS 26:12-14

- 14 **These are the families of the Simeonites:** **twenty-two thousand two hundred.** (22,200)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF GAD?

NUMBERS 26:15-18

- 18 **These are the families of the sons of Gad** according to those who were numbered of them: **forty thousand five hundred.** (40,500)

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED? **BY TRIBE?**

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF JUDAH?

NUMBERS 26:19-22

- 22 **These are the families of Judah** according to those who were numbered of them: **seventy-six thousand five hundred.** (76,500)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF ISSACHAR?

NUMBERS 26:23-25

- 25 **These are the families of Issachar** according to those who were numbered of them: **sixty-four thousand three hundred.** (64,300)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF ZEBULUN?

NUMBERS 26:26-27

- 27 **These are the families of the Zebulunites** according to those who were numbered of them: **sixty thousand five hundred.** (60,500)

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED? **BY TRIBE?**

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF MANASSEH?

NUMBERS 26:28-34

34 **These are the families of Manasseh.** Those who were numbered of them were **fifty-two thousand seven hundred.** (52,700)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF EPHRAIM?

NUMBERS 26:35-37

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)

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED? **BY TRIBE?**

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN?

NUMBERS 26:38-41

- 41 **These are the sons of Benjamin** according to their families. Those who were numbered of them were **forty-five thousand six hundred.** (45,600)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF DAN?

NUMBERS 26:42-43

- 42 **These are the sons of Dan** according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. 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)

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED? **BY TRIBE?**

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF ASHER?

NUMBERS 26:44-47

- 47** **These are the families of the sons of Asher** according to those who were numbered of them: **fifty-three thousand four hundred.** (53,400)

HOW MANY IN THE FAMILY OF NAPHTALI?

NUMBERS 48-50

- 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)

WHO NUMBERED THE ISRAELITES? MOSES & ELEAZAR

**HOW WERE THE ISREALITES NUMBERED?
EVERY MALE - 20 YEARS OLD - ABLE TO GO TO WAR**

WHAT WAS THE TOTAL NUMBER?

NUMBERS 26:51

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

TOTAL AT THE FIRST NUMBERING

MEN OF WAR - TWENTY YEARS AND ABOVE

| FAMILY TRIBE | TOTAL | NUMBERS |
|--------------|----------------|---------|
| REUBEN | 46,500 | 1:20-21 |
| SIMEON | 59,300 | 1:22-23 |
| GAD | 45,650 | 1:24-25 |
| JUDAH | 74,600 | 1:26-27 |
| ISSACHAR | 54,400 | 1:28-29 |
| ZEBULUN | 57,400 | 1:30-31 |
| EPHRAIM | 40,500 | 1:32-33 |
| MANASSEH | 32,200 | 1:34-35 |
| BENJAMIN | 35,400 | 1:36-37 |
| DAN | 62,700 | 1:38-39 |
| ASHER | 41,500 | 1:40-41 |
| NAPHTALI | 53,400 | 1:42-43 |
| TOTAL | 603,550 | 1:44-46 |

TOTAL AT THE SECOND NUMBERING

MEN OF WAR - TWENTY YEARS AND ABOVE

| FAMILY TRIBE | TOTAL | NUMBERS |
|--------------|----------------|----------|
| REUBEN | 43,730 | 26:5-7 |
| SIMEON | 22,200 | 26:12-14 |
| GAD | 40,500 | 26:15-18 |
| JUDAH | 76,500 | 26:19-22 |
| ISSACHAR | 64,300 | 26:23-25 |
| ZEBULUN | 60,500 | 26:26-27 |
| MANASSEH | 52,700 | 26:28-34 |
| EPHRAIM | 32,500 | 26:35-37 |
| BENJAMIN | 45,600 | 26:38-41 |
| DAN | 64,400 | 26:42-43 |
| ASHER | 53,400 | 26:44-47 |
| NAPHTALI | 45,400 | 26:48 |
| TOTAL | 601,730 | 26:51 |

WHO NUMBERED THE ISRAELITES? MOSES & ELEAZAR

HOW WERE THE LEVITES NUMBERED?

EVERY MALE ONE MONTH OLD AND ABOVE

NUMBERS 26:57-62

62 Those who were numbered of the Levites were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and above. for they were not numbered among the other children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the children of Israel.

HOW MANY LEVITES WERE THERE? (23,000)

WHY WERE THEY NUMBERED SEPARATELY?

WHO NUMBERED THE ISRAELITES THE FIRST TIME? MOSES & AARON

WHO NUMBERED THEM THE SECOND TIME? MOSES & ELEAZAR

HOW WERE THEY NUMBERED THE FIRST TIME?

MEN OF WAR - TWENTY YEARS OLD AND ABOVE

READ: NUMBERS 26:64-65

64 Among these 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.

65 For the LORD had said of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (NKJ)

WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS?

ALL THOSE WHO WERE NUMBERED WITH THE ISRAELITES

EXCEPT JOSHUA AND CALEB

DID THIS INCLUDE THE LEVITES?

IF SO, WHY IS ELEAZAR STILL ALIVE?

WHAT HAPPENED 38 YEARS LATER?

DEUTERONOMY 2:14-18

14 The time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.

16 So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

17 That the LORD spoke to me, saying:

18 This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab. (NKJ)

WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS?

ALL GENERATION OF THE MEN OF WAR?

WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS?

JOSHUA 5:4-6

4 This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt.

5 All the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised.

6 The children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD — to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. NKJV

SUMMARY

WHO TOLD MOSES TO NUMBER THE ISRAELITES?

HOW WERE THE ISRAELITES NUMBERED?

(**MEN OF WAR - TWENTY YEARS AND ABOVE**)

HOW WERE LEVITES NUMBERED? (**ONE MONTH OLD**)

WERE THE LEVITES **MEN OF WAR**?

WHO NUMBERED THE LEVITES THE FIRST TIME?

MOSES & AARON

WHAT WAS THE TOTAL **603,550** NUMBERS 1:44-46

WHO NUMBERED THE LEVITES THE SECOND TIME?

MOSES & ELEAZAR

WHAT WAS THE TOTAL **601,730** NUMBERS 26:51

SUMMARY

HOW LONG DID THEY WANDER IN THE WILDERNESS?

FORTY YEARS

WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS? **ALL THE MEN OF WAR**

WERE THE LEVITES “**MEN OF WAR**”?

HOW MANY **MEN OF WAR** DIED IN THE WILDERNESS?

EVERY MALE - 20 YEARS OLD - ABLE TO GO TO WAR

603,550?

OF ALL THESE “**MEN OF WAR**” WHO WERE NUMBERED

HOW MANY ENTERED THE PROMISE LAND? **TWO?**

WHO WERE THEY?

JOSHUA & CALEB

SUMMARY

HOW MANY “**MEN OF WAR**” WERE THERE AT THE
FIRST NUMBERING? **603,550?**

WHO DIED IN THE WILDERNESS? **ALL THE MEN OF WAR**
DEUTERONOMY 2:14-18 JOSHUA 5:4-6

HOW MANY “**MEN OF WAR**” WERE THERE AT THE
SECOND NUMBERING? **601,730?**

WERE THERE SUFFICIENT “**MEN OF WAR**” TO CONQUER
THE PROMISED LAND AT THE FIRST NUMBERING?

REMEMBER WHAT JOSHUA AND CALEB SAID
NUMBERS 14:6-9

