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Numbers 1-4

Tonight we want to begin our verse by verse exposition of the book of Numbers in order to help you become familiar with it and see the relevance of the many lessons for your life and mine.

The book is the record of Israel's journey in the wilderness that should of taken only 11 days bu instead took a total of 40 years because of disobedience and rebellion recording the greatest death-march in Israel's history. Deut. 1:2

1:1-54 **The first census**

1:1-3 **The order for the census**

1) The Lord initiated from the Tabernacle of meeting.

1:1 2) The time is about 11 months or so after arriving at Sinai. Ex.19:1

1:2-3 God commands a census to be taken of all the congregation by Moses and Aaron.

1) The census is limited to males.

2) The age requirement was from 20 upwards.

3) The person able to go to war.

* This is repeated throughout.

1:20, 22, 24

1:4-16 **The heads of family from the twelve tribes**

* *The heads of families were representative of each tribe.*

1:17-46 **The representatives for the census.**

1:17-18 The heads recited their ancestry according to their families, fathers' house and age requirement.

* The New Testament says not many noble not many mighty are called...1Cor. 1:26-27, Jn. 3:3-5, Ja. 1:23

1:19-46 The individual census of each tribe.

1:19-21 Ruben had 46,500

1:22-23 Simeon had 59,300

1:24-25 Gad had 45,650

1:26-27 Judah had 74,600

1:28-29 Issachar had 54,400

1:30-31 Zebulun had 57,400

1:32-33 Ephraim had 40,500

1:34-35 Manasseh had 32,200

1:36-37 Benjamin had 35,400

1:38-39 Dan had 62,700

1:40-41 Asher had 41,500

1:42-43 Naphtali had 53,400

1:44-46 The sum total of men for war was 603,550

** Same number for the temple tax. Ex. 38:26*

1:47-54 **The exception of the Levites from military service.**

1:47-49 God commanded it.

1:50-54 The Levites duties
1) The Tabernacle, furnishings and the camp. vs. 50

2) The setting up and taking down of the Tabernacle. vs. 51

3) The Levites were to be the buffer between the congregation and the Lord being immediately around the Tabernacle and Israel outside of them, lest wrath come upon them. vs. 52-53

* Acts 5:1-5, 1Cor. 11:27-32, Heb. 12:18-29

1:55 The obedience of the people.

2:1-34 **The order and location of the tribe encampment**

2:1-2 They each were to camp by their own standard, besides the emblem of their father's house.

2:3-9 Judah camped on the east of the Tabernacle with Issachar and Zebulun with 186,400, breaking camp first.

2:10-16 Ruben camped on the south side of the Tabernacle with Simeon and Gad with 151,450, breaking camp second.

2:17 Then the Levites brode camp.

2:18-24 Ephraim camped on the west side of the Tabernacle with Manasseh and Benjamin with 108,100, braking camp third.

2:25-31 Dan camped on the north side of the Tabernacle with Asher and Naphtali with 157,600, braking camp last.

2:32-33 The sum total of the tribes was 603,550

2:34 The obedience of the people.

3:1-4 **The geneology of Aaron**

3:1-3 1) Their names
2) Their office.

3:4 1) The sons of Aaron who died._
Lev. 10:1-3
2) The sons of Aaron who continued to minister.

3:5-13 **The Levites are taken by the Lord as His own and a gift to Aaron for service.**

3:5-10 To serve Aaron, the congregation, Tabernacle and the camp.

3:11-13 The Lord exchanges the first born for the Levites. Ex. 11:4, 13:15, 22:29, 34:19

3:14-39 **The census of the Levites**

3:14-20 1) The census was from one month an dablve.

2) The families of the Levites were Gershon, Kohath and Merari

3:21-26 Gershon's censu, encampment, leader and duties.

3:27-31 Kohath's census, encampment, leader and duties.

3:32-37 Merari's census, encampment, leader and duties.

3:38 Moses and Aaron encamped on the east side in front of the gate to the court yard.

3:39 The sum total of the Levites was 22,000, from one month and above.

3:40-51 **The Lord redeems the Levite by paying five shekels per person of the first born who were greater than the Levite, 273 of them, a sum of 1,365 shekels.**

3:40-43 The census of the first born from one month and above.

3:44-51 The transaction executed.

4:1-33 **The census and duties of the three families of the Levites of when braking camp.**

4:1-3 The age of service was thirty to fifty.

* Twenty-five to thirty was apprenticeship.
8:24

4:4-20 The duties of the Koathites.

4:4 Their duty related to the most Holy things in the Tabernacle.

4:5-15 The sons of Aaron first went in to cover the holy things so that the Koathites not die.

* The various coverings represented the color of heaven, royalty mixed with humanity, the badger skin.

4:16 Eleazar's duty for the lamp.

4:17-20 God proclaims the preservation of the Koathites.

4:21-28 The duties of the Gershonites.

4:21-23 The census taken.

4:24-28 Their duties specified and the supervisor, Ithamar.

4:29-33 The duties of the Merarites.

4:29-30 The census taken.

4:31-33 Their duties specified and the supervisor, Ithamar.

4:34-49 **The sum total census of the Levites**

4:34-37 The Koathites

4:38-41 The Gershoites

4:42--45 The Merarites

4:46-49 The sum total