

## Timeline of Truth: God Consecrates and Cleanses the Levites (Numbers 7 and 8)

### Overview:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God commands a Census (1:1-19)</li> <li>2. Results of the Census and the Levites (1:20-54)</li> <li>3. The Ordering of the Camp (2:1-34)</li> <li>4. Presenting the Tribe of Levi (3:1-13)</li> <li>5. The Census of the Tribe of Levi (3:14-51)</li> <li>6. The Duties of the Levites (4:1-33)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. The Numbering of the Levites (4:34-49)</li> <li>8. Laws Concerning Leprosy, Restitution, Holy Things, and Unfaithfulness and Jealousy (5:1-31)</li> <li>9. Law of the Nazirite (6:1-21), How to Bless (6:22-27)</li> </ol> |
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<p><b>Numbers 7:1</b> Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them.</p>	<p><b>1. Moses _____ the tabernacle and its furnishings.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Anoint – physical process</li> <li>b. Consecrate – the root of this word means to be holy or to be set apart (קָדַשׁ – <i>qadash</i>)</li> </ol>
<p><sup>2</sup> Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who <i>were</i> the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering. <sup>3</sup> And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for <i>every</i> two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.</p>	<p><b>2. The leaders of Israel _____ to the Levites.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This offering was given to the Levites specifically “Made an offering” – lit. “brought near”</li> <li>b. This seems to be a gift which the leaders of Israel gave without any prompting from God.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>4</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Accept <i>these</i> from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, <i>to</i> every man according to his service.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. <sup>7</sup> Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service; <sup>8</sup> and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. <sup>9</sup> But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs <i>was</i> the service of the holy things, <i>which</i> they carried on their shoulders.</p>	<p><b>3. God commands that the offering be _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They were used to do the work</li> <li>b. Moses divided the offering between the families of the Levites.</li> <li>c. The sons of Kohath did not receive the offering, because the things they carried they carried by hand.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>10</sup> Now the leaders offered the dedication <i>offering</i> for the altar when it was anointed; so the leaders offered their offering before the altar. <sup>11</sup> For the LORD said to Moses, “They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar.”</p>	<p><b>4. God commands an offering be _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was a one time dedication offering.</li> <li>b. God commands one leader offer an offering each day – for 12 days.</li> </ol>
<p>Numbers 7:12-88 – each leader offers an offering. 1 leader per day for 12 days.</p>	<p>(They offered: A silver plate and a silver bowl, both filled with fine flour, mixed with oil for a grain offering; a gold pan full of incense; a bull, ram and lamb for a burnt offering; a kid of the goats for a sin offering; 2 oxen, 5 rams, 5 male goats and 5 male lambs for a peace offering.)</p>
<p><sup>89</sup> Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that <i>was</i> on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.</p>	<p><b>5. God speaks to Moses in the _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses went in where only the priest could go in once a year.</li> <li>b. God spoke to Moses there</li> </ol>
<p><b>Numbers 8:1</b> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup> “Speak to Aaron, and say to him, ‘When you arrange the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.’” <sup>3</sup> And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>4</sup> Now this workmanship of the lampstand <i>was</i> hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it <i>was</i> hammered work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.</p>	<p><b>6. God give instruction for the _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The lamps were arrange to give light to the front of the lampstand.</li> <li>b. A reminder of the design of the lampstands.</li> </ol>

<p><sup>5</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>6</sup> "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them <i>ceremonially</i>. <sup>7</sup> "Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, and let them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. <sup>8</sup> "Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull as a sin offering.</p>	<p><b>7. The _____ of the Levites</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Three steps to being cleansed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprinkle water of purification</li> <li>• Shave their body</li> <li>• Wash their clothes</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. They would offer a sacrifice.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>9</sup> "And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel. <sup>10</sup> "So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; <sup>11</sup> "and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD, <i>like</i> a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> "Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, and you shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites. <sup>13</sup> "And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them <i>like</i> a wave offering to the LORD.</p>	<p><b>8. The chain of _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Levites were brought before the Lord before the tabernacle of meeting.</li> <li>b. There was laying on of hands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Israelites lay their hands on the Levites</li> <li>• The Levites lay their hands on the bulls</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. There were offerings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron offers the Levites to the Lord</li> <li>• A bull offered as a sin offering</li> <li>• A bull offered as a burnt offering to make atonement.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>14</sup> "Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. <sup>15</sup> "After that the Levites shall go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and offer them, <i>like</i> a wave offering. <sup>16</sup> "For they <i>are</i> wholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the children of Israel. <sup>17</sup> "For all the firstborn among the children of Israel <i>are</i> Mine, <i>both</i> man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to Myself. <sup>18</sup> "I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel.</p>	<p><b>9. The Levites are _____ for service.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Levites are separated from the rest of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They belong special to the Lord</li> <li>• They are wholly given to the Lord</li> <li>• Again they are a replacement for the firstborn</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. The Levites are placed into service.</li> <li>c. They are cleansed and offered</li> </ol>
<p><sup>19</sup> "And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary."</p>	<p><b>10. The _____ of the Levites</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They were a gift to the priests</li> <li>b. They assisted the priests in their work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make atonement</li> <li>• To prevent a plague</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>21</sup> And the Levites purified themselves and washed their clothes; then Aaron presented them, <i>like</i> a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. <sup>22</sup> After that the Levites went in to do their work in the tabernacle of meeting before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.</p>	<p><b>11. The Levites _____ the Lord's command</b></p>
<p><sup>23</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup> "This <i>is</i> what <i>pertains</i> to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting; <sup>25</sup> "and at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more. <sup>26</sup> "They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but they <i>themselves</i> shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties."</p>	<p><b>12. The _____ for serving as a Levite</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Age restrictions: 25-50 years old</li> <li>b. After the age of 50: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They may minister with the Levites who are actually serving Minister – official minister, royal officers</li> <li>• They may attend to the needs of the Levites Attend - Guard</li> <li>• They may do no work Work – labor</li> </ul> </li> </ol>