

Timeline of Truth: God Commands a New Census (Numbers 26)

I. Israel at Mount Sinai (1-10:10)

II. Israel in the Wilderness (10:11-36:13)

a. Israel's First Generation in the Wilderness (10:11-19:22)

b. Israel's Second Generation in the Wilderness (20:1-36:13)

1. Moses Strikes the Rock (20:1-13)

2. Edom Refuses Israel and Aaron Dies (20:14-29)

3. Israel's Battles and the Fiery Serpents (21:1-35)

4. Balaam and Balak (22:1-24:25)

5. Israel's Idolatry (25:1-18)

<p>Numbers 26:1-2 And it came to pass, after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying: ² "Take a census of all 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."</p>	<p>1. God Commands _____ Census</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This census took place after the 24,000 had died. God gives the command to Moses and to Eleazar. The content of the census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israelites from 20 years and up Done by family group - house Males – all who were able to go to war Numbers 1:2-4
<p>³ So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, <i>across from Jericho</i>, 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."</p>	<p>2. The Census is _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moses and Eleazar followed God's instructions.
<p>Numbers 26:5-51 ⁵¹ These <i>are</i> those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.</p>	<p>3. The _____ of the Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuben – _____ Simeon – _____ Gad – _____ Judah – _____ Issachar – _____ Zebulun – _____ Manasseh – _____ Ephraim – _____ Benjamin – _____ Dan – _____ Asher – _____ Naphtali – _____ Total – _____ Numbers 1 Census – _____ (Num. 1:46)
<p>⁵² Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ⁵³ "To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. ⁵⁴ "To a large <i>tribe</i> you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small <i>tribe</i> you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. ⁵⁵ "But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. ⁵⁶ "According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller."</p>	<p>4. The _____ of the Census</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To divide the land The larger tribes receive a larger portion of land. The smaller tribes receive a smaller portion. The land will be divided by lot. Lot - They will inherit the land according to tribe The lot will be divided between the larger and the smaller tribes.
<p>⁵⁷ And these <i>are</i> those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. ⁵⁸ These <i>are</i> the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and the family of the Korathites.</p>	<p>5. The Levites Have a _____ Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The family names are reviewed.

<p>And Kohath begot Amram. ⁵⁹ The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam. ⁶⁰ To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ⁶¹ And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered profane fire before the LORD.</p>	<p>6. The _____ of Moses and Aaron Recited</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review both the parents and the sons of Aaron Israel is reminded again of the sin of Nadab and Abihu.
<p>⁶² Now those who were numbered of them 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.</p>	<p>7. The _____ of the Levitical Census</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Levites = 23,000 Previous census - 22,000 Every male from a month old and older Numbers 3:15 Why? Because the Levites did not receive an inheritance of land.
<p>⁶³ These <i>are</i> those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, <i>across from</i> Jericho. ⁶⁴ But 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.</p>	<p>9. The _____ of the Census</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder of when this census is taking place. Who was excluded from this census? _____ who were _____ at Mt. Sinai. Why? Because God _____ they would die in the wilderness (because of their unbelief). Except? _____ and _____. God always does what He says He will do.

God's Faithfulness

- God has kept a number of promised to Israel throughout their wandering. Two are seen in this passage:
 - God is preparing Israel to give to them the land He has promised to them.
 - God has let die all those of the first generation of the Exodus except Caleb and Joshua.
- While the focus is on the negative (God punishing Israel for their unbelief), God's faithfulness should be something that encourages us and gives us peace.
(Psalm 36:5ff)
Psalm 37:3-9 ³ **Trust** in the LORD, and do good; **Dwell** in the land, and **feed** on His faithfulness. ⁴ **Delight** yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ **Commit** your way to the LORD, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass. ⁶ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. ⁷ **Rest** in the LORD, and **wait** patiently for Him; **Do not fret** because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. ⁸ **Cease** from anger, and **forsake** wrath; Do not fret -- *it* only *causes* harm. ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.
 - Notice the commands in this passage
 - Faithfulness is the only attribute of God that is given as reason for our trust.
 - The Lord's actions prove His faithfulness..
- We can trust in the Lord in each and every aspect of our lives, because we know that God is faithful.