

Timeline of Truth: God Organizes the Camp and Gives Responsibility to the Levites (Numbers 2-3:13)

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| <p>Numbers 2:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: ² "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting.</p> | <p>1. God gives the _____ of the camp.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They camp by their own standard (Tribe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard - Banner They camp beside their emblem (Family) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emblem - Sign At a distance from the tabernacle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some distance – lit. "in sight of/facing and around" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>³ "On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab <i>shall be</i> the leader of the children of Judah." ⁴ And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred. ⁵ "Those who camp next to him <i>shall be</i> the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the son of Zuar <i>shall be</i> the leader of the children of Issachar." ⁶ And his army was numbered at fifty-four thousand four hundred. ⁷ "Then <i>comes</i> the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon <i>shall be</i> the leader of the children of Zebulun." ⁸ And his army was numbered at fifty-seven thousand four hundred. ⁹ "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Judah, one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred -- these shall break camp first. ¹⁰ " On the south side <i>shall be</i> the standard of the forces with Reuben according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben <i>shall be</i> Elizur the son of Shedeur." ¹¹ And his army was numbered at forty-six thousand five hundred. ¹² "Those who camp next to him <i>shall be</i> the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the children of Simeon <i>shall be</i> Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai." ¹³ And his army was numbered at fifty-nine thousand three hundred. ¹⁴ "Then <i>comes</i> the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad <i>shall be</i> Eliasaph the son of Reuel." ¹⁵ And his army was numbered at forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. ¹⁶ "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty -- they shall be the second to break camp. ¹⁷ "And the tabernacle of meeting shall move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they shall move out, everyone in his place, by their standards. ¹⁸ " On the west side <i>shall be</i> the standard of the forces with Ephraim according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim <i>shall be</i> Elishama the son of Ammihud." ¹⁹ And his army was numbered at forty thousand five hundred. ²⁰ "Next to him <i>comes</i> the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the children of Manasseh <i>shall be</i> Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur." ²¹ And his army was numbered at thirty-two thousand two hundred. ²² "Then <i>comes</i> the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the children of Benjamin <i>shall be</i> Abidan the son of Gideoni." ²³ And his army was numbered at thirty-five thousand four hundred. ²⁴ "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Ephraim, one hundred and eight thousand one hundred -- they shall be the third to break camp. ²⁵ " The standard of the forces with Dan <i>shall be</i> on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan <i>shall be</i> Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai." ²⁶ And his army was numbered at sixty-two thousand seven hundred. ²⁷ "Those who camp next to him <i>shall be</i> the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the children of Asher <i>shall be</i> Pagiel the son of Ocran." ²⁸ And his army was numbered at forty-one thousand five hundred. ²⁹ "Then <i>comes</i> the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali <i>shall be</i> Ahira the son of Enan." ³⁰ And his army was numbered at fifty-three thousand four hundred. ³¹ "All who were numbered of the forces with Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred -- they shall break camp last, with their standards." ³² These <i>are</i> the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered according to their armies of the</p> | <p>2. God _____ the camp of Israel.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Judah -</td> <td>74,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Issachar -</td> <td>54,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zebulun -</td> <td><u>57,400</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>186,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reuben -</td> <td>46,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simeon -</td> <td>59,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gad -</td> <td><u>45,650</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>151,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ephraim -</td> <td>40,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manasseh -</td> <td>32,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benjamin -</td> <td><u>35,400</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>108,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dan -</td> <td>62,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asher -</td> <td>41,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Naphtali -</td> <td><u>53,400</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>157,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total -</td> <td>603,550</td> </tr> </table> <p>a. Each tribe has a specific place to camp</p> <p>b. Each tribe broke camp in a specific order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Everyone in his place, by their standards" 6 tribe, Levites, 6 Tribes | Judah - | 74,600 | Issachar - | 54,400 | Zebulun - | <u>57,400</u> | | 186,400 | Reuben - | 46,500 | Simeon - | 59,300 | Gad - | <u>45,650</u> | | 151,450 | Ephraim - | 40,500 | Manasseh - | 32,200 | Benjamin - | <u>35,400</u> | | 108,100 | Dan - | 62,700 | Asher - | 41,500 | Naphtali - | <u>53,400</u> | | 157,600 | Total - | 603,550 |
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| forces <i>were</i> six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. | |
| ³³ But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses. ³⁴ Thus the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; so they camped by their standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses. | 3. Israel _____ the Lord's command. a. They did not number the Levites. b. They camped how the Lord commanded c. They broke camp as the Lord commanded. |
| ^{NKJ} Numbers 3:1 Now these <i>are</i> the records of Aaron and Moses when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai. | 4. God speaks to Moses _____ Aaron on Mt. Sinai Records – “generations” |
| ² And these <i>are</i> the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ³ These <i>are</i> the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he consecrated to minister as priests. | 5. The sons of Aaron are _____ a. They were the anointed priests b. They were consecrated to minister– lit. “to fill the hand” - filled the position |
| 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. | 6. The _____ and _____ of Aaron's sons. a. Nadab and Abihu were killed by the Lord (Lev. 10:1-7). b. Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests. |
| ⁵ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ⁶ "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. ⁷ "And they shall attend to his needs and the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle. ⁸ "Also they shall attend to all the furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting, and to the needs of the children of Israel, to do the work of the tabernacle. | 7. Moses _____ the tribe of Levi. Present – to set up, to raise The purpose of presenting the tribe of Levi: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To _____ Aaron • To _____ to Aaron's needs • To _____ to the needs of the congregation • To do the _____ of the Tabernacle • To _____ to the furnishings Vs. 7 - “To guard (watch) what he needs guarded, to guard the congregation in front of the tent of meeting, to work the work of the tent.” |
| ⁹ "And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they <i>are</i> given entirely to him from among the children of Israel. ¹⁰ "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall attend to their priesthood; but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death." | 8. The Levites are _____ to the Priests a. They are all given to the priest b. Aaron and his sons are to attend to the priesthood. – lit. “attend to guard the priesthood” c. A warning repeated |
| ¹¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹² "Now behold, I Myself have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine, ¹³ "because all the firstborn <i>are</i> Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I <i>am</i> the LORD." | 9. The Levites _____ the firstborn a. The Levites are taken _____ of the firstborn b. The Levites _____ to the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The firstborn belong to the Lord (Ex 13:2) • The Levites replace the firstborn (Num 3:40ff) (Num 8:16-18) c. God _____ the firstborn in Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In doing so, He set apart the firstborn in Israel. • Therefore the firstborn belong to the Lord |

1. God takes seriously His holiness and the importance of worshipping and serving Him properly. God had not changed. We still need to give Him the proper worship and serve Him with all that we are and have.

2. No one in Israel “did their own thing.” Even in the way they camped there was organization and authority set up around them.