

Numbers – Part 2

Revision of Numbers - Part 1:

1. Book of Numbers – the journey of Israel in the wilderness for 40 years and concludes with Israel at east of Jordan ready to enter the Promised Land
2. Israel left Egypt on 15th day of 1st month at 1st year and took 2½ months to reach Mount Sinai. They stayed at Mount Sinai for 10 months 20 days.
3. The total no of fighting men \geq 20 years old that was counted are 603,550 (12 tribes). The tribe of Levites was not counted.

1. Order of the Camp of Israel (2: 1-34)

- (a) Eastern side (v.3-9). Which are the tribes? _____, _____, _____. Total no: _____. Note the leader names in each tribe. The leader of this group is Judah and this eastern group will move first (v.9).
- (b) Southern side (v.10-16). Which are the tribes? _____, _____, _____. Total no: _____. The leader of this group is Reuben and this southern group will move second (v.16).
- (c) The camp of Levites with the Tabernacle located in the middle (v.17).
- (d) Western side (v.18-24). Which are the tribes? _____, _____, _____. Total no: _____. The leader of this group is Ephraim and this western group will move third (v.24).
- (e) Northern side (v.25-31). Which are the tribes? _____, _____, _____. Total no: _____. The leader of this group is Dan and this northern group will move last (v.31).
- (f) Application: There must be order and accountability in God's work.

2. Instructions for the Priests and Levites (3: 1-51)

- (a) The tasks of the priesthood were given only to Aaron and his descendants. 4 sons of Aaron but 2 were killed by God in Sinai for offering strange fire (v.1-4).
- (b) Only the priests can perform the sacred duty in the Tabernacle. Anyone else will die doing it (v.10). Today, this privilege is given to all believers as we are priests before God (1 Peter 2:5,9).
- (c) What about the Levities' duty? (v.5-9). They assist the priests in their spiritual duties. Do you know why the tribe of Levites was chosen? (Exod 32: 26)
- (d) Duties of the 3 sons of Levities: Gershon, Kohath, Merari (v.17)
Gershon – curtains, tent coverings (behind Tabernacle westward v.23)
Kohath – ark, table, candlestick etc (side of Tabernacle southward v.29)
Merari – sockets, bars, pillars, pins (side of Tabernacle northward v.35)

Application: God requires from us is only faithfulness in any thing we do for Him.