

Numbers 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Numbers = In The Wilderness <the Hebrew title of this Book>)
(This is the 4th Book in the Pentateuch)
(Leviticus was the spiritual organizing of the tribes. Numbers was the civil organizing of the tribes)

(The Israelites have been freed from Egypt by God. They were going to the Promised Land. They should have arrived within a matter of months, but they kept complaining. They tempted God over and over. They disobeyed Him every chance they got. So God sentenced that generation to die in the wilderness. The next generation would enter the Promised Land 40 years later)

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, (The tabernacle at this time is a tent, here in the desert. This was approx. 1490 BC)

2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; (children = Ben <Hebrew> = Sons) (polls = heads - old English word) (Only sons 20 and older were counted. This was a mustering for an army, if needed)

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers. (These 12 men were chosen by God. They were not volunteers. They would serve as the head or the prince of that tribe)

(Sons of Leah)

5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab. (Ancestors of King David)

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

⁹ Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

(Sons of Rachel)

¹⁰ Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. (Joseph was given a double portion because God used him to save the others from famine. He produced 2 tribes – Ephraim and Manasseh)

¹¹ Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni.

(Son of Bilhah)

¹² Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

(Sons of Zilphah)

¹³ Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.

¹⁴ Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel. (In Chapter-2:14 – he's called Reuel – a copyist error <R for D> into the English)

(Son of Bilhah)

¹⁵ Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

¹⁶ These were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel. (These 12 were the heads of each tribe)

¹⁷ And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names: (Moses is the civil leader. He leads Israel. Aaron is the High Priest. He is the spiritual leader) see Leviticus

NOTES: (The tribe of Levi is not numbered here. The entire tribe was given to God to be the spiritual arm of Israel, under Aaron. They were the priests and the workers in the temple of God) See Leviticus

(So there were 12 civil tribes and one spiritual tribe)

¹⁸ And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. (pedigrees =

seed-line, or ancestry; they had to prove their lineage, because they had been living together in Egypt for 400 years)

¹⁹ As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. (Moses obeyed God in all things)

²⁰ And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

²¹ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred. (In Genesis, Jacob's blessing to his sons - Reuben would never be a great tribe, because he dishonored himself with one of Jacob's concubines, Bilhah) See Genesis-49:4

²² Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

²³ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. (Simeon would later be reduced to less than half because of their many sins) see chapter-26:14

²⁴ Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

²⁵ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty. (Reuben Simeon Gad – camp 1 – South side of the tabernacle) see chapter 2

²⁶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

²⁷ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. (Judah will continue to grow in number over the years)

²⁸ Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (by their generations = their pedigree, or ancestry)

²⁹ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred. (They will grow in numbers over the years)

³⁰ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

³¹ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. (They also grew in numbers over the years)

(Camp 2 - Judah, Issachar and Zebulun were on the East side of the tabernacle)

³² Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

³³ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred. (They went down in numbers over the years. Ephraim was the younger son of Joseph, but he would be the greater of the two. The older son, <Manasseh> would serve the younger) see Genesis-48-49

³⁴ Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (Manasseh = causing to forget <Hebrew>)

NOTE: (Is that prophecy for the US today? We started as a Christian country. Today, we are a country of political correctness and perversion. Christians are ridiculed and called right wing extremists by the atheists and the liberals. Most people don't even know that they are descendants of the 10 northern tribes of Israel. Instead, they call themselves Gentiles. They have forgotten their heritage)

³⁵ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred. (This was the lowest numbering of all the tribes. Later however, they grew in numbers, almost doubling their head count)

³⁶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (Rachel named Benjamin, Ben-o-ni <son of my sorrow>. She died giving birth to him. Jacob later renamed him Benjamin <son of my right hand>)

³⁷ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. (They grew in numbers over the years)

(Camp 3 - Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin were on the West side of the tabernacle. These three were all descendants of Joseph)

³⁸ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (Son of Bilhah)

³⁹ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. (Dan grew in number over the years)

⁴⁰ Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (Son of Zilpah – maid to Leah)

⁴¹ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred. (Asher grew in numbers over the years)

⁴² Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; (Son of Bilhah) (Naphtali = my wrestling)

⁴³ Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred. (Naphtali decreased in numbers over the years)

(Camp 4 - Dan, Asher and Naphtali were on the North side of the tabernacle. They were the descendants of Jacob's concubines)

⁴⁴ These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers. See verse-5

⁴⁵ So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; (It was God who organized them into camps and told Moses to number them. Moses didn't do that on his own)

⁴⁶ Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. (They were probably over 2 million people total <wives, children, elderly & Levi>. God kept them all fed and watered with their herds, in the desert for 40 years)

⁴⁷ But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. (The Levites were selected by God to be servants of the Lord. They were in charge of ministering all things regarding the temple) Chapter-3:14-29

⁴⁸ For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

⁴⁹ Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel: (Although not numbered among the fighting men, Levites also fought in the battles of Israel)

⁵⁰ But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. (Levi was a son of Leah) (Levites were camped in the center, around the tabernacle. The tabernacle was at the center of their camp)

⁵¹ And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. (This

word stranger, in this case, means anyone who is not a Levite; someone of any other tribe)

⁵² And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts. (The standards are covered in chapter 2)

⁵³ But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony. (wrath = judgment – better translation) (keep = to guard, to hedge around with thorns)

⁵⁴ And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they. (God wants order and discipline among His children)