

DASV Numbers Numbers 1

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they came out of the land of Egypt, saying,

² "Take a census of all the congregation of the Israelites, by their clans and families, according to the number of names of each individual male;

³ twenty years old and older, all in Israel who are able to go to war. You and Aaron are to number them by their divisions.

⁴ One man from each tribe will assist you; each one the head of his family.

⁵ These are the names of the men who will assist you:

from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

⁶ from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

⁷ from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

⁸ from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

⁹ from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

¹⁰ from the sons of Joseph:

from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud;

from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

¹¹ from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

¹² from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

¹³ from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;

¹⁴ from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

¹⁵ from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan."

¹⁶ These are the ones chosen from the congregation, the leaders of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel.

¹⁷ So Moses and Aaron took these men that were mentioned explicitly by name,

¹⁸ and they assembled the whole congregation together on the first day of the second month. Then they recorded their ancestry by their families and clans, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older individually,

¹⁹ just as the LORD commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰ The descendants of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their generations, by their clans and families, those who were listed according to the number of the names, individually, every male from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

²¹ those who were numbered from the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

²² The descendants of Simeon, their generations, by their clans and families, those who were listed according to the number of the names, individually, every male from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

²³ those who were numbered from the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

²⁴ The descendants of Gad, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

²⁵ those who were numbered from the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

²⁶ The descendants of Judah, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

²⁷ those who were numbered from the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

²⁸ The descendants of Issachar, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

²⁹ those who were numbered from the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

³⁰ The descendants of Zebulun, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

³¹ those who were numbered from the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

³² The descendants of Joseph, from the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

³³ those who were numbered from the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

³⁴ The descendants of Manasseh, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

³⁵ those who were numbered from the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

³⁶ The descendants of Benjamin, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

³⁷ those who were numbered from the tribe of Benjamin were: 35,400.

³⁸ The descendants of Dan, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

³⁹ those who were numbered from the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

⁴⁰ The descendants of Asher, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

⁴¹ those who were numbered from the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

⁴² The descendants of Naphtali, their generations, by their clans and families, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war:

⁴³ those who were numbered from the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

⁴⁴ These were the men numbered by Moses and Aaron and the twelve leaders of Israel, each one representing his fathers' house.

⁴⁵ So all the Israelites were numbered according to their families, from twenty years old and older, all who were able to go to war in Israel.

⁴⁶ All those who were numbered totaled 603,550.

⁴⁷ But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

⁴⁸ For the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁹ "Only the tribe of Levi you must not number or take a census of them among the Israelites.

⁵⁰ Rather appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They must carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings. They must take care of it and encamp around the tabernacle.

⁵¹ Whenever the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites must take it down, and whenever the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites must set it up. Any outsider who comes near must be put to death.

⁵² The Israelites will pitch their tents according to their divisions, every man in his own camp and by his own standard.

⁵³ But the Levites must camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, so that there be no wrath on the congregation of the Israelites. The Levites must guard the tabernacle of the Testimony."

⁵⁴ Thus the Israelites did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, that is exactly what they did.

Numbers 2

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

² "The Israelites shall camp each one under his own banner, with the banners of their fathers' houses, they shall camp facing the Tent of Meeting on every side.

³ Those camping on the east side toward the sunrise shall be beneath the banner of the camp of Judah, according to their divisions. The leader of the people of Judah is Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

⁴ Those numbered in his division were 74,600.

⁵ Those camping next to them will be the tribe of Issachar. The leader of the people of Issachar is Nethanel the son of Zuar.

⁶ Those numbered in his division were 54,400.

⁷ Next will be the tribe of Zebulun. The leader of the people of Zebulun is Eliab the son of Helon.

⁸ Those numbered in his division were 57,400.

⁹ All that were numbered of the camp of Judah according to their divisions were 186,400. They will set out traveling first.

¹⁰ On the south side will be the banner of the camp of Reuben according to their divisions. The leader of the people of Reuben is Elizur the son of Shedeur.

¹¹ Those numbered in his division were 46,500.

¹² Those camping next to them will be the tribe of Simeon. The leader of the people of Simeon is Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

¹³ Those numbered in his division were 59,300.

¹⁴ Next will be the tribe of Gad. The leader of the people of Gad is Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

¹⁵ Those numbered in his division were 45,650.

¹⁶ All that were numbered of the camp of Reuben according to their divisions were 151,450. They will set out traveling second.

¹⁷ Then the Tent of Meeting will set out traveling with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps. They will travel in the same order that they camped, each in his place under their banners.

¹⁸ On the west side will be the banner of the camp of Ephraim according to their divisions. The leader of the children of Ephraim is Elishama the son of Ammihud.

¹⁹ Those numbered in his division were 40,500.

²⁰ Next to him will be the tribe of Manasseh. The leader of the people of Manasseh is Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

²¹ Those numbered in his division were 32,200.

²² Next will be the tribe of Benjamin. The leader of the people of Benjamin is Abidan the son of Gideoni.

²³ Those numbered in his division were 35,400.

²⁴ All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim according to their divisions were 108,100. They will set out traveling third.

²⁵ On the north side will be the banner of the camp of Dan according to their divisions. The leader of the people of Dan is Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

²⁶ Those numbered in his division were 62,700.

²⁷ Those that camp next to him will be the tribe of Asher. The leader of the people of Asher is Pagiel the son of Ocran.

²⁸ Those numbered in his division were 41,500.

²⁹ Next will be the tribe of Naphtali. The leader of the people of Naphtali is Ahira the son of Enan.

³⁰ Those numbered in his division were 53,400.

³¹ All that were numbered of the camp of Dan were 157,600. They will set out traveling last under their banners."

³² These are the Israelites numbered by their fathers' houses. All that were numbered of the camps according by their divisions were 603,550.

³³ But the Levites were not numbered among the other Israelites, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁴ So the Israelites did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; so they camped under their banners, and so they set out, each one with their clan and family.

Number 3

¹ Now this is the account of Aaron and Moses at the time the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

² These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the first-born, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

³ These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he ordained to minister as priests.

⁴ But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered an unauthorized fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children. Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests in the presence of Aaron their father.

⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶ "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may assist him.

⁷ They will perform sacred duties for him and the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting, by doing service at the tabernacle.

⁸ They will be responsible for all the furniture of the Tent of Meeting and fulfilling the responsibilities of Israelites, by serving at the tabernacle.

⁹ You are to give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they will be wholly given to him on behalf of the Israelites.

¹⁰ You are to appoint Aaron and his sons, and they will be responsible for their priesthood. The outsider who comes near must be put to death."

¹¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹² "Look, I myself have taken the Levites from among the Israelites instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the Israelites. The Levites are mine,

¹³ because all the firstborn are mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated for myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and animal. They are mine. I am the LORD."

¹⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

¹⁵ "Number the Levites by their clans and their families. Count every male who is a month old or older."

¹⁶ So Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

¹⁷ These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

¹⁸ These are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

¹⁹ The sons of Kohath by their families were: Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

²⁰ The sons of Merari by their families were: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites by their clans.

²¹ To Gershon belonged the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites. These are the families of the Gershonites.

²² Those who were numbered of them, counting of all the males from a month old and older were 7,500.

²³ The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle on the west.

²⁴ The leader of the clan of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

²⁵ The responsibilities of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting will be the care of the tabernacle, and the tent and its covering, and the curtain at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,

²⁶ the curtains of the courtyard, and the curtain at the entrance of the courtyard, surrounding the tabernacle and the altar and its ropes and all the equipment connected with their use.

²⁷ To Kohath belonged the family of the Amramites, the family of the Izharites, the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these are the families of the Kohathites.

²⁸ Counting all the males from a month old and older, there were 8,600. They were responsible for taking care of the sanctuary.

²⁹ The families of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle.

³⁰ The leader of the clans of the families of the Kohathites was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

³¹ They were responsible for the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they served, and the inner curtain, and everything connected with their use.

³² Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was head of the leaders of the Levites. He had oversight over those who were responsible for the sanctuary.

³³ To Merari belonged the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites. These are the families of Merari.

³⁴ Counting all the males from a month old and older there were 6,200.

³⁵ The leader of the clans of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.

³⁶ The sons of Merari were responsible for the framing boards of the tabernacle, its crossbars, its posts, its sockets, and all its accessories, and everything connected with their use,

³⁷ and the posts around the courtyard, and their sockets, pegs and ropes.

³⁸ Those who camp on the east side of the tabernacle, in front of the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses, Aaron and his sons, who were responsible for the sanctuary itself for the Israelites. Any outsider who comes near must be put to death.

³⁹ All the Levites who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron counted as directed by the commandment of the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and older, were 22,000.

⁴⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and older, and count their names.

⁴¹ Take the Levites for me, I am the LORD, instead of all the firstborn among the Israelites; and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn from the livestock of the Israelites."

⁴² So Moses counted all the firstborn among the Israelites just as the LORD commanded him.

⁴³ All the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and older were 22,273.

⁴⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁵ "Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the Israelites, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites are mine. I am the LORD.

⁴⁶ For the redemption price of the 273 firstborn of the Israelites that exceed the number of Levites,

⁴⁷ collect five shekels apiece; according to the shekel of the sanctuary which is twenty gerahs.

⁴⁸ Give the money to Aaron and his sons for the redemption of those who are over."

⁴⁹ So Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites.

⁵⁰ From the firstborn of the Israelites he collected the money, 1,365 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

⁵¹ Then Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of the LORD, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Numbers 4

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

² "Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families and clans,

³ from thirty to fifty years old, all who qualify to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

⁴ This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting, relating to the most holy things.

⁵ When the camp sets out to travel, Aaron and his sons shall go in and take down the screening curtain and cover the ark of the Testimony with it.

⁶ Then they must put over it a covering of fine goatskin leather and over that spread a cloth of solid blue and put its carrying poles into place.

⁷ Over the table of bread of the Presence they are to spread a blue cloth, and put on it the plates, incense dishes, bowls and drink offering pitchers; and the permanent bread of the Presence is to remain on it.

⁸ Then they are to spread over them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of fine goatskin leather, and put its carrying poles into place.

⁹ Then they are to take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand that is for light, with its lamps, its snuffers and its snuffdishes, and all its olive oil vessels with which it is supplied.

¹⁰ Then they are to put it and all of its utensils in a covering of fine goatskin leather, and put it on a carrying frame.

¹¹ Over the golden altar they are to spread a blue cloth, and cover it with fine goatskin leather, and put its carrying poles into place.

¹² Then they are to take all the utensils of the service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a blue cloth and cover them with fine goatskin leather and put them on the carrying frame.

¹³ They are to take away the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth on it.

¹⁴ Then they are to put on it all the altar utensils, with which they serve there, the firepans, meat hooks, shovels and basins, all the utensils of the altar. Then they are to spread on it a covering of fine goatskin leather and put its carrying poles into place.

¹⁵ When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furniture of the sanctuary, for the camp to set out traveling, after that, the Kohathites are to come to carry them; but they must not touch the holy things or they will die. These are the things from the Tent of Meeting the Kohathites are to carry.

¹⁶ Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest will be responsible for the olive oil for the light, and the fragrant incense, the daily grain offering and the anointing oil. He is in charge of the whole tabernacle and all that is in it, over the sanctuary and its furnishings."

¹⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

¹⁸ "Do not let the tribe of the clans of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites;

¹⁹ but do this for them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach the most holy things: Aaron and his sons must go in and assign to each one his duty and what he is to carry.

²⁰ But they must not go in to see the holy things even for a moment or they will die."

²¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²² "Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their families and clans.

²³ Number those from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who qualifies to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

²⁴ This is the service of the clans of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying burdens.

²⁵ They are to carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting with its covering, the covering of fine goatskin leather that is over it, the curtain at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,

²⁶ the curtains of the courtyard and the curtain at the entrance of the gate of the courtyard that is around the tabernacle and the altar and their ropes, along with all the equipment for their service and whatever is done with them. They are responsible for these things.

²⁷ All the service of the Gershonites in all they have to carry and do are under the direction of Aaron and his sons. You are to appoint them the responsibility for all they are to carry.

²⁸ This is the service of the clans of the Gershonites concerning the Tent of Meeting. Their responsibilities are under the oversight of Ithamar the son of Aaron, the priest.

²⁹ As for the sons of Merari, you are to number them by their families and clans.

³⁰ Number those from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who qualifies to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.

³¹ This is what they are responsible to carry according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting: the framing boards of the tabernacle, its crossbars, its posts and its base sockets,

³² and the posts around the courtyard, and its base sockets, pegs and ropes, with all its equipment and everything related to its use. You are to assign the objects each person is to carry by name.

³³ This is the service of the clans of the Merarites, according to all their service relating to the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron, the priest."

³⁴ Then Moses, Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and clans,

³⁵ from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who was qualified for service for work in the Tent of Meeting.

³⁶ Those who were numbered by their families were 2,750.

³⁷ These were those who were numbered from the clans of the Kohathites, everyone who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

³⁸ Those who were numbered from the Gershonites, by their families and clans,

³⁹ from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who came to serve at the Tent of Meeting,
⁴⁰ those who were numbered by their families and clans were 2,630.

⁴¹ These are those who were numbered from the families of the Gershonites, everyone who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

⁴² Those who were numbered from the clans of the Merarites by their families and clans,
⁴³ from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who came to serve at the Tent of Meeting,
⁴⁴ those who were numbered by their families were 3,200.

⁴⁵ These are those who were numbered of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

⁴⁶ All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and clans,

⁴⁷ from thirty to fifty years old, everyone who came to serve and to do the work of carrying things related to the Tent of Meeting.

⁴⁸ Those who were numbered were 8,580.

⁴⁹ According to the commandment of the LORD through Moses they were numbered, each one was assigned his service and what to carry. So they were numbered by him, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Numbers 5

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Command the Israelites, that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a bodily discharge or whoever has become unclean by touching a dead body.

³ You must put out both male and female, sending them outside the camp, so that they may not defile their camp, where I dwell among them."

⁴ So the Israelites did this, sending them out of the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, that's what the Israelites did.

⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶ "Tell the Israelites, 'When a man or woman commits any sin that people commit, by acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

⁷ then he must confess his sin that he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, and add a fifth to it and give it to the one whom he has wronged.

⁸ But if the person has no close relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong belongs to the LORD and shall be the priest's; in addition to the ram of the atonement, with which atonement is made for him.

⁹ Every offering of all the holy things the Israelites bring to the priest, will be his.

¹⁰ Everyone's sacred donations are his own, whatever anyone gives the priest will be his."

¹¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹² "Speak to the Israelites and tell them, 'If any man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to her husband,

¹³ and a man has sex with her and it is hid from the eyes of her husband, so that she is undetected though she has defiled herself, but there is no witness against her since she was not caught in the act;

¹⁴ and if jealous feelings come on him, and he is jealous of his wife when she is defiled, or if jealous feelings come on him, and he is jealous of his wife when she is not defiled;

¹⁵ then the man must bring his wife to the priest, and he must bring the offering for her, two quarts of barley flour; he must pour no olive oil on it or put frankincense on it; for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance for bringing the wrong to remembrance.

¹⁶ Then the priest will bring her near and have her stand before the LORD.

¹⁷ The priest will put holy water in a clay pot and take some dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.

¹⁸ The priest will have the woman stand before the LORD, and let the woman's hair go loose and put the grain offering for remembering in her hands, the grain offering of jealousy. The priest will have in his hand the water of bitterness that brings the curse.

¹⁹ The priest will have her take an oath and will say to the woman, "If no one has had sexual relations with you, and if you have not turned aside to uncleanness, being under your husband's authority, you will be free from harm from this water of bitterness that brings the curse.

²⁰ But if you have turned aside, being under your husband's authority, and if you are defiled, and someone has had sexual relations with you besides your husband...."

²¹ Then the priest will cause the woman to take an oath of cursing, and the priest will say to her, "May the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your womb to shrivel and your abdomen to swell.

²² May this water that causes the curse enter your bowels and make your abdomen to swell and your womb to shrivel." Then the woman shall say, "Amen, Amen."

²³ Then the priest will write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the bitter water.

²⁴ Then he will make the woman drink the bitter water that brings the curse, and the water that brings the curse will enter into her producing bitterness.

²⁵ The priest will take the grain offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave high the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar.

²⁶ The priest will take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial portion, and burn it on the altar, and afterward make the woman drink the water.

²⁷ When he has made her drink the water, then if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, the water that brings the curse will enter into her and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and womb will shrivel and the woman shall become a curse among her people.

²⁸ But if the woman is not defiled and is clean, then she will be free of harmful effects, and will conceive children.

²⁹ This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband's authority, goes astray and defiles herself,

³⁰ or when feelings of jealousy come on a husband because he is suspicious of his wife; then he must have the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest will apply this entire law to her.

³¹ The husband will be free from iniquity, but the woman will bear her iniquity."

Numbers 6

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Speak to the Israelites, and tell them, 'When either a man or woman takes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate themselves to the LORD,

³ he must separate himself from wine and strong drink; he must not drink vinegar made from wine or strong drink, and may not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins.

⁴ All the days of his separation he must eat nothing that is produced from the grapevine, not even grape seeds or skins.

⁵ All the days of his vow of separation no razor may come on his head until the days of the vow are fulfilled in which he separates himself to the LORD. He shall be holy, he must let the locks of the hair on his head grow long.

⁶ All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he must not go near a dead body.

⁷ He must not defile himself even for his father, mother, brother or sister, when they die; because his separation to God is upon his head.

⁸ All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

⁹ If any one dies suddenly beside him and he defiles the head of his separation; then he must shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he must shave it.

¹⁰ On the eighth day he must bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

¹¹ Then the priest will offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he transgressed by having contact with the dead body. So he will consecrate his head that same day.

¹² He must separate himself again to the LORD for the duration of his separation, and must bring a year-old male lamb for a guilt offering. The former days, however, will not be counted because his separation was defiled.

¹³ Now this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he must be brought to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

¹⁴ He must offer his offering to the LORD, one year old male lamb without defect for a burnt offering, and one year-old female lamb without defect for a sin offering, and one ram without defect for a peace offering,

¹⁵ and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with olive oil and unleavened wafers spread with olive oil, with their grain offering and their drink offerings.

¹⁶ Then the priest will present them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

¹⁷ He must offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest will offer also his grain offering and drink offering.

¹⁸ Then the Nazirite must shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and take the hair of his consecrated head and put it on the fire where the sacrifice of peace offerings are burning.

¹⁹ Then the priest will take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved his consecrated head.

²⁰ The priest will wave them high for a wave offering before the LORD. It is a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that was waved high and the lifted high thigh. After that, the Nazirite may drink wine.

²¹ This is the law of the Nazirite who vows. His offering is to the LORD for his separation, besides whatever else he is able to afford. He must fulfill the vow he made according to the law of his separation."

²² Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

²⁷ So they will put my name on the Israelites; and I will bless them."

Numbers 7

¹ On the day when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle and had anointed and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and had anointed and consecrated the altar and all its utensils,

² the leaders of Israel, the heads of their clans, made an offering. These were the leaders of the tribes who were over those who were numbered.

³ They brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for every two of the leaders and an ox for each one; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁵ "Receive these gifts from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the Levites, to each one according to his service."

⁶ So Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

⁷ He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their required service;

⁸ and he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their required service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron, the priest.

⁹ But he gave none to the sons of Kohath, because they were assigned the service of the sanctuary that they were to carry on their shoulders.

¹⁰ The leaders also offered gifts for the dedication of the altar on the day that it was anointed. The leaders presented their offering before the altar.

¹¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "They shall present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

¹² He who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah.

¹³ His offering was one silver plate, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl of 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with olive oil for a grain offering;

¹⁴ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

¹⁵ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

¹⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

¹⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸ On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of the tribe of Issachar, presented an offering.

¹⁹ His offering was one silver plate, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

²⁰ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

²¹ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

²² one male goat for a sin offering;

²³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

²⁴ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the tribe of Zebulun brought

²⁵ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

²⁶ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

²⁷ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

²⁸ one male goat for a sin offering;

²⁹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the tribe of Reuben brought his offering.

³¹ It was was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

³² one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

³³ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

³⁴ one male goat for a sin offering;

³⁵ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the tribe of Simeon brought

³⁷ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

³⁸ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

³⁹ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁴⁰ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴¹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴² On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the tribe of Gad brought

⁴³ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁴⁴ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁴⁵ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁴⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁴⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸ On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the tribe of Ephraim brought

⁴⁹ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁵⁰ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁵¹ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁵² one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴ On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the tribe of Manasseh brought

⁵⁵ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁵⁶ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁵⁷ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁵⁸ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵⁹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the tribe of Benjamin brought

⁶¹ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁶² one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁶³ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁶⁴ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁶⁵ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the tribe of Dan brought

⁶⁷ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁶⁸ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁶⁹ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁷⁰ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷¹ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷² On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the tribe of Asher brought
⁷³ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁷⁴ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁷⁵ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁷⁶ one male goat for a sin offering;

⁷⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

⁷⁸ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the tribe of Naphtali brought

⁷⁹ his offering. It was one silver platter, its weight was 3 1/4 pounds, one silver bowl weighing 1 3/4 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mix with olive oil for a grain offering;

⁸⁰ one golden dish weighing 4 ounces, full of incense;

⁸¹ one young bull, one ram, one year-old male lamb for a burnt offering;

⁸² one male goat for a sin offering;

⁸³ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male year-old lambs. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴ This was the dedication offering for the altar, on the day when it was anointed, by the leaders of Israel: twelve silver plates, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden dishes;

⁸⁵ each silver plate was 3 1/4 pounds, and each bowl 1 3/4 pounds; all the silver totaled 60 pounds, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

⁸⁶ the twelve golden dishes full of incense weighed 4 ounces apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the dishes totaled 3 pounds;

⁸⁷ all the oxen for the burnt offering totaled twelve bulls, twelve rams, twelve male year-old lambs, with their grain offering; and twelve male goats for a sin offering;

⁸⁸ and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings totaled twenty four bulls, the rams totaled sixty, the male goats sixty, the year-old male lambs totaled sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar, after that it was anointed.

⁸⁹ When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim. Thus he spoke to him.

Numbers 8

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Speak to Aaron and tell him, 'When you set up the lamps make sure the seven lamps will shine light in front of the lampstand.'"

³ So Aaron did it. He set up the lamps to shine light in front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴ This was how the lampstand was made. It was made of hammered gold from its base to its blossoms. So he made the lampstand according to the pattern that the LORD had shown Moses.

⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁶ "Take the Levites from among the Israelites and cleanse them.

⁷ Do this to them to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification on them, have them shave their entire body, and have them wash their clothes and so cleanse themselves.

⁸ Then let them take a young bull and its grain offering, fine flour mixed with olive oil; and take another young bull for a sin offering.

⁹ Present the Levites before the Tent of Meeting and assemble the whole congregation of the Israelites.

¹⁰ When you present the Levites before the LORD, the Israelites are to lay their hands on the Levites.

¹¹ Aaron is to present the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering on the behalf of Israelites, that they may do the work of the LORD.

¹² When the Levites lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, offer one as a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

¹³ Then stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons and offer them as a wave offering to the LORD.

¹⁴ This is how you are to separate the Levites from among rest of the Israelites. The Levites will be mine.

¹⁵ After that the Levites will begin to do the service of the Tent of Meeting after you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering.

¹⁶ For they are totally given to me from among the Israelites. I have taken them for myself instead of the firstborn of the Israelites that open the womb.

¹⁷ For all the firstborn among the Israelites are mine, both human and animal; when I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated them for myself.

¹⁸ I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the Israelites.

¹⁹ I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from the Israelites, to do the service for the Israelites in the Tent of Meeting, and to make atonement for the Israelites so that there will be no plague among the Israelites, when the Israelites come near to the sanctuary."

²⁰ So Moses, Aaron and all the congregation of the Israelites did with the Levites according to everything the LORD commanded Moses regarding the Levites, so the Israelites did to them.

²¹ The Levites purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes. Then Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them.

²² After that the Levites went in to do their service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron, and his sons just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁴ "This is what applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall enter the service in the work of the Tent of Meeting,

²⁵ and from the age of fifty years they must retire from the work and serve no more.

²⁶ They may assist their brothers in the Tent of Meeting in carrying out their duties but they must not do any work. This is how you are to assign the duties to the Levites."

Numbers 9

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they came out of the land of Egypt, saying,

² "The Israelites are to keep the Passover at the appointed time.

³ On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you are to keep it, at its appointed time according to all its statutes and regulations you are to keep it."

⁴ So Moses told the Israelites to keep the Passover.

⁵ They kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁶ But there were certain people who were unclean having had contact with a dead body of a man, so they could not keep the Passover on that day. So they came before Moses and Aaron that day,

⁷ and said to him, "We are unclean having had contact with a dead body of a man; why are we prevented from offering the LORD's offering at its appointed time among the Israelites?"

⁸ Moses responded to them, "Wait here until I hear what the LORD commands concerning you."

⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁰ "Tell the Israelites, 'If any of you or your descendants are unclean having had contact with a dead body, or have gone on a distant journey, they may still keep the Passover to the LORD.

¹¹ In the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight they must keep it; they will eat the Passover lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

¹² They must not leave any of it until morning or break any of its bones. They must keep it following every statute of the Passover.

¹³ But the person who is clean and has not been on a journey and fails to keep the Passover, that person must be cut off from his people because he has not offered the LORD's offering at its appointed time. That person will bear the consequences of his sin.

¹⁴ If a foreigner living among you wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, he must do so in accordance with the statute and regulations of the Passover. You are to have the same statute for both the foreigner and for the one who was born in the land."

¹⁵ On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the Tent of the Testimony, and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle looking like fire.

¹⁶ This is how it always was: the cloud covered it, and at night it had the appearance of fire.

¹⁷ Whenever the cloud lifted off the Tent, then the Israelites would set out and in the place where the cloud settled, there the Israelites set up camp.

¹⁸ At the commandment of the LORD the Israelites began their journey, and at the commandment of the LORD they set up camp. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle they would remain camped.

¹⁹ Even when the cloud stayed over the tabernacle many days, the Israelites followed the LORD's order and did not set out on a journey.

²⁰ Sometimes the cloud was only a few days over the tabernacle. So according to the LORD's command they remained camped and according to the LORD's command they set out.

²¹ Sometimes the cloud remained only from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up the next morning, they continued on. Whether by day or by night, when the cloud was lifted, they set out.

²² Whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud remained over the tabernacle, resting on it, the Israelites remained camped and did not set out; but when it lifted then they set out.

²³ At the commandment of the LORD they set up camp, and at the commandment of the LORD they traveled on. They kept the charge of the LORD at the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

Numbers 10

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Make two trumpets of hammered silver. You will use them for assembling the congregation and for breaking camps.

³ When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall assemble before you at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

⁴ If they blow only one, then just the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves before you.

⁵ When you blow the signal, the camps that are on the east side shall set out on their journey.

⁶ When you blow the signal the second time, the camps that are on the south side shall set out. A signal is to be blown whenever they are to set out on their journeys.

⁷ But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow them but do not sound the special signal.

⁸ The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. They will be for you a perpetual ordinance throughout your generations.

⁹ When you go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and you will be remembered by the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

¹⁰ Also on the day of your gladness, and at your set feasts, and at the beginnings of your months, you are to blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They will be a reminder for you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

¹¹ On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from over the tabernacle of the Testimony.

¹² So the Israelites set out from the wilderness of Sinai traveling from place to place; and the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

¹³ They set out for the first time according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

¹⁴ The banner of the camp of Judah moved forward first according to their companies and the leader over its company was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁵ Over the company of the tribe of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar.

¹⁶ Over the company of the tribe of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

¹⁷ Then the tabernacle was taken down, and the Gershonites and Merarites, who carried the tabernacle, set out.

¹⁸ Next the banner of the camp of Reuben moved forward according to their companies and the leader over its company was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

¹⁹ Over the company of the tribe of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

²⁰ Over the company of the tribe of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

²¹ Then the Kohathites set out carrying the holy things and the tabernacle was set up before they arrived.

²² Next the banner of the camp of Ephraim set out according to their companies and the leader over its company was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

²³ Over the company of the tribe of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

²⁴ Over the company of the tribe of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideon.

²⁵ Then the banner of the camp of Dan, which was the rear guard for all the camps, set out according to their companies and the leader over its company was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

²⁶ Over the company of the tribe of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

²⁷ Over the company of the tribe of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

²⁸ This was the order in which the Israelites traveled according to their companies when they set out on their journey.

²⁹ Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are traveling to the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you' come with us, and we will treat you well for the LORD has promised good things to Israel."

³⁰ But he replied, "I will not go; but I will return to my own land and to my kindred."

³¹ Moses said, "Please do not leave us, as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and your eyes can serve as a lookout for us.

³² If you come with us, we will share with you whatever good the LORD does for us."

³³ So they travelled three days' journey from the mountain of the LORD; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.

³⁴ The cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set out from the camp.

³⁵ Whenever the ark set out, Moses would say, "Rise up, O LORD, and let your enemies be scattered and may those who hate you flee before you."

³⁶ Whenever it came to rest, he would say, "Return, O LORD, to the countless thousands of Israel."

Numbers 11

¹ Now the people complained in the hearing of the LORD. When the LORD heard it, his anger burned and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed the outer edges of the camp.

² Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died out.

³ So the name of that place was called Taberah (burning), because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

⁴ Now the foreign rabble who were among them craved other food and the Israelites also whined again, and demanded, "Who will give us meat to eat!"

⁵ We remember the free fish we ate in Egypt, the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and the garlic.

⁶ But now our appetite is gone. There is nothing to look at but this manna."

⁷ Now manna was like coriander seed, and its color was like yellowish gum resin.

⁸ The people went around and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortar bowls. Then they boiled it in pots or made cakes of it. It tasted like something made with fresh olive oil.

⁹ When the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would come down with it.

¹⁰ When Moses heard the people whining in all their families, everyone at the entrance of his tent, the anger of the LORD burned greatly, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated me, your servant, so poorly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you have put the burden of all this people on me?"

¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth, that you should tell me, 'Carry them in your arms as a nurse carries a nursing baby' to the land that you promised to their forefathers?"

¹³ Where can I get meat to give all these people? For they keep whining to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'"

¹⁴ I am not able to bear all these people by myself alone, the burden is too heavy for me.

¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, please kill me right now. If I have found favor in your sight, do not let me witness my misery."

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather before me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

¹⁷ Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the spirit that is on you, and will put it on them. Then they will help bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not have bear it all by yourself.

¹⁸ Tell the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you will eat meat; for you have wailed in the ears of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? It was better for us in Egypt.'" Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat.

¹⁹ You will eat, not for just one or two days, or even five, ten or twenty days,
²⁰ but for a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and until you are sick of it; because you have rejected the LORD who is among you, and have whined before him, saying, 'Why did we ever leave Egypt?'"

²¹ Then Moses said, "The people around me are six hundred thousand foot soldiers but you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.'

²² Would it be enough for them even if the flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Even if we caught all the fish in the sea, would it be enough for them?"

²³ Then the LORD replied, "Is the LORD's arm not strong enough? Now you will see whether my word to you will come true or not."

²⁴ Then Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and placed them around the Tent of Meeting.

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied--but they did not do it again.

²⁶ But two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad and the Spirit rested on them. They were listed among those elders but had not gone out to the Tent of Meeting, and they prophesied in the camp.

²⁷ A young man ran and informed Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"

²⁸ Then Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his chosen men, answered and said, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all of the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

³⁰ Then Moses returned to the camp along with the elders of Israel.

³¹ There went forth a wind from the LORD, and it brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side around the camp, and about three feet deep on the surface of the ground.

³² So the people stayed up all that day and night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails. The least any one gathered was sixty bushels and they spread them out for themselves around the camp.

³³ While the meat was still between their teeth, even before it was chewed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

³⁴ So the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (graves of gluttony), because there they buried the people that craved other food.

³⁵ From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth, and they stayed at Hazeroth.

Numbers 12

¹ Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite.

² They said, "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? Has he not also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard it.

³ Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone on the face of the earth.

⁴ So the LORD spoke immediately to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "You three come out to the Tent of Meeting." So the three of them came out.

⁵ Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the entrance of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forward.

⁶ He said, "Listen now to my words: if there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known to him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream.

⁷ But it is not like this with my servant Moses; he is the one I trust of anyone in my house.

⁸ With him I speak face to face, openly, and not in riddles; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

⁹ Then the anger of the LORD burned against them, and he departed.

¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from over the Tent; Miriam was leprous, white as snow. Then Aaron turned towards Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

¹¹ Then Aaron said to Moses, "O my lord, please do not punish us for this sin that we have committed so foolishly.

¹² Do not let her become like a stillborn baby, whose flesh is half eaten away when it comes from its mother's womb."

¹³ So Moses cried to the LORD, "Heal her, O God, I beg you."

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not be disgraced seven days? Let her be shut up outside the camp for seven days, and after that she may be brought in again."

¹⁵ So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was brought back in.

¹⁶ After that the people journeyed from Hazereth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 13

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Send men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. Send one man who is a leader from every ancestral tribe."

³ So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

⁴ These were their names:

from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

⁵ from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

⁶ from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

⁷ from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

⁸ from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun;

⁹ from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

¹⁰ from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

¹¹ from the tribe of Joseph, namely, the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

¹² from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

¹³ from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

¹⁴ from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; and

¹⁵ from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Maki.

¹⁶ These are the names of the men that Moses sent to explore the land. Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

¹⁷ Then Moses sent them to explore the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go north through the Negev, and go up into the hill country.

¹⁸ See what the land is like, and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many.

¹⁹ See what the land they live in is like. Is it good or bad? See whether the towns they live in are unwalled or fortified,

²⁰ and whether the soil is fertile or poor, whether there are trees in it or not. Be courageous and bring back some of the fruit of the land." Now it was the time for the first ripe grapes.

²¹ So they went up and explored the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-Hamath.

²² They went north through the Negev and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, lived there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

²³ When they came to the valley of Eshcol, they cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them. They also brought some pomegranates and figs.

²⁴ That place was called the Valley of Eshcol ("Grape cluster"), because of the cluster of grapes that the Israelites cut down from there.

²⁵ After forty days they returned from exploring the land.

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron, all the congregation of the Israelites, in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back a report to them and the whole congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

²⁷ They reported to Moses, "We went to the land you sent us to; and truly it flows with milk and honey; and this is its fruit.

²⁸ However the people that live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large. Beyond that we saw the descendants of Anak there.

²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; and the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea and along Jordan River."

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession of it; for we are certainly able to conquer it."

³¹ But the men who went up with him said, "We are not able to go up against this people; for they are stronger than we are."

³² They brought back to the Israelites a bad report of the land that they had explored, saying, "The land we went through to explore is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people that we saw in it were huge.

³³ We even saw the Nephilim giants there, the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes and looked the same to them."

Numbers 14

¹ Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night.

² All the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation complained to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, if only we had died in this wilderness!

³ Why has the LORD brought us to this land just to let us die by the sword? Our wives and our children will become plunder. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

⁴ So they conspired with each other, "Let us choose a leader and return to Egypt."

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the Israelites.

⁶ Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

⁷ and they spoke to all the congregation of the Israelites, saying, "The land that we passed through to explore it, is an exceedingly good land.

⁸ If the LORD delights in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD, and do not fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us to devour. Their protection is gone from over them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

¹⁰ But the whole congregation threatened to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites.

¹¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, even with all the signs that I have done among them?"

¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, then I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they are."

¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear it; for you brought up this people by your might from among them,

¹⁴ then they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you O LORD are in the midst of this people; for you O LORD are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night.

¹⁵ Now if you kill this people all at once, then the nations that have heard of your fame will say,

¹⁶ 'It was because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to them, so he killed them in the wilderness.'

¹⁷ So now, please let the power of the Lord be great, just as you have promised, saying,

¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger, abundant in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'

¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people from Egypt even until now."

²⁰ Then the LORD responded, "I have pardoned them as you asked,

²¹ but as truly as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.

²² None of those men who have seen my glory and my signs, that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not listened to my voice;

²³ they will not see the land that I swore to their forefathers, nor will any of those who despised me see it.

²⁴ But my servant Caleb, because he had different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring him into the land he explored and his descendants will possess it.

²⁵ Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys, tomorrow turn and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea."

²⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

²⁷ "How long do I have to put up with this evil congregation that murmurs against me? I have heard the complaints of the Israelites, that they murmur against me.

²⁸ Tell them, 'As I live, says the LORD, I will do to you exactly as you have spoken in my hearing.

²⁹ Your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, and all of you who were numbered, according to your census, from twenty years old and upward, who have complained against me.

³⁰ Surely you will not enter the land concerning which I swore to settle you in, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

³¹ But your children, who you said would be plunder, I will bring them in, and they will know the land you have rejected.

³² But as for you, your bodies will drop dead in this desert.

³³ Your children will wander in the wilderness for forty years, and will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your dead bodies lie in the wilderness.

³⁴ According to the number of the days you explored out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, forty years, and you will know my displeasure.

³⁵ I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely I will do this to all this evil congregation who has conspired together against me. In this wilderness they will be destroyed and there they will die."

³⁶ Then the men whom Moses sent to explore the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing back a bad report against the land,

³⁷ even these men who brought an evil report of the land, died by a plague before the LORD.

³⁸ But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, were the only ones who remained alive from those who went to explore the land.

³⁹ Then Moses reported these words to all the Israelites and the people mourned greatly.

⁴⁰ Then they got up early the next morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place the LORD has promised, for we have sinned."

⁴¹ But Moses said, "Why are you continuing to transgress the command of the LORD? It will not succeed!"

⁴² Do not go up, for the LORD is not among you; and you will be struck down before your enemies.

⁴³ For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are opposing you, and you will fall by the sword. Because you turned away from following the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you."

⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain anyway, although neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses left the camp.

⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them and chased them even as far as Hormah.

Numbers 15

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Speak to the Israelites and tell them, 'When you come into the land where you are going to live, which I am giving to you,

³ and you make an offering to the LORD by fire, a burnt offering, a sacrifice for fulfilling a vow, a freewill offering or at your appointed feasts, to make a pleasing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or the flock,

⁴ then the one who presents his offering to the LORD must present a grain offering also of two quarts of fine flour mixed with the quart of olive oil.

⁵ You must also prepare one quart of wine for the drink offering with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice for each lamb.

⁶ For a ram, you must prepare for a grain offering four quarts of fine flour mixed with a third of a gallon of olive oil,

⁷ and for the drink offering you must offer a third of a gallon of wine, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

⁸ When you prepare a young bull for a burnt offering or for a sacrifice to fulfill a vow or for peace offerings to the LORD,

⁹ then you must offer with the bull a grain offering of six quarts of fine flour mixed with two quarts of olive oil.

¹⁰ You must offer for the drink offering two quarts of wine with the offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

¹¹ This is what is to be done for each bull, ram, male lamb or goat.

¹² According to the number that you offer, so you must do for each one for as many as there are.

¹³ All native-born Israelites must do these things in this way to present an offering made by fire as a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁴ If a foreigner who resides with you or who may take up permanent residence among you, will present an offering made by fire, as a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he must do it the same way you do.

¹⁵ For the congregation there is to be one statute both for you and the foreigner who lives with you. This is a permanent statute throughout your generations. You and the foreigner are the same before the LORD.

¹⁶ A single law and regulation shall be both for you and the foreigner who lives among you."

¹⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁸ "Speak to the Israelites and say to them, 'When you come into the land to which I am bringing you,

¹⁹ when you eat of the food of the land, you must present an offering to the LORD.

²⁰ You must offer up a cake from the first batch of your dough for an offering, as the offering of the threshing floor, so you are to offer it up.

²¹ From the first batch of your dough you are to give to the LORD an offering throughout your generations.

²² But when you unintentionally sin and fail to observe all these commandments, that the LORD has spoken to Moses,

²³ all that the LORD has commanded you by Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded it and continuing throughout your generations,

²⁴ then if anything is done unintentionally without the knowledge of the congregation, then the whole congregation must offer one young bull for a burnt offering, as a pleasing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

²⁵ So the priest will make atonement for all the congregation of the Israelites, and they will be forgiven, for it was an unintentional sin and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD for their error.

²⁶ Then all the congregation of Israelites will be forgiven and the foreigner who lives among them; for all the people were involved in the error.

²⁷ If any individual sins unintentionally, then he must offer a year-old female goat for a sin offering.

²⁸ The priest will make atonement for the person who errs, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and he will be forgiven.

²⁹ You shall have a single law for the one who sins unintentionally, for both he who is a native-born Israelite and for the foreigner who lives among them.

³⁰ But the person who acts defiantly, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, insults the LORD; and that person must be cut off from among his people.

³¹ Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken his commandment, that person must be completely cut off; his guilt remains on him.

³² While the Israelites were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

³³ So those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses, Aaron and all the congregation.

³⁴ They took him into custody because it was not clear what should be done to him.

³⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must be put to death. All the congregation must stone him with stones outside the camp."

³⁶ So all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; just as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

³⁸ "Speak to the Israelites and tell them to make tassels for themselves on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread on the hem of their clothing.

³⁹ This tassel will be something for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and to do them so that you do not follow after your own heart and your own eyes which may lead you to unfaithfully prostituting yourselves.

⁴⁰ Then you will remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

⁴¹ I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am the LORD your God."

Numbers 16

¹ Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, conspired with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben.

² They rebelled against Moses, along with some Israelites, 250 leaders of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.

³ They assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

⁴ When Moses heard it, he fell on his face.

⁵ Then he spoke to Korah and all his followers, "In the morning the LORD will show who are his, and who is holy and will allow that person to come near him. The one he will choose, he will allow to approach him.

⁶ Do this: Korah, you and all your company, take incense censers;

⁷ put fire in them, and put incense on them before the LORD tomorrow. The man whom the LORD chooses will be holy. You Levites are the ones who have gone too far!"

⁸ Then Moses said to Korah, "Listen, you sons of Levi!

⁹ Does it seem an insignificant thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to perform the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the community to minister to them?

¹⁰ He has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi with you. Are you now seeking the priesthood as well?

¹¹ Therefore you and all your company have gathered together against the LORD. Who is Aaron that you should murmur against him?"

¹² Then Moses sent for Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they replied, "We will not come up.

¹³ Is it not enough that you brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness? Now you also want to make yourself a prince over us?

¹⁴ Beyond that you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up."

¹⁵ Then Moses became very angry, and said to the LORD, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not hurt a single one of them."

¹⁶ Moses said to Korah, "Be present before the LORD, you and all your company tomorrow, you and they, and Aaron.

¹⁷ Each of you take his censer, and put incense in it, and every one bring his censer before the LORD, 250 censers total; you also, and Aaron, each of you with his censer."

¹⁸ So each man took his censer, put fire in it and laid incense on it, and stood at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron.

¹⁹ When Korah had assembled all the congregation against them to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the whole congregation.

²⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

²¹ "Separate yourselves from this congregation, that I may consume them in an instant."

²² But they fell on their faces and said, "O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one person sin, and will you be angry with the whole community?"

²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁴ "Tell the congregation, 'Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"

²⁵ So Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram and the elders of Israel followed him.

²⁶ He told the congregation, "Get away from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything of theirs, or you will be destroyed because of all their sins."

²⁷ So they got away from the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the entrance of their tents, along with their wives, sons and their children.

²⁸ Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them on my own.

²⁹ If these men die a natural death, or if they share the fate common to all men; then the LORD has not sent me.

³⁰ But if the LORD does something entirely new, and the ground open its mouth, and swallows them up, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into grave; then you will know that these men have despised the LORD."

³¹ As soon as he finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart.

³² The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, and all the men associated with Korah and all their goods.

³³ So they and all that belonged to them, went down alive into the grave; and the earth closed over them. So they perished from among the assembly.

³⁴ All Israel who were around them fled when they heard their cry, for they said, "The earth may swallow us too."

³⁵ Fire came out from the LORD, and devoured the 250 men who offered the incense.

³⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

³⁷ "Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to pick up the censers out of the flames, and scatter the ambers a good way off; for they are holy.

³⁸ As for the censers of these sinners at the cost of their own lives; let them be hammered into plates for a covering of the altar, because they were presented before the LORD. Therefore they are holy and they will be a sign warning the Israelites."

³⁹ So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, that had been presented by those who were burned and hammered them into a covering for the altar.

⁴⁰ It was to be a reminder to the Israelites that no outsider who is not a descendant of Aaron was to come near to burn incense before the LORD so he not become like Korah and as his followers; just as the LORD spoke to him through Moses.

⁴¹ But the next day the whole congregation of Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD."

⁴² When the congregation was assembled against Moses and Aaron, they turned toward the Tent of Meeting and the cloud covered it and the glory of the LORD appeared.

⁴³ Then Moses and Aaron stood in the front of the Tent of Meeting.

⁴⁴ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁵ "Get away from this congregation, that I may consume them in an instant." So they fell on their faces.

⁴⁶ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, and put burning coals from the altar in it and place incense on it, and carry it quickly among the congregation, and make atonement for them for wrath has gone out from the LORD; the plague has begun."

⁴⁷ So Aaron took it as Moses directed, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and the plague had already begun among the people. He put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

⁴⁸ He stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped.

⁴⁹ But 14,700 died from the plague besides those who had died in the affair involving Korah.

⁵⁰ Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and the plague was averted.

Numbers 17

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Speak to the Israelites, and get wooden staffs from them, one from each tribe, from every tribal leader, twelve staffs. Write each man's name on his staff.

³ Write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi; for there shall be one staff for the head of each tribe.

⁴ Place them in the Tent of Meeting before the ark of the covenant, where I meet with you.

⁵ The staff of the man whom I choose will bud. In this way I will put an end to the complaining of the Israelites."

⁶ So Moses spoke to the Israelites; and all their leaders gave him wooden staffs, one for each leader, according to their ancestral tribes, twelve staffs; and the staff of Aaron was among their staffs.

⁷ Then Moses put the staffs before the LORD in the Tent of the Testimony.

⁸ The next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony; and Aaron's staff for the house of Levi had sprouted. It put forth buds, brought forth blossoms and produced ripe almonds.

⁹ When Moses brought out all the staffs from before the LORD to all the Israelites, they looked and each man took his own staff.

¹⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Put Aaron's staff back before the Testimony, to be kept for a warning sign to the rebels; that you may put an end to their complaining against me, so that they will not die."

¹¹ Moses did just as the LORD commanded him.

¹² Then the Israelites spoke to Moses, saying, "Look, we are doomed! We perish! We will all perish!

¹³ Anyone who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD will die. Are we all going to die?"

Numbers 18

¹ Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You, your sons and your tribe will bear the responsibility for offences against the sanctuary; but you and your sons will bear the responsibility for offences against your priesthood.

² Bring your brothers from the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, with you, that they may assist you and minister to you while you and your sons are in front of the Tent of the Testimony.

³ They are responsible to perform duties for you and for the whole Tent. But they are not to go near the utensils of the sanctuary or the altar, or both you and they will die.

⁴ They must assist you, and be responsible for the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent. No unauthorized person is to come near where you are.

⁵ You are responsible for the care of the sanctuary and the altar; so that wrath will never again come on the Israelites.

⁶ I myself have chosen your brothers, the Levites, from among the Israelites. They are given to you as gift from the LORD, to do the service of the Tent of Meeting.

⁷ But you and your sons with you are responsible for your priestly duties for everything involving the altar and behind the inner curtain and you will serve. I give you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Any unauthorized person who comes near must be put to death."

⁸ Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, "Look, I have put you in charge of my offerings. I have given all the holy things of the Israelites to you and your sons as the priestly portion forever.

⁹ This shall be yours from the most holy things, reserved from the fire. All their offerings, whether every grain offering, sin offering or guilt offering that they shall render to me will be most holy for you and your sons.

¹⁰ You are to eat it as a most holy offering; every male may eat it. It will be holy to you.

¹¹ This also is yours: the wave offering of their gift, all the wave offerings of the Israelites; I have given them to you, your sons and daughters with you, as a portion forever; everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

¹² All the best of the olive oil, and all the best of the wine and grain, the first fruits of these that they give to the LORD, I have given them to you.

¹³ The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, will be yours. Everyone who is clean in your household may eat it.

¹⁴ Everything devoted in Israel will be yours.

¹⁵ Everything that opens the womb of all flesh which they offer to the LORD, whether human or animal will be yours. But the firstborn sons you must redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you must redeem.

¹⁶ Those that are to be redeemed that are a month old you must redeem, according to your estimation, for five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, that is twenty gerahs.

¹⁷ But the firstborn cow, sheep or goat, you must not redeem; they are holy. You must sprinkle their blood on the altar and burn their fat for an offering made by fire for a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁸ Their meat will be yours, just as the breast and the right thigh that are waved high, it will be yours.

¹⁹ All the holy offerings that the Israelites offer to the LORD, I have given to you, your sons and daughters, as your portion forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD for you and your descendants."

²⁰ Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You will not have an inheritance in their land, nor will you have any portion of property among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the Israelites.

²¹ To the Levites I have given all the tithes in Israel for an inheritance, in return for the service they perform, the service of the Tent of Meeting.

²² From now on the Israelites may not come near the Tent of Meeting or they bear their guilt and die.

²³ But the Levites will perform the service of the Tent of Meeting, and they will be held responsible for any violation against it. It will be a statute forever throughout your generations that among the Israelites they will have no land inheritance.

²⁴ For I have given to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes of the Israelites, that they present as an offering to the LORD, therefore I said to them, 'Among the Israelites they will have no land inheritance.'"

²⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁶ "You are to speak to the Levites, and tell them, 'When you receive from the Israelites the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you must present a contribution to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe.

²⁷ Your offering will be reckoned to you, as though it were grain from the threshing floor, or as juice from the winepress.

²⁸ You must also present an offering to the LORD from all the tithes you receive from the Israelites. You must give the LORD's offering from it to Aaron the priest.

²⁹ Out of all your gifts you must present every offering due to the LORD, from all the best of it is the part to be consecrated from it.

³⁰ Therefore you will say to them, 'When you offer the best of it, then the rest of it will be counted for the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor or the winepress.

³¹ You and your household may eat it anywhere, for it is your wages in return for your service in the Tent of Meeting.

³² You will bear no sin concerning it, when you have offered up the best of it. But you must not profane the holy things of the Israelites or you will die.'"

Numbers 19

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

² "This is a regulation of the law that the LORD has commanded, 'Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish, and which has never carried a yoke.

³ Give it to Eleazar the priest, and it will be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence.

⁴ Then Eleazar the priest will take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle it seven times towards the front of the Tent of Meeting.

⁵ Then the heifer must be burned in his sight; its hide, meat, blood, along with its dung.

⁶ Then the priest will take cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool, and throw them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.

⁷ Then the priest must wash his clothes and he must bathe himself in water, and afterward he may come back into the camp, but the priest will be unclean until evening.

⁸ The one who burns the heifer must wash his clothes in water and bathe himself in water, and will be unclean until evening.

⁹ A person who is clean will gather up the ashes of the heifer, and put them in a clean place outside the camp. It must be kept for the congregation of the Israelites for a water for purification, it is for purification for sin.

¹⁰ The one who gathers the ashes of the heifer must wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. This will be for the Israelites and the foreigner who resides among them, a permanent regulation.

¹¹ Whoever touches a dead body of any person will be unclean seven days.

¹² He must purify himself with water on the third day and on the seventh day, then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.

¹³ Whoever touches a corpse, the body of a dead person, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD; and that person is to be cut off from Israel, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him. He will be unclean; his uncleanness remains on him.

¹⁴ This is the law when a person dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent will be unclean for seven days.

¹⁵ Every open container, that has no cover fastened on it, is unclean.

¹⁶ Whoever in the open field touches someone who has been slain with a sword, or died of natural causes, or a human bone, or a grave, will be unclean seven days.

¹⁷ For the unclean person they must take some of the ashes from the heifer burned in the purification offering in a jar and pour fresh running water over them.

¹⁸ Then a ceremonially clean person is to take a hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all its furnishings and on the people who were there, or on the

one who touched the human bone, or someone who was killed or died from natural causes or the grave.

¹⁹ The clean person must sprinkle the unclean on the third and seventh days and then on the seventh day he will purify him. Then the one being cleansed must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and at evening he will be clean.

²⁰ But if someone is unclean and does not purify himself, that person must be cut off from the midst of the community, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. Because the water for purification was not sprinkled on him, so he is unclean.

²¹ This is a permanent statute for them. The one who sprinkles the water for purification must wash his clothes, and anyone who touches the water for purification will be unclean until evening.

²² Whatever the unclean person touches will also be unclean, and the person who touches it will be unclean until evening.

Numbers 20

¹ Then the whole community of Israelites arrived at the wilderness of Zin in the first month and the people stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried.

² Now there was no water for the community and they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.

³ The people quarreled with Moses, saying, "We wish we would have died when our brothers died before the LORD!"

⁴ Why have you brought the community of the LORD into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here?

⁵ Why did you make us leave Egypt to bring us into this terrible place? It is a place that has no grain, figs, vines or pomegranates; and there is no water to drink."

⁶ Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces. The glory of the LORD appeared to them.

⁷ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁸ "Take the wooden staff, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and speak to the rock before their eyes. Then it will pour out its water, and you will bring water out of the rock for them and so the congregation and their livestock may drink."

⁹ So Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

¹⁰ Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Listen, you rebels; must we bring water out of this rock for you?"

¹¹ Then Moses lifted up his hand, and struck the rock twice with his staff and water poured out. So the community drank and their livestock too.

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to show me as holy in the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you will not bring this assembly into the land that I am giving them."

¹³ These are the waters of Meribah (quarreling); because there the Israelites quarreled with the LORD, and he demonstrated his holiness among them.

¹⁴ Now Moses sent out messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, "This is what your brother Israel says: You know all the hardships that we have been through,

¹⁵ how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians harshly mistreated both us and our fathers.

¹⁶ When we cried to the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel who brought us out of Egypt. Now we are in Kadesh, a town on the border of your territory.

¹⁷ Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through any field or vineyard, nor will we drink any water from the wells. We will travel staying on the King's Highway and will not turn off it to the right or left, until we have passed through your territory."

¹⁸ But Edom rebuffed him, "You may not pass through my territory, or I will come out against you with the sword."

¹⁹ But the Israelites responded to him, "We will stay on the highway; and if we or our cattle drink any of your water, then we will pay you for it. We only want to pass through on foot, without doing anything else."

²⁰ But he said, "You may not pass through." Then Edom came out against him with a large and heavily armed force.

²¹ Because Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, Israel turned away from him.

²² So the whole congregation of Israelites journeyed from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor.

²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

²⁴ "Aaron is to be gathered to his people; for he may not enter into the land that I have given to the Israelites, because you both rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah.

²⁵ Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up on Mount Hor.

²⁶ Strip Aaron of his priestly garments, and put them on Eleazar his son. Then Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there."

²⁷ So Moses did as the LORD commanded. They climbed up Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community.

²⁸ Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. So Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came back down from the mountain.

²⁹ When all the community saw that Aaron was dead, the whole house of Israel wept thirty days for Aaron.

Numbers 21

¹ When the Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev heard that Israel was approaching by the road to Atharim, he fought against Israel and took some of them captive.

² So Israel made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will indeed deliver this people into our hand, then we will totally destroy their cities."

³ The LORD listened to the voice of Israel, and handed over the Canaanites; and they totally destroyed them and their towns. So the name of the place was called Hormah (destruction).

⁴ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the road to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. But the people became impatient because of the way.

⁵ The people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, there is no water and we detest this disgusting food."

⁶ So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit the people and many people of Israel died.

⁷ Then the people came to Moses, and confessed, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD, and against you. Pray to the LORD that he would take away the snakes from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous snake, and hang it on a pole and everyone who is bitten will look at it and live."

⁹ So Moses made a snake of bronze, and hung it on a pole and if anyone was bitten by a snake, when he looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

¹⁰ The Israelites journeyed on and camped in Oboth.

¹¹ They journeyed on from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim, in the wilderness on the border of Moab toward the sunrise.

¹² From there they journeyed on and camped in the valley of Zered.

¹³ From there they journeyed and camped on the other side of the Arnon gorge, which is in the wilderness that extends to the borders of the Amorites. The Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

¹⁴ This is why it is said in the book of the Wars of the LORD, "Waheb in Suphah and the ravines. The Arnon river,

¹⁵ and the slope of the valleys that extends to the settlement of Ar and lies along the border of Moab."

¹⁶ From there they continued to Beer that is the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water."

¹⁷ Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well; sing to it!

¹⁸ The well, which the princes dug,
which the leaders of the people opened,

with their scepters,
and with their staves."

From the wilderness they journeyed on to Mattanah;
¹⁹ and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth;
²⁰ and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the region of Moab, to the top of Pisgah that overlooks the wasteland.

²¹ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,
²² "Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard. We will not drink water from any wells. We will travel on the King's Highway, until we have passed through your territory."

²³ But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. Instead Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness and came to Jahaz, where he fought against Israel.

²⁴ But Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok valley, as far as the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was strongly fortified.

²⁵ So Israel took all these cities and Israel settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its towns.

²⁶ For Heshbon was the city of Sihon, the king of the Amorites. He had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon gorge.

²⁷ That is why those who pronounce oracles say,
"Come to Heshbon;
Let it be built.

Let the city of Sihon be established.
²⁸ For a fire went out from Heshbon,
a flame from the city of Sihon.
It has consumed the town of Ar in Moab,
and the lords of the high places of the Arnon.

²⁹ Woe to you, Moab!
You are destroyed, O people of Chemosh!
He has made his sons as fugitives,
and his daughters as captives to Sihon king of the Amorites.

³⁰ But we have overthrown them,
Heshbon's rule has perished as far as Dibon.
We have laid them waste all the way to Nophah,
which reaches to Medeba."

³¹ So Israel settled in the land of the Amorites.

³² Moses sent spies out to Jazer; and the Israelites captured its towns and drove out the Amorites who were there.

³³ Then they turned and went up by the road to Bashan. Now Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to do battle at Edrei.

³⁴ The LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him for I have delivered him into your hand, along with all his people and his land, and you will do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned at Heshbon."

³⁵ So they killed him, his sons and all his people, until there were no survivors left and they possessed his land.

Numbers 22

¹ The Israelites journeyed and camped in the plains of Moab on the east side of the Jordan River across from Jericho.

² Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

³ Moab was terrified of the people, because they were so numerous. Moab was full of dread because of the Israelites.

⁴ Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this horde will lick up everything that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." Balak, the son of Zippor, was king of Moab at that time.

⁵ So he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the Euphrates River, in the land of the people of Amaw, to summon him, saying, "Look, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth and they have settled next to me.

⁶ Come now, curse this people for me; for they are too powerful for me. Then perhaps I will be able to conquer them and drive them out of the land. For I know that whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed."

⁷ So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fee for divination in their hand. They came to Balaam and told him the words of Balak.

⁸ Then he said to them, "Stay here tonight, and I will bring you back whatever word the LORD tells me." So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

⁹ Then God came to Balaam, and said, "Who are these men with you?"

¹⁰ Balaam replied to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent a request to me, saying,

¹¹ 'Look, a people has come out of Egypt, it covers the face of the earth. Now come curse them for me; perhaps then I will be able to fight against them and drive them out.'"

¹² But God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you are not to curse the people, for they are blessed."

¹³ So Balaam got up in the morning and told the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you."

¹⁴ So the princes of Moab got up and returned to Balak, and reported, "Balaam refused to come with us."

¹⁵ Once again Balak sent princes, more numerous and more distinguished than the first.

¹⁶ They came to Balaam and said to him, "This is what Balak the son of Zippor says, 'Let nothing stop you from coming to me,

¹⁷ for I will reward you substantially, and whatever you tell me I will do. So come curse this people for me.'"

¹⁸ Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "Even if Balak would give me his palace full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

¹⁹ Now therefore, please spend the night here, that I may learn what more the LORD will say to me."

²⁰ Then God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "Since these men have come to invite you, get up and go with them. But do only what I tell you to do."

²¹ So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab.

²² But God's anger was sparked because he went; and the angel of the LORD stood in the way to oppose him. Now he was riding upon his donkey and his two servants were with him.

²³ The donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his sword drawn in his hand. So the donkey turned off the road and went into the field. But Balaam beat the donkey to turn it back onto the road.

²⁴ Then the angel of the LORD stood where the road narrowed between the vineyards, a rock wall being on both sides.

²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it squeezed by against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. So again he beat the donkey.

²⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place where was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.

²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam. Then Balaam's anger was sparked, and he beat the donkey with his stick.

²⁸ So the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you beat me these three times?"

²⁹ Balaam retorted to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish there were a sword in my hand, then I would kill you right now."

³⁰ But the donkey responded to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey that you have ridden on all your life until this day? Have I ever done anything like this to you before?" and he said, "No."

³¹ Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his sword drawn in his hand. So he bowed his head and fell on his face.

³² Then the angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? Look, I came out to oppose you, because what you are doing is stubbornly opposing me.

³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely I would have killed you by now, and yet saved it alive."

³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned. For I did not know that you stood in the road against me. Now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back home."

³⁵ But the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men; but speak only the word that I tell you to say." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

³⁶ Now when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at a town of Moab, which is on the border of the Arnon gorge, which is the farthest border of his territory.

³⁷ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send you an urgent invitation? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able reward you handsomely?"

³⁸ But Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you. Do I have the power to speak just anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that alone is what I must speak."

³⁹ Then Balaam went with Balak and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

⁴⁰ Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent some of it to Balaam and the princes who were with him.

⁴¹ The next morning, Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to Bamot Baal and from there he was able to see the outer part of the people of Israel.

Numbers 23

¹ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for sacrifice."

² So Balak did as Balaam instructed and Balak and Balaam offered on each altar a bull and a ram.

³ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go, perhaps the LORD will come to meet me. Whatever he reveals to me I will tell you." Then he went to a barren hill top.

⁴ God met Balaam and Balaam said to him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

⁵ The LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and this is what you are to say."

⁶ So he returned to him, and found him standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

⁷ Then Balaam uttered his oracle, saying,

"Balak brought me from Aram,
the king of Moab from the mountains of the east,
'Come, curse Jacob.
Come denounce Israel.'

⁸ How can I curse one whom God has not cursed?

How can I denounce one whom the LORD has not denounced?

⁹ For from the rocky cliffs I see him,
and from the hills I observe him,

it is a people that live alone,
and do not considered themselves one of the nations.

¹⁰ Who can count the dust of Jacob?

Who can number even a fourth of Israel?

Let me die the death of the upright,
and let my last end be like his!"

¹¹ Then Balak objected to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I brought you here to curse my enemies, but instead you have done nothing but bless them."

¹² He answered, "Must I not be careful to speak only what the LORD puts in my mouth?"

¹³ Then Balak said to him, "Come with me to another place, from there you may see them. You will see only a part of them, and will not see them all. Curse them for me from there."

¹⁴ So he brought him to the field of Zophim, on the top of Pisgah. There he built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

¹⁵ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stay here by your burnt offering, while I meet the LORD over there."

¹⁶ Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and this is what you will say."

¹⁷ So he came back to him, and he was still standing by his burnt offering, along with the princes of Moab. Then Balak asked him, "What did the LORD say?"

¹⁸ Balaam uttered his oracle, saying,

"Rise up, Balak, and listen;

hear me, O son of Zippor,

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he should lie,
or a son of man that he should change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to do it?

Has he promised and not fulfilled it?

²⁰ Look, I have received a command to bless,
and he has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

²¹ He has not seen any misfortune in Jacob;
nor has he seen trouble for Israel.

The LORD his God is with him,

and he has been proclaimed king among them.

²² God brought them out of Egypt;

he is for them like the horns of a wild ox.

²³ Surely there is no curse against Jacob;

neither is there any sorcery effective against Israel.

Now it will be said of Jacob and of Israel,

'O what God has done!'

²⁴ Look, the people rise up like a lioness,
like a lion that rouses itself.

It will not lie down until it devours its prey,

and drinks the blood of the slain."

²⁵ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Then do not curse or bless them at all."

²⁶ But Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, 'All that the LORD speaks, I must do?'"

²⁷ So Balak said to Balaam, "Come on, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them from there."

²⁸ Then Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that looked down on the wasteland.

²⁹ Balaam said to Balak, "Build here seven altars for me, and prepare for sacrifice seven bulls and seven rams for me."

³⁰ So Balak did as Balaam had directed, and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 24

¹ When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at the other times, to seek omens, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

² When Balaam lifted up his eyes and he saw Israel camped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came on him.

³ Then he uttered this oracle and said,

"The oracle of Balaam, the son of Beor,

an oracle of a man whose eye sees clearly;

⁴ the oracle of one who hears the words of God,

who sees the vision of the Almighty,

falling down with his eyes open.

⁵ How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob,

your dwelling places, O Israel!

⁶ They are like valleys spread out,

like gardens by a river side,

like aloes that the LORD has planted,

like cedar trees beside the waters.

⁷ Water will flow from his buckets,

and his descendants will have plenty of water.

His king will be greater than Agag,

and his kingdom shall be exalted.

⁸ God brought him out of Egypt,

he is as strong as a wild-ox for them.

They will devour hostile nations that oppose him,

and will break their bones in pieces,

and strike them through with his arrows.

⁹ Like a lion he crouches and lies down,

and like a lioness, who dares rouse him?

Blessed is everyone who blesses you,

and cursed is everyone who curses you."

¹⁰ Then Balak's anger was sparked against Balaam. He struck his hands together. Then Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, but instead you have blessed them these three times.

¹¹ So get out of here! Go home! I said that I would reward you substantially; but now the LORD has kept you from getting the reward."

¹² Then Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not tell your messengers you sent to me,

¹³ 'If Balak would give me his palace full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD, to do either good or bad of my own will; whatever the LORD says, that is what I must say?'

¹⁴ So now, I am going back to my people: Come now and I will tell you what this people will do to your people in the latter days."

- ¹⁵ Then he uttered this oracle, saying,
"Balaam the son of Beor, a man whose eye sees clearly,
¹⁶ the oracle of one who hears the words of God,
and knows the knowledge of the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down and having his eyes open.
¹⁷ I see him, but not now;
I observe him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob,
and a scepter will rise out of Israel.
He will crush the skulls of Moab,
and the heads of all the sons of Seth.
¹⁸ Then Edom will be a possession,
Seir, his enemy, will also be a possession,
but Israel will triumph.
¹⁹ A ruler will come out of Jacob,
and will destroy the survivors from the city."
- ²⁰ Then Balaam looked on Amalek, and uttered his oracle, and said,
"Amalek was the first of the nations;
but his end is that he will perish."
²¹ Then he looked on the Kenites, and uttered his oracle, and said,
"Your dwelling place seems secure,
and your nest is set in the rock.
²² Nevertheless you Kenites will be wasted,
when Asshur carries you away captive."
²³ Then he uttered his oracle, and said,
"Alas, who will survive when God does this?
²⁴ But ships will come from the shores of Kittim,
and they will afflict Asshur and Eber;
then he also will come to utter destruction."
²⁵ Then Balaam got up, left and went home, and Balak also went his way.

Numbers 25

¹ While Israel was camped at Shittim the people began to commit sexual immorality with the daughters of Moab.

² These women invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

³ When Israel joined in worship of Baal of Peor, the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

⁴ The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of these people and hang them up before the LORD in full daylight, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

⁵ Moses told the judges of Israel, "Each of you must execute any of your men who have joined themselves in the worship of Baal of Peor."

⁶ Just then one of the Israelites came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in plain sight of Moses and all the congregation of the Israelites, while they were weeping at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

⁷ When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he got up from the midst of the assembly, and took a spear in his hand.

⁸ He went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the Israelite man and into the woman's stomach. So the plague on the Israelites was stopped.

⁹ Nevertheless there were about 24,000 who died from the plague.

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹¹ "Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the Israelites, by showing such jealousy as I have for them, so that I did not consume Israel in my jealousy.

¹² Therefore declare, 'I am giving to him my covenant of peace.'

¹³ So it will be to him and to his descendants after him, a covenant of a permanent priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the Israelites."

¹⁴ Now the name of the man of Israel that was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a leader of a clan among the Simeonites.

¹⁵ The name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur. He was head of the people of a clan in Midian.

¹⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁷ "Bring trouble on the Midianites and destroy them.

¹⁸ For they have brought trouble on you with their treachery with which they deceived you in the affair at Peor, and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed on the day of the plague as a result of the situation at Peor."

Numbers 26

¹ After the plague, the LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saying,

² "Take a census of the whole congregation of the Israelites, from twenty years old and upward, by their clans, everyone in Israel who is able to go to war."

³ So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho, saying,

⁴ "Number the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses."

The Israelites who came out of the land of Egypt were:

⁵ Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben:

from Hanoch, the clan of the Hanochites;

from Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;

⁶ from Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites;

from Carmi, the clan of the Carmites.

⁷ These are the clans of the Reubenites; and those numbered were 43,730.

⁸ The descendant of Pallu was Eliab.

⁹ The descendants of Eliab were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. These were the same Dathan and Abiram, who were chosen from the congregation, who rebelled against Moses and Aaron with the followers of Korah, when they rebelled against the LORD.

¹⁰ The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died; at that time the fire devoured 250 men, and they became a warning to the nation.

¹¹ However, the sons of Korah did not die.

¹² The descendants of Simeon after their clans:

from Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelites;

from Jamin, the clan of the Jaminites;

from Jakin, the clan of the Jakinites;

¹³ from Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites;

from Shaul, the clan of the Shaulites.

¹⁴ These are the clans of the Simeonites, 22,200.

¹⁵ The descendants of Gad after their clans:

from Zephon, the clan of the Zephonites;

from Haggi, the clan of the Haggites;

from Shuni, the clan of the Shunites;

¹⁶ from Ozni, the clan of the Oznites;

from Eri, the clan of the Erites;

¹⁷ from Arod, the clan of the Arodites;

from Areli, the clan of the Arelites.

¹⁸ These are the clans of the descendants of Gad according to those who were numbered, 40,500.

¹⁹ The sons of Judah were Er and Onan. Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

²⁰ The descendants of Judah after their clans were:

from Shelah, the clan of the Shelanites;

from Perez, the clan the Perezites;

from Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites.

²¹ The descendants of Perez were:

from Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites;

from Hamul, the clan of the Hamulites.

²² These are the clans of Judah according to those who were numbered, 76,500.

²³ The descendants of Issachar after their clans:

from Tola, the clan of the Tolaites;

from Puah, the clan of the Puites;

²⁴ from Jashub, the clan of the Jashubites;

from Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.

²⁵ These are the clans of Issachar according to those who were numbered, 64,300.

²⁶ The descendants of Zebulun after their clans:

from Sered, the clan of the Seredites;

from Elon, the clan of the Elonites;

from Jahleel, the clan of the Jahleelites.

²⁷ These are the clans of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered, 60,500.

²⁸ The descendants of Joseph after their clans: Manasseh and Ephraim.

²⁹ The descendants of Manasseh:

from Makir, the clan of the Makirites, now Makir was the father of Gilead;

from Gilead, the clan of the Gileadites.

³⁰ These are the sons of Gilead:

from Iezer, the clan of the Iezerites;

from Helek, the clan of the Helekites;

³¹ from Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites;

from Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites;

³² from Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites;

from Hephher, the clan of the Hephherites.

³³ Now Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, had no sons, but only daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

³⁴ These are the clans of Manasseh and those who were numbered were 52,700.

³⁵ These are the descendants of Ephraim after their clans:

from Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahites;

- from Beker, the clan of the Bekerites;
from Tahan, the clan of the Tahanites.
- ³⁶ These are the sons of Shuthelah:
from Eran, the clan of the Eranites.
- ³⁷ These are the clans of the descendants of Ephraim according to those who were numbered, 32,500. These are the sons of Joseph after their clans.
- ³⁸ The sons of Benjamin after their clans:
from Bela, the clan of the Belaites;
from Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelites;
from Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramites;
- ³⁹ from Shupham, the clan of the Shuphamites;
from Hupham, the clan of the Huphamites.
- ⁴⁰ Now the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman:
from Ard, the clan of the Ardites;
from Naaman, the clan of the Naamites.
- ⁴¹ These are the sons of Benjamin after their clans; and those who were numbered were 45,600.
- ⁴² These are the descendants of Dan after their clans:
of Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamites.
These are the families of Dan after their clans.
- ⁴³ All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered, 64,400.
- ⁴⁴ The descendants of Asher after their clans:
from Imnah, the clan of the Imnites;
from Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvites;
from Beriah, the clan of the Berites.
- ⁴⁵ Of the descendants of Beriah:
from Heber, the clan of the Heberites;
from Malkiel, the clan of the Malkielites.
- ⁴⁶ The name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.
- ⁴⁷ These are the clans of the Asherites according to those who were numbered, 53,400.
- ⁴⁸ The descendants of Naphtali after their clans:
from Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelites;
from Guni, the clan of the Gunites;
- ⁴⁹ from Jezer, the clan of the Jezerites;
from Shillem, the clan of the Shillemites.
- ⁵⁰ These are the Naphtalites according to their clans; and those who were numbered were 45,400.
- ⁵¹ The total number of Israelite men was, 601,730.

⁵² Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁵³ "To these the land will be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

⁵⁴ To the larger tribes you are to give the larger inheritance, and to the smaller tribes you are to give the smaller inheritance; every tribe will be given its inheritance according to the size of its population.

⁵⁵ The land is to be divided by lot. They will inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

⁵⁶ Their inheritance will be divided by lot between the larger and the smaller tribes."

⁵⁷ These are the Levites who were numbered after their clans:

from Gershon, the clan of the Gershonites;

from Kohath, the clan of the Kohathites;

from Merari, the clan of the Merarites.

⁵⁸ These are the clans of Levi:

the clan of the Libnites,

the clan of the Hebronites,

the clan of the Mahlites,

the clan of the Mushites,

the clan of the Korahites.

Kohath was the father of Amram.

⁵⁹ The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. She bore to Amram, Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.

⁶⁰ To Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

⁶¹ But Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered an unauthorized fire before the LORD.

⁶² They who were numbered were 23,000, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the Israelites, because they received no land inheritance among the Israelites.

⁶³ These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the Israelites in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho.

⁶⁴ But among these there was not one person who had been counted by Moses and Aaron the priest, when they numbered the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai.

⁶⁵ For the LORD had said concerning them, "They will surely die in the wilderness." And there was not a single one of them left except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Numbers 27

¹ Then the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph came forward with a request. These are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

² They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the tribal leaders and the whole congregation, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, saying,

³ "Our father died in the wilderness, although he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD with the followers of Korah, but he died for his own sin; and he had no sons.

⁴ Why should the name of our father vanish from among his clan just because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

⁵ So Moses brought their request before the LORD.

⁶ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

⁷ "The claim the daughters of Zelophehad are making is right. You must certainly give them possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers. You must pass their father's inheritance on to them.

⁸ You must tell the Israelites, 'If a man dies and has no son, then you must pass his inheritance on to his daughter.

⁹ If he has no daughter, then you are to give his inheritance to his brothers.

¹⁰ If he has no brothers, then you are to give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

¹¹ If his father has no brothers, then you are to give his inheritance to his nearest relatives, and he will possess it. This is a legal requirement for the Israelites just as the LORD commanded Moses."

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up into this mountain in the Abarim range, and look over the land that I have given to the Israelites.

¹³ When you have seen it, you also will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was,

¹⁴ because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, when the congregation quarreled with me, you failed to show my holiness before their eyes at the waters." (These are the waters of Meribah at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

¹⁵ Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

¹⁶ "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

¹⁷ who may go out and come in before them, and who may lead them out and bring them in so that the congregation of the LORD will not be as sheep that have no shepherd."

¹⁸ Then the LORD replied to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

¹⁹ Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before the whole congregation and commission him in their sight.

²⁰ Then give him some of your authority so that the whole congregation of the Israelites may obey him.

²¹ Then he is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will seek counsel for him by the decision rendered by the sacred Urim lot cast before the LORD. At his word they will go out and at his word they will come in, both Joshua and all the Israelites with him, even the whole congregation."

²² Then Moses did as the LORD commanded him and he took Joshua, and stood him before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation.

²³ He laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

Numbers 28

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Command the Israelites and tell them, 'Concerning my offering, it is my food for my offerings to be made by fire, a sweet aroma to me. You must be careful to offer it to me at its appointed time.'

³ Tell them, 'This is the offering made by fire that you are to offer to the LORD two year-old male lambs without defect, every day, for a continual burnt offering.

⁴ The one lamb you are to offer in the morning, and the other lamb you are to offer in the evening,

⁵ with two quarts of choice flour for a grain offering mixed with a quart of pressed olive oil.

⁶ It is a daily continual burnt offering, that was instituted at Mount Sinai for a pleasing aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

⁷ Its drink offering will be one quart per lamb. You are to pour out the strong drink as a drink offering to the LORD at the sanctuary.

⁸ The other lamb you are to offer in the evening with the same the grain offering and drink offering as in the morning. You are to offer it, as an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

⁹ On the Sabbath offer two one-year old male lambs without defect, and four quarts of choice flour for a gain offering, mixed with olive oil along with its drink offering.

¹⁰ This is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, in addition to the daily continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

¹¹ On the first day of each month you are to offer a burnt offering to the LORD of two young bulls, one ram, seven year-old male lambs without defect;

¹² along with six quarts of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with olive oil for each bull, four quarts of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with olive oil, for each ram,

¹³ and two quarts of choice flour mixed with olive oil for a grain offering for each lamb. This is a burnt offering of pleasing aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

¹⁴ Their respective drink offerings will be two quarts of wine with each bull, and a third of a gallon with each ram and one quart with each lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

¹⁵ The one male goat is to be offered as a sin offering to the LORD. It is to be offered in addition to the daily continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

¹⁶ On the fourteenth day of the first month, is the LORD's Passover.

¹⁷ On the fifteenth day of this month is a feast. For seven days unleavened bread must be eaten.

¹⁸ On the first day there is to be a holy assembly, on it you must not do any regular work.

¹⁹ But offer an offering made by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD of two young bulls, one ram and seven year-old male lambs, all with no defects.

²⁰ Their accompanying grain offering will be choice flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts with each bull, and four quarts with each ram,

²¹ and two quarts with each of the seven lambs.

²² To make atonement for yourselves, offer one male goat for a sin offering.

²³ You must offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a daily continual burnt offering.

²⁴ In the same way you are to offer every day, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. It is to be offered besides the daily continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

²⁵ On the seventh day you are to have a holy assembly, on it you must not do any regular work.

²⁶ On the day of the first fruits, when you offer a grain offering of new grain to the LORD in your Feast of Weeks, you are to have a holy assembly, on it you must not do any regular work.

²⁷ But you are to offer a burnt offering for a pleasing aroma to the LORD of two young bulls, one ram, seven year-old male lambs;

²⁸ with their grain offering of choice flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts with each bull, four quarts with the ram,

²⁹ and two quarts with each of the seven lambs,

³⁰ as well as one male goat, to make atonement for yourself.

³¹ Besides the daily continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you are to offer them and their drink offerings. The animals must be without defect.

Numbers 29

¹ On first day of the seventh month, you are to have a holy assembly. You must not do any regular work on it. It is a day for you to blow the trumpets.

² You are to offer a burnt offering for a pleasing aroma to the LORD of one young bull, one ram, seven year-old male lambs without defect.

³ Their accompanying grain offering is to be made of choice flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts with the bull, four quarts with the ram,

⁴ and two quarts with each of the seven lambs.

⁵ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for yourself.

⁶ In addition to the burnt offering of the new moon and its grain offering, and the daily continual burnt offering and its grain offering and drink offerings, as prescribed, for a pleasing aroma an offering made by fire to the LORD.

⁷ On the tenth day of this seventh month you are to have a holy assembly and you must afflict yourselves and not do any type of work.

⁸ You are to offer a burnt offering to the LORD for a pleasing aroma of one young bull, one ram, seven year-old male lambs without defect.

⁹ Their accompanying grain offering is to be made of choice flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts with the bull, four quarts with the one ram,

¹⁰ two quarts with each of the seven lambs.

¹¹ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the sin offering of atonement, and the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offerings.

¹² On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you are to have a holy assembly. You must not do any regular work on it. You are to celebrate a festival to the LORD for seven days.

¹³ You are to offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a pleasing aroma to the LORD, of thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs. They must be without defect.

¹⁴ Their accompanying grain offering is to be made of choice flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts with each of the thirteen bulls, four quarts with each of the two rams,

¹⁵ and two quarts with each of the fourteen lambs.

¹⁶ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering, besides the daily continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.

¹⁷ On the second day you are to offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

¹⁸ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

¹⁹ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

²⁰ On the third day offer eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

²¹ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams, and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

²² Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

²³ On the fourth day offer ten bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

²⁴ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

²⁵ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, its grain offering and drink offering.

²⁶ On the fifth day offer nine bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

²⁷ along with its grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

²⁸ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

²⁹ On the sixth day offer eight bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

³⁰ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

³¹ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

³² On the seventh day offer seven bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defect;

³³ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bulls, rams and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

³⁴ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

³⁵ On the eighth day you are to have a solemn assembly. You must not do any regular work on it.

³⁶ You are to offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD, of one bull, one ram, seven year-old male lambs without defect;

³⁷ along with their grain offering and drink offerings that accompany the bull, ram and lambs, as prescribed according to their number.

³⁸ Also offer one male goat for a sin offering besides the daily continual burnt offering, and its grain offering and drink offering.

³⁹ These you are to offer to the LORD at your appointed feasts, in addition to your vow and freewill offerings, and your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings and peace offerings."

⁴⁰ So Moses told the Israelites everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Numbers 30

¹ Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the Israelites, "This is what the LORD has commanded.

² 'When a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a pledge, he must not break his word; he must do exactly what his mouth promised.

³ If a young woman living in her father's house makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself with a pledge,

⁴ and her father hears her vow, and her pledge by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her; then all her vows will stand, and any pledge by which she had bound herself shall stand.

⁵ But if her father forbids it on the day he heard it, then none of her vows, or pledge by which she had bound herself will stand and the LORD will forgive her, because her father forbid her.

⁶ If she marries a husband, while her vows are on her, or her lips uttered any impulsive pledge, by which she has bound herself,

⁷ and her husband hears about it, but says nothing to her in the day he hears it; then her vows will stand, and her pledges by which she had bound herself will stand.

⁸ But if her husband forbids her in the day he hears it, then he will nullify her vow she has taken or the impulsive pledge of her lips by which she has bound herself and the LORD will forgive her.

⁹ But the vow of a woman who is a widow or divorced which has bound herself, will remain binding on her.

¹⁰ If she made a vow in her husband's house or bound herself with a pledge under an oath,

¹¹ and her husband heard it, but said nothing to her, and did not forbid her, then all her vows will stand, and every pledge by which she has bound herself will stand.

¹² But if her husband nullifies them when he hears them, then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the pledge of herself, will not stand. Her husband has nullified them and the LORD will forgive her.

¹³ Any vow and binding oath to afflict herself, her husband may confirm or nullify it.

¹⁴ But if her husband says nothing to her from day to day, then he so confirms all her vows or all her pledges she is bound with. He has confirmed them because he said nothing to her when he initially heard them.

¹⁵ But if he nullifies them only some time after he has heard them, then he will bear her guilt."

¹⁶ These are the regulations that the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, while she is young still living in her father's house.

Numbers 31

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Avenge the Israelites on the Midianites, after that you will be gathered to your people."

³ So Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm some of your men for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute the LORD's vengeance on Midian.

⁴ Send to war a thousand from each of all the tribes of Israel."

⁵ So out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe was chosen, 12,000 men armed for war.

⁶ Then Moses sent them to war, a thousand from each tribe with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, along with the articles from the sanctuary and the trumpets for the sounding the alarm in his hand.

⁷ So they fought against Midian, as the LORD commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

⁸ They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

⁹ The Israelites took captive the women of Midian and their children; and took all their cattle, all their flocks and all their goods as plunder.

¹⁰ They burned with fire all their towns where they lived and all their encampments.

¹¹ They took all the spoil and plunder, both of people and animals.

¹² They brought the captives, plunder and spoil to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the assembly of Israelites camped on the plains of Moab, by the Jordan River across from Jericho.

¹³ Then Moses, Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the assembly, went out to meet them outside the camp.

¹⁴ But Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, who returned from the battle.

¹⁵ Moses said to them, "Have you let all the women live?"

¹⁶ Look, these women, as a result of Balaam's counsel, caused the Israelites to rebel against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so that the plague came among the LORD's community.

¹⁷ Now therefore kill every boy and kill every woman who has slept with a man.

¹⁸ But all the young women who have not slept with a man, you may keep for yourselves.

¹⁹ Anyone who has killed someone, and whoever has touched a corpse should stay outside the camp seven days. Purify yourselves and your captives on the third and seventh day.

²⁰ Purify each garment and everything made of leather, goats' hair or wood."

²¹ Then Eleazar the priest said to soldiers who went to the battle, "This is the statute of the law that the LORD commanded Moses:

²² 'the gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin and lead,

²³ everything that can withstand fire, you are to put through the fire, then it will be clean. But it must also be purified with the water of purification. Everything that is flammable you need only put through the water.

²⁴ You must wash your clothes on the seventh day and then you will be clean and afterward you may enter the camp."

²⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁶ "You, Eleazar the priest and family leaders of the community are to take an inventory of all the plunder, both people and animals.

²⁷ Then divide the plunder into two parts between the soldiers who went out to battle and all the congregation.

²⁸ Exact tribute for the LORD from the warriors who went out to battle, one life out of five hundred, whether people, oxen, donkeys, or flocks.

²⁹ Take it from their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, as an offering to the LORD.

³⁰ But from the Israelite's half, you are to take one out of every fifty, whether people, oxen, donkeys or flocks--all the animals--and give them to the Levites who are in charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

³¹ So Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

³² Now the plunder remaining from the spoils that the warriors took, was 675,000 sheep,

³³ 72,000 cattle,

³⁴ 61,000 donkeys,

³⁵ and 32,000 young women who had never slept with a man.

³⁶ Half of the portion for those who went out to war was 337,500 sheep,

³⁷ and the LORD's tribute from the sheep was 675.

³⁸ The soldiers' cattle were 36,000 with the LORD's tribute being 72.

³⁹ The donkeys were 30,500 with the LORD's tribute being 61.

⁴⁰ The people were 16,000 with the LORD's tribute being 32.

⁴¹ Moses gave the tribute which was the LORD's offering, to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴² From the Israelites' half, which Moses separated out from the soldiers

⁴³ for the community's half was 337,500 sheep,

⁴⁴ 36,000 cattle,

⁴⁵ 30,500 donkeys,

⁴⁶ and 16,000 people.

⁴⁷ From the Israelites' half, Moses took one out of every fifty people and animals, and gave them to the Levites, who were in charge of the tabernacle of the LORD as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴⁸ Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds approached Moses,

⁴⁹ and said to Moses, "Your servants have taken count of the soldiers that are under our command and not one is missing.

⁵⁰ So we have brought the LORD's offering from what each man has gotten, articles of gold, armlets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

⁵¹ Then Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, even all the crafted articles.

⁵² All the gold offering that they offered up to the LORD from the commanders of thousands, and commanders of hundreds, was 16,750 shekels.

⁵³ (For each soldier had taken plunder for himself.)

⁵⁴ Then Moses and Eleazar the priest accepted the gold from the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and brought it to the Tent of Meeting as a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD.

Numbers 32

¹ Now the Reubenite and Gadite tribes had a large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of Jazer and Gilead were a good place for cattle,

² the Gadites and Reubenites came and spoke to Moses, Eleazar the priest and the leaders of the congregation, saying,

³ "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon,

⁴ the land the LORD conquered before the congregation of Israel, is a land ideal for cattle; and we, your servants, have cattle."

⁵ So they asked, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan River."

⁶ But Moses answered the Gadites and Reubenites, "Must your brothers go to the war while you sit here?"

⁷ Why would you discourage the heart of the Israelites from going over into the land which the LORD has given them?

⁸ Your fathers did the same thing when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

⁹ For when they went up to the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the Israelites from entering the land the LORD had given them.

¹⁰ So the LORD's anger was sparked on that day, and he swore, saying,

¹¹ 'Surely none of the people who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, will see the land I swore to give Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because they have not followed me wholeheartedly,

¹² none except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they wholeheartedly followed the LORD.'

¹³ The LORD's anger was sparked against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness for forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was gone.

¹⁴ But, look, here you are a brood of sinners standing up in your fathers' place, to further increase the LORD's fierce anger toward Israel.

¹⁵ For if you turn away from following him, he will once again leave them in the wilderness; and you will be responsible for the destruction all this people."

¹⁶ Then they approached him and said, "We want to build folds here for our cattle, and towns for our children,

¹⁷ but we ourselves will take up arms to go before the Israelites, until we have brought them to their place. Meanwhile our children will dwell in the fortified cities as protection against the inhabitants of the land.

¹⁸ We will not return to our houses until every Israelite has received his land inheritance.

¹⁹ For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond because our land inheritance has come to us on this eastern side of the Jordan River."

²⁰ Then Moses said to them, "If you will do this--if you will arm yourselves to go before the LORD for battle,

- ²¹ and if all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD, until he has driven out his enemies from before him,
- ²² and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you may return and be free of your obligation to the LORD and to Israel. This land will be your possession before the LORD.
- ²³ But if you will not do this, then you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.
- ²⁴ So build your towns for your children, and folds for your sheep; but then do what your mouth has promised you would do."
- ²⁵ Then the Gadites and the Reubenites spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do as my lord commands.
- ²⁶ Our children, our wives, our flocks and all our cattle, will remain there in the towns of Gilead;
- ²⁷ but your servants will cross over, every man armed for war, to do battle before the LORD, just as my lord has said."
- ²⁸ So Moses gave orders concerning them to Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the clans of the tribes of the Israelites.
- ²⁹ Then Moses said to them, "If the Gadites and the Reubenites will cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle before the LORD, and the land is subdued before you; then give them the land of Gilead for a possession.
- ³⁰ But if they do not cross over with you armed, they must accept their possessions among you in the land of Canaan."
- ³¹ The Gadites and Reubenites answered, saying, "As the LORD has said to your servants, we will do.
- ³² We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance will remain with us on this eastern side of the Jordan River."
- ³³ So Moses gave to them, to the Gadites and Reubenites and the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its towns and the land around them.
- ³⁴ The Gadites built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer,
- ³⁵ Atroth-shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah,
- ³⁶ Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified towns, and made folds for their sheep.
- ³⁷ The Reubenites built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim,
- ³⁸ Nebo, Baal-meon, (their names were changed,) and Sibmah. They renamed towns that they rebuilt.
- ³⁹ The descendants of Makir, the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, captured it and drove out the Amorites who were there.
- ⁴⁰ Moses gave Gilead to Makir, the son of Manasseh; and he settled there.

⁴¹ Jair, the son of Manasseh, went and captured its towns, and called them Havvoth-jair (towns of Jair).

⁴² Nobah went and captured Kenath, and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

Numbers 33

¹ These are the travels of the Israelites, who left the land of Egypt by their divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

² Moses wrote down their starting place according to their journeys, by the command of the LORD. These are their travels according to their starting places.

³ They traveled from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, on the day after Passover. The Israelites went out defiantly in plain sight of all the Egyptians,

⁴ while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD also executed judgments on their gods.

⁵ So the Israelites journeyed from Rameses and camped at Succoth.

⁶ They traveled from Succoth and camped in Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.

⁷ They traveled from Etham, and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baalzephon, and they camped before Migdol.

⁸ They traveled from before Hahiroth, and passed through the middle of the sea into the wilderness. Then they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham and camped at Marah.

⁹ They traveled from Marah, and came to Elim; in Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm-trees, and they camped there.

¹⁰ They traveled from Elim and camped by the Red Sea.

¹¹ They traveled from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

¹² They traveled from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

¹³ They traveled from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

¹⁴ They traveled from Alush and camped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

¹⁵ They traveled from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

¹⁶ They traveled from the wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth-hattaavah.

¹⁷ They traveled from Kibroth-hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.

¹⁸ They traveled from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.

¹⁹ They traveled from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon-perez.

²⁰ They traveled from Rimmon-perez and camped at Libnah.

²¹ They traveled from Libnah and camped at Rissah.

²² They traveled from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.

²³ They traveled from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.

²⁴ They traveled from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.

²⁵ They traveled from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.

²⁶ They traveled from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.

²⁷ They traveled from Tahath and camped at Terah.

²⁸ They traveled from Terah and camped at Mithkah.

²⁹ They traveled from Mithcah and camped at Hashmonah.

³⁰ They traveled from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

³¹ They traveled from Moseroth and camped at Bene-jaakan.

³² They traveled from Bene-jaakan and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

³³ They traveled from Hor-haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

³⁴ They traveled from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.

³⁵ They traveled from Abronah and camped at Ezion-geber.

³⁶ They traveled from Ezion-geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin which is Kadesh.

³⁷ They traveled from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸ Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the Israelites had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month.

³⁹ Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor.

⁴⁰ The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the Israelites.

⁴¹ They traveled from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

⁴² They traveled from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

⁴³ They traveled from Punon and camped at Oboth.

⁴⁴ They traveled from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, in the border of Moab.

⁴⁵ They traveled from Iyim and camped at Dibon-gad.

⁴⁶ They traveled from Dibon-gad and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

⁴⁷ They traveled from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

⁴⁸ They traveled from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

⁴⁹ They camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth even to Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

⁵⁰ The LORD spoke to Moses, in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho, saying,

⁵¹ "Speak to the Israelites, and tell them, 'When you cross over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan,

⁵² drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you. Destroy all their carved images and all their molten images, and demolish all their high places.

⁵³ Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess it.

⁵⁴ Divide the inheritance of the land by lot among your clans. Give to the larger clans more inheritance, and to the smaller clans give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to any one, that will be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

⁵⁵ But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land before you, then those who you let remain will be splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will make trouble for you in the land where you will live.

⁵⁶ What I planned to do to them, I will do to you."

Numbers 34

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² "Command the Israelites, and tell them, 'When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that has been assigned to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan defined by its boundaries.

³ Your south side will be from the wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom, and your southern border will begin from the east at the Salt (Dead) Sea.

⁴ Your border will turn south to the Ascent of Akrabbim (Scorpions), and continue on to Zin; then on southward to Kadesh-barnea. From there it will go to Hazar-addar and pass along to Azmon.

⁵ The border will turn from Azmon to the brook of Egypt and end at the Great (Mediterranean) Sea.

⁶ Your western border will be the Great Sea. This will be your western border.

⁷ Your northern border will be from the Great Sea. Draw a line to Mount Hor.

⁸ From Mount Hor draw a line to Lebo Hamath. Then the border will go through Zedad.

⁹ The border will continue on to Ziphron and end at Hazar-enan. This will be your northern border.

¹⁰ Mark a line for your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

¹¹ The border will go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain, and the border will go down and reach to the eastern edge of the Sea of Chinnereth (Galilee).

¹² The border will go down to the Jordan River and the end at the Salt (Dead) Sea. This will be your land according to the borders around it."

¹³ Then Moses commanded the Israelites, saying, "This is the land that you will inherit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine and a half-tribes.

¹⁴ The families of tribe of Reubenites, the families of the tribe of Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh have already received their inheritance.

¹⁵ The two and a half tribes have received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan River across from Jericho, toward the sunrise."

¹⁶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁷ "These are the names of the men who are to divide the land allotment for you as a land inheritance: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

¹⁸ Take one leader from each tribe to help divide the land for inheritance.

¹⁹ These are the names of the men:

from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

²⁰ from the tribe of the Simeonites, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

²¹ from the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Kislou.

²² from the tribe of the Danites, a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli.

²³ from the children of Joseph:

from the tribe of the Manassehites, a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

²⁴ from the tribe of the Ephraimites, a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

- ²⁵ from the tribe of the Zebulunites, a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.
²⁶ from the tribe of the Issacharites, a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan.
²⁷ from the tribe of the Asherites, a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.
²⁸ and from the tribe of the Naphtalites, a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."
²⁹ These are those the LORD commanded to divide the land inheritance to the Israelites in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 35

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho, saying,

² "Command the Israelites that they give the Levites towns to live in from their land inheritance that they possess. Also give the Levites the pasture lands surrounding the towns.

³ So they will have towns to live in and pasture lands for their cattle, livestock and all their other animals.

⁴ The pasture lands of the towns you are giving to the Levites should extend 500 yards from the town wall all the way around it.

⁵ Measure outside the town 1000 yards on the east side, 1000 yards on the south side, 1000 yards on the west side and 1000 yards on the north side, with the town being in the middle. This will be their extended pasture lands for their towns.

⁶ Among the towns you give to the Levites will be six cities of refuge, to which a person who has accidentally killed someone may flee. Besides those, give them forty-two other towns.

⁷ The total number of towns you are to give the Levites is forty-eight along with their pasture lands.

⁸ The towns that you give them will come from the property of the Israelites. From the larger tribes you shall take many; and from the smaller tribes you shall take fewer, each are to give of towns to the Levites according to their inheritance."

⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁰ "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you cross the Jordan River into the land of Canaan,

¹¹ select towns to be cities of refuge for you, so that a person who accidentally kills someone may flee.

¹² These towns will be a refuge for you from the avenger, so that the one who has killed someone may not die until he stands trial before the congregation.

¹³ Designate six towns as cities of refuge for yourselves.

¹⁴ Give three towns on the other side of the Jordan, and give three towns in the land of Canaan as cities of refuge.

¹⁵ For the Israelites and the resident or transient foreigner these six cities will be a place of refuge; so that anyone who kills someone accidentally may flee there.

¹⁶ But if he strikes him with an iron instrument, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer must surely be put to death.

¹⁷ If he strikes him with a stone in the hand that could kill, and the victim does die, he is a murderer. The murderer must surely be put to death.

¹⁸ If he strikes him with a wooden weapon in the hand that could kill, and the victim does die, he is a murderer. The murderer must surely be put to death.

¹⁹ The avenger of blood himself will put the murderer to death, when he meets him, he must put the murderer to death.

²⁰ If someone pushes him out of hatred, or throws something at him, intentionally lying in wait, so that he dies,

²¹ or in hatred strikes him with his hand so that he dies; then the one who hit him must surely be put to death; he is a murderer. The avenger of blood must put the murderer to death when he meets him.

²² But if he pushes him suddenly without enmity, or throws something at him unintentionally without lying in wait,

²³ or with a stone large enough to kill someone, without seeing him and throws it on him, so that he dies, but he was not his enemy, and was not seeking to harm him;

²⁴ then the congregation will judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these regulations.

²⁵ The congregation must protect the slayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation will restore him to his city of refuge, where he fled. He must live there until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.

²⁶ But if the slayer at any time goes beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he fled,

²⁷ and the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the slayer, he will not be guilty of blood,

²⁸ because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest but after the death of the high priest the slayer may return home to the land of his possession.

²⁹ These things will be a statute for you throughout your generations wherever you live.

³⁰ Whoever kills a person, the murderer will be slain only on the testimony of multiple witnesses. No one may be put to death based on the testimony of one person.

³¹ Moreover you must not accept a ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death. He must surely be put to death.

³² You must not accept a ransom for someone who has fled to a city of refuge, so that he may return home to dwell in the land before the death of the priest.

³³ You must not pollute the land where you live, for blood pollutes the land and there is no cleansing that can be made for the land concerning the blood that was shed there except by the blood of the one who shed it.

³⁴ Do not defile the land where you live and where I also live, for I, the LORD, dwell among the Israelites."

Numbers 36

¹ The family heads of the clans of Gileadites, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spoke before Moses and the leaders, who were heads of the Israelite families.

² They said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the Israelites and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

³ But if they marry men from other tribes of the Israelites, then their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe that they belong to. So it will be taken away from the lot of our assigned inheritance.

⁴ When the Jubilee of the Israelites comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe that they now belong to. So their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

⁵ Then Moses commanded the Israelites according to the word of the LORD, saying, "What the tribe of the sons of Joseph are saying is right.

⁶ This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: 'Let them marry whoever they think best; only they must marry inside the family of the tribe of their father.

⁷ So no inheritance of the Israelites will be transferred from tribe to tribe. But every Israelite must retain the inheritance of the tribe of his forefathers.

⁸ Every daughter, who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the Israelites, must marry someone from the clan of her father's tribe, so that each Israelite may retain the inheritance of his fathers.

⁹ So no inheritance may be transferred from one tribe to another, for each tribe of the Israelites must keep its own inheritance."

¹⁰ So the daughters of Zelophehad did just as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹¹ Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, married sons of their father's brothers.

¹² They married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph. So their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's family.

¹³ These are the commandments and the regulations that the LORD commanded through Moses to the Israelites in the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho.