The Fourth Book Of Moses Called (*)
Numbers

(*) So called because of the diversity and multitude of numberings which are here chiefly contained.

The Argument

For as much as God hath appointed that his Church in this world shall be under the cross, both because they should learn not to put their trust in worldly things, and also feel his comfort, when all other help faileth; he did not straightway bring his people, after their departure out of Egypt, into the land which he had promised them, but led them to and fro for the space of forty years, and kept them in continual exercises before they enjoyed it, to try their faith, and to teach them to forget the world, and to depend on him. Which trial did greatly profit, to discern the wicked and the hypocrites from the faithful and true servants of God, who served him with a pure heart, whereas the others, preferring their carnal affections to God’s glory, and making Religion to serve their purpose, murmured when they lacked to content their lusts, and despised them whom God had appointed rulers over them. By reason whereof they provoked God’s terrible judgments against them, and are set forth as a most notable example for all ages, to beware how they abuse God’s word, prefer their own lusts to his will, or despise his ministers. Notwithstanding, God is ever true in his promise, and governeth his by his holy Spirit, that either they fall not to such inconveniences, or else return to him quickly by true repentance; and therefore he continueth his graces toward them, he giveth them ordinances and instructions, as well for Religion, as outward policy; he preserveth them against all craft and conspiracy, and giveth them manifold victories against their enemies. And to avoid all controversies that might arise, he taketh away the occasions, by dividing among all the tribes, both the land, which they had won, and that also which he had promised, as seemed best to his godly wisdom.
Numbers 1

3 Moses and Aaron with the twelve princes of the tribes are commanded of the Lord to number them that are able to go to war. 49 The Levites are exempted for the service of the Lord.

1 The LORD spake again unto Moses in the wilderness of (a) Sinai, in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, in the first day of the (b) second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

(a) In that place of the wilderness that was near to mount Sinai.
(b) Which contained part of April, and part of May.

2 (*) Take ye the sum of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, and households of their fathers, with the number of their names; to wit, all the males, (♣) man by man;

(*) Exodus 30:12.
(♣) Hebrew: by their heads.

2 From twenty years old and above, all that go forth to the war in Israel, thou and Aaron shall number them, throughout their armies.

3 And with you shall be (c) men of every tribe, such as are the heads of the house of their fathers.

(c) That is, the chiefest man of every tribe.

5 And these are the names of the men that shall (d) stand with you, of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur;

(d) And assist you when ye number the people.

6 Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

7 Of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

8 Of Issachar, Nethaneel, the son of Zuar;

9 Of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon;

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur;
11 Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

12 Of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai;

13 Of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Ocran;

14 Of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Deuel;

15 Of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 These were famous in the Congregation, (e) princes of the tribes of their fathers, and heads over thousands in Israel.

(e) Or captains and governors.

17 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names.

18 And they called all the Congregation together in the first day of the second month, who declared (f) their kindreds by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, man by man.

(f) In shewing every man his tribe, and his ancestors.

19 As the LORD had commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 So were the sons of (*) Reuben Israel's eldest son by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, man by man, every male from twenty years old and above, as many as (♣) went forth to war;

(*) These are the names of the twelve tribes, as first of Reuben.
(♣) Or, as were able to bear weapons.

21 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Reuben, was six and forty thousand, and five hundred.

22 Of the sons of (*) Simeon by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, the sum thereof by the number of their names, man by man, every male from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

(*) Simeon.
AB The length of the Court, of a hundred cubits, on the Southside; in the which space there were twenty pillars of five cubits height a piece, whereto the curtains were tied to enclose the Court. CD The Northside, which was in all points like. BC The West end, which was of fifty cubits wide. In this space there were ten pillars of equal height with the rest, whereunto the curtains were fastened, to close the Court in on that side. AD The East end, which was also of fifty cubits breath, so that the whole Court was in length, twice the breath. The coming in was at the East end, right as it there hanged a wrought hanging of twenty cubits long, fastened to four pillars. E At the sides of the hanging there were curtains of
fifteen cubits in length, which were fastened on this side of the hanging, to three pillars, and on the other side to as many as the Figure sheweth.

23 The sum of them, I say, of the tribe of Simeon was nine and fifty thousand, and three hundred.

24 Of the sons of Gad by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

(*) Gad.

25 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Gad was five and forty thousand, and six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the sons of Judah by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

(*) Judah.

27 The number of them, I say, of the tribe of Judah was threescore and fourteen thousand, and six hundred.

28 Of the sons of Issachar by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

(*) Issachar.

29 The number of them also of the tribe of Issachar was four and fifty thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the sons of Zebulun by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

(*) Zebulun.

31 The number of them also of the tribe of Zebulun was seven and fifty thousand and four hundred.

32 Of the sons of Joseph, namely of the sons of Ephraim by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;
33 The number of them also of the tribe of Ephraim was forty thousand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the sons of (*) Manasseh by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

35 The number of them also of the tribe of Manasseh was two and thirty thousand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the sons of (*) Benjamin by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

37 The number of them also of the tribe of Benjamin was five and thirty thousand and four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the sons of (*) Dan by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

39 The number of them also of the tribe of Dan was threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the sons of (*) Asher by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went forth to war;

41 The number of them also of the tribe of Asher was one and forty thousand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of (*) Naphtali, by their generations, by their families, and by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of their names, from twenty years old and above, all that went to the war;
43 The number of them also of the tribe of Naphtali, was three and fifty thousand, and four hundred.

44 These are the sums which Moses, and Aaron numbered, and the Princes of Israel, the twelve men, which were every one for the house of their fathers.

45 So this was all the sum of the sons of Israel, by the houses of their fathers, from twenty years old and above, all that went to the war in Israel,

46 And all they were in number six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites, after the tribes of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and said,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel;

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all the instruments thereof, and over all things that belong to it; they shall bear the Tabernacle, and all the instruments thereof, and shall minister in it, and shall dwell round about the Tabernacle.

51 And when the Tabernacle goeth forth, the Levites shall take it down, and when the Tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; for the stranger that cometh near, shall be slain.

52 Also the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man in his camp, and every man under his standard throughout their armies.
53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the Tabernacle of the Testimony, lest vengeance (i) come upon the Congregation of the children of Israel, and the Levites shall take the charge of the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

   (i) By not having due regard to the Tabernacle of the Lord.

54 So the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so did they.

Numbers 2

2 The order of the tents, and the names of the Captains of the Israelites.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 (a) Every man of the children of Israel shall camp by his standard, and under the ensign of their father’s house; far off about the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall they pitch.

   (a) In the twelve tribes were four principal standards, so that every three tribes had their standard.

3 On the Eastside toward the rising of the sun, shall they of the standard of the host of Judah pitch according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be (*) captain of the sons of Judah.

   (*) Or, prince.

4 And his host and the number of them were seventy and four thousand and six hundred.

5 Next unto him shall they of the tribe (b) of Issachar pitch, and Nethaneel the son of Zuair shall be the captain of the sons of Issachar;

   (b) Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun the sons of Leah were of the first standard.

6 And his host, and the number thereof were four and fifty thousand, and four hundred.
7 Then the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon, captain over the sons of Zebulun;

8 And his host, and the number thereof seven and fifty thousand and four hundred;

9 The whole number of the (c) host of Judah are a hundred fourscore and six thousand, and four hundred according to their armies. They shall first set forth.

(c) Of them which were contained under that name.

10 ¶ On the Southside shall be the standard of the host (d) of Reuben according to their armies; and the captain over the sons of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.

(d) Reuben and Simeon, the sons of Leah, and Gad the son of Zilpah her maid, were of the second standard.

11 And his host, and the number thereof six and forty thousand and five hundred.

12 And by him shall the tribe of Simeon pitch, and the captain over the sons of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

13 And his host, and the number of them, nine and fifty thousand and three hundred.

14 And the tribe of Gad, and the captain over the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of (*) Deuel;

(*) Or, Reuel.

15 And his host and the number of them were five and forty thousand, six hundred and fifty.

16 All the number of the camp of Reuben were a hundred and one and fifty thousand, and four hundred and fifty according to their armies, and they shall set forth in the second place.

17 ¶ Then the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall go with the host of the Levites, in the (e) midst of the camp as they have pitched, so shall they go forward, every man in his order, according to their standards.

(e) Because it might be in equal distance from each one, and all indifferently have recourse thereunto.
18 ¶ (f) The standard of the camp of Ephraim shall be toward the West according to their armies, and the captain over the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud;

(f) Because Ephraim and Manasseh supplied the place of Joseph their father, they are taken to be Rachel’s children, so they and Benjamin makes the third standard.

19 And his host and the number of them were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh, and the captain over the sons of Manasseh shall be Gamliel the son of Pedahzur;

21 And his host and the number of them were two and thirty thousand and two hundred.

22 And the tribe of Benjamin, and the captain over the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni;

23 And his host, and the number of them were five and thirty thousand and four hundred.

24 All the number of the camp of Ephraim were a hundred and eight thousand according to their armies, and they shall go in the third place.

25 ¶ The standard of the host of (g) Dan shall be toward the North according to their armies; and the captain over the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

(g) Dan and Naphtali the sons of Bilhah, Rachel’s maid, with Asher the son of Zilpah makes the fourth standard.

26 And his host and the number of them were two and threescore thousand and seven hundred.

27 And by him shall the tribe of Asher pitch, and the captain over the sons of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host and the number of them were one and forty thousand and five hundred.

29 ¶ Then the tribe of Naphtali, and the captain over the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan;
30 And his host and the number of them were three and fifty thousand and four hundred.

31 All the number of the host of Dan was a hundred and seven and fifty thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 ¶ These are the sums of the children of Israel by the houses of their fathers, all the number of the host, according to their armies, six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

(h) Which were of twenty years and above.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

34 ¶ And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they pitched according to their standards, and so they journeyed every one with his families, according to the houses of their fathers.

(i) For under every one of the four principal standards, were divers signs to keep every band in order.

**Numbers 3**

6 The charge and office of the Levites. 12 Why the Lord separated the Levites for himself. 16 Their number, families, and captains. 40 The firstborn of Israel is redeemed by the Levites. 47 The overplus is redeemed by money.

1 These also were the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

(a) Or, families and kindreds.

2 So these are the names of the sons of Aaron: (*) Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar;

(*) Exodus 6:23.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron the anointed Priests, whom Moses did (*) consecrate to minister in the Priest’s office.
4 (*) And Nadab and Abihu died (b) before the LORD, when they offered (♣) strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai, and had no children; but Eleazar and Ithamar served in the Priest’s office in the (c) sight of Aaron their father.

(*) Exodus 28:3 .
(b) Or, before the Altar.
(c) While their father lived.

5 Then the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi, and (d) set them before Aaron the Priest that they may serve him,

(d) Offer them unto Aaron for the use of the Tabernacle.

7 And take the charge with him, even the charge of the whole Congregation (e) before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, to do the service of the Tabernacle.

(e) Which appertained to the executing of the high Priests commandment, to the oversight of the people, and the service of the Tabernacle.

8 They shall also keep all the instruments of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and have the charge of the children of Israel to do the service of the Tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his (f) sons; for they are given him freely from among the children of Israel.

(f) Aaron’s sons the Priests served in the Sanctuary in praying for the people and offering sacrifice; the Levites served for the inferior uses of the same.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons to execute their Priest’s office, and the (g) stranger that cometh near, shall be slain.

(g) Any that would minister not being a Levite.

11 ¶ Also the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Behold, I have even taken the Levites from among the children of Israel, for all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine;
13 Because all the firstborn are mine, for the same day, that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, (*) I sanctified unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be; I am the LORD.

(*) Exodus 13:1; Exodus 34:19; Leviticus 27:26; Numbers 8:16; Luke 2:23.

14 Moreover, the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the houses of their fathers, in their families; every male from a month old and above shalt thou number.

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

17 And these are the sons of Levi by their names: (*) Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.


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

19 The sons also of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi, according to the houses of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon came the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites; these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 The sum whereof ( (h) after the number of all the males from a month old and above) was counted seven thousand and five hundred.

(h) Only numbering the male children.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the Tabernacle Westward.

24 The captain and (*) ancient of the house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

(*) Or, father.
25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall be the Tabernacle, and the pavilion, the covering thereof, and the veil of the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation,

(i) Their charge was to carry the covering and hangings of the Tabernacle.

26 And the hanging of the court, and the veil of the door of the court, which is near the Tabernacle, and near the Altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kohath came the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 The number of all the males from a month old and above, was eight thousand and six hundred, having the charge of the Sanctuary.

(k) Doing every one his duty in the Sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the Southside of the Tabernacle.

30 The captain and ancient of the house and families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel;

31 And their charge shall be the Ark, and the Table, and the Candlestick, and the altars, and the instruments of the Sanctuary that they minister with, and the veil, and all that serveth thereto.

(l) The chief things within the Sanctuary were committed to the Kohathites.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the Priest shall be chief captain of the Levites, having the oversight of them that have the charge of the Sanctuary.

(*) Or, prince of princes.

33 ¶ Of Merari came the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites; these are the families of Merari.

34 And the sum of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and above was six thousand and two hundred.

35 The captain and the ancient of the house of the families of Merari shall be Zuriel the son of Abihail; they shall pitch on the Northside of the Tabernacle.
36 And in the charge and custody of the sons of Merari shall be (m) the boards of the Tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and his pillars, and his sockets, and all the instruments thereof, and all that serveth thereto,

(m) The woodwork and the rest of the instruments were committed to their charge.

37 With the pillars of the court round about, with their sockets, and their pins and their cords.

38 ¶ Also on the forefront of the Tabernacle toward the East, before the Tabernacle, I say, of the Congregation Eastward shall Moses and Aaron and his sons pitch, having the charge of the Sanctuary, (n) and the charge of the children of Israel; but the stranger that cometh near, shall be slain.

(n) That none should enter into the Tabernacle contrary to God's appointment.

39 The whole sum of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD throughout their families, even all the males from a month old and above, was two and twenty (o) thousand.

(o) So that the firstborn of the children of Israel were more by 273 as in Numbers 3:43.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn that are Males among the children of Israel, from a month old and above, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Levites to me (p) for all the firstborn of the children of Israel (I am the LORD) and the cattle of the Levites for all the firstborn of the cattle of the children of Israel.

(p) So that now the Levites should satisfy unto the Lord for the firstborn of Israel, save for the 273 which were more than the Levites, for whom they paid money.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males rehearsed by name (from a month old and above) according to their number were two and twenty thousand, two hundred seventy and three.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites for their cattle, and the Levites shall be mine, (I am the LORD.)
46 And for the redeeming of the two hundred seventy and three, (which are more than the Levites) of the firstborn of the children of Israel,

47 Thou shalt also take five shekels for every person, after the weight of the Sanctuary shalt thou take it; (*) the shekel containeth twenty gerahs.

(*) Exodus 30:13; Leviticus 27:25; Numbers 18:16; Ezekiel 45:12 .

48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

49 Thus Moses took the redemption of them that were redeemed, being more than the Levites;

50 Of the (q) firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money, even a thousand three hundred threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary.

(q) Or the two hundred seventy and three, which were more than the Levites.

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 4

5 The offices of the Levites, when the host removed. 46 The number of the three families of Kohath, Gershon, and Merari.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, and houses of their fathers,

3 From (a) thirty years old and above, even until fifty years old, all that enter into the assembly to do the work in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(a) The Levites were numbered after three sorts: first, at a month old when they were consecrated to the Lord, next at 25 years old, when they were appointed to serve in the Tabernacle, and at 30 years old to bear the burdens of the Tabernacle.
4 This shall be the office of the sons of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Congregation about the Holiest of all.

5 ¶ When the host removeth, then Aaron and his sons shall come and take down (b) the covering veil, and shall cover the Ark of the Testimony therewith.

(b) Which divided the Sanctuary from the Holiest of all.

6 And they shall put thereon a covering of badger’s skins, and shall spread upon it a cloth altogether of blue silk, and put to (c) the bars thereof;

(c) That is, put them upon their shoulders to carry it; for the bars of the Ark could never be removed, Exodus 25:15.

7 And upon the (*) table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue silk, and put thereon the dishes, and the incense cups, and goblets, and coverings to cover it (d) with, and the bread shall be thereon continually;

(*) Exodus 25:30.
(d) Meaning, to cover the bread.

8 And they shall spread upon them a covering of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers’ skins, and put to the bars thereof.

9 Then they shall take a cloth of blue silk, and cover the (*) candlestick of light with his lamps, and his snuffers, (♣) and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, which they occupy about it.

(♣) Exodus 25:38.

10 So they shall put it, and all the instruments thereof in a covering of badgers’ skins, and put it upon the (e) bars.

(e) The Hebrew word signifieth an instrument made of two staves or bars.

11 Also upon the golden (f) altar they shall spread a cloth of blue silk, and cover it with a covering of badgers’ skins, and put to the bars thereof.

(f) Which was to burn incense, Exodus 30:1.

12 And they shall take all the instruments of the ministry, wherewith they minister in the Sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue silk, and cover them with a covering of badgers’ skins, and put them on the bars.
13 Also they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth upon it,

(g) Of the burnt offering.

14 And shall put upon it all the instruments thereof, which they occupy about it: the censers, the fleshhooks, and the besoms, and the basins, even all the instruments of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers’ skins, and put to the bars of it.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the Sanctuary, and all the instruments of the Sanctuary, at the removing of the host, afterward the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it, but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. This is the charge of the sons of Kohath in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(h) That is, in folding up the things of the Sanctuary, as the Ark, etc.
(i) Before it be covered.

16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the Priest pertaineth the oil for the light, and the (*) sweet incense and the (k) daily meat offering, and the (♣) anointing oil, with the oversight of all the Tabernacle, and of all that therein is, both in the Sanctuary, and in all the instruments thereof.

(*) Exodus 30:34-35.
(k) Which was offered at mourning and evening.
(♣) Exodus 30:22-25.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18 Ye shall not (l) cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites;

(l) Committing by your negligence that the holy things be not well wrapped, and so they by touching thereof perish.

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live and not die, when they come near to the most holy things: Let Aaron and his sons come and appoint (m) them, every one to his office, and to his charge;

(m) Shewing what part every man shall bear.

20 But let them not go in, to see when the Sanctuary is folden up, lest they die.

21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, every one by the houses of their fathers, throughout their families;

23 From thirty years old and above, until fifty years old shalt thou number them, all that (n) enter into the assembly for to do service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

   (n) Which were received into the company of them that ministered in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

24 This shall be the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve and to bear:

25 They shall bear the curtains of the Tabernacle, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, his covering, and the covering of badgers’ skins, that is on high upon it, and the veil of the (o) door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation;

   (o) Which veil hanged between the Sanctuary and the court.

26 The curtains also of the court, and the veil of the entering in of the gate of the court, (p) which is near the Tabernacle and near the altar round about, with their cords, and all the instruments for their service, and all that is made for them; so shall they serve.

   (p) Which court compassed both the Tabernacle of the Congregation and the altar of burnt offering.

27 At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall all the service of the sons of the Gershonites be done, in all their charges and in all their service, and ye shall appoint them to keep all their charges.

28 This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and their watch shall be under the (q) hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the Priest.

   (q) Under the charge and oversight.

29 ¶ Thou shalt number the sons of Merari by their families, and by the houses of their fathers;

30 From thirty years old and above, even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, all that enter into the assembly, to do the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.
31 And this is their office and charge according to all their service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation: the (*) boards of the Tabernacle with the bars thereof, and his pillars, and his sockets,

(*) Exodus 26:15.

32 And the pillars round about the court, with their sockets and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, even for all their service; and by (r) name ye shall reckon the instruments of their office and charge.

(r) Ye shall make an inventory of all the things which ye commit to their charge.

33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the Priest.

34 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron and the princes of the Congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites, by their families and by the houses of their fathers,

35 From thirty years old and above, even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the assembly for the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

36 So the (*) numbers of them throughout their families were two thousand, seven hundred and fifty.

(*) Hebrew: the numbered of them.

37 These are the numbers of the families of the Kohathites, all that serve in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the (s) hand of Moses.

(s) God appointing Moses to be the minister and executor thereof.

38 Also the numbers of the sons of Gershon throughout their families and houses of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the assembly for the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

40 So the numbers of them by their families, and by the houses of their fathers were two thousand six hundred and thirty.
41 These are the numbers of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that (t) did service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.

(t) Which were of the competent age to serve therein, that is, between 30 and 50.

42 ¶ The numbers also of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, and by the houses of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the assembly for the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

44 So the numbers of them by their families were three thousand, and two hundred.

45 These are the sums of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

46 So all the numbers of the Levites, which Moses, and Aaron, and the princes of Israel numbered, by their families and by the houses of their fathers,

47 From thirty years old and upward, even to fifty years old, every one that came to do (u) his duty, office, service and charge in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(u) Whosoever of the Levites that had any manner of charge in the Tabernacle.

48 So the numbers of them were eight thousand, five hundred and fourscore.

49 According to the (*) commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses did Aaron number them, every one according to his service, and according to his charge. Thus were they of that tribe numbered, as the LORD commanded (x) Moses.

(*) Hebrew: according to the mouth, or word.
(x) So that Moses neither added, nor diminished from that which the Lord commanded him.
2 The leprous and the polluted shall be cast forth.  6 The purging of sin.  15 The trial of the suspect wife.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel that they (*) put out of the host every leper, and every one that hath (♣) an issue, and whosoever is defiled by (♠) the dead.

(*) Leviticus 13:3 .  
(♣) Leviticus 15:2 .  
(♠) Leviticus 21:1 .

3 Both male and female shall ye put out; (*) out of the host shall ye put them, that they defile not their (a) tents among whom I dwell.

(*) Or, in a place out of the host.  
(a) There were three manner of tents: of the Lord, of the Levites, and of the Israelites.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out of the host, even as the LORD had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, (*) When a man or woman shall commit any sin (b) that men commit, and transgress against the LORD, when that person shall trespass,

(*) Leviticus 6:3 .  
(b) Commit any fault willingly.

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done, and shall restore the damage thereof (*) with his principal, and put the fifth part of it more thereto, and shall give it unto him, against whom he hath trespassed.

(*) Leviticus 6:5 .

8 But if the (c) man have no kinsman, to whom he should restore the damage, the damage shall be restored to the LORD for the Priest’s use, besides the ram of the atonement, whereby he shall make atonement for him.

(c) If he be dead to whom the wrong is done, and also have no kinsman.
9 And every offering of all the (d) holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the Priest, shall be (*) his.

(d) Or, things offered to the Lord, as firstfruits, etc.

(*) Leviticus 10:12.

10 And every man’s hallowed things shall be his; that is, whatsoever any man giveth the Priest, it shall be his.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man’s wife (e) turn to evil, and commit a trespass against him,

(e) By breaking the band of marriage, and playing the harlot.

13 So that another man lie with her fleshly, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and kept close, and yet she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she taken with the manner,

14 (*) If he be moved with a jealous mind, so that he is jealous over his wife, which is defiled, or if he have a jealous mind, so that he is jealous over his wife, which is not defiled,

(*) Hebrew: If the spirit of jealousy come upon him.

15 Then shall the man bring his wife to the Priest, and bring her offering with her, the tenth part of an Ephah of barley meal, but he shall not pour (f) oil upon it, nor put incense thereon, for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering for a remembrance, calling the sin to (g) mind;

(f) Only in the sin offering, and so this offering of jealousy were neither oil nor incense offered.

(g) Or, making the sin known, and not purging it.

16 And the Priest shall bring her, and set her before the LORD.

17 Then the Priest shall take (h) the holy water in an earthen vessel, and of the dust that is in the floor of the Tabernacle, even the Priest shall take it and put it into the water.

(h) Which also is called the water of purification or sprinkling, read Number 19:9.

18 After the Priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman’s head, and put the offering of the memorial in her hands, it is the jealousy offering, and the Priest shall have bitter and (i) cursed water in his hand,
(i) It was so called by the effect, because it declared the woman to be accursed, and turned to her destruction.

19 And the Priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, neither thou hast turned to uncleanness from thy husband, be free from this bitter and cursed water.

20 But if thou hast turned from thy husband, and so art defiled, and some man hath lain with thee beside thy husband,

21 (Then the Priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the Priest shall say unto the woman.) The LORD make thee to be (k) accursed, and detestable for the oath among thy people, and the LORD cause thy thigh to (*) rot, and thy belly to swell;

(k) Both because she had committed so heinous a fault, and forswear herself in denying the same.
(*) Hebrew: to fall.

22 And that this cursed water may go into thy bowels, to cause thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot. Then the woman shall answer, (l) Amen, Amen.

(l) That is, be it so as thou wishest, as Psalm 41:13; Deuteronomy 27:15.

23 After, the Priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall (m) blot them out with the bitter water,

(m) Shall wash the curses, which are written, into the water in the vessel.

24 And shall cause the woman to drink the bitter and cursed water, and the cursed water, turned into bitterness, shall enter into her.

25 Then the Priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman’s hand, and shall shake the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar.

26 And the Priest shall take a handful of the offering for a (*) memorial thereof, and burn it upon the (n) altar, and afterward make the woman drink the water.

(*) Or, perfume.
(n) Where the incense was offered.

27 When he hath made her drink the water, (if she be defiled and have trespassed against her husband) then shall the cursed water, turned into bitterness, enter into her, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot, and the woman shall be accursed among her people.
28 But if the woman be not defiled, but be (*) clean, she shall be free, and shall conceive and bear.

(*) Or, innocent.

29 This is the law of jealousy, when a wife turneth from her husband and is defiled,

30 Or, when a man is moved with a jealous mind, being jealous over his wife, then shall he bring the woman before the LORD, and the Priest shall do to her according to all this law,

31 And the man shall be (o) free from sin, but this woman shall bear her iniquity.

(o) The man might accuse his wife upon suspicion, and not be reproved.

Numbers 6

2 The law of the consecration of the Nazarites. 24 The manner to bless the people.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man or a woman doth separate themselves to vow a vow of a (a) Nazarite to separate himself unto the LORD,

(a) Which separated themselves from the world, and dedicated themselves to God; which figure was accomplished in Christ.

3 He shall abstain from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no sour wine nor sour drink, nor shall drink any liquor of grapes, neither shall eat fresh grapes nor dried.

4 As long as his abstinence endureth, shall he eat nothing that is made of the wine of the vine, neither the kernels, nor the husk.

5 While he is separated by his vow, the (?) razor shall not come upon his head, until the days be out, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.
6 During the time that he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall come at no 
(b) dead body;

(b) As at burials, or mournings.

7 He shall not make himself unclean at the death of his father, or mother, 
brother, or sister, for the consecration of his God is upon (c) his head.

(c) In that he suffered his hair to grow, he signified that he was consecrated to God.

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

9 And if any die suddenly by him, or he beware, then the (d) head of his 
consecration shall be defiled, and he shall shave his head in the day of his 
cleansing; in the seventh day he shall shave it.

(d) Which long hair is a sign that he is dedicated to God.

10 And in the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons to the 
Priest, at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

11 Then the Priest shall prepare the one for a sin offering, and the other for a 
burnt offering, and shall make an atonement for him, because he sinned by (e) the 
dead; so shall he hallow his head the same day,

(e) By being present where the dead was.

12 And he shall (f) consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and 
shall bring a lamb of a year old for a trespass offering, and the first (g) days shall 
be void; for his consecration was defiled.

(f) Beginning at the eighth day, when he is purified.
(g) So that he shall begin his vow anew.

13 ¶ This then is the law of the Nazarite; when the time of his consecration is 
out, he shall come to the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation,

14 And he shall bring his offering unto the LORD, a he lamb of a year old 
without blemish for a burnt offering, and a she lamb of a year old without 
blemish for a sin offering, and a ram without blemish for peace offerings,
15 And a basket of unleavened bread, of (*) cakes of fine flour, mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings;

(*) Leviticus 2:15.

16 Then the Priest shall bring before the LORD, and make his sin offering and his burnt offering.

17 He shall prepare also the ram for a peace offering unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread, and the Priest shall make his meat offering, and his drink offering.

18 And (*) the Nazarite shall shave the head (h) of his consecration at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his consecration, and (i) put it in the fire which is under the peace offering.

(h) In token that his vow is ended.
(i) For the hair which was consecrated to the Lord, might not be cast into any profane place.

19 Then the Priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and an unleavened cake out of the basket, and a wafer unleavened, and put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after he hath shaven his consecration.

20 And the Priest shall (*) shake them to and fro before the LORD. This is a holy thing for the Priest (♣) besides the shaken breast, and besides the heave shoulder; so afterward the Nazarite may drink wine.

(*) Exodus 29:27.
(♣) Or, with the breast.

21 This is the Law of the Nazarite, which he hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his consecration, (k) besides that which he is able to bring; according to the vow which he vowed, so shall he do after the law of his consecration.

(k) At the least he shall do this, if he be able to offer no more.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus shall ye (l) bless the children of Israel, and say unto them,

(l) That is, pray for them.
24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee,
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be merciful unto thee,
26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
27 So they shall put my (m) Name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless
them.

(m) They shall pray in my Name for them.

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Numbers 7

2 The heads or princes of Israel offer at the setting up of the Tabernacle. 10 And at the dedication of the Altar. 19 God speaketh to Moses from the Mercy seat.

1 Now when Moses had finished the setting up of the Tabernacle, and (*)
anointed it and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, and the altar with all
the (♣) instruments thereof, and had anointed them and sanctified them,

(*) Exodus 40:18 .
(♣) Or, vessels.

2 Then the (*) princes of Israel, heads over the houses of their fathers (they were
the princes of the tribes, who were over them that were numbered) offered,

(*) Or, captains.

3 And brought their offering before the LORD, six (a) covered chariots, and
dozen oxen; one chariot for two princes, and for every one an ox, and they
offered them before the Tabernacle.

(a) Like horse litters to keep the things that were carried in them from weather.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take these of them, that they may be to do the (b) service of the Tabernacle
of the Congregation, and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man
according unto his office.

(b) That is, to carry things and stuff in.
6 So Moses took the chariots and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites;

7 Two chariots and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according unto their (c) office.

   (c) For their use to carry with.

8 And four chariots and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according unto their office, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the Priest.

9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, (d) because the charge of the Sanctuary belonged to them, which they did bear upon their shoulders.

   (d) The holy thing of the Sanctuary must be carried upon their shoulders and not drawn with oxen, Number 4:15.

10 ¶ The princes also offered in the (e) dedication for the altar in the day that it was anointed; then the princes offered their offering before the altar.

   (e) That is, when the first sacrifice was offered thereupon by Aaron, Leviticus 9:1.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, One prince one day, and another prince another day shall offer their offering, for the dedication of the altar.

12 ¶ So then on the first day did (*) Nahshon the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah offer his offering.

   (*) The offering of Nahshon.

13 And his offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a (*) meat offering.

   (*) Leviticus 2:1.

14 An incense cup of gold of ten shekels, full of incense,

15 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

16 A he goat for a sin offering,

17 And for peace offerings, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, and five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
18 ¶ The second day (*) Nethaneel, the son of Zuar, prince of the tribe of Issachar did offer;

(*) The offering of Nethaneel.

19 Who offered for his offering a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

20 An incense cup of gold of ten shekels, full of incense,

21 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

22 A he goat for a sin offering,

23 And for peace offerings, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ The third day (*) Eliab the son of Helon prince of the children of Zebulun offered.

(*) The offering of Eliab.

25 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

26 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

27 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

28 A he goat for a sin offering,

29 And for peace offerings, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ The fourth day (*) Elizur the son of Shedeur prince of the children of Reuben offered.

(*) The offering of Elizur.

31 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,
32 A golden *incense* cup of ten *shekels*, full of incense,

33 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

34 A he goat for a sin offering,

35 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, and five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 ¶ The fifth day (*) Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon offered.

(*) The offering of Shelumiel.

37 His offering *was* a silver charger of a hundred and thirty *shekels* weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

38 A golden *incense* cup of ten *shekels*, full of incense,

39 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

40 A he goat for a sin offering,

41 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 ¶ The sixth day (*) Eliasaph the son of Deuel prince of the children of Gad offered.

(*) The offering of Eliasaph.

43 His offering *was* a silver charger of a hundred and thirty *shekels* weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

44 A golden *incense* cup of ten *shekels*, full of incense,

45 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old, for a burnt offering,

46 A he goat for a sin offering,
47 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 ¶ The seventh day (*) Elishama the son of Ammiud prince of the children of Ephraim offered.

(*) The offering of Elishama.

49 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

50 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

51 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

52 A he goat for a sin offering,

53 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammiud.

54 ¶ The eighth day offered (*) Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh.

(*) The offering of Gamaliel.

55 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

56 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

57 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

58 A he goat for a sin offering,

59 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 ¶ The ninth day (*) Abidan the son of Gideoni prince of the children of Benjamin offered.

(*) The offering of Abidan.
61 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

62 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

63 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

64 A he goat for a sin offering,

65 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 ¶ The tenth day (*) Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan offered.

(*) The offering of Ahiezer.

67 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

68 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

69 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

70 A he goat for a sin offering,

71 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 ¶ The eleventh day (*) Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher offered.

(*) The offering of Pagiel, or Phegiel.

73 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

74 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

75 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,
76 A he goat for a sin offering,

77 And for a peace offering, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 ¶ The twelfth day (*) Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali offered,

(*) The offering of Ahira.

79 His offering was a silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels weight, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, both full of fine flour, mingled with oil, for a meat offering,

80 A golden incense cup of ten shekels, full of incense,

81 A young bullock, a ram, a lamb of a year old for a burnt offering,

82 A he goat for a sin offering,

83 And for peace offerings, two bullocks, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of a year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was the (f) dedication of the Altar by the princes of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve incense cups of gold,

(f) This was the offering of the princes, when Aaron did dedicate the Altar.

85 Every charger containing a hundred and thirty shekels of silver, and every bowl seventy; all the silver vessel contained two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary.

86 Twelve incense cups of gold full of incense, containing ten shekels every cup, after the shekel of the Sanctuary; all the gold of the incense cups was a hundred and twenty shekels.

87 All the bullocks for the burnt offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of a year old twelve, with their meat offerings, and twelve he goats for a sin offering.

88 And all the bullocks for the peace offerings were four and twenty bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the Altar, after that it was (g) anointed.
89 And when Moses went into the (h) Tabernacle of the Congregation, to speak with God, he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from the Mercy seat, that was upon the Ark of the Testimony (g) between the two Cherubims, and he spake to him.

(h) That is, the Sanctuary.  
(i) According as he had promised, Exodus 25:22.

Numbers 8

2 The order of the lamps. 6 The purifying and offering of the Levites. 24 The age of the Levites when they are received to service, and when they are admitted.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light toward the (a) forefront of the Candlestick.

(a) To that part which is over against the Candlestick, Exodus 25:37.

3 And Aaron did so, lighting the lamps thereof toward the forefront of the Candlestick, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

4 And this was the work of the Candlestick, even of gold beaten out with the hammer, both the shaft, and the flowers thereof (b) was beaten out with the hammer; (b) according to the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so made he the Candlestick.

(b) And not set together of divers pieces.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and purify them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, when thou purifiest them: Sprinkle (c) water of purification upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and wash their clothes; so they shall be clean.

(c) Exodus 25:18.
8 Then they shall take a young bullock with his meat offering of fine flour, mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

9 Then thou shalt bring the Levites before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and assemble (d) all the Congregation of the children of Israel.

(d) That thou mayest do this in presence of them all.

10 Thou shalt bring the Levites also before the LORD, and the (e) children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites.

(e) Meaning, certain of them in the name of the whole.

11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD, as a shake offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Levites shall put their hands upon the heads of the bullocks, and make thou the one a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering unto the LORD, that thou mayest make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron and before his sons, and offer them as a shake offering to the LORD.

14 Thus thou shalt separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be (*) mine.

(*) Numbers 3:45.

15 And afterward shall the Levites go in, to serve in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and thou shalt purify them, and offer them as a shake offering.

16 For they are freely given (*) unto me from among the children of Israel, for (f) such as open any womb. For all the firstborn of the children of Israel have I taken them unto me.

(*) Numbers 3:9.
(f) That is, they that are the firstborn.

17 (*) For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast; since the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for myself.
18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel,

19 And have given the Levites as a gift unto Aaron, and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the (g) children of Israel in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come near unto the (h) Sanctuary.

   (g) Which service the Israelites should else do.
   (h) Because the Levites go into the Sanctuary in their name.

20 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron and all the Congregation of the children of Israel did with the Levites; according unto all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 So the Levites were purified, and washed their clothes, and Aaron offered them as a shake offering before the LORD, and Aaron made an atonement for them, to purify them.

22 And after that, went the Levites in to do their service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, (i) before Aaron and before his sons; as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did unto them.

   (i) In their presence, to serve them.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This also belongeth to the Levites: from five and twenty years old and upward, they shall go in, to execute their office in the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

25 And after the age of fifty years, they shall cease from executing the (k) office, and shall serve no more;

   (k) Such office as was painful, as to bear burdens and such like.

26 But they shall minister (l) with their brethren in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, to keep things committed to their charge, but they shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.

   (l) In singing Psalms, instructing, counseling and keeping the things in order.
1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 And the children of Israel shall also celebrate the (\*\) Passover at the time appointed thereunto.

(\*) Exodus 12:1; Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 28:16; Deuteronomy 16:2.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month at (\*\) even, ye shall keep it in his due season; according to (a) all the ordinances of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof shall ye keep it.

(a) Even in all points as the Lord hath instituted.

4 Then Moses spake unto the children of Israel, to celebrate the Passover.

5 And they kept the Passover in the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And certain men were defiled (b) by a dead man, that they might not keep the Passover the same day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron the same day.

(b) By touching a corpse, or being at the burial.

7 And those men said unto him, We are defiled by a dead man; wherefore are we kept back that we may not (c) offer an offering unto the LORD in the time thereunto appointed among the children of Israel?

(c) Or, celebrate the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month.

8 Then Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say, If any among you, or of your posterity shall be unclean by the reason of a corpse, or be in a long journey, (d) he shall keep the Passover unto the LORD.

(d) And cannot come where the Tabernacle is, when others keep it.

11 In the fourteenth day of the (e) second month at even they shall keep it; with unleavened bread and sour herbs shall they eat it.

(e) So that the unclean, and they that are not at home, have a month longer granted unto them.

12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, (*) nor break any bone of it; according to all the ordinance of the Passover shall they keep it.

(*) Exodus 12:46; John 19:36 .

13 But the man that is clean and is not in a (f) journey, and is negligent to keep the Passover, the same person shall be cut off from his people; because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his due season, that man shall bear his (*) sin.

(f) When the Passover is celebrated.

(*) Or, punishment of his sin.

14 And if a stranger dwell among you, and will keep the Passover unto the LORD, as the ordinance of the Passover, and as the manner thereof is, so shall he do; (*) ye shall have one law both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the same land.

(*) Exodus 12:49 .

15 ¶ (*) And when the Tabernacle was reared up, a cloud covered the Tabernacle, namely the Tabernacle of the Testimony. And at even there was upon the Tabernacle, as the (g) appearance of fire until the morning.

(*) Exodus 40:34 .

(g) Like a pillar, read Exodus 13:21-22 .

16 So it was alway; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the Tabernacle, then afterward the children of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.
18 At the (*) commandment of the (h) LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched; as long as the cloud abode upon the Tabernacle, (♣) they (♠) lay still.

(*) Hebrew: mouth.
(h) Who taught them what to do by the cloud.
(♣) 1 Corinthians 10:1.
(♠) Hebrew: camped.

19 And when the cloud tarried still upon the Tabernacle a long time, the children of Israel kept the (i) watch of the LORD, and journeyed not.

(i) They waited when the Lord would signify either their departure, or their abode by the cloud.

20 So when the cloud abode (*) a few days upon the Tabernacle, they abode in their tents according to the commandment of the LORD; for they journeyed at the commandment of the LORD.

(*) Hebrew: days of number.

21 And though the cloud abode upon the Tabernacle from even unto the morning, yet if the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed; whether by day or by night the cloud was taken up, then they journeyed.

22 Or if the cloud tarried two days, or a month, or a year upon the Tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Israel (♣) abode still, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

(♣) Exodus 40:36-37; Numbers 9:18.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they pitched, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed, keeping the watch of the LORD at the commandment of the LORD by the (k) hand of Moses.

(k) Under the charge and government of Moses.

Numbers 10

2 The use of the silver trumpets. 11 The Israelites depart from Sinai. 14 The captains of the host are numbered. 30 Hobab refuseth to go with Moses his son in law.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a (a) whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest use them for the assembling of the Congregation, and for the departure of the camp;

(a) Or, of work beaten out with the hammer.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the Congregation shall assemble to thee before the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

4 But if they blow with one, then the Princes, or heads over the thousands of Israel shall come unto thee.

5 But if ye blow an alarm, then the camp of them that pitch on the (b) East part, shall go forward.

(b) That is, the host of Judah and they that are under his ensign.

6 If ye blow an alarm the second time, then the host of them that lie on the (c) Southside shall march; for they shall blow an alarm when they remove.

(c) Meaning, the host of Reuben.

7 But in assembling the Congregation, ye shall blow without an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron the Priest shall (d) blow the trumpets, and ye shall have them as a law forever in your generations.

(d) So that only the Priest’s must blow the trumpets, so long as the Priesthood lasted.

9 And when ye go to war in your land against the enemy that vexeth you, ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets, and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your (e) gladness, and in your feast days, and in the beginning of your months, ye shall also blow the trumpets (*) over your burnt sacrifices, and over your peace offerings, that they may be a remembrance for you before your God. I am the LORD your God.

(e) When ye rejoice that God hath removed any plague.

(*) Or, when ye offer burnt offerings.

11 ¶ And in the second year, in the second month, and in the twentieth day of the month, the cloud was taken up from the Tabernacle of the Testimony.
12 And the children of Israel departed on their (*) journeys out of the desert of Sinai, and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

(*) Or, in keeping this order in their journeys.

13 So they (f) first took their journey at the commandment of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

(f) From Sinai to Paran, Numbers 33:1.

14 ¶ (*) In the first place went the standard of the host of the children of Judah, according to their armies, and (♣) Nahshon the son of Amminabad was over his band.

(*) Numbers 2:3.
♣ Numbers 1:7.

15 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 When the Tabernacle was taken down, then the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari went forward bearing (g) the Tabernacle.

(g) With all the appurtenances thereof.

18 ¶ After, departed the standard of the host of Reuben, according to their armies, and over his band was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 The Kohathites also went forward and (h) bare the (*) Sanctuary, and the (i) former did set up the Tabernacle against they came.

(h) Upon their shoulders.
(*) Numbers 4:4.
(i) The Merarites and Gershonites.

22 ¶ Then the standard of the host of the children of Ephraim went forward according to their armies, and over his band was Elishama the son of Ammiud.
23 And over the band of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the band of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ Last, the standard of the host of the children of Dan marched, (k) gathering all the hosts according to their armies, and over his band was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

(k) Leaving none behind, nor any of the former that fainted in the way.

26 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the band of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 (l) These were the removings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they marched.

(l) This was the order of their host when they removed.

29 After, Moses said unto (m) Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, the father in law of Moses, We go into the place, of which the LORD said, I will give it you: Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the LORD hath promised good unto Israel.

(m) Some think that Reuel, Jethro, Hobab, and Keni were all one: Kimhi saith that Reuel was Jethro’s father; so Habab was Moses’ father in law, Exodus 2:18; Exodus 3:1; Exodus 4:18; Exodus 18:1; Judges 4:11.

30 And he answered him, I will not go; but I will depart to my own country, and to my kindred.

31 Then he said, I pray thee, leave us not, for thou knowest our camping places in the wilderness, therefore thou mayest be (*) our guide;

(*) Hebrew: eyes unto us.

32 And if thou go with us, what goodness the LORD shall shew unto us, the same will we shew unto thee.
33 ¶ So they departed from the (n) mount of the LORD, three days journey; and the Ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days journey, to search out a resting place for them;

 (n) Mount Sinai, or Horeb.

34 And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And when the Ark went forward, Moses said, (*) (o) Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate thee, flee before thee.

(o) Declare thy might and power.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, to the (*) many thousands of Israel.

 (*) Hebrew: to the ten thousand thousands.

Numbers 11

1 The people murmureth, and is punished with fire. 4 The people lusteth after flesh. 6 They loath Manna. 11 The weak faith of Moses. 16 The Lord divideth the burden of Moses to seventy of the Ancients. 31 The Lord sendeth Quails. 33 Their lust is punished.

1 When the people became (*) murmurers, (♣) it displeased the LORD; and the LORD heard it, therefore his wrath was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and (♠) consumed the utmost part of the host.

 (♣) Hebrew: as unjust complainers.
(♠) Hebrew: it was evil in the ears of the Lord.
(♦) Psalm 78:21 .

2 Then the people cried unto Moses, and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched;

3 And he called the name of that place (♣) Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

 (♣) Or, burning.
4 ¶ And a number of (a) people that was among them, fell a lusting, and (b) turned away, and the children of Israel also wept, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

   (a) Which were of those strangers that came out of Egypt with them, Exodus 12:38 .
   (b) From God.

5 We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt for (c) nought, the cucumbers, and the pepons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic.

   (c) For a small price, or good cheap.

6 But now our soul is (d) dried away, we can see nothing but this Manna.

   (d) For the greedy lust of flesh.

7 (The Manna also was as (*) coriander seed, and his color like the color of (e) bdellium.

   (e) Which is a white pearl, or precious stone.

8 The people went about and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and baked it in a cauldron, and made cakes of it, and the taste of it was like unto the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell down upon the host in the night, the Manna fell with it.)

10 ¶ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent, and the wrath of the LORD was grievously kindled; also Moses was grieved.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou (*) vexed thy servant? And why have I not found (f) favor in thy sight, seeing thou hast put the charge of all this people upon me?

   (*) Or, evil entreated.
   (f) Or, wherein have I displeased thee?

12 Have I (g) conceived all this people? Or have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Cary them in thy bosom (as a nurse beareth the sucking child) unto the (h) land, for the which thou swarest unto their fathers?

   (g) Am I their father, that none may have charge of them but I?
   (h) Of Canaan promised by an oath to our fathers.
13 Where should I have flesh to give unto all this people? For they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, for it is too heavy for me.

15 Therefore if thou deal thus with me, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, kill me, that I behold not my misery.

(i) I had rather die than to see my grief and misery thus daily increase by their rebellion.

16 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the Elders of Israel, whom thou knowest, that they are the Elders of the people, and governors over them, and bring them unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and let them stand there with thee,

17 And I will come down, and talk with thee there, (k) and take of the Spirit, which is upon thee, and put upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee; so thou shalt not bear it alone.

(k) I will distribute my Spirit among them, as I have done to thee.

18 Furthermore thou shalt say unto the people, (l) Be sanctified against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? For we were better in Egypt. Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

(l) Prepare yourselves that ye be not unclean.

19 Ye shall not eat one day nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days,

20 But a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and be loathsome unto you, because ye have (m) contemned the LORD, which is (n) among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we hither out of Egypt?

(m) Or, cast him off, because ye refused Manna, which he appointed as most meet for you.
(n) Who leadeth and governeth you.

21 And Moses said, Six hundred thousand footmen are there of the people, (o) among whom I am; and thou sayest, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a month long.

(o) Of whom I have the charge.
22 Shall the sheep and the beeves be slain for them, to find them? Either shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is (*) the LORD'S hand shortened? Thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee, or not.

(*) Isaiah 50:2; Isaiah 59:1.

24 ¶ So Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered seventy men of the Elders of the people, and set them round about the Tabernacle.

25 Then the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and (*) took of the Spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy Ancient men. And when the Spirit rested upon them, then they prophesied, and did not (p) cease.

(*) Or, separated, Numbers 11:17.
(p) From that day the Spirit of prophecy did not fail them.

26 But there remained two of the men in the host; the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad, and the Spirit rested upon them, (for they were of them that were written, and went not out unto the Tabernacle) and they prophesied in the host;

27 Then there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the host.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun the servant of Moses one of his (q) young men answered and said, My lord Moses, (r) forbid them.

(q) Or, a young man whom he had chosen from his youth.
(r) Such blind zeal was in the Apostles, Mark 9:38; Luke 9:49.

29 But Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Yea, would God that all the LORD'S people were Prophets, and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them.

30 And Moses returned into the host, he and the Elders of Israel.

31 Then there went forth a wind from the LORD, and (*) brought quails from the Sea, and let them fall upon the camp, a days journey on this side, and a days journey on the other side, round about the host, and they were about two cubits above the earth.

(*) Exodus 16:13; Psalm 78:26-27.
32 Then the people arose, all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails; he that gathered the least, gathered ten (f) Homers full, and they spread them abroad for their use round about the host.

(f) Of Homer, read Leviticus 27:16; also it signifieth a heap, as Exodus 8:14; Judges 15:16.

33 While the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, even the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD (*) smote the people with an exceeding great plague.

(*) Psalm 78:31.

34 So the name of the place was called, (*) Kibroth-hattaavah, for there they buried the people that fell a lusting.

(*) Or, graves of lust.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people took their journey to Hazeroth, and abode at Hazeroth.

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**Numbers 12**

1 Aaron and Miriam grudge against Moses. 10 Miriam is stricken with leprosy, and healed at the prayer of Moses.

1 Afterward Miriam and Aaron (*) spake against Moses, because of the woman of Ethiopia whom he had married (for he had married (a) a woman of Ethiopia.)

(*) Or, murmured.
(a) Zipporah, Moses' wife, was a Midianite, and because Midian bordered on Ethiopia, it is sometime in the Scriptures comprehended under this name.

2 And they said, What? Hath the LORD spoken but only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard this.

3 (But Moses was a very (b) meek man, above all the men that were upon the earth.)

(b) And so bare with their grudging, although he knew them.
4 And by and by the LORD said unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And they three came forth.

5 Then the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the Tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words, If there be a Prophet of the LORD among you, I will be known to him by a (c) vision, and will speak unto him by a dream. (c) These were the two ordinary means.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful (d) in all my house. (d) In all Israel which was his Church.

8 Unto him will I speak (*) mouth to mouth, and by vision, and not in dark words, but he shall see the similitude of the LORD. Wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, even against Moses? (*) Exodus 33:11 . (e) So far as any man was able to comprehend, which he calleth his back parts, Exodus 33:23 .

9 Thus the LORD was very angry with them, and departed.

10 Also the cloud departed from the (f) Tabernacle, and behold, Miriam was leprous like snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. (f) From the door of the Tabernacle.

11 Then Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, which we have foolishly committed, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not, I pray thee, be as one (g) dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed, when he cometh out of his mother’s womb. (g) As a child that cometh out of his mother’s belly dead, having as it were but the skin.

13 Then Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, O God, I beseech thee, heal her now.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had (h) spit in her face, should she not have been ashamed seven days? Let her be (*) shut out of the host seven days, and after she shall be received. (*) Exodus 33:11 .
15 So Miriam was shut out of the host seven days, and the people removed not, till Miriam was brought in again.

**Numbers 13**

4 Certain men are sent to search the land of Canaan. 24 They bring of the fruit of the land. 31 Caleb comforteth the people against the discouraging of the other spies.

1 Then afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of (a) Paran.

(a) That is, in Rithma, which was in Paran, Number 33:18.

2 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

3 (b) Send thou men out to search the land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, such as are all rulers among them.

(b) After the people had required it of Moses, as it is in Deuteronomy 1:22; then the Lord spake to Moses so to do.

4 Then Moses sent them out of the wilderness of Paran at the commandment of the LORD, all those men were (*) heads of the children of Israel.

(*) Or, rulers.

5 Also their names are these: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

6 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

7 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

8 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

9 Of the tribe of Ephraim, (†) Oshea the son of Nun;
10 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

11 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

12 Of the tribe of Joseph, to wit, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi:

13 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

14 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

15 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

16 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

17 These are the names of the (c) men, which Moses sent to spy out the land; and Moses called the name of Oshea the son of Nun, Jehoshua.

(c) Which in number were twelve, according to the twelve tribes.

18 So Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Go up this way toward the South, and go up into the (*) mountains;

(*) Or, high country.

19 And consider the land what it is, and the people that dwell therein, whether they be strong or weak, either few or many;

20 Also what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be (d) good or bad; and what cities they be, that they dwell in, whether they dwell in tents, or in walled towns;

(d) Plentiful or barren.

21 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean; whether there be trees therein, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land (for then was the time of the first ripe grapes.)

22 ¶ So they went up, and searched out the land, from the wilderness of (e) Zin unto Rehob, to go to Hamath,

(e) Which was in the wilderness of Paran.
23 And they ascended toward the South, and came unto Hebron, where were Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the sons of (f) Anak. And (g) Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.

(f) Which were a kind of giants.
(g) Declaring the antiquity thereof: also Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob were buried there.

24 (*) Then they came to the river of Eshcol, and cut down thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a bar between two, and brought of the pomegranates and of the figs.

(*) Deuteronomy 1:24.

25 That place was called the (*) river Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes, which the children of Israel cut down thence.

(*) Or, the valley of Eshcol, that is, of grapes.

26 Then after forty days, they turned again from searching of the land.

27 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and unto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, in the wilderness of (h) Paran, to Kadesh, and brought to them, and to all the Congregation tidings, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

(h) Called also Kades-barnea.

28 And they told (i) him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou hast sent us, and surely it floweth with (*) milk and honey; and here is of the fruit of it.

(i) That is, Moses.
(*) Exodus 33:3.

29 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled and exceeding great; and moreover, we saw the (k) sons of Anak there.


30 The Amalekites dwell in the South country, and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains, and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

31 Then Caleb stilled the people (*) before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for undoubtedly we shall overcome it.

(*) Or, murmuring against Moses.
32 But the men that went up with him, said, We be not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.

33 So they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched for the children of Israel, saying, The land which we have gone through to search it out, is a land that (l) eateth up the inhabitants thereof; for all the people that we saw in it, are men of great stature.

(l) The giants were so cruel, that they spoiled and killed one another and those that came to them.

34 For there we saw giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants, so that we seemed in our sight like grasshoppers; and so we were in their sight.

**Numbers 14**

2 The people murmur against Moses. 10 They would have stoned Caleb and Joshua. 23 Moses pacifieth God by his prayer. 45 The people that would enter into the land contrary to God’s will, are slain.

1 Then all the Congregation lifted up their voice, and cried, and the (a) people wept that night;

(a) Such as were afraid at the report of the ten spies.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron; and the whole assembly said unto them, Would God we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderness, would God we were dead.

3 Wherefore now hath the LORD brought us into this land to fall upon the sword? Our wives, and our children shall be (b) a prey; were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

(b) To our enemies the Canaanites.

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a Captain and return into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron (c) fell on their faces before all the assembly of the Congregation of the children of Israel.
6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh two of them that searched the land, rent their clothes,

(d) For sorrow, hearing their blasphemy.

7 And spake unto all the assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land which we walked through to search it, is a very good land.

8 If the LORD love us, he will bring us into this land, and give it us, which is a land that floweth with milk and honey.

9 But rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are but bread for us, their shield is departed from them, and the LORD is with us, fear them not.

(e) We shall easily overcome them.

10 And all the multitude said, Stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregation before all the children of Israel.

(f) This is the condition of them that would persuade in God's cause, to be persecuted of the multitude.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me, and how long will it be before they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence and destroy them, and will make thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 But Moses said unto the LORD, (*) When the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest this people by thy power from among them.)

(*) Exodus 32:12.

14 Then they shall say to the inhabitants of this land, (for they have heard that thou, LORD, art among this people, and that thou, LORD, art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them by daytime in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.)

(*) Hebrew: eye to eye.

15 That thou wilt kill this people as (g) one man, so the heathen which have heard the fame of thee, shall thus say,

(g) So that none shall escape.

16 Because the LORD was not (*) able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore hath he slain them in the wilderness.

(*) Deuteronomy 9:28.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my LORD be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD is (♣) slow to anger, and of great mercy, and (♠) forgiving iniquity and sin, but not making the wicked innocent, and visiting the wickedness of the fathers upon the children, in the third and fourth generation;

(♣) Psalm 103:3.
(♠) Exodus 20:5; Exodus 34:7.

19 Be merciful, I beseech thee, unto the iniquity of this people, according to thy great mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people from Egypt, even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have forgiven (h) it, according to thy request.

(h) In that he destroyed not them utterly, but left their posterity and certain to enter.

21 Notwithstanding, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 For all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wilderness, and have tempted me this (i) ten times, and have not obeyed my voice,

(i) That is, sundry times and often.

23 Certainly they shall not see the land, whereof I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any that provoke me, see it.

24 But my servant (*) Caleb, because he had another (k) spirit, and hath followed me still, even him will I bring into the land, whither he went, and his seed shall inherit it.

(*) Joshua 14:6.
25 Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites (l) remain in the valley; wherefore turn back tomorrow, and get you into the (m) wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea.

(l) And lie in wait for you.
(m) For I will not defend you.

26 ¶ After, the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

27 (*) How long shall I suffer this wicked multitude to murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

(*) Psalm 106:26.

28 Tell them, As I (*) live (saith the LORD) I will surely do unto you, even as ye have spoken in mine ears.

(*) Numbers 26:65; Numbers 32:10.

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness, and all you that were (*) counted through all your numbers, from twenty years old and above, which have murmured against me,

(*) Deuteronomy 1:35.

30 Ye shall not doubtless come into the land, for the which I (*) lifted up my hand, to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

(*) Genesis 14:22.

31 But your children, (which ye said should be a prey) them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have refused;

32 But even your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness;

33 And your children shall (n) wander in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your (o) whoredomes, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

(n) The word signifieth to be shepherds, or to wander like shepherds to and fro.
(o) Your infidelity and disobedience against God.

34 After the number of the days in the which ye searched out the land, even forty days, (*) every day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquity, for (♠) forty years, and ye (♣) shall feel my breach of promise.
35 I the LORD have said, Certainly I will do so to all this wicked company that are gathered together against me; for in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men which Moses had sent to search the land (which when they came again, made all the people to murmur against him, and brought up a slander upon the land.)

37 Even those men that did bring up that vile slander upon the land, (*) shall die by a plague before the LORD.

(*) 1 Corinthians 10:10; Hebrews 3:10-17; Jude 1:5 .

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those men that went to search the land, shall live.

39 ¶ Then Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel, and the people sorrowed greatly.

40 (*) And they rose up early in the morning, and got them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be ready to go up to the place which the LORD hath promised, for we have (q) sinned.

(*) Deuteronomy 1:41 .
(q) They confess they sinned by rebelling against God, but consider not they offended in going up without God’s commandment.

41 But Moses said, Wherefore transgress ye thus the commandment of the LORD? It will not so come well to pass.

42 Go not up, (for the LORD is not among you) lest ye be overthrown before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword, for in as much as ye are turned away from the LORD, the LORD also will not be with you.

44 Yet they presumed (r) obstinately to go up to the top of the mountain; but the Ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses departed not out of the camp.

(r) They could not be stayed by any means.
45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, which dwelt in that mountain, came down and smote them, (*) and consumed them unto Hormah.

(*) Deuteronomy 1:44 .

Numbers 15

2 The offering which the Israelites should offer when they came into the land of Canaan. 32 The punishment of him that brake the Sabbath.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, (*) When ye be come into the (a) land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

(*) Leviticus 23:10 .
(a) Into the land of Canaan.

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice (*) (♣) to fulfill a vow, or a free offering, or in your feasts, to make a (♠) sweet savor unto the LORD of the herd, or of the flock;

(♣) Or, separate.
(♠) Exodus 29:18 .

4 Then (*) let him that offereth his offering unto the LORD, bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of fine flour, mingled with the fourth part of a (b) Hin of oil.

(*) Leviticus 2:1 .
(b) Read Exodus 29:40 .

5 Also thou shalt prepare the fourth part of a Hin of wine to be poured on a lamb, appointed for the burnt offering or any offering.

6 And for a ram, thou shalt for a meat offering, prepare two tenth deals of fine flour, mingled with the third part of a Hin of oil.

7 And for a (c) drink-offering, thou shalt offer the third part of a Hin of wine, for a sweet savor unto the LORD.
8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice to fulfill a vow or a peace offering to the LORD,

9 Then let him offer with the bullock a meat offering of (*) three tenth deals of fine flour, mingled with half a Hin of oil.

(*) Or, three Omers.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half a Hin of wine, for an offering made by fire of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for a bullock, or for a ram, or for a lamb, or for a kid.

12 According to the number (d) that ye prepare to offer, so shall ye do to everyone according to their number.

(d) Every sacrifice of beasts must have their meat offering and drink offering according to this proportion.

13 All that are born of the country, shall do these things thus, to offer an offering made by fire of sweet savor unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will make an offering by fire of a sweet savor unto the LORD, as ye do, so he shall do.

15 (*) One ordinance shall be both for you of the Congregation, and also for the stranger that dwelleth with you, even an ordinance forever in your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

(*) Exodus 12:49; Numbers 9:14.

16 One Law and one manner shall serve both for you and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land, to the which I bring you,

19 And when ye shall eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer a heave offering unto the LORD.
20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your (e) dough for a heave offering; (*) as the heave offering of the barn, so ye shall lift it up.

(e) Which is made of the first corn ye gather.

(*) Leviticus 23:14.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD a heave offering in your generations.

22 And if ye (f) have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

(f) As by oversight or ignorance, read Leviticus 4:2-13.

23 Even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the first day that the LORD commanded Moses, and hence forward among your generations;

24 And if so be that ought be committed ignorantly of the (g) Congregation, then all the Congregation shall give a bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor unto the LORD, with the meat offering and drink offering thereto, according to the (*) manner, and a he goat for a sin offering.

(g) Some read, from the eyes of the Congregation, that is, which is hid from the Congregation.

(*) Leviticus 4:1.

25 And the Priest shall make an atonement for all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance, and they shall bring their offering for an offering made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD for their ignorance.

26 Then it shall be forgiven all the Congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that dwelleth among them, for all the people were in ignorance.

27 ¶ (*) But if any one person sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of a year old for a sin offering.

(*) Leviticus 4:27.

28 And the Priest shall make an atonement for the ignorant person, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make reconciliation for him, and it shall be forgiven him;

29 He that is born among the children of Israel, and the stranger that dwelleth among them, shall have both one law, who so doth sin by ignorance.
30 ¶ But the person that doeth ought (*) presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same blasphemeth the LORD; therefore that person shall be cut off from among his people,

(*) Hebrew: with a high hand, that is, in contempt of God.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his (h) iniquity shall be upon him.

(h) He shall sustain the punishment of his sin.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks, brought him unto Moses and to Aaron, and unto all the Congregation,

34 And they put him (*) in ward, for it was not declared what should be done unto him.

(*) Leviticus 24:12.

35 Then the LORD said unto Moses, This man shall die the death; and let all the multitude stone him with stones without the host.

36 And all the Congregation brought him without the host, and stoned him with stones, and he died, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they (*) make them fringes upon the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and put upon the fringes of the borders a ribbon of blue silk.

(*) Deuteronomy 22:12; Matthew 23:5.

39 And ye shall have the fringes, that when ye look upon them, ye may remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them, and that ye seek not after your own heart, nor after your own eyes, after the which ye go a (i) whoring;

(i) By leaving God’s commandments and following your own fantasies.
40 That ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

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

**Numbers 16**

1 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. 31 Korah and his company perisheth. 41 The people the next day murmur. 49 147,000 are slain for murmuring.

1 Now (♦) Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi (♣) went apart with Dathan, and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben;

(♦) Numbers 27:3; Jude 1:11 .
(♣) Or, took others with him.

2 And they rose up (♦) against Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty captains of the assembly, (♣) famous in the Congregation, and men of renown,

(♦) Or, before Moses.
(♣) Numbers 26:9 .

3 Who gathered themselves together against Moses, and against Aaron, and said unto them, (a) Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the Congregation is holy, (b) every one of them, and the LORD is among them; wherefore then lift ye yourselves above the Congregation of the LORD?

(a) Or let it suffice you, meaning, to have abused them thus long.
(b) All are alike holy, therefore none ought to be preferred above others; thus the wicked reason against God’s ordinance.

4 But when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face,

5 And spake to Korah and unto all his company, saying, Tomorrow the LORD will shew who is his, and who is holy, and who ought to approach near unto him; and whom he hath (c) chosen, he will cause to come near to him.

(c) To be the Priest and to offer.
6 This do therefore, Take you censers, both Korah, and all his company,

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow; and the man whom the LORD doeth choose, the same shall be holy. (d) Ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

(d) He layeth the same to their charge justly, wherewith they wrongfully charged him.

8 Again Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi.

9 Seemeth it a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the multitude of Israel, to take you near to himself, to do the service of the Tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the Congregation and to minister unto them?

10 He hath also taken thee to (e) him, and all thy brethren, the sons of Levi with thee, and seek ye the office of the Priest also?

(e) To serve in the Congregation, as in the verse before.

11 For which cause, thou, and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD; and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan, and Abiram the sons of Eliab; who answered, We will not come up.

13 Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us out (f) of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself lord and ruler over us also?

(f) Thus they spake contemptuously, preferring Egypt to Canaan.

14 Also thou hast not brought us unto a land that floweth with milk and honey, neither given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Wilt thou (g) put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.

(g) Wilt thou make them that searched the land believe that they saw not that which they saw?

15 Then Moses waxed very angry, and said unto the LORD, (*) Look not unto their offering, I have not taken so much as an ass from them, neither have I hurt any of them.

(*) Genesis 4:4-5.
16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company (h) before the LORD, both thou, they, and Aaron tomorrow;

(h) At the door of the Tabernacle.

17 And take every man his censor, and put incense in them, and bring ye every man his censor before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censors; thou also and Aaron, every one his censor.

18 So they took every man his censor, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the (i) multitude against them unto the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation. Then the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the Congregation.

(i) All that were of their faction.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from among this Congregation, that I may consume them at once.

22 And they fell upon their faces and said, O God, the God of the spirits, (*) of all flesh, hath not one man only sinned, and wilt thou be wroth with all the Congregation?

(*) Or, of every creature.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the Congregation and say, Get you away from about the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

25 Then Moses rose up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram, and the Elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the Congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye perish (k) in all their sins.

(k) With them that have committed so many sins.
27 So they got them away from the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood in the door of their tents with their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of my own (l) mind.

(l) I have not forged them of my own brain.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men, the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make (m) a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up with all that they have, and they go down quick into (*) (♣) the pit, then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

(m) Or, shew a strange sight.  
(*) Or, hell.  
(♣) Or, deep and dark places of the earth.

31 ¶ And as soon as he had made an end of speaking all these words, even the ground clave asunder that was under them,

32 And the earth (*) opened her mouth, and swallowed them up with their families, and all the men that were with Korah, and all their goods.

(*) Numbers 27:3; Deuteronomy 11:6; Psalm 106:17 .

33 So they and all that they had, went down alive into the pit, and the earth covered them, so they perished from among the Congregation;

34 And all Israel that were about them, fled at the cry of them, for they said, Let us flee, lest the earth swallow us up.

35 But there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

36 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar, the son of Aaron the Priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire beyond the altar; for they are hallowed,

38 The censers, I say, of these sinners, that destroyed (o) themselves; and let them make of them broad plates for a covering of the Altar, for they offered them
before the LORD, therefore they shall be holy; and they shall be a (p) sign unto the
children of Israel.

(o) Which were the occasion of their own death.
(p) Of God’s judgments against rebels.

39 Then Eleazar the Priest took the brazen censers, which they that were burnt
had offered, and made broad plates of them for a covering of the Altar.

40 It is a remembrance unto the children of Israel, that no stranger which is not
of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he be not
like (q) Korah and his company, as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

(q) Who presumed above his vocation.

41 ¶ But on the morrow all the multitude of the children of Israel murmured
against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And when the Congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron,
then they (*) turned their faces toward the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and
behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

(*) Or fled, to wit, Moses and Aaron.

43 Then Moses and Aaron were come before the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this Congregation; for I will consume them quickly.
Then they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take the censer and put fire therein of the (r)
Altar, and put therein incense, and go quickly unto the Congregation, and make
an atonement for them; for there is wrath gone out from the LORD. The plague is
begun.

(r) For it was not lawful to take any other fire, but of the Altar of burnt offering. Leviticus 10:1.

47 Then Aaron took as Moses commanded him, and ran into the midst of the
Congregation, and behold, the (s) plague was begun among the people, and he
put in incense, and made an atonement for the people.

(s) God had begun to punish the people.
48 And when he stood between the dead, and them that were alive, the (t) plague was stayed.

(t) God drew back his hand and ceased to punish them.

49 So they died of this plague fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died in the conspiracy of Korah.

50 And Aaron went again unto Moses before the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the plague was stayed.

Numbers 17

1 The twelve rods of the twelve princes of the tribes of Israel. 8 Aaron’s rod buddeth, and beareth blossoms. 10 For a testimony against the rebellious people.

1 And the LORD spake unto (a) Moses, saying,

(a) While he was in the door of the Tabernacle.

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod, after the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the family of their fathers, even twelve rods; and thou shalt write every man’s name upon his rod.

3 And write Aaron’s name upon the rod of Levi; for every rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt put them in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, before the Ark of the Testimony, (*) where I will declare myself to you.

(*) Exodus 25:22.

5 And the man’s rod, whom I (b) choose, shall blossom, and I will make cease from me the grudgings of the children of Israel, which grudge against you.

(b) To be the chief Priest.
Then Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and all their princes gave him a rod, one rod for every prince, according to the houses of their fathers, even twelve rods, and the rod (c) of Aaron was among their rods.

(c) Though Joseph's tribe was divided into two in the distribution of the land, yet here it is but one, and Levi maketh a tribe.

And Moses laid the rods before the LORD in the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

And when Moses on the morrow went into the Tabernacle of the Testimony, behold, the rod of Aaron (d) for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and brought forth blossoms, and bare ripe almonds.

(d) To declare that God did choose the house of Levi to serve him in the Tabernacle.

Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel; and they looked upon them, and took every man his rod.

After, the LORD said unto Moses, (*) Bring Aaron's rod again before the Testimony to be kept for a token to the rebellious children, and thou shalt cause their (e) murmurings to cease from me, that they die not.

(e) Grudging that Aaron should be high Priest.

So Moses did as the LORD had commanded him; so did he.

And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, (f) we are dead, we perish, we are all lost;

(f) The Chaldea describeth thus their murmuring: We die by the sword, the earth swalloweth us up, the pestilence doth consume us.

Whosoever cometh near or approacheth to the Tabernacle of the LORD, shall die. Shall we be consumed and die?
Numbers 18

1-7 The office of Aaron and his sons. 2 With the Levities. 8 The Priest’s part of the offerings. 20 God is their portion. 26 The Levites have their tithes, and offer the tenth’s part to the Lord.

1 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou, and thy sons, and thy father’s house with thee, shall bear (a) the iniquity of the Sanctuary; both thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your Priest’s office.

(a) If you trespass in any thing concerning the ceremonies of the Sanctuary of your office, you shall be punished.

2 And bring also with thee thy brethren of the tribe of Levi of the family of thy father, which shall be joined with thee, and minister unto thee, but thou, and thy sons with thee shall minister before the Tabernacle of the Testimony;

3 And they shall (b) keep thy charge, even the charge of all the Tabernacle, but they shall not come near the instruments of the Sanctuary, nor to the altar, lest they die, both they and you;

(b) That is, the things which are committed to thee, or, which thou dost enjoin them.

4 And they shall be joined with thee, and keep the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregation for all the service of the Tabernacle; and no (c) stranger shall come near unto you;

(c) Which was not of the tribe of Levi.

5 Therefore shall ye keep the charge of the Sanctuary, and the charge of the altar, so there shall fall no more wrath upon the children of Israel.

6 For lo, I have (*) taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel, which as a gift of yours, are given unto the LORD, to do the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(*) Numbers 3:45.

7 But thou, and thy sons with thee shall keep your Priest’s office for all things of the altar, and within the veil, therefore shall ye serve. For I have made your Priest’s office (*) an office of service, therefore the stranger that cometh near shall be slain.

(*) Or, gift.
Again the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I have given thee the keeping of my offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee I have given them for the anointing’s sake, and to thy sons, for a perpetual ordinance.

(d) As the firstfruit, firstborn, and the tenths.

This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire; all their offering of all their meat offering, and of all their sin offering, and of all their trespass offering, which they bring unto me, that shall be most holy unto thee, and to thy sons.

(e) That which was not burned should be the Priests.

In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat of it. It is holy unto thee.

(f) That is, in the Sanctuary, between the court and the Holiest of all.

This also shall be thine: the heave offering of their gift, with all the shake offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, to be a duty forever. All the clean in thy house shall eat of it.

(g) Read Leviticus 10:14.

All the fat of the oil, and all the fat of the wine, and of the wheat, which they shall offer unto the LORD for their firstfruits, I have given them unto thee.

(h) That is, the chiepest, or the best.

And the first ripe of all that is in their land, which they shall bring unto LORD shall be thine; all the clean in thy house shall eat of it.

Every thing separate from the common use in Israel, shall be thine.

(*) Leviticus 27:28.

All that first openeth the matrix of any flesh, which they shall offer unto the LORD, of man or beast, shall be thine; but the firstborn of man shalt thou redeem, and the firstborn of the unclean beast shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed, shalt thou redeem from the age of a month, according to thy estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, (*) which is twenty gerahs.

(*) Exodus 30:13; Leviticus 27:25; Numbers 3:47; Ezekiel 45:12.

17 But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat shalt thou not (i) redeem; for they are holy. Thou shalt sprinkle their blood at the altar, and thou shalt burn their fat, it is a sacrifice made by fire for a sweet savor unto the LORD.

(i) Because they are appointed for sacrifice.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, (*) as the shake breast, and as the right shoulder shall be thine;

(*) Exodus 29:26; Leviticus 7:30.

19 All the heave offerings of the holy things which the children of Israel shall offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee, to be a duty forever; it is a perpetual covenant (k) of salt before the LORD, to thee, and to thy seed with thee.

(k) That is, sure, stable, and incorruptible.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their (l) land, neither shalt thou have any part among them; (*) I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

(l) Of Canaan.
(*) Deuteronomy 10:9; Deuteronomy 18:2; Joshua 13:14-33; Exodus 44:28.

21 For behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

22 Neither shall the children of Israel anymore (m) come near the Tabernacle of the Congregation, lest they sustain sin, and die.

(m) To serve therein, for the Levites are put in their place.

23 But the Levites shall do the service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and they shall bear (n) their sin; it is a law forever in your generations, that among the children of Israel they possess no inheritance.

(n) If they fail in their office, they shall be punished.
24 For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they shall offer as an offering unto the LORD, I have given the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel ye shall possess no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Speak also unto the Levites and say unto them, When ye shall take of the children of Israel the tithes, which I have given you of them for your inheritance, then shall ye take a heave offering of that same for the LORD, even the tenth part of the tithe.

27 And your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as the (o) corn of the barn, or as the abundance of the winepress.

(o) As acceptable as the fruit of your own ground or vineyard.

28 So ye shall also offer a heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye shall receive of the children of Israel, and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the Priest.

29 Ye shall offer of all your (p) gifts all the LORD's heave offerings; of all the (q) fat of the same shall ye offer the holy things thereof.

(p) Which ye have received of the children of Israel.
(q) Read Numbers 18:12 .

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have offered the fat thereof, then it shall be counted unto the Levites, as the increase of the corn floor, or as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in all (r) places, ye, and your households, for it is your wages for your service in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(r) As in Numbers 18:11 .

32 And ye shall (s) bear no sin by the reason of it, when ye have offered the fat of it; neither shall ye pollute the holy (t) things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

(s) Ye shall not be punished therefore.
(t) The offerings which the Israelites have offered to God.
Numbers 19

2 The sacrifice of the red cow. 9 The sprinkling water. 11 He that toucheth the dead. 14 The man that dieth in a tent.

1 And the LORD spake to Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 (a) This is the ordinance of the Law, which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring thee a red cow without blemish, wherein is no spot, upon the which never came yoke.

(a) According to this law and ceremony ye shall sacrifice the red cow.

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the Priest, that he may bring her (*) without the host, and cause her to (b) be slain before his face.

(*) Hebrews 13:11 .
(b) By another Priest.

4 Then shall Eleazar the Priest take of her blood with his (*) finger, and sprinkle it before the Tabernacle of the Congregation seven times,


5 And cause the cow to be burnt in his sight, with her (*) skin, and her flesh, and her blood, and her dung shall he burn her;

(*) Exodus 29:14; Leviticus 4:11-12 .

6 Then shall the Priest take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet lace, and cast them in the midst of the fire where the cow burneth.

7 Then shall the (c) Priest wash his clothes, and he shall wash his flesh in water, and then come into the host, and the Priest shall be unclean unto the even.

(c) Meaning, Eleazar.

8 Also he that (d) burneth her, shall wash his clothes in water, and wash his flesh in water, and be unclean until even.

(d) The inferior Priest who killed her, and burned her.
9 And a man, that is clean, shall take up the ashes of the cow, and put them without the host in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the Congregation of the children of Israel for a sprinkling water; it is a sin offering.

(e) Or, the water of separation, because they that were separate for their uncleanness, were sprinkled therewith and made clean, Numbers 8:7. It is also called holy water, because it was ordained to a holy use, Numbers 5:17.

10 Therefore he that gathereth the ashes of the cow, shall wash his clothes, and remain unclean until even; and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that dwelleth among them, a statute forever.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man, shall be unclean even seven days.

12 He shall purify himself therewith the third day, and the seventh day he shall be clean; but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

(f) With the sprinkling water.

13 Whosoever toucheth the corpse of any man that is dead, and purgeth not himself, defileth the Tabernacle of the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from Israel, because the sprinkling water was not sprinkled upon him; he shall be unclean, and his uncleanness shall remain still upon him.

(g) So that he should not be esteemed to be of the holy people. But as a polluted and excommunicated person.

14 This is the law, When a man dieth in a tent, all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days,

15 And all the vessels that be open, which have no covering fastened upon them, shall be unclean.

(*) Hebrew: a covering of cloth.

16 Also whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the field, or a dead person, or a bone of a dead man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 Therefore for an unclean person, they shall take of the burnt ashes of the sin offering, and pure water shall be put thereto in a vessel.

(h) Of the red cow burnt for sin.

(i) Water of the fountain or river.
18 And a (k) clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and on the persons that were therein, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave.

(k) One of the priests which is clean.

19 And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean the third day, and the seventh day, and he shall purify himself the seventh day, and (l) wash his clothes, and wash himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

(l) Because he had been among them that were unclean; or else had touched the water, as Numbers 19:21.

20 But the man that is unclean, and purifieth not himself, that person shall be cut off from among the Congregation, because he hath defiled the Sanctuary of the LORD; and the sprinkling water hath not been sprinkled upon him; therefore shall he be unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual law unto them, that he that sprinkleth the sprinkling water, shall wash his clothes, also he that toucheth the sprinkling water, shall be unclean until even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the person that toucheth (m) him shall be unclean until the even.

(m) That is, unclean.

Numbers 20

1 Miriam dieth. 2 The people murmur. 8 They have water out of the rock. 14 Edom denieth the Israelites passage. 25-28 The death of Aaron in whose room Eleazar succeedeth.

1 Then the children of Israel came with the whole Congregation to the desert of Zin in the first (a) month, and the people abode at Kadesh; where (b) Miriam died, and was buried there.

(a) This was forty years after their departure from Egypt.  
(b) Moses and Aaron’s sister.

2 But there was no water for the Congregation, and they (c) assembled themselves against Moses and against Aaron.
3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God we had perished (*) when our brethren died before the LORD.

(*) Numbers 11:33.

4 (*) Why have ye thus brought the Congregation of the LORD unto this wilderness, that both we and our cattle should die there?

(*) Exodus 17:2.

5 Wherefore now have ye made us to come up from Egypt, to bring us into this miserable place, which is no place of seed, nor figs, nor vines, nor pomegranates? Neither is there any water to drink.

6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the assembly unto the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and fell upon their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the (d) rod, and gather thou and thy brother Aaron the Congregation together, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring them water out of the rock, so thou shalt give the Congregation and their beasts drink.

(d) Wherewith thou didst miracles in Egypt, and didst divide the sea.

9 Then Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he had commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the Congregation together before the rock, and Moses said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; (e) shall we bring you water out of this rock?

(e) The punishment which followed hereof, declared that Moses and Aaron believed not the Lord's promise, as appeareth, Numbers 20:12.

11 Then Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice, and the water came out abundantly; so the Congregation, and their beasts drank.

12 ¶ Again, the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to (g) sanctify me in the presence of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this Congregation into the land which I have given them.
(f) That the children of Israel should believe, and acknowledge my power, and so honor me.

13 This is the water of (g) Meribah, because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he (h) was sanctified in them.

(g) Or, strife and contention, Numbers 27:14.
(h) By shewing himself almighty and maintaining his glory.

14 ¶ Then Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of (i) Edom, saying, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that we have had,

(i) Because Jacob or Israel was Esau's brother, who was called Edom.

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, where the Egyptians handled us evil and our fathers.

16 But when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an Angel, and hath brought us out of Egypt, and behold, we are in the city Kadesh, in thy utmost border.

17 I pray thee that we may pass through thy country; we will not go through the fields nor the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells; we will go by the (*) King's way, and neither turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we be past thy borders.

(*) Or, highway.

18 And Edom answered him, (*) Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

(*) Or, come not.

19 Then the children of Israel said unto him, We will go up by the highway, and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, I will then pay for it. I will only (without any harm) go through on my feet.

20 He answered again, Thou shalt not go through. Then (*) Edom came out against him with much people, and with a mighty power.

(*) Or, the Edomites.

21 Thus Edom denied to give Israel passage through his country; wherefore Israel (k) turned away from him.

(k) To pass by another way.
22 ¶ And when the children of Israel with all the Congregation departed from (*) Kadesh, they came unto the mount Hor.

(*) Numbers 33:37.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron in the mount Hor near the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be (l) gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land, which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye (*) disobeyed my commandment at the water of (♣) Meribah.

(l) Read Genesis 25:8.
(*) Or, rebelled.
(♣) Or, strife.

25 Take (*) Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up into the mount Hor,

(*) Numbers 33:38; Deuteronomy 32:50.

26 And cause Aaron to put off his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his fathers, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD had commanded, and they went up into the mount Hor, in the sight of all the Congregation.

28 And Moses put off Aaron’s clothes, and put them upon Eleazar his son; (*) so Aaron died there in the top of the mount. And Moses and Eleazar came down from off the mount.

(*) Deuteronomy 10:6; Deuteronomy 32:50.

29 When all the Congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel (*) wept for Aaron thirty days.

(*) Or, mourned.
Numbers 21

3 Israel vanquisheth king Arad. 6 The fiery serpents are sent for the rebellion of the people. 24-33 Sihon and Og are overcome in battle.

1 When (*) King Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt toward the South, heard tell that Israel came by the (a) way of the spies, then fought he against Israel, and took of them prisoners.

(*) Numbers 33:40.
(a) By that way which their spies, that searched the dangers found to be most safe.

2 So Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt deliver and give this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD heard the voice of Israel, and delivered them the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities, and called the name of the place (*) (♣) Hormah.

(*) Or, destruction.
(♣) Judges 1:17.

4 ¶ After, they departed from the mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to (b) compass the land of Edom; and the people were sore grieved because of the way.

(b) For they were forbidden to destroy it, Deuteronomy 2:5.

5 And the people spake against God and against Moses, saying, Wherefore have ye brought us out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness? For here is neither bread nor water, and our soul (*) loatheth this light (c) bread.

(*) Numbers 11:6.
(c) Meaning, Manna which they thought did not nourish.

6 (*) Wherefore the LORD sent (d) fiery serpents among the people, which stung the people; so that many of the people of Israel died.

(*) 1 Corinthians 10:9.
(d) For they that were stung therewith, were so inflamed with the heat thereof, that they died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned; for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.
8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it up for a (*) sign, that as many as are bitten, may look upon it, and live.

(*) Or, upon a pole.

9 (*) So Moses made a serpent of brass, and set it up for a sign; and when a serpent had bitten a man, then he looked to the serpent of brass, and (♠) lived.

(♠) Or, recovered.

10 (*) And the children of Israel departed thence, and pitched in Oboth.

(*) Numbers 33:43 .

11 ¶ And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in (*) Ije-abarim, in the wilderness, which is before Moab on the Eastside.

(*) Or, in the heaps of Abarim, or hills.

12 ¶ They removed thence, and pitched upon the river of Zared.

13 ¶ Thence they departed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness, and cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites; (for Arnon is the border of Moab, between the Moabites and the Amorites.)

14 Wherefore it shall be spoken in the (e) book of the battles of the LORD, (*) what thing he did in the Red Sea, and in the rivers of Arnon,

(e) Which seemeth to be the book of Judges, or as some think, a book which is lost.
(*) Or, (how God destroyed) Vaheb, (the city) with a whirlwind and the valleys of Arnon.

15 And at the stream of the rivers that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 ¶ And from thence they turned to Beer; the same is the well where the LORD said unto Moses, Assemble the people, and I will give them water.

17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song, Rise up (*) well, (f) sing ye unto it.

(*) Or, spring.
(f) Ye that receive the commodity thereof, give praise for it.

18 The princes dug this well, the captains of the people dug it, even the (g) law giver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they came to Mattanah,
19 ¶ And from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 ¶ And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the plain of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

21 ¶ Then Israel sent messengers unto Sihon, King of the Amorites, saying,

22 (*) Let me go through thy land. We will not turn aside into the fields, nor into the vineyards, neither drink of the waters of the wells; we will go by the king’s way, until we be past thy country.

(*) Deuteronomy 2:26; Judges 11:19.

23 (*) But Sihon gave Israel no license to pass through his country, but Sihon assembled all his people, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

(*) Deuteronomy 29:7.

24 (*) But Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and conquered his land, from Arnon unto (h) Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon; for the border of the children of Ammon was (i) strong.

(*) Joshua 12:2; Psalm 135:11; Amos 2:9.
(h) The river.
(i) For the people were tall and strong like giants; Deuteronomy 2:20.

25 And Israel took all these cities, and dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites in Heshbon, and in all the (*) villages thereof.

(*) Hebrew: daughters.

26 For (k) Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, which had fought beforetime against the king of the Moabites, and had taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

(k) For if it had been the Moabites, the Israelites might not have possessed it, Deuteronomy 2:9.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs, say, Come to Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and repaired;

28 For (*) a fire is gone out of Heshbon, and a flame from the city of Sihon, and hath consumed Ar of the Moabites, and the lords of Bamoth in Arnon.

(*) Hebrew: daughters.
29 Woe be to thee, Moab, O people of Chemosh, Thou art undone, He hath suffered his sons to be pursued, and his daughters to be in captivity to Sihon the king of the Amorites.

(m) Chemosh was the idol of the Moabites, 1 Kings 11:33; who was not able to defend his worshippers, which took the idol for their father.

30 Their empire also is lost from Heshbon unto Dibon, and we have destroyed them unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

(*) Hebrew: light.

31 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to search out Jaazer, and they took the towns belonging thereto, and rooted out the Amorites that were there.

33 ¶ And they turned and went up toward Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he, and all his people, to fight at Edrei.

(*) Deuteronomy 3:1; Deuteronomy 29:7.

34 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not, for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

(*) Psalm 135:11.

35 They smote him therefore, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him; so they conquered his land.
Numbers 22

5 King Balak sendeth for Balaam to curse the Israelites. 12 The Lord forbiddeth him to go. 22 The Angel of the Lord meeteth him, and his ass speaketh. 38 Balaam protesteth that he will speak nothing, but that which the Lord putteth in his mouth.

1 After, the children of Israel departed and pitched in the plain of Moab on the (a) other side of Jordan from Jericho.

(a) Being at Jericho, it was beyond Jordan; but where the Israelites were, it was on this side.

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

3 And the Moabites were sore afraid of the people, because they were many, and Moab (*) fretted against the children of Israel.

(*) Or, was vexed.

4 Therefore Moab said unto the (b) Elders of Midian, Now shall this multitude lick up all that are round about us, as an ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was King of the Moabites at that time.

(b) Which were the heads and governors.

5 (*) He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor (which is by the (c) river of the land of the children of his folk) to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which cover the face of the earth, and lie over against me.

(*) Joshua 24:9.
(c) To wit, Euphrates, upon the which stood this city Pethor.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, and curse me this people (for they are stronger than I) so it may be that I shall be able to smite them, and to drive them out of the land, for I know that he, whom thou blessest, is blessed, and he whom thou cursest, shall be cursed.

7 And the Elders of Moab, and the Elders of Midian departed, having (d) the reward of the soothsaying in their hand, and they came unto Balaam, and told him the words of Balak.

(d) Thinking to bribe him with gifts to curse the Israelites.
8 Who answered them, Tarry here this night, and I will give you an answer, as
the LORD shall say unto me. So (e) the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

(e) Whom before he called Elders; meaning the governors, and after calleth them servants; that is,
subjects to their king.

9 Then God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

10 And Baalam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab hath sent
unto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, and covereth the face of the earth;
come now, curse them for my sake; so it may be that I shall be able to overcome
them in battle, and to drive them out.

12 And God (f) said unto Balaam, Go not thou with them, neither curse the
people, for they are blessed.

(f) He warned him by a dream that he should not consent to the king’s wicked request.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak,
Return unto your land, for the LORD hath refused to give (g) me leave to go with
you.

(g) Else he shewed himself willing, covetousness had so blinded his heart.

14 So the princes of Moab rose up, and went unto Balak, and said, Balaam hath
refused to come with us.

15 ¶ Balak yet sent again more princes, and more honorable than they.

16 Who came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, (h)
Be not thou stayed, I pray thee, from coming unto me.

(h) The wicked seek by all means to further their naughty enterprises, though they know that God is
against them.

17 For I will promote thee unto great honor, and will do whatsoever thou sayest
unto me; come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered, and said unto the servants of Balak, (*) If Balak would
give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the
LORD my God, to do less or more.

(*) Numbers 24:13.
19 But now, I pray you, tarry here this night, that I may wit, what the LORD will say unto me (i) more.

(i) Because he tempted God to require him contrary to his commandment, his petition was granted, but it turned to his own condemnation.

20 And God came unto Balaam by night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but only what thing I say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 So Balaam rose up early, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And the wrath of God was kindled, because he (k) went, and the Angel of the LORD stood in the way to be against him, as he rode upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

(k) Moved rather with covetousness than to obey God.

23 And (*) when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand, the ass turned out of the way, and went into the field, but Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

(*) 2 Peter 2:16; Jude 1:11.

24 (l) Again the Angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, having a wall on the one side, and a wall on the other.

(l) The second time.

25 And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and dashed Balaam’s foot against the wall, wherefore he smote her again;

26 Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn, either to the right hand, or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; therefore Balaam was very wroth, and smote the ass with a staff.

(*) Or, fell.

28 Then the LORD (m) opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me now three times?

(m) Or, opened the mouth of the ass.
29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me; I would there were a sword in my hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, which thou hast ridden upon since thy first time unto this day? Have I used at any time to do thus unto thee? Who said, Nay.

31 And the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with his sword drawn in his hand; then he bowed himself, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the Angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou now smitten thine ass three times? Behold, I came out to withstand thee, because thy way is not straight before me.

33 But the ass saw me, and turned from me now three times; for else, if she had not turned from me, surely I had even now slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 Then Balaam said unto the Angel of the LORD, I have sinned, for I wist not that thou stoodest in the way against me; now therefore if it displease thee, I will turn home again.

35 But the Angel said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but what I say unto thee, that shalt thou speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam came, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, even in the utmost coast.

37 Then Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not send for thee to call thee? Wherefore camest thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to promote thee unto honor?
38 And Balaam made answer unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee, and can I now say (s) anything at all? The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

(s) Of myself I can speak nothing, only what God revealeth, that will I utter, seem it good or bad.

39 So Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto the city of (*) Huzoth.

(*) Or, of streets; or, a populous city.

40 Then Balak offered bullocks, and sheep, and sent thereof to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And on the morrow Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of (t) Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

(t) Where the idol Baal was worshipped.

Numbers 23

1 Balaam causeth seven altars to be built. 5 God teacheth him what to answer. 8 Instead of cursing he blesseth Israel. 19 God is not like man.

1 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks, and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam said, and (a) Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

(a) For among the Gentiles the kings oft times used to sacrifice, as did the Priests.

3 Then Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go, if so be that the LORD will come and meet me, and whatsoever he sheweth me, I will tell thee. So he (*) went forth alone.

(*) Or, went up higher.

4 And God (b) met Balaam, and Balaam said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

(b) Appeared unto him.
5 And the LORD put an answer in Balaam’s mouth, and said, Go again to Balak, and say on this wise.

(c) Taught him what to say.

6 So when he returned unto him, lo, he stood by his burnt offering, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 Then he uttered his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram out of the mountains of the East, saying, Come, curse Jacob for my sake, Come, and detest Israel.

(*) Or, prophecy.
♣ Or, Syria.
(d) Cause that all may hate and detest them.

8 How shall I curse, where God hath not cursed? Or how shall I detest, where the LORD hath not detested?

9 For from the top of the rocks I did see him, and from the hills I did behold him; lo, the people shall dwell by themselves, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

(e) But shall have religion and laws apart.

10 Who can tell the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

(f) The infinite multitude, as the dust of the earth.
(g) The fear of God’s judgment caused him to wish to be joined to the household of Abraham; thus the wicked have their consciences wounded when they consider God’s judgments.

11 Then Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered, and said, Must I not take heed to speak that, which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, whence thou mayest see them, and thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all; therefore curse them out of that place for my sake.

14 ¶ And he brought him into Sede-zophim to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock, and a ram on every altar.
(*) Or, into the field of them that spied; to wit, lest the enemy should approach.

15 After, he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, and I will meet the LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and (*) put an answer in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

(*) Numbers 22:35.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. So Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD said?

18 And he uttered his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor.

19 (h) God is not as man, that he should lie, neither as the son of man, that he should repent; Hath he said, and shall he not do it? And hath he spoken, and shall he not accomplish it?

(h) God’s enemies are compelled to confess that his government is just, constant, and without change or repentance.

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless; for he hath blessed, and I cannot alter it.

21 He seeth no iniquity in Jacob, nor seeth no transgression in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, and the (i) joyful shout of a King is among them.

(i) They triumph as victorious Kings over their enemies.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; their strength is as a unicorn.

23 For there is no sorcery in Jacob, nor soothsaying in Israel. (k) According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought?

(k) Considering what God shall work this time for the deliverance of his people, all the world shall wonder.

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down, till he eat of the prey, and till he drink the blood of the slain.

25 ¶ Then Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse, nor bless them at all.
26 But Balaam answered, and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that must I do?

27 ¶ Again Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another (l) place, if so be it will please God, that thou mayest thence curse them for my sake.

(l) Thus the wicked imagine of God, that, that which he will not grant in one place, he will do it in another.

28 So Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

29 Then Balaam said unto Balak, Make me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks, and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

Numbers 24

5 Balaam prophesieth of the great prosperity that should come unto Israel. 17 Also of the coming of Christ. 20 The destruction of the Amalekites, and of the Kenites.

1 When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, then he went not, (*) as certain times before, to set divinations, but set his face toward the (a) wilderness.

(*) Numbers 23:3-15.
(a) Where the Israelites camped.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and looked upon Israel, which dwelt according to their tribes, and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 (*) And he uttered his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes (b) were shut up, hath said,

(*) Numbers 23:7-18.
(b) His eyes were shut up before in respect of the clear visions which he saw after; some read, were open.
4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and saw the vision of the Almighty, and (c) falling in a trance had his eyes opened:

(c) Though he lay as in a sleep, yet the eyes of his mind were open.

5 ¶ How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy habitations, O Israel!

6 As the valleys, are they stretched forth, as gardens by the river’s side, as the (*) aloe trees, which the LORD hath planted, as the cedars beside the waters.

(*) Or, tents.

7 The (d) water droppeth out of his bucket, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his King shall be higher than (e) Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

(d) His prosperity and posterity shall be very great.
(e) Which name was common to the Kings of Amalek.

8 God brought him out of Egypt; His strength shall be as a unicorn; He shall eat the nations his enemies; And bruise their bones, And shoot them through with his arrows.

9 (*) He coucheth, and lieth down as a young lion, and as a lion; Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

(*) Genesis 49:9.

10 Then Balak was very angry with Balaam, and (f) smote his hands together; so Balak said unto Balaam, I sent for thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast blessed them now three times.

(f) In token of anger.

11 Therefore now flee unto thy place. I thought surely to promote thee unto honor, but lo, the (g) LORD hath kept thee back from honor.

(g) Thus the wicked burden God when they cannot compass their wicked enterprises.

12 Then Balaam answered Balak, Told I not also thy messengers, which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot pass the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind? What the LORD shall command, the same will I speak.
14 And now behold, I go unto my people; come, I will (*) (h) advertise thee what this people shall do to thy folk in the latter days.

(*) Hebrew: counsel.
(h) He gave also wicked counsel to cause the Israelites to sin, that thereby God might forsake them, Numbers 31:16.

15 And he uttered his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes were shut up, hath said,

16 He hath said that heard the words of God, and hath the knowledge of the most High, and saw the vision of the Almighty, and falling in a trance had his eyes opened:

17 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a (i) Star of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise of Israel, and shall smite the (k) coasts of Moab, and destroy all the sons of (l) Sheth.

(i) Meaning, Christ.
(k) That is, the princes.
(l) He shall subdue all that resist; for of Sheth came Noah, and of Noah all the world.

18 And Edom shall be possessed, and Seir shall be a possession to their enemies, but Israel shall do valiantly.

19 He also that shall have dominion shall be of Jacob, and shall destroy the remnant of the (m) city.

(m) Of the Edomites.

20 ¶ And when he looked on Amalek, he uttered his parable, and said, Amalek was the (n) first of the nations, but his latter end shall come to destruction.

(n) The Amalekites first made war against Israel, as Numbers 14:45.

21 And he looked on the (*) Kenites, and uttered his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and (o) put thy nest in the rock;

(*) Or, Midianites.
(o) Make thyself as strong as thou canst.

22 Nevertheless, (*) the Kenite shall be spoiled, until Asshur carry thee away captive.

(*) Or, thou Cain shalt.
23 Again he uttered his parable, and said, Alas, (p) who shall live when God doeth this?

(p) Some read, Oh who shall not perish when the enemy, that is, Antichrist, shall set himself up as God?

24 The ships also shall come from the coasts of (q) Chittim, and subdue Asshur, and shall subdue Eber, and (r) he also shall come to destruction.

(q) The Grecians and Romans.
(r) Meaning, Eber, or the Jews for rebelling against God.

25 Then Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

Numbers 25

2 The people committeth fornication with the daughters of Moab. 9 Phinehas killeth Zimri and Cozbi. 11 God maketh his covenant with Phinehas. 17 God commandeth to kill the Midianites.

1 Now while Israel abode in (*) Shittim, the people began to commit whoredom with the (a) daughters of Moab;

(*) Numbers 35:49.
(a) With the woman.

2 Which called the people unto the sacrifice of their gods, and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel (b) coupled himself unto Baal-peor, wherefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against Israel;

(b) Worshipped the idol of the Moabites, which was in the hill Peor.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, (*) Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up (♣) before the LORD (c) against the sun, that the indignation of the LORD's wrath may be turned from Israel.

(*) Deuteronomy 4:3; Joshua 22:17.
(♣) Or, to the Lord.
(c) Openly in the sight of all.
5 Then Moses said unto the Judges of Israel, Every one slay his (d) men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

(d) Let him see execution done of them that are under his charge.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, (e) who wept before the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(e) Repenting that they had offended God.

7 (*) And when Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the Priest saw it, he rose up from the midst of the Congregation, and took a (♣) spear in his hand,

(*) Psalm 106:30 .
(♣) Or, javelin.

8 And followed the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust them both through, to wit, the man of Israel, and the woman, (*) through her belly. So the plague ceased from the children of Israel.

(*) Or, in her tent. Chaldean and Greek, in her secrets.

9 (*) And there died in that plague, four and twenty thousand.

(*) 1 Corinthians 10:8 .

10 Then the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 (*) Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the Priest, hath turned my anger away from the children of Israel, while he (f) was zealous for my sake among them, therefore I have not consumed the children of Israel in my jealousy.

(*) Psalm 106:30 .
(f) He was zealous to maintain my glory.

12 Wherefore say to him, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace,

13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of the Priest’s office forever, because he was zealous for his God, and hath made an (g) atonement for the children of Israel.

(g) He hath pacified God’s wrath.
14 And the name of the Israelite thus slain, which was killed with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, prince (*) of the family of the Simeonites.

(*) Hebrew: of the house of the father.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain, was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was head over the people of his father’s house in Midian.

16 ¶ Again the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 (*) Vex the Midianites, and smite them;

(*) Numbers 31:2 .

18 For they trouble you with their (h) wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you as concerning Peor, and as concerning their sister Cozbi the daughter of a prince of Midian, which was slain in the day of the plague because of Peor.

(h) Causing you to commit both corporal and spiritual fornication by Balaam’s counsel; Numbers 31:16; Revelation 2:14 .

**Numbers 26**

2 The Lord commandeth to number the children of Israel in the plain of Moab, from twenty years old and above. 57 The Levites and their families. 64 None of them that were numbered in Sinai go into Canaan, save Caleb and Joshua.

1 And so after the (a) plague, the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the Priest, saying,

(a) Which came for their whoredom and idolatry.

2 Take the number of all the Congregation of the children of Israel, (*) from twenty years old and above, throughout their father’s houses, all that go forth to war in Israel.

(*) Numbers 1:3 .

3 So Moses and Eleazar the Priest spake unto them in the plain of Moab, by Jordan (b) toward Jericho, saying,
4 From twenty years old and above ye shall number the people, as the (*) LORD had commanded Moses, and the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

(*) Numbers 1:1.

5 ¶ (*) Reuben the firstborn of Israel. The children of (♣) Reuben were: Hanoch, of whom came the family of the Hanochites; and of Pallu the family of the Palluites;

(*) Genesis 46:8; Exodus 6:14; 1 Chronicles 5:1.
(♣) Reuben.

6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and they were in number three and forty thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu, Eliab;

9 And the sons of Eliab, Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This Dathan and Abiram were famous in the Congregation, and (*) strove against Moses and against Aaron in the (c) assembly of Korah, when they strove against the LORD.

(*) Numbers 16:2.
(c) In that rebellion whereof Korah was head.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up with Korah, when the Congregation died, what time the fire consumed two hundred and fifty men, who were (d) for a sign;

(d) That is, for an example that others should not murmur and rebel against God's ministers.

11 Notwithstanding, all the sons of Korah died not.

12 ¶ And the children of (*) Simeon after their families were: Nemuel, of whom came the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

(*) Simeon.

13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarthites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
14 These are the families of the Simeonites: two and twenty thousand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The sons of (※) Gad after their families were: Zephon, of whom came the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

(※) Gad.

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Areliites.

18 These are the families of the sons of Gad, according to their numbers, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 ¶ The sons of (※) Judah, Er and Onan; but Er and Onan died in the land of (e) Canaan.

(※) Judah.
(e) Before Jacob went into Egypt; Genesis 38:3; Genesis 7:10; Genesis 46:12.

20 So were the sons of Judah after their families: of Shelah came the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of (※) Pharez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

(※) Genesis 46:12.

22 These are the families of Judah, after their numbers, seventy and six thousand and five hundred.

23 ¶ The sons of (※) Issachar, after their families were: Tola, of whom came the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites;

(※) Issachar.

24 Of Jashub the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar, after their numbers, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.
26 ¶ The sons of (*) Zebulun, after their families were: of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

(*) Zebulun.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites, after their numbers, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 ¶ The sons of Joseph, after their families were: (*) Manasseh and Ephraim.

(*) Manasseh.

29 The sons of Manasseh were: of (*) Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gilead; of Gilead came the family of the Gileadites.

(*) Joshua 17:1.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 Of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; of Shechem, the family of Shichmites;

32 Of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 ¶ And (*) Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

(*) Numbers 27:1.

34 These are the families of Manasseh, and the number of them, two and fifty thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These are the sons of (*) Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah came the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

(*) Ephraim.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.
37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim after their numbers, two and thirty thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ These are the sons of (*) Benjamin after their families: of Bela came the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

(*) Benjamin.

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Suphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard came the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families, and their numbers, five and forty thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ These are the sons of (*) Dan after their families: of Shuham came the family of the Shuhamites; these are the families of Dan after their households.

(*) Dan.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites were after their numbers, threescore and four thousand, and four hundred.

44 ¶ The sons of (*) Asher after their families were: of Jimnah, the family of the Jimnites; of Isui, the family of the Isuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

(*) Asher.

45 The sons of Beriah were: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher after their numbers, three and fifty thousand and four hundred.

48 ¶ The sons of (*) Naphtali, after their families were: of Jahzeel, the families of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

(*) Naphtali.
49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their households, and their number, five and forty thousand and four hundred.

51 These are the numbers of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

(f) This is the third time that they are numbered.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

(*) Or, persons.

54 To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give less inheritance; to every one according to his number shall be given his inheritance.

(*) Numbers 33:54.

55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot, according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit;

(*) Joshua 11:23; Joshua 14:2.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

57 ¶ These also are the numbers of the Levites, after their families: of Gershon came the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.


58 These are the families of Levi, the family of the Libnites: the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites, and Kohath begat Amram.

59 And Amram’s wife was called Jochebed the daughter of Levi, which was born unto Levi in Egypt; and she bare unto Amram Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister.
60 And unto Aaron were born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 (*) And Nadab and Abihu died, because they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And their numbers were three and twenty thousand, all males from a month old and above; for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These are the numbers of Moses and Eleazar the Priest which numbered the children of Israel in the plain of Moab, near Jordan, toward Jericho.

64 And among these there was not a man of them, (g) whom Moses and Aaron the Priest numbered, when they told the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

(g) Wherein appeareth the great power of God, that so wonderfully increased his people.

65 For the LORD said of them, (*) They shall die in the wilderness. So there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

(*) Numbers 14:28-29; 1 Corinthians 10:5-6 .

Numbers 27

1 The Law of the heritage of the daughters of Zelophehad. 12 The land of promise shewed unto Moses. 16 Moses prayeth for a governor unto the people. 18 Joshua is appointed in his stead.

1 Then came the daughters of (*) Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the family of Manasseh, the son of Joseph; (and the names of his daughters were these: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.)

(*) Numbers 26:33; Numbers 36:11; Joshua 17:3 .
2 And stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the Priest, and before the Princes, and all the assembly, at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying,

3 Our father (*) died in the wilderness, and he was not among the assembly of them that were assembled against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died in his (a) sin, and had no sons.

(*) Numbers 14:35; Numbers 26:64-65.
(a) According as all men die, for as much as they are sinners.

4 Wherefore should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give us a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 Then Moses brought their (b) cause before the LORD.

(b) That is, their matter to be judged, to know what he should determine, as he did all hard matters.

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right; thou shalt give them a possession to inherit among their father’s brethren, and shalt turn the inheritance of their father unto them.

8 Also thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die and have no son, then ye shall turn his inheritance unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, ye shall give his inheritance unto his father’s brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, ye shall give his inheritance unto his next kinsman of his family, and he shall possess it; and this shall be unto the children of Israel a law of (c) judgment, as the LORD hath commanded Moses.

(c) Meaning, an ordinance to judge by.

12 ¶ Again the LORD said unto Moses, (*) Go up into this mount of Abarim, and behold the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

(*) Deuteronomy 32:49.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou shalt be gathered unto thy people also, (*) as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

(*) Deuteronomy 32:49.
14 For ye were (*) disobedient unto my word in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the assembly, to sanctify me in the waters before their eyes. (♠) That is the water of (♣) Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 ¶ Then Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,
16 Let the LORD, God of the (d) spirits of all flesh appoint a man over the Congregation,

(d) Who as he hath created, so he governeth the hearts of all men.

17 Who may (e) go out and in before them, and lead them out and in, that the Congregation of the LORD be not as sheep, which have not a shepherd.

(e) That is, govern them and do his duty, as 2 Chronicles 1:10.

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, in whom is the Spirit, and (f) put thine hands upon him,

(f) And so appoint him governor.

19 And set him before Eleazar the Priest, and before all the Congregation, and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And (g) give him of thy glory, that all the Congregation of the children of Israel may obey.

(g) Commend him to the people as meet (suitable Ed.) for the office and appointed by God.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the Priest, who shall ask counsel for him (*) by the (h) judgment of Urim before the LORD. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, and all the Congregation.

(h) According to his office; signifying that the civil magistrate could execute nothing but that which he knew to be the will of God.

22 So Moses did as the LORD had commanded him, and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the Priest, and before all the Congregation.
23 Then he put his hands upon him, and gave him a (i) charge, as the LORD had spoken by the hand of Moses.

(i) How he should govern himself in his office.

Numbers 28

4 The daily sacrifice. 9 The sacrifice of Sabbath. 11 Of the Month. 16 Of the Passover. 26 Of the Firstfruits.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall observe to offer unto me in their due season my offering, and (a) my bread for my sacrifices made by fire for a sweet savor unto me.

(a) By bread he meaneth all manner of sacrifice.

3 Also thou shalt say unto them, (*) This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD, two lambs of a year old without spot, daily, for a continual burnt offering.

(*) Exodus 29:38.

4 One lamb shalt thou prepare in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou prepare at even.

5 (*) And the tenth part of an Ephah of fine flour for a (♣) meat offering mingled with the fourth part of a (♠) Hin of beaten oil.

(*) Exodus 16:36.
♣ Leviticus 2:1.
♠ Exodus 29:40.

6 This shall be a daily burnt offering, as was made in the mount Sinai for a sweet savor, it is a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink offering thereof the fourth part of a Hin for one lamb; in the holy place cause to pour the drink offering unto the LORD.
8 And the other lamb thou shalt prepare at even; as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof shalt thou prepare this (b) for an offering made by fire of sweet savor unto the LORD.

(b) The meat offering and drink offering of the evening sacrifice.

9 ¶ But on the Sabbath day ye shall offer two lambs of a year old, without spot, and two (c) tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof.

(c) Of the measure Ephah.

10 This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, beside the (d) continual burnt offering, and drink offering thereof.

(d) Which was offered every day at morning and at evening.

11 ¶ And in the beginning of your months, ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD, two young bullocks, and a ram, and seven lambs of a year old, without spot,

12 And three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering mingled with oil for one bullock, and two tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil for one ram,

13 And a tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb, for a burnt offering of sweet savor, it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their (e) drink offerings shall be half a Hin of wine unto one bullock, and the third part of a Hin unto a ram, and the fourth part of a Hin unto a lamb; this is the burnt offering of every month, throughout the months of the year.

(e) That is, the wine that shall be poured upon the sacrifice.

15 And one he goat for a sin offering unto the LORD shall be prepared, besides the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

16 (*) Also the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD.

(*) Exodus 12:18; Exodus 23:15; Leviticus 23:5.

17 And in the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.
18 In the (*) first day shall be a holy (f) convocation, ye shall do no servile work therein.

(*) Leviticus 23:7 .
(f) Or, solemn assembly.

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD: two young bullocks, one ram, and seven lambs of a year old; see that they be without blemish.

20 And their meat offering shall be of fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye prepare for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram;

21 One tenth deal shalt thou prepare for every lamb, even for the seven lambs.

22 And a he goat for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall prepare these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is a continual burnt sacrifice.

24 After this manner ye shall prepare throughout all the seven days, for the (*) maintaining of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor unto the LORD; it shall be done beside the continual burnt offering and drink offering thereof.

(*) Hebrew: bread.

25 And in the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation, wherein ye shall do no servile work.

26 ¶ Also in the day of your firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, according to your (g) weeks ye shall have a holy convocation, and ye shall do no servile work in it;

(g) In counting seven weeks from the Passover to Whitsuntide, as Leviticus 23:15 .

27 But ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD, two young bullocks, a ram, and seven lambs of a year old,

28 And their meat offering of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto a bullock, two tenth deals to a ram,

29 And one tenth deal unto every lamb throughout the seven lambs,
30 And a he goat to make an atonement for you;

31 (Ye shall do this besides the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering) (*) see they be without blemish, with their drink offerings.

(*) Hebrew: they shall be to you.

Numbers 29

1 Of the three principal feasts of the seventh month, to wit, the feast of trumpets. 7 The feast of reconciliation, 12 And the feast of Tabernacles.

1 Moreover, in the first day of the (a) seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein. (*) It shall be a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

(a) Which containeth part of September, and part of October.


2 And ye shall make a burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD: one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of a year old, without blemish.

3 And their meat offering shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto the bullock, and two tenth deals unto the ram,

4 And one tenth deal unto one lamb, for the seven lambs,

5 And a he goat for a sin offering to make an atonement for you,

6 Beside the burnt offering of the (b) month, and his meat offering, and the continual (c) burnt offering, and his meat offering and the drink offerings of the same, according to their manner, for a sweet savor, it is a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

(b) Which must be offered in the beginning of every month.

(c) Which is for morning and evening.

7 ¶ (*) And ye shall have in the tenth day of the seventh month, a holy (d) convocation, and ye shall (♣) humble your souls; and shall not do any work therein;


8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savor: one young bullock, a ram, and seven lambs of a year old. See they be without blemish.

9 And their meat offering shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to a ram,

10 One tenth deal unto every lamb, throughout the seven lambs,

11 A he goat for a sin offering, (beside the sin offering to make the atonement, and the continual burnt offering and the meat offering thereof) and their drink offerings.

(e) That is, offered every morning and evening.

12 ¶ And in the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein, but ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days.

(f) Meaning, the feast of the Tabernacles.

13 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sacrifice made by fire of sweet savor unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old; they shall be without blemish;

14 And their meat offering shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to either of the two rams,

15 And one tenth deal unto each of the fourteen lambs,

16 And one he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

17 ¶ And the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish,

(*) The second day of the feast of Tabernacles.

18 With their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs according to their number, after the manner,
19 And a he goat for a sin offering, (beside the continual burnt offering and his meat offering) and their drink offerings.

20 ¶ Also the (*) third day ye shall offer eleven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish,

(*) The third day.

21 With their meat offering and their drink offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, after their number, according to the (g) manner;

(g) According to the ceremonies appointed thereunto.

22 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

23 ¶ And the (*) fourth day ye shall offer ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish.

(*) The fourth day.

24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs according to their number, after the manner,

25 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering and his drink offering.

26 ¶ In the (*) fifth day also ye shall offer nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish,

(*) The fifth day.

27 And their meat offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs according to their number, after the manner,

28 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering and his drink offering.

29 ¶ And in the (*) sixth day ye shall offer eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish,

(*) The sixth day.

30 And their meat offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs according to their number, after the manner,
31 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering and his drink offerings.

32 ¶ In the (*) seventh day also ye shall offer seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish,

(♦) The seventh day.

33 And their meat offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs according to their number, after their manner,

34 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering and his drink offering.

35 ¶ In the (*) eighth day, ye shall have (♣) a solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work therein,

(♣) Leviticus 23:36.

36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire for a sweet savor unto the LORD, one bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of a year old without blemish,

37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs according to their number, after the manner,

38 And a he goat for a sin offering, beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

39 These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your feasts, beside your (h) vows, and your free offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

(h) Beside the sacrifices that you shall vow or offer of your own minds.
Numbers 30

3 Concerning vows. 4 The vow of the maid. 7 Of the wife. 10 Of the widow or divorced.

1 Then Moses spake unto the children of Israel according to all that the LORD had commanded (a) him,

(a) Hebrew: Moses.

2 Moses also spake unto the heads of the tribes (b) concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded,

(b) Because they might declare them to the Israelites.

3 Whosoever voweth a vow unto the LORD, or sweareth an oath to bind (c) himself by a bond, he shall not (d) break his promise, but shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

(c) Hebrew: his soul.
(d) Hebrew: violate his word.

4 If a woman also voweth a vow unto the LORD, and bindeth herself by a bond, being in her father’s house, in the time of her youth,

5 And her father hear her vow and bond, wherewith she hath bound herself, and her father hold his (e) peace concerning her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond, wherewith she hath bound herself, shall stand.

(e) For in so doing he doth approve her.

6 But if her (f) father disallow her the same day that he heareth all her vows and bonds, wherewith she hath bound herself, they shall not be of value, and the LORD will forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

(f) By not approving or consenting to her vow.

7 And if she have a husband when she voweth or (g) prounceth ought with her lips, wherewith she bindeth herself,

(g) Either by oath, or by solemn promise.

8 If her husband heard it, and holdeth his peace concerning her, the same day he heareth it, then her vow shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bindeth herself shall stand in effect.
9 But if her husband disallow her the same day that he heareth it, then shall he make her vow which she hath made, and that which she hath pronounced with her lips, wherewith she bound (e) herself, of none effect; and the LORD will forgive her.

(e) For she is in subjection to her husband, and can perform nothing without his consent.

10 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced (wherewith she hath bound herself) shall stand in (f) effect with her.

(f) For they are not under the authority of the man.

11 And if she vowed in her husband’s (g) house, or bound herself straightly with an oath,

(g) Her husband being alive.

12 And her husband hath heard it, and held his peace concerning her, not disallowing her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond, wherewith she bound herself, shall stand in effect.

13 But if her husband disannulled them, the same day that he heard them, nothing that proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning (*) her bonds, shall stand in effect; for her husband hath disannulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.

(*) Hebrew: the bonds of her soul.

14 So every vow, and every oath or bond, made to (h) humble the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may break it.

(h) To mortify herself by abstinence or other bodily exercise.

15 But if her husband holds his peace concerning her from (i) day to day, then he establisheth all her vows and all her bonds which she hath made; he hath confirmed them because he held his peace concerning her the same day that he heard them.

(i) And warn her not the same day that he heareth it, as Numbers 30:9 .

16 But if he (k) break them after that he hath heard them, then shall he bear her iniquity.

(k) Not the same day he heard them, but some day after, the sin shall be imputed to him and not to her.
17 These are the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between the father and his daughter, being young in her father’s house.

Numbers 31

8 Five Kings of Midian and Balaam are slain. 18 Only the maids are reserved alive. 27 The prey is equally divided. 50 A present given of Israel.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 (*) Revenge the children of Israel of the Midianites, and afterward shalt thou be (♣) gathered unto thy people.

(*) Numbers 25:17.

3 And Moses spake to the people, saying, Harness some of you unto war, and let them go against Midian, to execute the vengeance of the LORD (a) against Midian.

(a) As he had commanded, Numbers 25:17; declaring also that the injury done against his people is done against him.

4 A thousand of every tribe throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were taken out of the thousands of Israel, twelve thousand prepared unto war, of every tribe a thousand.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, even a thousand of every tribe, and sent them with (b) Phinehas the son of Eleazar the Priest to the war; and the holy instruments, that is, the trumpets to blow were in his hand.

(b) For his great zeal that he bare to the Lord, Numbers 25:13.

7 And they warred against Midian, as the LORD had commanded Moses, and slew all the males.
8 They slew also the Kings of Midian among them that were slain: (*) Evi and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian, and they slew (c) Balaam the son of Beor with the sword;

(c) The false prophet who gave counsel how to cause the Israelites to offend their God.

9 But the children of Israel took the women of Midian prisoners, and their children, and spoiled all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities, wherein they dwelt, and all their (*) villages with fire.

(*) Or, palaces and gorgeous buildings.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and beasts;

12 And they brought the (d) captives and that which they had taken, and the spoil unto Moses and to Eleazar the Priest, and unto the Congregation of the children of Israel, into the camp in the plain of Moab, which was by Jordan toward Jericho.

(d) As the woman and little children.

13 ¶ Then Moses and Eleazar the Priest, and all the princes of the Congregation went out of the camp to meet them.

14 And Moses was angry with the captains of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the war and battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, What? Have ye saved all the (e) women?

(e) As though he said, ye ought to have spared none.

16 Behold, (*) these caused the children of Israel through the (f) counsel of Balaam to commit a trespass against the LORD, as concerning Peor, and there came a plague among the Congregation of the LORD.

(*) Numbers 25:2 .  
(f) For worshipping of Peor.

17 Now therefore, (*) slay all the males among the (g) children, and kill all the women that have known man by carnal copulation.

(g) Judges 21:11 .
That is, all the men children.

18 But all the women children that have not known carnal copulation, keep alive for yourselves.

19 And ye shall remain without the host seven days, all that have killed any person, (*) and all that have touched any dead, and purify both yourselves and your prisoners the third day and the seventh.

(*) Numbers 19:11.

20 Also ye shall purify every garment and all that is made of skins, and all work of goat’s hair, and all things made of wood.

21 ¶ And Eleazar the Priest said unto the men of war, which went to the battle, This is the ordinance (*) of the law which the LORD (♣) commanded Moses,

(*) Or, contained in the law.
(♣) Numbers 19:12.

22 As for gold, and silver, brass, iron, tin, and lead;

23 Even all that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean; yet, it shall be (h) purified with (*) the water of purification, and all that suffereth not the fire, ye shall cause to pass by the (i) water.

(h) The third day and before it be molten.
(*) Numbers 19:9.
(i) It shall be washed.

24 Ye shall wash also your clothes the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the host.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of persons and of cattle, thou and Eleazar the Priest, and the chief fathers of the Congregation.

27 And divide the prey (*) between the soldiers that went to the war, and all the Congregation.

(*) The prey is first divided equally among all.

28 And thou shalt take a tribute unto the LORD of the (k) men of war, which went out to battle, one person of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeweves, and of the asses, and of the sheep;
29 Ye shall take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the Priest, as a heave offering of the LORD.

30 But of the half of the children of Israel thou shalt take (l) one, taken out of fifty, both of the persons, of the beees, of the asses, and of the sheep, even of all the cattle, and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, which have the charge of the Tabernacle of the LORD.

(l) The Israelites which had not been at war, of every fiftieth paid one to the Lord; and the soldiers one of every five hundred.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 And the booty, to wit, the rest of the prey which the men of war had spoiled, was six hundred seventy and five thousand sheep,

33 And seventy and two thousand beeeses,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And two and thirty thousand persons in all, of women that had (*) lien by no man.

(*) Hebrew: not known the bed of man.

36 And the half, to wit, the part of them that went out to war, touching the number of sheep, was three hundred seven and thirty thousand, and five hundred.

37 And the (m) LORD’s tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy and five; 

(m) This is the portion that the soldiers gave to the Lord.

38 And the beeeses were six and thirty thousand, whereof the LORD’s tribute was seventy and two.

39 And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred, whereof the LORD’s tribute was threescore and one;

40 And (n) of persons sixteen thousand, whereof the LORD’s tribute was two and thirty persons.
41 And Moses gave the tribute of the LORD’s offering unto Eleazar the Priest, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

42 And of the (o) half of the children of Israel, which Moses divided from the men of war,

(o) Of that part which was given unto them in dividing the spoil.

43 (For the half that pertained unto the Congregation, was three hundred thirty and seven thousand sheep and five hundred,

44 And six and thirty thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses, and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons.)

47 Moses, I say, took of the half that pertained unto the (p) children of Israel, one taken out of fifty, both of the persons, and of the cattle, and gave them unto the Levites, which have the charge of the Tabernacle of the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

(p) Which had not been at war.

48 ¶ Then the captains which were over thousands of the host, the captains over the thousands, and the captains over the hundreds came unto Moses;

49 And said to Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which are under (*) our authority, and there lacketh not one man of us.

(*) Hebrew: under our hands.

50 (q) We have therefore brought a present unto the LORD, what every man found of jewels of gold, bracelets, and chains, rings, earrings, and ornaments of the legs, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

(q) The captains by the free offering acknowledge the great benefit of God in preserving his people.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the Priest took the gold of them, and all wrought jewels,
52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD (of the captains over thousands and hundreds) was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels,

53 (For the men of war had spoiled, every man for (r) himself.)

(r) And gave no portion to their captains.

54 And Moses and Eleazar the Priest took the gold of the captains over the thousands, and over the hundreds, and brought it into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, for a (s) memorial of the children of Israel before the LORD.

(s) That the Lord might remember the children of Israel.

Numbers 32

2 The request of the Reubenites and Gadites, 16 and their promise unto Moses. 20 Moses granteth their request. 33 The Gadites, Reubenites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, conquer and build cities on this side Jordan.

1 Now the children of (a) Reuben, and the children of Gad had an exceeding great multitude of cattle; and they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of (b) Gilead, that it was an apt place for cattle.

(a) Reuben came of Leah, and Gad of Zilpah her handmaid.
(b) Which mountain was so named of the heap of stones that Jacob made as a sign of the covenant between him and Laban, Genesis 31:47.

2 Then the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben came, and spake unto Moses and to Eleazar the Priest, and unto the princes of the Congregation, saying,

3 The land of Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 Which country the LORD smote before the Congregation of Israel, is a land meet for cattle, and thy servants have cattle.

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.
6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and ye tarry here?

7 Wherefore now (*) discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel to go over into the land, which the LORD hath given them?

(*) Hebrew: break.

8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 For (*) when they went up even unto the (♣) river of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they would not go into the land, which the LORD had given them.

(♣) Or, valley.

10 And the LORD's wrath was kindled the same day, and he did swear, saying,

11 (*) None of the men that came out of Egypt, (♣) from twenty years old and above, shall see the land for which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not (♠) wholly followed me;

(*) Hebrew: if any of the men.
(♣) Numbers 14:28-29 .
(♠) Or, performed and continued.

12 Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenesite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have constantly followed the LORD;

13 And the LORD was very angry with Israel, and made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done (c) evil in the sight of the LORD were consumed.

(c) Because they murmured, neither would believe their report, which told them the truth as concerning the land.

14 And behold, ye are risen up in your father's stead as an increase of sinful men, still to augment the fierce wrath of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye turn away from following him, he will yet again leave the people in the wilderness, and (d) ye shall destroy all this folk.

(d) By your occasion.
16 And they went near to him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our sheep, and for our cattle, and cities for our children.

17 But we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place; but our children shall dwell in the defenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land;

(e) In the land of Canaan.

18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited, every man his inheritance.

19 Neither will we inherit with them beyond Jordan and on that side, because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan Eastward.

20 ¶ And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, and go armed before the LORD to war;

(*) Joshua 1:13.
(f) Before the Ark of the Lord.

21 And will go every one of you in harness over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath cast out his enemies from his sight;

(g) That is, the inhabitants of the land.

22 And until the land be subdued before the LORD, then ye shall return and be innocent toward the LORD, and toward Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

(h) The Lord will grant you this land which ye require, Joshua 1:15.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD, and be sure, that your sin will find you out.

(i) Ye shall assuredly be punished for your sin.

24 Build you then cities for your children, and folds for your sheep, and do that ye have spoken.

25 Then the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth;

26 Our children, our wives, our sheep, and all our cattle shall remain there in the cities of Gilead,
27 But (*) thy servants will go every one armed to war before the LORD for to fight, as my lord saith.

(*) Joshua 4:12.

28 So concerning them, Moses (k) commanded Eleazar the Priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

(k) Moses gave charge that his promise made to the Reubenites, and others, should be performed after his death, so that they brake not theirs.

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, will go with you over Jordan, all armed to fight before the LORD, then when the land is subdued before you, ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

30 But if they will not go over with you armed, then they shall have their possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the (l) LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

(l) This is attributed to the Lord, which his messenger speaketh.

32 We will go armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance may be to us on this side Jordan.

33 (*) So Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon King of the (m) Amorites, and the kingdom of Og King of Bashan, the land with the cities thereof and coasts, even the cities of the country round about.


(m) The Amorites dwelled on both sides of Jordan; but here he maketh mention of them that dwelt on this side; and Joshua 10:12, he speaketh of them that inhabited beyond Jordan.

34 ¶ Then the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, defenced cities, also sheepfolds.

37 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,
38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, and turned their names, and Shibmah; and gave other names unto the cities which they built.

39 And the children (*) of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and put out the Amorites that dwelt therein.

(*) Genesis 50:23.

40 Then Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelt therein.

41 (*) And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them (n) Havoth-jair.

(*) Deuteronomy 3:14.
(n) That is the villages of Jair.

42 Also Nobah went and took Kenath, with the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Numbers 33

2 Two and forty journey's of Israel are numbered. 52 They are commanded to kill the Canaanites.

1 These are the (a) journeys of the children of Israel, which went out of the land of Egypt, according to their bands under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

(a) From whence they departed, and whither they came.

2 And Moses wrote their going out by their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD. So these are the journeys of their going out.

3 Now they (*) departed from Rameses the first month, even the fifteenth day of the first month, on the morrow after the Passover; and the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

(*) Exodus 12:37.
4 (For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them, upon their (b) gods also the LORD did execution.)

(b) Either meaning their idols, or their men of authority.

5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from (*) Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.


7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto (c) Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon, and pitched before Migdol.

(c) At the commandment of the Lord, Exodus 14:2.

8 And they departed from before Hahiroth, and (*) went through the midst of the Sea into the wilderness, and went three days journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

(*) Exodus 15:22.

9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto (*) Elim, and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and seventy palm trees, and they pitched there.

(*) Exodus 15:27.

10 And they removed from Elim, and camped by the Red Sea.

11 And they removed from the Red Sea, and lay in the (*) wilderness of Sin.

(*) Exodus 16:1.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and set up their tents in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and lay in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush, and lay in (*) Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

(*) Exodus 17:1.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the (*) wilderness of Sinai.
16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched in Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and lay at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched in Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and lay in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and lay in Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched in Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and lay in Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and lay in Hor-hagidgad.
This map declareth the way which the Israelites went for the space of forty years from Egypt through the wilderness of Arabia, until they entered into the land of Canaan, as it is mentioned in Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. It containeth also the two and forty places, where they pitched their tents, which are named, Numbers 33; with the observation of the degrees, concerning the length and the breadth, and the places of their abode, set out by numbers.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and lay in Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and lay in Ezion-geber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-geber, and pitched in the (*) wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

(*) Numbers 20:22.

37 And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.
38 (†) And Aaron the Priest went up into mount Hor, at the commandment of
the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were
come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the (d) fifth month.

(†) Numbers 20:25; Deuteronomy 32:50.
(d) Which the Hebrews call Ab, and answereth to part of July and part of August.

39 And Aaron was a hundred, and three and twenty years old, when he died in
mount Hor.

40 And (†) King Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the South of the land of
Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.)

(†) Numbers 21:1.

41 And they departed from mount (†) Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

(†) Numbers 11:4-10.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 (†) And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ije-aborim, in the borders
of Moab.

(†) Numbers 21:11.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and lay in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of
Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the (†) plain
of Moab, by Jordan toward Jericho.

(†) Or, field.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Bethjesimoth unto (†) Abel-shittim, in the
plain of Moab.

(†) Numbers 25:1.
50 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plain of Moab, by Jordan toward Jericho, saying,

51 ¶ Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, (*) When ye are come over Jordan to enter into the land of Canaan,

(*) Deuteronomy 7:2; Joshua 11:11-12 .

52 Ye shall then drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you, and destroy all their (e) pictures, and break asunder all their images of metal, and pluck down all their high places.

(e) Which were set up in their high places to worship.

53 And ye shall possess the land and dwell therein, for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And ye shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; (*) to the more ye shall give more inheritance, and to the fewer the less inheritance. Where the lot shall fall to any man, that shall be his; according to the tribes of your fathers shall ye inherit.

(*) Numbers 26:53-54 .

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land before you, then those which ye let remain of them, shall be (*) pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

(*) Joshua 23:13; Judges 2:3 .
(♣) Or, knives.

56 Moreover, it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.
Numbers 34

3 The coasts and borders of the land of Canaan. 17 Certain men are assigned to divide the land.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan, this is the (a) land that shall fall unto your inheritance; that is, the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof.

(a) Meaning, the description of the land.

3 (*) And your South quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin to the borders of Edom; so that your South quarter shall be from the salt Sea coast Eastward;

(*) Joshua 15:1.

4 And the border shall compass you from the South to (*) Maaleh-akrabbim, and reach to Zin, and go out from the South to Kadesh-barnea; thence it shall stretch to Hazar-addar, and go along to Azmon.

(*) Or, ascending up of scorpions.

5 And the border shall compass from Azmon unto the (b) river of Egypt, and shall go out to the Sea.

(b) Which was Nilus, or as some think, Rhinocotura.

6 And your West quarter shall be the (c) great Sea; even that border shall be your West coast.

(c) Which is called Mediterranean.

7 And this shall be your North quarter: ye shall mark out your border from the great Sea unto mount (d) Hor.

(d) Which is a mountain near Tyre and Sidon, and not that Hor in the wilderness where Aaron died.

8 From mount Hor ye shall point out till it come unto Hamath, and the end of the coast shall be at Zedad.

9 And the coast shall reach out to Ziphron, and go out at Hazar-enan; this shall be your North quarter.
10 And ye shall mark out your East quarter from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, and from the Eastside of Ain; and the same border shall descend and go out at the side of the sea of (e) Chinnereth Eastward.

  (e) Which in the Gospel is called the lake of Gennezaret.

12 Also that border shall go down to Jordan, and leave at the salt Sea; this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 ¶ Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto nine tribes and half the tribe.

14 (*) For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the households of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to their fathers’ households, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance.

  (*) Numbers 32:33; Joshua 14:2-3 .

15 Two tribes and a half tribe have received their inheritance on this side of Jordan toward Jericho full East.

16 ¶ Again the LORD spake to Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: (*) Eleazar the Priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

  (*) Joshua 19:51 .

18 And ye shall take also a (f) prince of every tribe to divide the land.

  (f) One of the heads or chief men of every tribe.

19 The names also of the men are these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

20 And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon;

22 Also of the tribe of the sons of Dan, the prince Bukki, the son of Jogli;
23 Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, the prince Hanniel the son of Ephod;

24 And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, the prince Kemuel, the son of Shiphtan;

25 Of the tribe also of the sons of Zebulun, the prince Elizaphan, the son of Parnach;

26 So of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, the prince Paltiel, the son of Azzan;

27 Of the tribe also of the sons of Asher, the prince Ahihu, the son of Shelomi;

28 And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, the prince Pedahel, the son of Ammihu.

29 These are they, whom the LORD commanded to (g) divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel, in the land of Canaan.

(g) And be judges over every piece of ground that should fall to any by lot, to the intent that all things might be done orderly and without contention.

Numbers 35

2 Unto the Levites are given cities and suburbs. 11 The cities of refuge. 16 The law of murder. 30 For one man’s witness shall no man be condemned.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plain of Moab by Jordan, toward Jericho, saying,

2 (*) Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the (a) Levites of the inheritance of their possession, (b) cities to dwell in; ye shall give also unto the Levites the suburbs of the cities round about them.

(*) Joshua 21:2.
(a) Because they had no inheritance assigned them in the land of Canaan.
(b) God would have them scattered through all the land, because the people might be preserved by them in the obedience of God and his Law.

3 So they shall have the cities to dwell in, and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts.
4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, from the wall of the city outward, shall be a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure without the city of the Eastside, (c) two thousand cubits, and of the Southside, two thousand cubits, and of the Westside, two thousand cubits, and of the Northside, two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst; this shall be the measure of the suburbs of their cities.

(c) So that in all were three thousand, and in the company of these two thousand, they might plant and sow.

6 And of the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, (*) there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint, that he which killeth, may flee thither. And to them ye shall add two and forty cities more.

(*) Deuteronomy 4:41; Joshua 20:2; Joshua 21:3 .

7 All the cities which ye shall give to the Levites, shall be eight and forty cities; them ye shall give with their suburbs.

8 And concerning the cities which ye shall give, of the possession of the children of Israel; of many ye shall take more, and of few ye shall take less. Every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites, according to his inheritance, which he inheriteth.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, (*) When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan,

(*) Exodus 21:13; Deuteronomy 19:2; Joshua 20:2 .

11 Ye shall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you, that the slayer, which slayeth any person unawares, may flee thither.

12 And these cities shall be for you a refuge from the (d) avenger, that he which killeth, die not, until he stand before the Congregation in judgment.

(d) Meaning, from the next of the kindred, who ought to pursue the cause.

13 And of the cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye shall appoint three (e) on this side Jordan, and ye shall appoint three cities in the land of (r) Canaan which shall be cities of refuge.
15 These six cities shall be a refuge for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for him that dwelleth (*) among you, that everyone which killeth any person unawares, may flee thither.

(*) Hebrew: among them.

16 (*) And if one (f) smite another with an instrument of iron that he die, he is a murderer, and the murderer shall die the death.

(f) Wittingly, and willingly.

17 Also if he smite him by casting a (g) stone, wherewith he may be slain, and he die, he is a murderer, and the murderer shall die the death.

(g) That is, with a big and dangerous stone; in Hebrew: with a stone of his hand.

18 Or if he smite him with a hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may be slain, if he die, he is a murderer, and the murderer shall die the death.

19 The revenger of the blood himself shall slay the murderer; when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him (*) of hate, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die,

(*) Deuteronomy 19:11.

21 Or smite him through enmity with his hand, that he die, he that smote him shall die the death. For he is a murderer. The revenger of the blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him.

22 But if he pushed him (*) unadvisedly, and (♠) not of hatred, or cast upon him (♣) anything, without laying of wait,

(*) Or, suddenly.
(♠) Hebrew: instrument.

23 Or any stone, (whereby he might be slain) and saw him not, or caused it to fall upon him, and he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought him any harm,
24 Then the Congregation shall judge between the slayer and the (h) avenger of blood according to these laws.

(h) That is, his next kinsman.

25 And the Congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the Congregation shall restore him unto the city of his refuge, whither he was fled, and he shall abide there unto the death of the (i) high Priest, which is anointed with the holy oil.

(i) Under this figure is declared, that our sins could not be remitted, but by the death of the high Priest Jesus Christ.

26 But if the slayer come without the borders of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled,

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood slay the (k) murderer, he shall be guiltless,

(k) By the sentence of the Judge.

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge, until the death of the high Priest. And after the death of the high Priest, the slayer shall return unto the land of his possession.

29 So these things shall be a (l) law of judgment unto you, throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

(l) A law to judge murders done, either of purpose, or unadvisedly.

30 Whosoever killeth any person, the Judge shall slay the murderer, through (*) witnesses; but (♣) one witness shall not testify against a person to cause him to die.

(*) Deuteronomy 17:6; Deuteronomy 19:15 .

31 Moreover ye shall take no recompense for the life of the murderer, which is (m) worthy to die, but he shall be put to death.

(m) Which purposely hath committed murder.

32 Also ye shall take no recompense for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again, and dwell in the land, before the death of the high Priest.
33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye shall dwell; for (\textit{*}) blood defileth the land, and the land cannot be (\textit{n}) cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

\textit{*} Or, murder.

\textit{n} So God is mindful of the blood wrongfully shed, that he maketh his dumb creatures to demand vengeance thereof.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, For I dwell in the midst thereof; For I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

\textit{Numbers 36}

\textit{6 An order for the marriage of the daughters of Zelophehad. 7 The inheritance could not be given from one tribe to another.}

1 Then (\textit{a}) the chief fathers of the family of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel,

\textit{a} It seemeth that the tribes contended who might marry these daughters to have their inheritance; and therefore the sons of Joseph proposed the matter to Moses.

2 And said, (\textit{*}) The LORD commanded (\textit{b}) my lord to give the land to inherit by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by the LORD, to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters.

\textit{*} Numbers 27:1; Joshua 17:3 .

\textit{b} Meaning, Moses.

3 If they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they shall be; so shall it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance.

4 Also when the (\textit{c}) Jubilee of the children of Israel cometh, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereof they shall be; so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

\textit{c} Signifying that at no time it could return, for in the Jubilee all things returned to their own tribes.
5 Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph have said (d) well.

(d) For the tribe could not have continued, if the inheritance which was the maintenance thereof should have been abelienated to others.

6 This is the thing that the LORD hath commanded, concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, They shall be wives, to whom they think best, only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry;

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall join himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter that possesseth any (e) inheritance of the tribes of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of their fathers.

(e) When there is no male to inherit.

9 Neither shall the inheritance go about from tribe to tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall stick to his own inheritance.

10 As the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.

11 For (*) Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah the daughters of Zelophehad were married unto their father’s brothers’ sons,

(*) Numbers 27:1.

12 They were wives to certain of the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, so their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the (f) commandments and laws which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, unto the children of Israel in the plain of Moab, by Jordan toward Jericho.

(f) Touching the ceremonial and judicial laws.