

Numbers 10

King James Version (KJV)

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

² Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. (Their camp was huge- over 2 million people and their herds of sheep, goats and cattle. The trumpets could be heard all over the camp. It was used to call an assembly or the signal to move out)

³ And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. (A long tone of BOTH trumpets)

⁴ And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. (A single trumpet)

⁵ When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. (Judah) (A different set of tones; probably short blasts)

⁶ When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. (Reuben)

⁷ But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

⁸ And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

⁹ And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. **Leviticus-26:8**

¹⁰ Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am

the LORD your God. (On the feast days) (The 7th month was celebrated at the beginning and there were two other feasts during that month)

NOTE: (The entire Book of Leviticus happened between the first and second month of the second year after they left Egypt)

¹¹ And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. (The signal to move to a new location)

¹² And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran. (They left Sinai. They had been there since leaving Egypt)

(This verse is a summary. There were two other stops before they reached Paran)

¹³ And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

¹⁴ In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. (After the Ark of the Covenant went before the people) (The standard of Judah was the lion)

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

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

¹⁷ And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

¹⁸ And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. (Their standard was the man)

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

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

²¹ And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

²² And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. (Their standard was the ox)

²³ And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

NOTE: (Manasseh and Ephraim were the two sons of Joseph; but when Jacob blessed them to be their own tribe, he gave the blessing of the first born to Ephraim)

²⁴ And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

²⁵ And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. (Their standard was the eagle) (They were the rear guard for all the people in this caravan. An attack would most likely come from the rear)

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

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

²⁸ Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward. (They journeyed in an orderly fashion)

²⁹ And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto 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 spoken good concerning Israel. (Raguel = Reuel; see Exodus-2:18; also called Jethro <a title that means- His Excellency>) (Hobab is Moses' brother in law)

Genesis-25:1-3 (Reuel and Hobab were Medianites that lived in the land of the Kenites. Medan was the son of Abraham and Keturah, his second wife. Moses was a Levite)

³⁰ And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. (This is Hobab)

³¹ And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. (Hobab knew the land around there and where the pasture land and the wells were. They needed both in the wilderness)

³² And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee. (Judges-1:16 – Hobab agreed and made the journey with Moses)

³³ And they departed from the 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. (They went about 25 miles)

³⁴ And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. (Protecting shade from the hot desert sun)

³⁵ And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. (To encourage the people in their faith)

³⁶ And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.