

Numbers 26

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(God will number the people of Israel once again. This is to muster the number of fighting men available to go to war against the Midianites, and then, into the Promised Land)

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

²Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel. (They are about to war against Median, and then take the Promised Land. The number of the people in a tribe will determine how much territory they receive in the Promised Land)

³And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

⁴Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

⁵Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites: (God changed Jacob's name to Israel)

⁶Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

⁷These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. (43,730, down from 46,500 in Chapter-1)

⁸And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

⁹And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram, which were famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

¹⁰And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign. (Their molten censers

were attached to the sides of the altar of burnt offerings as a sign to all that would defy God) see Chapter-16:38-39

¹¹ Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not. (Only those that stayed with Korah, against Moses died. The rest that went under Moses survived)

¹² The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

¹³ Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

¹⁴ These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred. (22,200, down from 59,300 in Chapter 1; because of Zimri's idolatry, and sleeping with the Medianites. Many Simeonites had followed his example, and died by the plague, and by judges)

¹⁵ The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

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 Arelites.

¹⁸ These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred. (40,500, down from 45,650 in Chapter-1)

¹⁹ The sons of Judah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. (These were his oldest sons by a heathen Canaanite woman)

²⁰ And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, 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.

²² These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred. (76,500, up from 74,600 in Chapter-1) (This was the largest tribe at this numbering. God had promised Judah the kingship, at Jacob's blessing to his sons)

²³ Of the sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

²⁴ Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. (Jashub- this same Hebrew name is also translated Job in other books)

²⁵ These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred. (64,300, up from 54,400 in Chapter-1)

²⁶ Of the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

²⁷ These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred. (60,500, up from 57,400 in Chapter-1)

²⁸ The sons of Joseph after their families were Manasseh and Ephraim. (Joseph received a double portion from Jacob. He would become two tribes instead of one)

²⁹ Of the sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead come the family of the Gileadites.

³⁰ These are the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

³¹ And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

³² And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hopher, the family of the Hopherites.

³³ And Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah,

Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. (In Chapter 27, rules will be made for inheritance, when there are no sons)

³⁴ These are the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred. (52,700, up from 32,200 in Chapter-1)

³⁵ These are the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

³⁶ And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. (Eran- also sometimes translated Edan – the letters D & R are very similar in the Hebrew)

³⁷ These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families. (32,500, down from 40,500 in Chapter-1) (Over the years though, they would become the largest of the ten northern tribes)

(When Israel was split into two houses, the ten northern tribes were many times called Ephraim, and Israel. The two southern tribes became know as Judah. Today, the House of Ephraim or Israel is spread out all over Europe and America; while the House of Judah is in present day Israel)

³⁸ The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

³⁹ Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

⁴⁰ And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

⁴¹ These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred. (45,600, up from 35,400 in Chapter-1)

Judges-20:47 (Later, Benjamin was almost wiped out by the other tribes for their sexual perversions, rapes and idol worship. They went down to 600 men)

⁴² These are the sons of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan after their families.

⁴³ All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred. (64,400, up from 62,700 in Chapter-1)

Revelation-7 (When the tribes are named, Dan and Ephraim are omitted. That's because that's where the two golden calf idols of Jeroboam were located. They were always knee deep in idolatry)

⁴⁴ Of the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

⁴⁵ Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

⁴⁶ And the name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah.

⁴⁷ These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them; who were fifty and three thousand and four hundred. (53,400, up from 41,500 in Chapter-1)

⁴⁸ Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

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 families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and four hundred. (45,400, down from 53,400 in Chapter-1)

⁵¹ These were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty. (601,730 fighting men in Israel)

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.

⁵⁴ To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him. (The land will be equally divided by population, so that each family receives the same amount)

Proverbs-16:33 (God decided who got which lot of land)

⁵⁵ Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

⁵⁶ According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few. (Each family shared one lot of land)

⁵⁷ And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, 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 the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.

⁵⁹ And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

⁶⁰ And unto Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. (The Priest Line)

⁶¹ And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD. Leviticus-10

⁶² And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel. (23,000)

(The Levites received cities in each of the other tribes' land. Their duties were to the tabernacle. They received tithes from the other tribes' offerings)

⁶³ These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho. (This is where the Israelites will enter the Promised Land.)

They will cross the Jordan and take Jericho) (approx. 1452 BC; Israel would move into the Promised Land in 1451 BC)

⁶⁴ But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. (40 years earlier)

⁶⁵ For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. (The generation of the Israelites that refused to enter the Promised Land, two years after leaving Egypt, all died out in the wilderness. The next generation was the one that entered the Promised Land, 40 years later)