

Numbers 2

King James Version (KJV)

(They've been at Sinai for about a year)

2 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

²Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. (far off= round about, to surround - better translation)

³And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah. (Leo, the lion, is their ensign. They pitched on the east side)

Genesis-49:9 (This refers to the constellation of astronomy. This has nothing to do with astrology. Astrology is a creation of man and has to do with superstition, not fact. The Zodiac <star constellations> is there to help these people know the seasons of the year)

(The 4 main standards of the 12 tribes were later seen by man in Ezekiel-1 and Revelation-4)

⁴And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

⁵And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar. (Cancer, the crab, they pitched on the NE corner)

⁶And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

⁷Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun. (Virgo, the virgin,they pitched on the SE corner)

⁸And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

⁹All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred,

throughout their armies. These shall first set forth. (They would be second, when marching. They marched after the lord's tabernacle)

¹⁰ On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur. (Aquarius, the man, is their ensign. They pitched on the south side)

¹¹ And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

¹² And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. (Pieces, the fish, they pitched on the SE corner)

¹³ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

¹⁴ Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. (Aires, the ram, they pitched on the SW corner)

¹⁵ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

¹⁶ All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank. (When relocating, they marched third, after Judah and the Lord's tabernacle)

¹⁷ Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

(Libra, the balances; the altar was their standard, they pitched in the center)

¹⁸ On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

(Taurus, the ox, they pitched in the west side)

¹⁹ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

²⁰ And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. (Also Taurus, the ox, they pitched in the NW corner)

(Ephraim and Manasseh were both children of Joseph. They shared one standard)

²¹ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

²² Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni. (Gemini, the twins, they pitched in the SW corner)

²³ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

²⁴ All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank. (They marched third in the army, fourth, after the tabernacle)

²⁵ The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

(Scorpio- the serpent<later changed to the eagle>, they pitched in the north side)

²⁶ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

²⁷ And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran. (Sagittarius- the archer, they pitched in the NE corner)

²⁸ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

²⁹ Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. (Capricornus- the goat, they pitched in the NW corner)

³⁰ And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

³¹ All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards. (They were at the rear, when marching. They were the main guard for a slow moving troop of over 2 million people. This army protected the rear)

³² These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. (Israel needed this large army to protect them from enemies in the wilderness)

³³ But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. (They were committed to ministering to the temple)

³⁴ And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers. (They camped and marched in an orderly fashion)