

Moses - 6 - God's Lawgiver- 3 Israel leaves Sinai

The children of Israel remain at Sinai for the remainder of the first year, and at the beginning of the second year, God commanded Moses to begin the journey to Canaan.

Now the Lord spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: 2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, 3 from twenty years old and above — all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. Num 1:1-4

This is what gives Numbers its name. The people are numbered at the beginning of Numbers and then after their forty years of wandering in the wilderness they are numbered again.

And it came to pass, after the plague, that the Lord spoke to Moses and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying: 2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go to war in Israel." Num 26:1-3

Twenty years old and above, able to go to

war:

Reuben	46,500	Ephraim	40,500
Simeon	59,300	Manasseh	32,200
Gad	45,650	Benjamin	35,400
Judah	74,600	Dan	62,700
Issachar	54,400	Asher	41,500
Zebulun	57,400	Naphtali	53,400
		<u>Twelve Tribes of Israel</u>	603,550

After those who were to go to war were numbered, God asked Moses to number the children of Levi who would be ministering in the tabernacle.

14 Then the Lord spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying: 15 "**Number the children of Levi** by their fathers' houses, by their families; you shall number **every male from a month old and above**." 16 So Moses numbered them according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded. 17 These were the **sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.** Num 3:14-17

Gershon 7,500 All the Cloth/Skin that were used to cover/screen the Tabernacle

21 From **Gershon** came the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimites; these were the families of the Gershonites. 22 Those who were numbered, according to the number of **all the males from a month old and above** — of those who were numbered there were **seven thousand five hundred**. 23 The families of the **Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle westward**. 24 And the leader of the father's house of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael. 25 The **duties of the children of Gershon** in the tabernacle of meeting included **the tabernacle, the tent with its covering, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, 26 the screen for the door of the court, the hangings of the court which are around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords, according to all the work relating to them.**

Kohath 8,600 All the Furnishing and Utensils in the Tabernacle

27 From **Kohath** came the family of the Amramites, the family of the Izharites, the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these were the families of the Kohathites. 28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and above, there were **eight thousand six hundred keeping charge of the sanctuary**. 29 The families of the children of **Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle**. 30 And the leader of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. 31 **Their duty included the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the utensils of the sanctuary with which they ministered, the screen, and all the work relating to them.**

Merari 6,200 All the boards, bars, Pillars, sockets, etc.

33 From **Merari** came the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of Merari. 34 And those who were numbered, according to the number of **all the males from a month old and above, were six thousand two hundred**. 35 The leader of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. These were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle. 36 **And the appointed duty of the children of Merari included the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, its utensils, all the work relating to them, 37 and the pillars of the court all around, with their sockets, their pegs, and their cords.**

The final tally of men who could work on the moving of the tabernacle.

the sons of Kohathites	from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old,	2,750	<u>Num 4:34-37</u>
the sons of Gershon ,	from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old,	2,630	<u>Num 4:38-41</u>
the sons of Merari	from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old,	3,200	<u>Num 4:42-45</u>
All the Levites ,	from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old,	8,580	<u>Num 4:46-49</u>

The Gift from the 12 Tribes:

Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who were the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering. 3 And they brought their offering before the Lord, **six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders**, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle. 4 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 5 "Accept these from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, **to every man according to his service.**" Num 7:2-7

Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of **Gershon**, according to their service;
four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of **Merari**, according to their service,
Kohath – none, – theirs was the service of the holy things, they carried on their shoulders. 7:2-9

Israel Made Camp and Traveled at the Command of God

Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. 18 At the command of the Lord the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the Lord they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19 Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord and did not journey. Num 9:17-20

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*Now it came to pass on the **twentieth day of the second month, in the second year**, that **the cloud was taken up** from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. 12 And **the children of Israel set out** from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran. 13 So they started out for the first time according to the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses. Num 10:11-13*