



Numbers 4:1-20 Expanded Chiasm

1A) 4:1-15 The service of Kohath/ duty of Aaron and sons regarding the **MOST HOLY THINGS, LEST KOHATH DIE**;

1a) 4:1-4 And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, **2** “Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, **3** from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the service, to do work in the tent of meeting. **4** This is **the service of the sons of Kohath** in the tent of meeting, **about the most holy things**;

central axis) 4:5-14 The duty of Aaron and his sons relating to the most holy things;

1a) 4:5-6 When the camp sets forward, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the testimony with it; **6** and shall put on it a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall set in its staves (*i.e., The **furniture of the Most Holy Place covered with a cloth of blue***);

1b) 4:7 And on the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put on it the dishes, and the pans, and the bowls, and the jars with which to pour out; and the continual bread shall remain on it (*i.e., The **furniture of the Holy Place covered with a cloth of blue***);

central axis) 4:8 *And they shall spread on them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall set in its staves*;

2b) 4:9-12 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its snuffdishes, and all its oil vessels, with which they minister to it. **10** And they shall put it and all its vessels within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it on a bar. **11** And on the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall set in its staves. **12** And they shall take all the vessels of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on a bar (*i.e., The **furniture of the Holy Place covered with a cloth of blue***);

2a) 4:13-14 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. **14** And they shall put on it all the its vessels, with which they minister about it, the fire-pans, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, and set in its staves (*i.e., The **furniture of the Outer Court covered with a cloth of purple***);

2a) 4:15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the holy furniture, and all the holy vessels, as the camp is to set forward — after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear them; but they shall not touch the holy things, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting; (*i.e., **The duty of the sons of Kohath toward the holy things**, lest they die*);

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:16 AND THE CHARGE OF ELEAZAR THE SON OF AARON THE PRIEST SHALL BE THE OIL FOR THE LIGHT, AND THE SWEET INCENSE, AND THE CONTINUAL GRAIN OFFERING, AND THE ANOINTING OIL: HE SHALL HAVE THE CHARGE OF ALL THE TABERNACLE, AND OF ALL THAT IS WITHIN IT, WHETHER IT BE THE SANCTUARY, OR ITS FURNITURE;" {p}

2A) 4:17-20 THAT KOHATH MAY live and NOT DIE when they approach the MOST HOLY THINGS; {p}

1a) 4:17-19a And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 18 "Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19a but do this to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach the most holy things;

central axis) 4:19b Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden;

2a) 4:20 But [Kohath] shall not go in to see the holy things as they are being covered, lest they die." {p}