

Numbers 1:1-4:20 Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 1:1-19 The **LEADERS OF THE TRIBES** chosen to number Israel; {s}

1a) 1:1 And YHVH spoke to Moses **in the wilderness of Sinai**, in the tent 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;

1b) 1:2a “**Take the sum** of all the congregation of the children of Israel;

1c) 1:2b-3 **By their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names**, every male **individually**; **3 from twenty years old and upward**, all who are able to go forth to war in Israel: you shall number them by their hosts, even you and Aaron;

1d) 1:4-15 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe, every one head of his fathers’ house. **5** And **these are the names of the men that shall stand with you**: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur. **6** Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. **7** Of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab. **8** Of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar. **9** Of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon. **10** Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. **11** Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon. **12** Of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. **13** Of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran. **14** Of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel. **15** Of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan;”

central axis) 1:16 These were the elect of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel;

2d) 1:17 And Moses and Aaron took **these men that are pointed out by name**;

2c) 1:18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees **after their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, individually**;

2b) 1:19a As YHVH commanded Moses, so did **he number** them;

2a) 1:19b **In the wilderness of Sinai**; {s}

1B) 1:20-54 The **NUMBER OF** the armies of **ISRAEL / LEVITES NOT NUMBERED**; {px14}

1a) 1:20-43 And the children of Reuben, Israel’s firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, individually, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **21** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand and five hundred. {p} **22** Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, those who were numbered of them, according to the number of names, individually, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **23** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand and three hundred. {p} **24** Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names,

from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **25** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. {p} **26** Of the children of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **27** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand and six hundred. {p} **28** Of the children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **29** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand and four hundred. {p} **30** Of the children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **31** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand and four hundred. {p} **32** Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **33** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred. {p} **34** Of the children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **35** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand and two hundred. {p} **36** Of the children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **37** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand and four hundred. {p} **38** Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **39** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand and seven hundred. {p} **40** Of the children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **41** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand and five hundred. {p} **42** Of the children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; **43** those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand and four hundred; {p} [*i.e.*, **The number of the twelve tribes** of Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph (Ephraim), Manasseh, Benjamin, Dan, Asher, and Naphtali];

Ib) 1:44 These are **those who were numbered**, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men; they were each one for his fathers' house;

- 1c) 1:45a** And **all those who were numbered** of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses,
central axis) 1:45b From twenty years old and upward, **all who were able to go forth to war in Israel;**
- 2c) 1:46** Even **all those who were numbered** were six hundred and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty;
- 2b) 1:47** But **the Levites** after the tribe of their fathers **were not numbered** among them; {p}
- 2a) 1:48-54** The **tribe of Levi shall not be numbered;**
1A) 1:48 And **YHVH SPOKE TO MOSES**, saying;
1B) 1:49-50A 'However the tribe of Levi you shall not number, neither shall you take the sum of them among the children of Israel; **50** but **APPOINT THE LEVITES OVER THE TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY**, and over all its furniture, and over all that belongs to it; they shall bear the tabernacle, and all its furniture; and they shall minister to it;
1C) 1:50B And **SHALL ENCAMP ROUND ABOUT THE TABERNACLE;**
CENTRAL AXIS) 1:51 **AND WHEN THE TABERNACLE SETS FORTH, THE LEVITES SHALL TAKE IT DOWN; AND WHEN THE TABERNACLE IS TO BE PITCHED, THE LEVITES SHALL SET IT UP; AND THE COMMON MAN THAT DRAWS NEAR SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH;**
2C) 1:52-53A And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man with his own camp, and every man with his own standard, according to their hosts. **53** But the Levites **SHALL PITCH AROUND ABOUT THE TABERNACLE** of the testimony, that there come no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel;
2B) 1:53B And **THE LEVITES SHALL KEEP THE CHARGE OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY;**'
2A) 1:54 Thus did the children of Israel; according to all that **YHVH COMMANDED MOSES**, so they did; {p}

CENTRAL AXIS) 2:1-31 THE ENCAMPMENT OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL AROUND THE TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY; {sx4+p}

- 1a) 2:1-16** And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, **2** "The children of Israel shall pitch by their fathers' houses; every man with his own standard, according to the ensigns; a good way off shall they pitch round about the tent of meeting. **3** Now **those who pitch on the east side** toward the sun-rising shall be those of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Judah being Nahshon the son of Aminadab, **4** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, seventy-four thousand and six hundred; **5** and those who pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar; the prince of the children of Issachar being Nethanel the son of Zuar, **6** and his host, even those who were numbered of them, fifty-four thousand and four hundred; **7** and the tribe of Zebulun; the

prince of the children of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon, **8** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, fifty-seven thousand and four hundred; **9** all who were numbered of the camp of Judah being a hundred and eighty-six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts; they shall set forth first; {s} **10 On the south side** shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur, **11** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, forty-six thousand and five hundred; **12** and those who pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the prince of the children of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, **13** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, fifty-nine thousand and three hundred; **14** and the tribe of Gad; the prince of the children of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel, **15** and his host, even those who were numbered of them, forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty; **16** all who were numbered of the camp of Reuben being a hundred and fifty-one thousand and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth second; {s}

central axis) 2:17 Then the tent of meeting, with the camp of the Levites, shall set forth in the midst of the camps; as they encamp, so shall they set forth, every man in his place, by their standards; {s}

2a) 2:18-30 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud, **19** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred; **20** and next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; the prince of the children of Manasseh being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, **21** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand and two hundred; **22** and the tribe of Benjamin; the prince of the children of Benjamin being Abidan the son of Gideon, **23** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, thirty-five thousand and four hundred; **24** all who were numbered of the camp of Ephraim being a hundred and eight thousand and a hundred, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth third; {s} **25 On the north side** shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, **26** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, sixty-two thousand and seven hundred; **27** and those who pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Asher; the prince of the children of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ocran, **28** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, forty-one thousand and five hundred; **29** and the tribe of Naphtali; the prince of the children of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan, **30** and his host, and those who were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand and four hundred; **31** all who were numbered of the camp of Dan being a hundred and fifty-seven thousand and six hundred; they shall set forth last by their standards;” {p}

2B) 2:32-34 The **NUMBER OF ISRAEL / LEVITES NOT NUMBERED;** {p}

1a) 2:32-33a The number of Israel **by their fathers' houses**;

1A) 2:32A These are **THOSE WHO WERE NUMBERED OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** by their fathers' houses;

CENTRAL AXIS) 2:32B ALL WHO WERE NUMBERED OF THE CAMPS ACCORDING TO THEIR HOSTS WERE SIX HUNDRED AND THREE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY;

2A) 2:33A But the **LEVITES WERE NOT NUMBERED AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**;

1b) 2:33b As **YHVH commanded Moses**;

central axis) 2:34a Thus did the children of Israel;

2b) 2:34b According to all that **YHVH commanded Moses**,

2a) 2:34c So they pitched by their standards, and so they set forth, each one according to its families, and **according to its fathers' houses**; {p}

2A) 3:1-4:20 The **SONS OF AARON** and the **LEVITES** in place of the firstborn; {px3+s+px4}

1a) 3:1-4 The **sons of Aaron who ministered** as priests; {p}

1A) 3:1-3A The names of **THE SONS OF AARON**;

1a) 3:1-2a Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that YHVH spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. 2 And these are **the names of the sons of Aaron**;

central axis) 3:2b Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar;

2a) 3:3a These are **the names of the sons of Aaron**;

1B) 3:3B The priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to **MINISTER IN THE PRIEST'S OFFICE**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:4A AND NADAB AND ABIHU DIED BEFORE YHVH, WHEN THEY OFFERED STRANGE FIRE BEFORE YHVH, IN THE WILDERNESS OF SINAI, AND THEY HAD NO CHILDREN;

2B) 3:4B And Eleazar and Ithamar **MINISTERED IN THE PRIEST'S OFFICE**;

2A) 3:4C In the presence of **AARON THEIR FATHER**; {p}

1b) 3:5-10 Levites to attend to Aaron and the tabernacle; {p}

1A) 3:5-7A And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. 7 And **THEY SHALL KEEP HIS CHARGE**;

1B) 3:7B And **THE CHARGE** of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, **TO DO THE SERVICE OF THE TABERNACLE**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:8A AND THEY SHALL KEEP ALL THE FURNITURE OF THE TENT OF MEETING;

2B) 3:8B And **THE CHARGE** of the children of Israel, **TO DO THE SERVICE OF THE TABERNACLE**;

2A) 3:9-10 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from the children of Israel. 10 And you shall appoint

Aaron and his sons, that **THEY MAY KEEP THEIR PRIESTHOOD**; and the common man that draws near shall be put to death;” {p}

1c) 3:11-13 YHVH has taken the Levites instead of every **firstborn**; {p}

1A) 3:11-12A And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **12 “AND I**, behold;

1B) 3:12B I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn that opens the womb among the children of Israel; and **THE LEVITES SHALL BE MINE**;

1c) 3:13A For **ALL THE FIRSTBORN** are Mine;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:13B ON THE DAY THAT I STRUCK ALL THE FIRSTBORN IN THE LAND OF EGYPT;

2C) 3:13C I hallowed to Me **ALL THE FIRSTBORN** in Israel, both man and beast;

2B) 3:13D THEY SHALL BE MINE;

2A) 3:13E I AM YHVH;” {p}

central axis) 3:14-43 Number of the Levites and the number of the firstborn males; {s+s+p}

1A) 3:14-39 The **NUMBER OF THE LEVITES**;

1a) 3:14-16 And YHVH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, **15** “Number the children of Levi by their fathers’ houses, by their families; every male from a month old and upward you shall number them.” **16** And Moses numbered them according to the word of YHVH, as he was commanded;

1b) 3:17-31 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. **18** And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. **19** And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel. **20** And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers’ houses. **21** Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites; these are the families of the Gershonites. **22** Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those who were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred. **23** The families of the Gershonites were to pitch behind the tabernacle westward; **24** the prince of the fathers’ house of the Gershonites being Eliasaph the son of Lael, **25** and the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting included the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, **26** and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court—which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar, round about—and its cords, even whatever pertains to its service. {s} **27** And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these are the families of the Kohathites: **28** according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, eight thousand and six hundred, keepers of the charge of the sanctuary. **29** The

families of the sons of Kohath were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward; **30** the prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites being Elizaphan the son of Uzziel, **31** and their charge was the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which the priests minister, and the screen, and all that pertains to its service [*i.e.*, **The number of Gershon and Kohath**];

central axis) 3:32 Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was prince of the princes of the Levites, and had the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary;

2b) 3:33-38 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites; these are the families of Merari. **34** And those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred; **35** the prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari being Zuriel the son of Abihail; they were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward; **36** the appointed charge of the sons of Merari being the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its instruments, and all that pertains to its service; **37** and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords. **38** And those who were to pitch before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrising, were Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, even the charge for the children of Israel; and the common man that drew near was to be put to death [*i.e.*, **The number of Merari**];

2a) 3:39 All who were numbered of the Levites, whom **Moses and Aaron** numbered at the commandment of YHVH, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand; {s}

2A) 3:40-43 The NUMBER OF THE FIRSTBORN MALES;

1a) 3:40 And YHVH said to Moses, "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names;

central axis) 3:41 And you shall take the Levites for Me, even YHVH, instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel;"

2a) 3:42-43 And Moses numbered, as YHVH commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel. **43** And all the firstborn males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those who were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three; {p}

2c) 3:44-51 The redemption money for the **firstborn** given to Aaron; {p}

1A) 3:44 And **YHVH SPOKE** to Moses, saying;

1B) 3:45A "Take the Levites instead of all **THE FIRSTBORN AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:45B AND THE LEVITES SHALL BE MINE, EVEN YHVH'S;

2B) 3:46-51A And as for the redemption of the two hundred and seventy-three of **THE FIRSTBORN OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, that are over and above the number of the Levites, 47 you shall take five shekels apiece individually; after the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take them—the shekel is twenty gerahs. 48 And you shall give the money, by which those who remain over of them are redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons.” 49 And Moses took the redemption-money from those who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites; 50 from **THE FIRSTBORN OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** he took the money: a thousand three hundred and sixty-five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 51 And Moses gave the redemption-money to Aaron and to his sons;

2A) 3:51B According to the word of YHVH, **AS YHVH COMMANDED** Moses; {p}

2b) 4:1-16 The **duty of Kohath** and Eleazar the priest; {p}

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 ON 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, concerning the most holy things;

1B) 4:5A When **THE CAMP SETS FORWARD**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:5B-15A 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 ITS STAVES. 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. 8 AND THEY SHALL SPREAD ON THEM A CLOTH OF SCARLET, AND COVER THE SAME WITH A COVERING OF SEALSKIN, AND SHALL SET ITS STAVES. 9 AND THEY SHALL TAKE A CLOTH OF BLUE, AND COVER THE CANDLESTICK OF THE LIGHT, AND ITS LAMPS, AND ITS TONGS, AND ITS SNUFF DISHES, AND ALL ITS VESSELS OF OIL, WITH WHICH THEY MINISTER CONCERNING 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 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. 13 AND THEY SHALL TAKE AWAY THE ASHES FROM THE AL-

TAR, AND SPREAD A PURPLE CLOTH ON IT. 14 AND THEY SHALL PUT ON IT ALL ITS VESSELS, WITH WHICH THEY MINISTER CONCERNING 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 ITS STAVES. 15 AND WHEN AARON AND HIS SONS HAVE MADE AN END OF COVERING THE HOLY FURNITURE, AND ALL THE HOLY VESSELS;

2B) 4:15B As **THE CAMP IS TO SET FORWARD**;

2A) 4:15C-16 —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**. 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 is the sanctuary, or its furniture;” {p}

2a) 4:17-20 What **Aaron and his sons shall do** that Kohath may live and not die; {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; 19 but do this for them, **THAT THEY MAY LIVE, AND NOT DIE**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:19B **WHEN THEY APPROACH THE MOST HOLY THINGS**;

2A) 4:19C-20 Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go in to see the holy things as they are being covered, **LEST THEY DIE.**” {p}