

Numbers

The Census of Israel's Warriors

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2^a Take a ^acensus of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head.

3 from twenty years old and upward, whoever is *able to go out to war* in Israel, you and Aaron shall ^bnumber them by their armies.

4^c With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, each one head of his father's household.

5^d These then are the names of the men who 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 sons 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 Ochran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16^e These are they who were called of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers' tribes; they were the heads of ^cdivisions of Israel."

17 So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name,

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first of the second month. Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 Now the sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

21 their numbered men of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

22 Of the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their fami-

^aLit *sons*. ^bLit *muster*, and so throughout the ch. ^cLit *thousands*; or *clans*.

lies, by their fathers' households, their numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

23 their numbered men of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

24 Of the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

25 their numbered men of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

26 Of the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

27 their numbered men of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

28 Of the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

29 their numbered men of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

30 Of the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

31 their numbered men of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

32 Of the sons of Joseph, *namely*, of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

33 their numbered men of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

34 Of the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

35 their numbered men of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

36 Of the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

37 their numbered men of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

38 Of the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

39 their numbered men of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

40 Of the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

41 their numbered men of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

42 Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war*,

43 their numbered men of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

44 These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom was of his father's household.

45 So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was *able to go out to war in Israel*,

46 even all the numbered men were 603,550.

- 15 My eyes are continually toward the LORD,
For He will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn O me and be gracious O me,
For I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses.
- 18 Look upon my affliction and my trouble,
And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Look upon my enemies, for they are many,
And they hate me with violent hatred.
- 20 Guard my soul and deliver me;
Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for You.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
And I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Examine me, O LORD, and try me;
Test my mind and my heart.
- 3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
- 4 I do not sit with deceitful men,
Nor will I go with pretenders.
- 5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,
And I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I shall wash my hands in innocence,
And I will go about Your altar, O LORD,
- 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving
And declare all Your wonders.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
And the place where Your glory dwells.
- 9 Do not take my soul away along with sinners,
Nor my life with men of bloodshed,
- 10 In whose hands is a wicked scheme,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
Redeem me, and be gracious O me.
- 12 My feet stand on a level place;
In the congregations I shall bless the LORD.

Psalm 27

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

^aLit *tail* ^bLit *judice* ^cLit *kidneys*, figurative for inner man ^dOr *worthless men*;
lit *men of falsehood*

- The LORD is the defense of my life;
Whom shall I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In spite of this I shall be confident.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD
And to meditate in His temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will lift me up on a rock,
- 6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and answer me.
- 8 When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."
- 9 Do not hide Your face from me,
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not abandon me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
- 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
But the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a level path
Because of my foes.
- 12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as break out violence.
- 13 *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the
goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the LORD;
Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.

Psalm 28

A Psalm of David.

- 1 To You, O LORD, I call;
My rock, do not be deaf to me,
For if You are silent to me,

*Lit *delightfulness*; †Lit *inquire*

Followers of Tradition

7 The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with **1** pure hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the traditions of the elders;

4 and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.)

5 The Pharisees and the scribes ^aasked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with **1** pure hands?"

6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

"THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

7 "BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN."

8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."

9 He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

10 "For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH';

11 but you say, 'If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, ^a'given to God),'

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

13 *thus* invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

The Heart of Man

14 After He called the crowd to Him again, He *began* saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

16 [^b"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."]

17 When he had left the crowd *and* entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable.

18 And He ^asaid to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the **an** from outside cannot defile him,

19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (*Thus He declared all foods clean.*)

20 And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

^aOr a gift, i.e. an offering ^bEarly mss do not contain this verse

The Syrophenic and Woman

24 Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre^a. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.

25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.

26 Now the woman was a ^bGentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered and ^csaid to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

29 And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.

31 Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis.

32 They ^dbrought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they ^eimplored Him to lay His hand on him.

33 Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He ^fsaid to him, "Eph-phatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

35 And his ears were opened, and the ^gimpediment of his tongue was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly.

36 And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it.

37 They were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Four Thousand Fed

8 In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and ^hsaid to them,

2^a "I feel ⁱcompassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat.

3^a "If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance."

4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able *to find enough* bread here in *this* desolate place to satisfy these people?"

5 And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 And He ^jdirected the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving the to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people.

7 They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces.

9 About four thousand were *there*; and He sent them away.

10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha.

^aTwo early mss add *and Sidon*. ^bLit Greek

against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* which has been withheld by you, cries out *against you*; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

5 You have lived luxurious y on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and put to death the righteous *man*; he does not resist you.

Exhortation

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the ear y and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

14 Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the prayer offered in faith will *restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnest y that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

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