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Numbers

2/9 C1-3

C-1 Vss 1-20. A year after departing Egypt, list all of the warriors, 20 years and older You and Aaron and a family leader, clans: all listed except Levi. Called all the leaders, all the people were registered

Commentary: God calls Aaron and Moses to count the men 20 to 50. The men will be warriors. This has to be seen as an administration forming. A year has passed since their departure. Organizing is essential.

Vss 21-54 Rueben 46.5, Simeon 59.3 Gad 45.6, Judah 74.6, Issachar 54.4, Zebulun 57.4, Joseph (Ephraim 40.5), Joseph (Manasseh 32.2), Benjamin 35.4, Asher 41.5, Naphtali 53.4

Commentary: It is ironic for this count or census they begin with Rueben. Recall Rueben lost his birthright because he had incest with one of his father's concubines. However, this is a gesture reflecting the chronology and not the punishment.

Total number 603.5, not include Levites, Levites take care of tabernacle and all around it, transporting it, take down and set up, any unauthorized person put to death, Levites

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responsible to stand guard

Commentary: There's more than six-hundred thousand men, but the Levites were not included. They are considered God's set-apart. More on this later. There are various estimates on the multitude, but a conservative estimate is 1.2 million in our view. Even if all the men are not married, those who are married with children would easily surpass this number.

C-2 Vss 1-26 when camp set up each tribe assigned it's own camp, Judah Issachar Zebulun toward sunrise, name of tribes and leaders: Judah, Issachar, Zebulun. Total 186400. These three tribes lead the way. Rueben, Simeon, Gad on south side under family banners, Reuben-Elizur 46,500
Simeon-Shelumiel 59,300
Gad-Eliasaph 45,600
Total 151 These will be second second in line, Tabernacle set out from middle of camp. Ephraim Mannasah Benjamim on west, tribes: Ephraim-Elishama 40,000
Manasseh - Gamaliel 32,200
Benjamin - Abidan 35400
Total 108100. March third, Dan Asher Naphtali on north,
Dan-Ahiezer 62700
Asher - Pagiel 41400
NAphtali - Ahira 53400
157,600, last division marching

Commentary: Here we can see the degree of Tabernacle based organization. The whole multitude surrounds the Tabernacle. Keep in mind it actually is not about the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is an object that is a constant reminder of the presence of God. This is an excellent foreshadowing of the Holy Spirit today functioning as the operation center for every believer.

C-3 Vss 1-17: family line of Aaron and Moses, Aaron- Nadab Abihu Eleazar Ithamar, call all Levites, they will serve Aaron the priests and whole community, maintain all furnishings, Aaron and sons appointed to duties of priesthood, Levites serve as substitutes for all firstborn of Israel, all first born belong to me. Record the names and clans of the tribe of Levi.
Levi three sons - Gershon, Kohath. Merari,

Commentary: Since all of the first born belong to God, he opts to substitute the Levites. This does not stop the first borne from belonging to Him, but requires one clan to perform the duties of the Tabernacle. Why He selected Levi is because He can select whomever He desires. There's only speculation.

Vss 18-40 Gershon clan, Kohath clan, Merari clan, 7500 Gershonites (Eliasaph and Lael) responsible for sacred tent and furnishings, west, descendants of Kohath composed of the clans, leaders of the Kohath clan was Elizaphan, son of Uzziel care of Ark table inner

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curtain, Eleazot chief administrator, descendants of Merari - Mahli Mushi, assigned north side, frames cross-bars, bases, posts of courtyard, Tabernacle east cared for by Moses Aaron and sons. Anyone too close to tabernacle was to be put to death, Levites - 22,000

Commentary: The three sons or clans of Levi were responsible for any or all activity concerning the Tabernacle. Note they served under the penalty of death. The presence of God is not a common matter. Today, the person or particularly leader who is ceremonially unclean through heinous offenses, but stands to share before God's people will meet ruin without question. But often they do not know the history of their offenses ceremonially speaking. What they do has to be met with calamity or God is no longer God.

Vss 41-54 Levites reserved for God's for substitutes, their livestock reserved for God, first born -273 more first born of Israel than Levites, to redeem these sins collect 5 pieces of silver for each of them, Moses gives the silver to Aaron and his sons

Commentary: Surely, there would be a difference between the number of first born of Israel and the number of Levites. The difference is made up by paying Aaron and his sons silver for each person. It's ironic that every difference has to be compensated. The work of the all first born had to be done. So the priests were compensated for the additional work. We should never think that we will go more than God does. There's no comparison.

C4-6

C-4 Vss 1-20

Record names of the Kohath clan 30 and above, serve in the Tabernacle, the most sacred objects, take down inner curtain, cover table blue cloth, cover lamp stands, attach poles to altar, remove ashes, place everything in cloths, don't let the Kohaths die, Aaron and sons must go in with them.

Commentary: The Kohath group are the the most sacred care takers. As a result, they had to be most careful. Faith is a life or death matter. This is what people often don't understand. And the greater the responsibility is to the presence of God, the more critical.

Vss 21-33 Record the Gershonites, Responsible for general services and carrying loads, carry the curtains, the Tabernacle itself, record the name of the Merari clan, Only duty carry loads

Commentary: The Gershonites conducted all the general services other than packaging the tabernacle articles. While the Merari clan were the load bearers. This represents the three organizational functions of ministry. The preparers who are responsible for delivering the substance of what God provides. The general services operators who operate as a support function in close proximity to the preparers. The burden bearers who lift and carry the multitude. When the Church launched the Apostles carried the word as

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their principal responsibility. They called on the people to call deacons. The deacons would be the general services group taking care of the more generic needs. The church were to labor in prayer lifting the leaders and the going forth of the word. What an example as Peter was on prison the believers were praying.

Vss 34-49 so the Kohathites, Gershonites, and Merari were recorded, 2750, 2630, 3200 respectively, Moses, Aaron, and each man was assigned his task and told what to carry

Commentary: Everyone had a task is the key point. There is no extras in God's economy. All are needed.

C-5 Vss 1-10 remove anyone who has a skin disease or discharge, or who touches something, confess sins and make restitution 20%, if person dead and no family members the priest receives, the guilty must also bring a ram sacrifice

Commentary: Persons serving could not have a defect. Suffice it to say that believers must confess daily. Believers cannot fellowship with defects. Daily prayer and regular confession of sin is what clears this for believers.

Vss 11-31 a man's wife goes astray, no one knows but she is defiled, if husband becomes suspicious bring her to priest with a barley flour offering, no frankincense or oil, jealousy offering, guilty stomach swell, not guilty (wife forever), she can have children

Commentary: The jealousy offering is not often discussed today. Probably because it would be considered so sexist. But it revealed an unfaithful wife. If expected of unfaithfulness the priests would prepare a concoction that would toy in her stomach of her testimony were not true or she'd been unfaithful. The more powerful aspect of this illustration is the necessity of the Church, each person and every local church to be completely faithful.

No ministry should be compromised by any worldly activity at the center or representing a significant part of the ministry.

C-6 Vss 1-15. Anyone taking a Nazarite vow, give up wine and alcoholic drinks, no vinegar, eat nothing from grapevines. never cut hair, don't go near dead bodies, if done falls dead beside them they wait seven days and cut their hair (defiled), bring two birds to priest, one sacrificed as sin offering other burnt, recommit and let hair grow again, at time of separation make an offering to priest female lamb-sin offering, ram- peace offering, basket of bread, cake, wafers spread with olive oil, the priest will present to The Lord. 1: sin and burnt offering, ram- peace offering with bread, grain and drink offering

Vss 16-31 Nazarites shave heads at entrance, take hair and place on fire, priest places offerings on the Nazarites hands (shoulder of ram, cake and wafer) place it in their hands, priest will lift them up as a special offering, this is ritual law, tell Aaron and sons to bless the people, may The Lord bless you and protect you, May The Lord smile upon you and

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be gracious, show you his favor and peace.

Here are the instructions of the Nazarite vow. As anyone can see it was a vow beyond the ordination. It is a super-consecration.

2/10 C 7-9

C-7 1-20 set-up tabernacle he anointed and set it apart, receive their gifts and use oxen and wagons for transporting tabernacle, leaders presented dedication gifts, Judah presented offering, 2nd day Nathaniel-Issachar presented,

Commentary: Once the Tabernacle was set up everyone was organized to bring gifts. Unlike the census, the gift giving began with Judah.

Vss 21-40 day 3 Zebulun presented, day 4 Rueben presented, Day 5 Simeon, Vss 41-60 Day 6 Gad, Day 7 Ephraim, Day 8 Manasseh, Day 9 Benjamin, Day 10 Dan, Vss 72-89 Day - 11 Asher, Day 12 Naphtali, whenever Moses went in to Tabernacle he heard God speaking between the Cherubim.

Commentary All the tribes in order were represented by a third generation leader.

C-8 Vss 1-10 when lamps set up light to the front. Levites set apart from the rest, did this by sprinkling and having them shave their bodies, when presented to The Lord the people of Israel must lay hands on them, Aaron presents them to The Lord with raised hands.

Commentary: Notice the lamp stand was set-up so light could shine forward. David called God's way a lamp to his feet and a light to his path (Psalms 119:104; Proverbs 6:23). Note the people take place on setting apart. This is why the Apostles called upon the people to look for the first deacons.

Vss 10-26 next Levites will lay hands on young bulls, present one as sin offering, other as a burnt offering, Levites stand in front of Aaron and priests Moses raise your hands to present them, after this they can go into the tabernacle to work, I've claimed all the Levites as substitutes for all the first borne of Israel, Levites dedicated following carefully the Lord's rules. Levites must begin service in tabernacle at age 25

Commentary: Unlike the census, which called for men 20 and older, the Levite men did not begin working the Tabernacle duty until they were 25. That additional five years of maturity ensured they would understand the critical and deadly nature of their work.

C-9 Vss 1-10 after a year they were to celebrate Passover, twilight 14th day of 1st month, some could not celebrate they touched a dead body, God's response they can still celebrate one month later, those who do not celebrate though clean will be cut off.

Commentary: There has already been full instructions concerning the administration of

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Passover. New here is how those ceremonially unclean would be treated. They had to wait a month. This is consistent with the cleansing laws. There is also a warning to anyone clean who neglected Passover. They were cut off from the camp. Keep in mind being cut-off was the same as death. The person or family would have to make it in their own. This might mean become slaves to other peoples or killed. Today, being disfellowshipped is representative. Paul ordered the incestuous fellow removed (1 Corinthians 5.)

Vss 11-23 the day the Tabernacle was setup the p-cloud covered it. At night it was like fire. When the cloud lifted it was time to break camp, whether a day or several days, whenever the cloud lifted they moved.

Commentary: Given the organization, the group could move at will and as needed with the presence of God at the very core. We all need to be so willing and ready to move as the Holy Spirit desires.

2/11 C 10-12
C-10 Vss 1-15

Make 2 trumpets of silver, when both blown the people gather, one blown only the leaders, tribes on east move first, only priests sound trumpets, when you have your own land sound then for war, blow them in times of gladness too, annual festivals and beginnings of months, in 2nd year the cloud lifted, the first time Judah's troops led the way, joined by Issachar, Zebulun, by time Kohath's arrived the Tabernacle was set up, Dan the rear guard

Commentary: Here is the precedent for trumpets. They were used to sound gathering times and warnings as well as times to move. Judah the line of Jesus led the camp movements. The New Testament uses the trumpet sound as the signal of the Lord's coming among other events.

Vss 28-36 there was order when they marched, Moses' brother-in-law went from Midian. He refused, Moses pleaded with him as a person who knew the land, they marched 2 days, the Ark moving before them, when Moses went forth he would say Arise O Lord and let your enemies be scattered

Commentary: The Gentiles played important role throughout Biblical history. They only needed the covering of a Jewish representative. Jesus is the great covering of Gentiles today. Apparently, Moses' brother-in-law did help.

C-11 Vss 1-15

Soon the people complained, The Lord heard everything, the Lord's anger blazed, destroyed some of the people, Moses prayed for them, non-Hebrews began to crave things of Egypt, Israel also complained, all we see is manna, people gathered manna each

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day, Moses heard them wining in their tents, Moses prays did I birth these people, where do I get meat? The load is too heavy, gather the elders, they will bear the burden with you

Commentary: The non-Hebrews began to complain and influenced the Hebrews in this account. It demonstrates the issue of bring united with persons without the same call and/or faith. Jesus ministering to Jairus daughter had to ask the scoffers out.

Their request for meat overwhelmed Moses. Elders were appointed to bear the burden. It is not the Lord's operating policy to bear campaigns alone. Only Jesus has that distinction.

Vss 16-30 say to the people purify yourselves, you will eat until you gag, even if we butchered all would it be enough, you will see whether my or not my word comes true, two elders Eldad and Medad did not join them but the Spirit still fell upon them, Joshua said Moses make them stop. Moses was pleased the Spirit was upon them, The Lord sent quail at eye level, the people gorged themselves, God struck them with a plague (blood) Kibroth-hattavah,

Commentary: Two elders were not among those selected to bear-burdens but they received the Spirit. However, Moses had no problem.

They ate until their full. It's understood they ate the birds with the blood completely violating the Lord's laws. So they had numerous errors: Complaining, unfaithfulness, eating blood, touching dead carcasses. They were stricken.

C-12 Vss 1-15

Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because he married a Cushite woman, they said has The Lord spoken only through you, The Lord called all three, ask Miriam and Aaron to step forward, of all my house I trust Moses, why were you not in fear to criticize him (his calling)? The Lord was angry with them? Miriam turns to Leprosy, Aaron cries out to Moses, Moses Cried to The Lord, The Lord said to keep her outside the camp for seven days, people waited for seven days to travel.

Commentary: This is an example among many of rebellion among those who are close to the leader. A specific calling is not generic to all no matter how informed or esteemed they may be. This needs to be understood by all.

2/12 C13-16

C13 Vss 1-24

Send out men to explore the land, so Moses did, Moses called Hoshea Joshua, Moses gave instructions, See what land is like. They went up and explored.

Commentary: The Lord advised Moses to send men to explore the land. It was never an

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initiative to bring back an unfaithful opinion, but to see whether it had the resources God promised.

Vss 25-33 the men returned, showed the fruit, it is bountiful flowing with milk and honey, but they are powerful, we saw giants, Caleb tried to quiet the people, let's go at once, the others said we can't go up against them, they spread a bad report

Commentary: The men lost focus and with an agenda of fear, operated as an unfaithful catalyst upon the people. Caleb stepped up to present a perspective of faith. He was not a part of the obvious meeting before the meeting. Often people already have a meeting before the official meeting and they join forces to accomplish their political will. It is deadly.

C-14 Vss 1-15

The whole community cried, their voices raised in a great chorus against Moses and Aaron, better to return to Egypt, they plotted among themselves, Moses and Aaron fell down, Joshua and Caleb tore their clothing, they said do not rebel, the whole community was going to stone them, The Lord said I will destroy them, Moses interceded,

Commentary: Corporate unfaithfulness spreads like wild fire. Faithfilled leaders cannot be over-emphasized. When the people complained in the Church about the daily distribution, the Apostles said look among you and find men of faith.

Vss15-30 of you destroy them nations will say you could not deliver them, please pardon the sins of this people, I will pardon, not one will enter the land, they've seen, but they refuse to listen. But Caleb has a different attitude, don't continue, you will drop seas in the wilderness. 29 years and older, only Caleb and Joshua

Commentary: These people did not use their experience with God to remember His faithfulness. Moses has to plead for them. However, there are consequences for unfaithfulness. They all die except Caleb and Joshua

Vss 31-44 they explored for 40 days, you will wander 40 years, 10 of the men struck dead, Moses reported The Lord's words the people were filled with grief, the next morning they desired to go, Moses said don't disobey

Commentary: The people did not leverage the opportunity. The Lord has a precise time. There is a window of time when opportunities must be executed. It was too late. Many a ministry have not leveraged their opportunity. It and be once on the life of a ministry. Any degree of unfaithfulness is a life-killer. Potential will never be realized.

C-15 Vss 1-16 when you finally settle offer special gifts, a voluntary offering, they me taken from your flicks with a grain offering

Commentary: Inspire of their unfaithfulness, God's mercy is evident. We all learn it's all

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about God's plans. We have to learn to operate with His plan.

Vss 17-31 when you arrive and you eat crops that grow, set aside some to The Lord, thru out generations present sacred offerings, if you miss unintentionally the whole community presents a bull as a burnt offering, if a person commits an unintentional sin the guilty person brings a one year female goat. Those who brazenly violate the Lord's will must be cut off.

Commentary: The Lord continues to layout policy for their future. It is Old Testament Grace where God provides though they do not deserve it. Notice there are provisions for unintentional sin, but brazen sins receive a severe penalty. There is no offering.

Vss 32-41. They saw a man gathering wood on Sabbath, stoned to death, thru out generations make tassels for the hems, they help you to remember and obey

Commentary: Often God demonstrated the serious nature of His commands. This incident is not about the Sabbath. It is about obedience to God's principles. The violator is stoned by the community.

C-16 Vss 1-25 Kohath and izhar descendant of Levi conspired with Dathan and Abiram, incited a rebellion with 250 others, Moses fell to ground, tomorrow we will see who is holy. You've gone too far, does it seem insignificant The Lord has chose you, Korah he's given you a special ministry, Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram they refused, Moses said to Korah and all followed come tomorrow, The Lord was going to destroy, Moses intercede, get away from tents of Korah Dathan Abiram,

Commentary: This experience has to be combined with the Sabbath violator. Aaron and Miriam knew this experience. Again, there's a continuing spirit of insurrection that makes Satan proud. It was an experience that a whole group of people can be swallowed by rebellion.

Vss 26-50

They came out and stood with families, The Lord has not sent me if they die natural deaths, the ground opens and swallowed them, then fire blazed and burned up the 250, pull the incense burners use to make an altar cover as a warning, the next morning the people muttered against Moses and Aaron that they killed the Lord's people, Moses and Aaron fell down, Aaron took censer with incense among the people to stop the plague, it stopped 14,700 dead

Commentary: Rebellion is one of the deadliest sins in Scripture. It should be avoided at all costs.

2/13 C17-19

C-17 Vss 1-13

Bring 12 wooden staffs, one staff for each leader, place staffs on tabernacle, buds will

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sprout out of the staff of the man's staff I choose,
I will put an end to the murmuring, Aaron's staff sprouted, place Aaron staff in front of
Ark as warning to rebels, prevent any further deaths

Commentary: Even after destroying thousands we see God's mercy at work. However,
God designs a memorial of the rebels. They have been an enigma constantly causing a
problem.

C-18 Vss 1-15

Levites Responsible for any violations connected to Tabernacle, Levites must be careful
around Tabernacle, Aaron and sons perform sacred duties, you are in charge if holy
offerings, these are given to you as your permanent share, including grain sin and guilt,
all offerings lift them up to me, any clean member can eat,

Commentary: The instructions here are repeated. This happens because there's new
leaders. Recall people are being destroyed. New leaders and others need training. So
throughout the Law, instructions are often repeated.

Vss 16-32

all first crops presented to The Lord belong to you, redeem your first born, five pieces of
silver,
first born cattle, sheep, goats belong to me, sprinkle their blood on altar, pleasing to me,
the meat will be yours, priests receive no land, when you (Levites) receive tithes give a
tithe, present to Aaron
Don't treat the gifts as common

Commentary: The people's offerings are for the priestly leaders. The priest thereafter
tithe of what they receive. The meat from the tithes also belong to the priests. They
forfeited any opportunity to serve the Lord. This is accurate today as well.

C-19 Vss 1-15

Red bull slaughtered outside camp, blood and sprinkle toward Tabernacle, Eleazar take a
stick of cedar and hyssop branch and red yarn and throw into fire, wash his clothes, return
to camp unclean until evening, all who touch a dead body unclean 7 days,

Commentary: Again, the Law concerning defilement and touching dead bodies. The
hyssop brach plays a central role in the cleansing process. Hyssop has a central role when
Jesus is on the cross. It is symbolic of the cleansing from sin we experienced.

16-22 if anyone touches a dead body and does not purify becomes defiled will be cut off,
hyssop to make clean, sprinkle water
In tents and people in tents, on 7th day must wash their clothes

Commentary: As stated previously Hyssop has a cleansing action. Thank God for His

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hyssop the blood of His son

2/14 C 26-28

C26 Vss after plague The Lord said to Eleazar record the warriors, all men twenty years or older,

Rueben - 43.7 Dathan and Abiram mentioned, Simeon-22.2, Gad-40.5, Judah-76.5, Issachar-64.3, Zebulun-60.5, Mannasseh-52.7, Ephraim-32.5, Benjamin-46.6, Dan-64.4, Asher-53.4, Naphtali-45.4, 601.7

Divide the land proportion to size

Commentary: Here we note a policy of conducting a census. Every campaign of disobedience resulted in large numbers of Hebrews being killed. Sin or disobedience is costly.

Vss 57-65 record the Levites, Gershonites, Kohathites, Merarite, Levites-one year and older 23,000, not included in registration, not one person from the previous list taken by Moses and Aaron, not in survived except Caleb & Joshua

Commentary: The whole generation of unfaithful Hebrews were eliminated. Ironically, it was due to their continuing disobedience as much as their unfaithfulness at Kadesh-Barnea.

C27vss 1-11 petition by zelophehad's daughters, women stood before Moses, give us property, The Lord said their claim is legitimate, you must give them land along with their father's, if a man does and has no son give to the daughters.

Commentary: This experience is one that has a corollary in the New Testament like most of the Old Testament accounts. Notice, when men are not available or incapacitated or otherwise unavailable women are the natural order to continue the work of God.

12-22 The Lord tells Moses look out over the land. Afterwards you will die like your brother, you failed to demonstrate my holiness, Lord appoint a new man, take Joshua, transfer your authority to him, when direction is needed Joshua and priest will use urim

Commentary: Moses looking beyond his time transfers his authority to Joshua. It's a model worth noting and following. Ministries should anticipate leadership transitions, but too often the ministry is about the person and not the Lord's work.

C28 Vss 1-15

See that offerings are brought at appointed times, must present as your daily burnt offerings, with each lamb offer grain offering, must present the proper drink offering, on Sabbath offer two one year old male lambs, one first day of month present an extra burnt offering, also one goat as sin offering

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Commentary: Note that many lawful provisions are being repeated because there is a new generation.

Vss 16-31 on fourteenth day of first month celebrate Passover,
The following day celebrate a 7 day festival,
At Festival of Harvest present the first of your new grain, be sure that all the animals you offer have no defects

Commentary: Again, the Law or policy is being repeated for the benefit of the new generation. However, on occasion The Lord provides additional details.

2/15 C29-31

C29

Celebrate Festival of Trumpet each year, ten days later the another holy assembly, the Day of Atonement, five days later in fifteenth of the month Festival of Shelters,

Commentary: Repeat of previous instructions for the new generation.

C30

Vss 1-16. Man who makes a vow must never break it, a young woman makes while at home must have father's approval, if not she is forgiven, if husband of wife disapproves of vow she is forgiven, divorced or widowed woman must keep her vow, husband may confirm or nullify a vow, must be nullified the day he hears it

Commentary: Here's additional guidance concerning woman and vows. Clearly, these law addressed an issue where women were making vows without the consent of the male covering in their lives. Women could not make a vow without the confirmation of a father or husband. Note, the first command is that vows made before or to The Lord had to be fulfilled. They were not guilty if a husband or father nullified the vow.

C31 Vss 1-16

Take revenge on the Midianites, arm ourselves 1000 men for each tribe, Phinehas leads the battle, they carried holy objects and defeated all kings of the Midianites, brought all of the captures and animals back, Moses furious they did not kill the women, they caused the people to rebel. Kill all boys and women who had intercourse with a man. Only young virgins live

Commentary: The Hebrews obeyed The Lord, but spared the women. Moses was outraged. It's the woman issue again. It's the Hebrew men's Kryptonite. They appear to be constantly troubled by their appetitive for women (sex). Holiness is a life and death matter.

Vss 17-40 major a list of all the plunder, give half to men who fought in battle half to

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people, from the army give The Lord his share, give this share to the Levites, Moses gave all the Lord's share to Eleazar, all generals and captains accounted for all the men, not one missing

Commentary: The plunder is given to the soldiers and priests. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

2/16 C32-34

C32 Vss 1-15

Reuben and Gad ask to stay in lands before Jordan, Moses why do you want to discourage your brothers, we will build pens for our livestock and fortified towns for our women and children, we 'll take up arms, we'll not return until everyone has received their land, if you keep your word you can return, but if not you have sinned against The Lord. Your sins will find you out.

Commentary: Two tribes already discovered lands they desired east of the Jordan. Moses was concerned about the impact they would have on the others and the whole campaign. People in Christ need to understand the corporate impact of their personal decisions. This was resolved by all parties discussing their issues and showing a willingness to satisfy all needs.

26-42 the men of Reuben and Gad agreed, Moses assigned them land, the half tribe Manassah also assigned land east of the Jordan, Nobah also captured land and named it after himself

Commentary: Manasseh the half tribe also takes land east of the Jordan. Nobah is singled out for his heroics and has a city named after him. God recognizes individual acts of courageous faith and lifts people accordingly.

C33 Vss 1-15

Moses kept a written record of their progress, Egyptians burning all their first-born, set-camp at Succoth, finally left Kadesh camped in 32 camps in all. Aaron 123 when he died. After unfaithfulness he camped 8 times, you must drive out all the people, take possession and settle in it. If you fail to drive them out, they will be like splinters, I will do to you what I planned to do to them

Commentary: Every leader and each believer should keep a record of God working in your life. And it is powerful during prayer to talk to God about events in your life and how He worked them out. The drive-out theme is continual.

C-34 Vss 1-15

When you come into the land these will be the boundaries, this territory is the land you are to divide,

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Commentary: The land is sectioned by borders.

Vss 16-29 Eleazar and Joshua to divide the land, Leaders: Judah-Caleb, Simeon-Shemuel, Benjamin-Elidad, Dan-Bukki, Manasseh-Hanniel, Ephraim-Kemuel. Zebulun-Eliaphan, Issachar - Paltiel, Asher-Ahahud, Naphtali-Pedahel

Commentary: The holiness-leader and spiritual-governing leader join by God's command to allot the land.

2/17 C35-Deut 1 (The Law repeated unAbridged)

C35vss 1-17. The people to give towns to the Levites to live in, provide land for their cattle, six towns cities of refuge, where a person who has accidentally killed someone can flee, 48 towns for Levites, cities of refuge places where people can flee, three in east of Jordan, three on west, but if kills with iron, stone, stick, fist the person must die, avenger must put to death when they meet, but if unintentionally hits a person the community must protect the slayer, but if the slayer leaves the city and the avenger kills him, not considered murder, slayer must stay in city till the death of the high priest

Commentary: God provides for the people and the people provides for God's ministers. The Levites were provided 48 cities. They were neither above or below the people with what they owned. This is a powerful standard. There are those who believe the clergy leader should own nothing and commit to a poverty vow. Others believe he should be living like a king among the poor. Both perspectives are not consistent with what we see in either Testament. Members of clergy should be well provided. Today they are the guardian of the believers souls. Paul using the Levitical standard says the good teacher is worthy of double-portions or pay (. 1 Timothy 5:17)

The refuge cities represent laws providing for the innocent who unintentionally kill someone. While the relatives could avenge, the person could flee to a city of refuge. The person had to stay in the city until the death of the high priest. The avenger was not guilty if he found the slayer outside of the city and killed the slayer. Some conditions warrant isolation.

All murderers put to death must have more than one witness, never give ransom for a person accused of murder, insure the land will not be polluted

Commentary: Execution for murder could not happen with only one witness. This does not mean a person could not be convicted of murder with one witness. The violator could not receive a murder conviction. This way no one would ever receive the death penalty based on one person's testimony.

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Vss 1-13

If Zelophehad's daughters marry men in other tribes, the clan will lose the land rights, Moses said let the daughters anyone within their own clan, no land can pass for one tribe

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to another, the daughters did as required

Commentary: This is an example for anyone who believes that God's provisions stop with man's limitations. This has a greater application in Scripture to the Gospel when men fall short of their responsibilities including the pastorate. God can definitely say, sister you do it regardless of the task.

Deut 1

Vss 1-25 normally takes eleven days to Kadesh- Barnea, first day of 11 month Moses tells people everything the Lord told him to say, Moses appoints leaders, appoint leaders, look He's placed you in front of the land, go occupy don't be afraid, but you all said to me let's send our scouts (reconcile with Leviticus).

Commentary: Make note of this principle. What should have taken eleven days took forty years, but they made it. There's no doubt that a journey to peace, health, resources. And any other endeavor can be delayed by unfaithfulness. However, because it is God's purpose not our's He makes it in spite of our unbelief. We make up our mind as we journey with Him. We can arrive looking great in an efficient time, or we can arrive tattered and torn. But we are going to arrive!

Vss 26-45 But you rebelled against the command of The Lord. You complained in your tents, and The Lord was angry with me because of you, instead of you (Moses) Joshua son of Nun will enter promised land.

Commentary: Although Moses did not obey in a manner of the followers . He got caught up in his own tiredness with them and forgot that He represented God. As a result he disobeyed God and acted out of character. While many point to the fact that Moses hit the rock a second time as opposed to speaking to the rock, the more serious matter in my view is that Moses acted out of his personal 'fleshy' nature. Every person in leadership has to control our flesh-nature. God has plenty of wrath for disobedience ours is not needed. As long as Moses was pleading for the people and giving instructions he was fine. But when he attempted to give a little of his own medicine he forfeited personal blessings.

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