

Week 1: The Organization of Israel

Objective:

- The Lord commands to number and organize the congregation
- Dedication of the tribe of Levi (priesthood)

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary

Reading:

- Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19, 44-54
- Numbers 2: skip
- Numbers 3:1-15, 40-51
- Numbers 4: skip

Key verse(s):

- "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. And they shall attend to his needs and the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle" Numbers 3:6-7

Comments:

- The book is called numbers due to the census at the beginning and at the end
- Our God is the God of order and not of chaos
 - How does that relate to today?
- Explain how the priesthood is consecrated to the Lord for His service

Review/recap questions:

***Servant may add more questions*

1. What was the total number of Israelites 20 years or greater who were able to serve in the army?

2. The descendants of what tribe were excluded from the census?
3. What was the main purpose of the census Moses and Aaron collected data for?
4. Who was considered an “outsider” to the religious duties of the Tabernacle?
5. To whom was the Tribe of Levi presented and why?
6. Who was the chief leader of the Levites?

Homework:

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1. The Lord spoke to the Israelites _____.
a) through Moses b) through a covering cloud c) with silver trumpets d) with anger
 2. How old were the males listed by name in the census Moses and Aaron supervised?
a) 16 years and older b) firstborn c) 20 years and older d) 50 years and older
 3. List the names of Aaron’s sons the anointed priests.
a) Nadab, the firstborn b) Abihu c) Eleazar and Ithamar d) all of these
 4. Two of Aaron’s priestly sons fell dead because they used “unauthorized fire”. Name them.
a) Nadab and Abihu b) Eleazar and Ithamar c) Nadab and Eleazar d) none of these
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