

“Take Another Census”

Numbers Chapter 26

Num 26:1 **1) Post Wandering Count** vs 1-51

Then it came about after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

Num 26:2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' households, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel."

- 1st time the Lord is speaking to Moses and Eleazar
 - Eleazar taking his father's place as High Priest.
- This is the 2nd numbering. The first is in Numbers chapter 1. 38 years earlier.
- God knows numbers
 - Knows the number of the stars
 - Knows the number of the hairs on your head
 - He knows if a sparrow falls to the ground
 - He knows the number of days Dan 9 from commandment to the Messiah
- "He counts His people because each one count" (Focht)
- This count is for Israel's information. God already knows.

Num 26:3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

Num 26:4 "Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses."

- Just like the Pre-Wandering Count in Numbers Chapter 1, God wanted the men who were 20 years old and up to be counted. These were those who were able to "go to war"
 - Numbers 1:2-3 "Take a census 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 from twenty years old and upward, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel**"

Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

Num 26:5 Reuben, Israel's firstborn, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

Num 26:6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

Num 26:7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and those who were numbered of them were 43,730.

Num 26:8 The son of Pallu: Eliab.

Num 26:9 The sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram who were called by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD,

Num 26:10 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a warning.

Num 26:11 The sons of Korah, however, did not die.

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| • 46,500 | 43,730 | <2,770> |

- The count is a net loss from the first census,
- He brings up the rebellion of Korah where Dathan and Abiram, leaders in Israel died.
- In this rebellion 250 leaders died plus 14700 more of the congregation died due to a plague.
- We remember there were many grumblings and many resulting deaths.

Num 26:12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of
Simeon Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;
 Num 26:13 of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
 Num 26:14 These are the families of the Simeonites, 22,200.

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| • 59,300 | 22,200 | <37,100> |
- Simeon suffers the greatest loss.
 - Numbers 25 the sin at Peor where a man took a Midianite woman, possibly into the tent of meeting and was engaging in intercourse with her when Phinehas thrust a spear through them both. The woman's name was Cozbi. The man's name was Zimri. He was a Simeonite.
 - During this time of infidelity 24000 of the entire congregation die.

Num 26:15 The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of
Gad Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;
 Num 26:16 of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;
 Num 26:17 of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.
 Num 26:18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, 40,500.

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| • 45,650 | 40,500 | <5,150> |
- These first three tribes all result in a loss.
 - Gad is one of the three tribes who settle outside the Promised Land.
 - These first three tribes all camped on the south side of the tabernacle.
 - On the south side Leaders came forth in Korah's rebellion
 - On the south side came one who was pivotal in the "Sin at Peor"
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33 "*Bad company corrupts good morals.*" While no specific rebellion is mentioned concerning Gad surely the influence of the people around them could have enticed them to participate more easily.

The next three tribes the numbers are up.

Num 26:19 The sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.
Judah

Num 26:20 The sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

Num 26:21 The sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

Num 26:22 These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, 76,500.

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| • 74,600 | 76,500 | + 1,900 |

Num 26:23 The sons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah,
Issachar the family of the Punites;

Num 26:24 of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

Num 26:25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, 64,300.

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| • 54,400 | 64,300 | + 9,900 |

Num 26:26 **Zebulun** The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

Num 26:27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, 60,500.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 57,400	60,500	+ 3,100

- These second three camped on the east side of the tabernacle. And again their numbers are up.

Now we look the next three tribes that are very close. Two are actually of one - Joseph. These next three camped on the west side of the tabernacle.

Num 26:28 The sons of Joseph according to their families: **Manasseh and Ephraim**.

Num 26:29 **Manasseh** The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

Num 26:30 These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

Num 26:31 and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

Num 26:32 and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

Num 26:33 Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but only daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

Num 26:34 These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were 52,700.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 32,200	52,700	+ 20,500

- This is one of the largest increases.

Num 26:35 **Ephraim** These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

Num 26:36 These are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

Num 26:37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, 32,500. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 40,500	32,500	<8,000>

- Yet Manasseh's brother is down.
- This shows that each man's blessing or loss is determined by what they do themselves. And it isn't a generational blessing. Both were not blessed because Joseph was a great man of God.

Num 26:38 **Benjamin** The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

Num 26:39 of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

Num 26:40 The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

Num 26:41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were 45,600.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 35,400	45,600	+ 10,200

These last three tribes camped on the north side of the tabernacle.

Num 26:42 **Dan** These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

Num 26:43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were 64,400.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 62,700	64,400	+ 1,700

Num 26:44 **Asher** The sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

Num 26:45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

Num 26:46 The name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

Num 26:47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, 53,400.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 41,500	53,400	+ 11,900

Num 26:48 **Naphtali** The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

Num 26:49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

Num 26:50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were 45,400.

• Number Chapter 1	Number in Chapter 26	Net
• 53,400	45,400	<8,000>

The Total:

Num 26:51 These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, 601,730.

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• 603,550	601,730	<1,820>

- When Israel was in Egypt they multiplied.
 - **Genesis 47:27** "And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly."
 - **Exodus 1:7** "And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them."
 - **Exodus 1:12** "But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew."
 - **Deuteronomy 1:10** "The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day like the stars of heaven in number."
- When Israel was in the Wilderness (due to faithlessness, lack of trust towards God) they grumbled and the net was Zero Growth (actually a slight loss)
 - **Psalm 106:13-15** "They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

2) The Inheritance and the Levites vs 52-65

Inheritance

- Num 26:52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 26:53 "Among these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.
- Num 26:54 "To the larger *group* you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller *group* you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall be given their inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.
- Num 26:55 "But the land shall be divided by lot. They shall receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.
- Num 26:56 "According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller *groups*."
- This census not only prepared Israel for an army, but it was also used to prepare Israel for the dividing the land as an inheritance.
 - The Larger group received a larger lot. The smaller group received a smaller lot.
 - Very interesting that rewards are divided by the size of the group. The size of the group, as we have just seen is determined by the amount of or lack of faithfulness and trusting of the Lord done outside the Promised Land.

Application #1 THE REWARD

- Our rewards (not salvation) are in Heaven and are based upon our efforts done in this life.
 - Proverbs 11:18 "*he who sows righteousness gets a true reward.*"
 - Luke 6:22-23 "*Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.*"
 - Colossians 3:23-24 "*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*"

Application #2 THE LOT

- Joshua 18 + 19 - Joshua cast lots and the land is divided among the tribes of Israel.
- A lot has been cast for our lives. Some have mountainous life. Some have valley life, some desert, some in the plains some by the sea. Everybody is different. God expects us to honor Him with whatever life we are cast into.
 - Proverbs 16:33 "*The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.*"
 - Jeremiah 29:11 "*For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*"
 - Acts 17:26+27 "*He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God,*"

Levites

- Num 26:57 These are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.
- Num 26:58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. Kohath became the father of Amram.
- Num 26:59 The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.
- Num 26:60 To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
- Num 26:61 But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

Num 26:62 Those who were numbered of them were 23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for they were not numbered among the sons of Israel since no inheritance was given to them among the sons of Israel.

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| 22000 (see notes in chapter 2) | 23000 | + 1000 |
- These Levites were not numbered with the sons of Israel for they do not go to war and they do not receive an inheritance or a lot from the Lord.

Num 26:63 These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Num 26:64 But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

Num 26:65 For the LORD had said of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

- Not one man was numbered who was previously numbered in Chapter 1 + 2 except for Caleb and Joshua.
- All those numbered previously died in the wilderness.
- It is an incredible grace that the Lord leaves two to bear the testimony (first hand witness) of the exodus and events of the wilderness for the next generation to be taught from.
- How we need to value the senior saints who have traveled before us.

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