

**Numbers 3****Key Verse:** v.41**Key Word:** “list” v.40**X-Ref:** 1Chronicles 24:2**Paraphrase:** *The genealogies of Moses and Aaron are given. God commands that the firstborns be listed, and He says He will take the Levites in their place.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Only Levites could be priests, but not all Levites were priests. What other responsibility did the Levites have? *Guard Aaron, the priests, and the tabernacle. – vs.5-10*
- 2) Instead of all the firstborn males of Israel belonging to God, who did God choose to take their place? *All the Levites – vs.12-14*
- 3) Who was the chief of the chiefs of the Levites? *Eleazer the son of Aaron – v.32.*

**Numbers 4****Key Verse:** v.2, v.2, v.29, vs.46-49**Key Word:** “service” v.47, v.4**X-Ref:** Exodus 6:16**Paraphrase:** *Moses assigns tasks to three clans of the Levites. Their areas of responsibility are given.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) When it was time for Israel to move and Aaron and his sons completed their job of packing, what responsibility did the sons of Kohath have? *They had to carry the holy things -v.15*
- 2) Did it matter how the holy things of the tabernacle were transported? *Yes. By the sons of Kohath, on poles. They couldn't touch the objects, or they would die. – v.15*
- 3) Which three clans of the tribe of Levi were chosen for tasks concerning the tabernacle? *1) Kohath 2) Gershon 3) Merari.*
- 4) In chapter one, age requirements were placed on the men being counted for the census who could go to war. What differences in age requirements were placed on those serving in the tent of meeting? *Those that went to war were 20 years and up. Those serving in the tent of meeting were 30 years to 50 years.*

**Numbers 5****Key Verse:** v.6**Key Word:** “unclean” v.2, “defiled” v.13**X-Ref:** Joshua 7:19; 22:22**Paraphrase:** *The subject of uncleanness and defilement are covered. Moses is also instructed on how to handle the sin of breaking faith with God and with your spouse.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What three things could cause a person to be put out of the camp? *Leprosy, bodily discharge, and touching a dead body – v.2*
- 2) Who would receive the restitution price if the victim was dead and had no near kin? *The priests – v.8.*
- 3) What is the “water of bitterness?” *Holy water and dust from the floor of the tabernacle. A priest would have a woman suspected of being unfaithful to her husband to drink it.*

**Numbers 6****Key Verse:** vs.2, 24-26**Key Word:** “Nazarite” v.2, “separation” v.5**X-Ref:** Deuteronomy 18:3-4; Haggai 2:13**Paraphrase:** *Moses is told to instruct the people regarding special vows. Moses is to tell Aaron how to bless the people.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) The Nazarite vow was also known as a vow of what? What does this tell us about the vow? *“Separation” v.5. This was a vow to separate themselves from the pleasures of the world.*
- 2) Outside Studies: How long did a Nazarite vow last? *Usually, a month or a lifetime. – Judges 13:5; 16:17 – The Bible does not specify the length of time the vow should last. Jewish oral law/the Mishna, suggests the vow should last 30 days.*
- 3) List three people from Scripture who were life-long Nazarites. *Samson, Samuel, John the baptist – Judges 13:5, 14; 1Samuel 1:11; Luke 1:15*

**Numbers 7****Key Verse:** vs.2-3**Key Word:** “offerings” v.3**X-Ref:** 1Chronicles 13**Paraphrase:** *This chapter details the offerings given after the tabernacle was consecrated.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) The chiefs of Israel offered how many wagons unto the Lord? *Six wagons – v.3.*
- 2) The Lord instructed Moses to give the wagons to which clans of the tribe of Levi? *Two wagons to Gershon and four wagons to Merari – vs.7-8.*
- 3) Why didn't the sons of Kohath receive any wagons? *Because the holy things they were in charge of, God required to be carried on the shoulder – v.9.*
- 4) Consider 1Chronicles 13 in light of the answer to the previous question. What are your thoughts? *Uzzah would not have died from touching the ark if it had been transported correctly.*

**Numbers 8****Key Verse:** vs.21-22**Key Word:** “cleanse” v.6**X-Ref:** Hebrews 9:13, 23; 1Chronicles 23:3**Paraphrase:** *Moses is instructed to cleanse the Levites for service.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What was sprinkled on the Levites as a part of the cleansing process? *Water of purification – v.7.*
- 2) Wave offerings often consisted of meat or bread. What was the wave offering in this chapter? *The Levites themselves – v.13.*
- 3) At what age did Levites retire from service in the tent of meeting? *50 years old – v.25.*

**Numbers 9****Key Verse:** v.2**Key Word:** “Passover” v.2**X-Ref:** John 19:36; Psalm 34:20**Paraphrase:** *Instructions for keeping the Passover are given. Also, we are told about how Israel knew when to move the camp.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) If a person was unclean because of a dead body during the Passover, when was he allowed to take the Passover? *One month later, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 14<sup>th</sup> day at twilight – v.14.*
- 2) Were strangers allowed to keep the Passover? *Yes – v.14.*
- 3) What sign did God give Israel when it was time to move the camp? *The cloud would lift away from over the tabernacle – vs.16-17.*
- 4) How long did Israel stay in one place before moving? *Days, months, or longer – v.22.*