

Week 34: Ba'midbar 'In the wilderness': Numbers 1 - 4; Hosea 1:10-2:23; Luke 16:1-17:10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31



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Torah to the Tribes

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Numbers 1

The Book of Numbers relates to the two counts or 'numberings' of the people that take place in Chapter 1/2 and Chapter 26/27. The Hebrew name of this book, Bemidbar, refers to the days that the people journeyed 'in the wilderness.' Day by day, we will see much take place in the wilderness as several events unfold.

A Census of Israel's Warriors

Num 1:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Appointment, on the first day to the second new *moon*, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

Num 1:2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head,

Num 1:3 from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army in Yisra'el. Number them by their divisions, you and Aharon.

They were to take a census of all males, fighting age 20 years and older, from every clan with a head representing each division of their father's house. The second column below compares those clans counted to those listed in Revelation Chapter 7.

Re'ubēn: Elitsur, son of Shedgēy'ur – 46,500

Re'ubēn twelve thousand were sealed

Shim'on: Shelumi'el, son of Tsurishaddai – 59,300

Shim'on twelve thousand were sealed

Yehuḏah: Naḥshon, son of Amminadab - 74,600

Yissasḵar: Nethan'ěl, son of Tsu'ar – 54,400

Zebulun: Eliyaḅ, son of Ḥēlon - 57,400

Sons of Joseph:

Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihud - 40,500

Menashsheh: Gamli'ěl, son of Pedahsur – 32,200

Binyamin: Aḃidan, son of Giḏ'oni – 35,400

Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai – 62,700

Ashēr: Paḡ'i'ěl, son of Oḵran – 41,500

Gaḏ: Elyasaph, son of De'u'ěl – 45,650

Naphtali: Aḥira, son of Ĕnan – 53,400

TOTAL 603,550

Yehuḏah twelve thousand were sealed

Yissasḵar twelve thousand were sealed

Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed

Yosēph twelve thousand were sealed

Menashsheh twelve thousand were sealed

Binyamin twelve thousand were sealed

Ashēr twelve thousand were sealed

Gaḏ twelve thousand were sealed

Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed

Lēwi twelve thousand were sealed

Total 144,000

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of all the tribes of the children of Yisra'ěl:

Rev 7:5 of the tribe of Yehuḏah twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Re'uḃēn twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Gaḏ twelve thousand were sealed,

Rev 7:6 of the tribe of Ashēr twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Menashsheh twelve thousand were sealed,

Rev 7:7 of the tribe of Shim'on twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Lēwi twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Yissasḵar twelve thousand were sealed,

Rev 7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Yosēph twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Binyamin twelve thousand were sealed.

Num 1:4 “And a man from every tribe should be with you, each one the head of his father's house.

Num 1:5 “And these are the names of the men who stand with you. From Re'uḃēn: Elitsur, son of Sheḏēy'ur.

Num 1:6 “From Shim'on: Shelumi'ěl, son of Tsurishaddai.

Num 1:7 “From Yehuḏah: Naḥshon, son of Amminadab. [Righteous lineage of Yahusha]

The Genealogy of David

Rth 4:18 And this is the genealogy of Perets: Perets brought forth Ḥetsron.

Rth 4:19 And Ḥetsron brought forth Ram, and Ram brought forth **Amminadab**.

Rth 4:20 And Amminadab brought forth **Naḥshon**, and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

Rth 4:21 And Salmon brought forth Bo'az, and Bo'az brought forth Oḃēḏ.

Rth 4:22 And Oḃēḏ brought forth Yishai, and Yishai brought forth **Dawid**.

Num 1:8 “From Yissasḵar: Nethan'ěl, son of Tsu'ar.

Num 1:9 “From Zebulun: Eliyab, son of Hēlon.

Num 1:10 “From the sons of Yosēph: From Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihud.
From Menashsheh: Gamli'ēl, son of Peḏahtsur.

Num 1:11 “From Binyamin: Abidan, son of Gid'oni.

Num 1:12 “From Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

Num 1:13 “From Ashēr: Paḡ'i'ēl, son of Oḡran.

Num 1:14 “From Gaḡ: Elyasaph, son of De'u'ēl.

Num 1:15 “From Naphtali: Aḥira, son of Ĕnan.”

Num 1:16 These are the ones called from the congregation, leaders of their fathers' tribes, heads of the thousands of Yisra'ēl.

Num 1:17 And Mosheh and Aharon took these men who were called by name,

Num 1:18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second new *moon*. And they declared their ancestry by clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one head by head.

Num 1:19 As יהוה' commanded Mosheh, so he registered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Num 1:20 And the children of Re'uḇēn, Yisra'ēl's first-born, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, every male head by head, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:21 those who were registered of the tribe of Re'uḇēn were forty-six thousand five hundred.

Num 1:22 From the children of Shim'on, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, of those who were registered, according to the number of names, every male head by head, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:23 those who were registered of the tribe of Shim'on were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

Num 1:24 From the children of Gaḡ, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:25 those who were registered of the tribe of Gaḡ were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

Num 1:26 From the children of Yehuḡah, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:27 those who were registered of the tribe of Yehuḡah were seventy-four thousand six hundred.

Num 1:28 From the children of Yissaskar, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above,

everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:29 those who were registered of the tribe of Yissaskar were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

Num 1:30 From the children of Zebulun, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:31 those who were registered of the tribe of Zebulun were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

Num 1:32 From the sons of Yosēph, the children of Ephrayim, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:33 those who were registered of the tribe of Ephrayim were forty thousand five hundred.

Num 1:34 From the children of Menashsheh, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:35 those who were registered of the tribe of Menashsheh were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

Num 1:36 From the children of Binyamin, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:37 those who were registered of the tribe of Binyamin were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

Num 1:38 From the children of Dan, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:39 those who were registered of the tribe of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

Num 1:40 From the children of Ashēr, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:41 those who were registered of the tribe of Ashēr were forty-one thousand five hundred.

Num 1:42 From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

Num 1:43 those who were registered of the tribe of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

Num 1:44 These were those registered, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered, with the leaders of Yisra'ēl, twelve men, each one for his father's house.

Num 1:45 And all those that **were registered of the children of Yisra'ël, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army in Yisra'ël,**

Num 1:46 all those that were registered were **six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.**

In Numbers Chapter 1, the numbering of the fighting capable men is completed by Moses and Aaron. The Levites were exempt because they were appointed:

1. Over the Dwelling Place of the Witness
 - a. Over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it
 - b. They attend to it, and camp around the Dwelling Place
2. When the Dwelling Place is to go forward, the Lěwites take it down.
3. When the Dwelling Place is to be set up, the Lěwites set it up. And the stranger who comes near is put to death.
4. The Lěwites shall guard the duty of the Dwelling Place of the Witness.

Levites Exempted

Num 1:47 But the Lěwites were not registered among them by their fathers' tribe,

Num 1:48 because יהוה had spoken to Mosheh, saying,

Num 1:49 “Only the tribe of Lěwi you do not register, nor take a census of them among the children of Yisra'ël.

Num 1:50 “Instead, appoint the Lěwites over the Dwelling Place of the Witness, over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They bear the Dwelling Place and all its furnishings, and they attend to it, and camp around the Dwelling Place.

Num 1:51 “And when the Dwelling Place is to go forward, the Lěwites take it down. And when the Dwelling Place is to be set up, the Lěwites set it up. And the stranger who comes near is put to death.

Num 1:52 “**And the children of Yisra'ël shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own banner, according to their divisions,**

Num 1:53 **but let the Lěwites camp around the Dwelling Place of the Witness, so that there be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël. And the Lěwites shall guard the duty of the Dwelling Place of the Witness.”**

Num 1:54 And the children of Yisra'ël did according to all that יהוה commanded Mosheh, so they did.

Tomorrow we will see possible diagrams of the organized encampment. There were at least 2 million people including women and children, therefore; setting up camp; breaking down camp; order of departure; moving of the Dwelling Place of the Witness; all had to fall into place to prevent chaos and maximize efficiency.

Numbers 2

Notice as we proceed through Numbers and eventually Deuteronomy, that YHWH not only speaks to Aaron since his ordination and consecration as high priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; but continues to speak to Moses of the Melchizedek Priesthood. These two priesthoods now run parallel since the sin of the golden calf. The Melchizedek Priesthood will run in a denigrated position but will remain very active; until Yahusha HaMashiach, THE Melchizedek from the tribe of Judah, restores His priesthood to the reigning position forever and without end.

The Melchizedek Priesthood predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This is important to keep in mind because Aaron was once under the Melchizedek order along with Moses as they worked in tandem with YHWH. They served YHWH in leading the people out of Egypt to Mount Sinai; they witnessed YHWH's presence by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night; they were both present with the people as YHWH descending on the Mount with fire, thunder, and smoke; they both were present when YHWH proposed His Book of the Covenant (Ex. 19:4-6), the marriage ketubah; when they and all the people accepted (Ex. 19:8; Ex. 24:3); when Moses did the blood ratification (Ex. 24:6-7); and most importantly when Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, along with the 70 elders had the Covenant confirming meal with YHWH (Ex. 24:9-11)! By listening to His voice and obeying His Covenant, they were on their way to being a kingdom of priests; a holy nation; a set-apart people for Him and with Him.

Sadly, the breaking of the Covenant, comes when Aaron lets the people loose to worship and sin with the golden calf. At that point, when the people and Aaron are confronted with such a great sin; the repentant tribe of Levi steps forward to serve YHWH; 3,000 die because of that sin; and Aaron is eventually designated as high priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This priesthood would implement the Tabernacle system and the added Book of the Law, the tutor, UNTIL Yahusha would come. This whole Tabernacle system told of a great parable (Heb. 9:9). It was a foreshadow of what Yahusha

HaMashiach, YHWH in Son, would fulfill. Regretfully, many still don't understand the purpose of this 3-dimensional living parable.

It is important to get the big picture now, of how these two priesthoods ended up running parallel. YHWH's **perfect will** was for all His people to function as a kingdom of priests under the Melchizedek Priesthood. That all changed after the people broke the Covenant with the sin of the golden calf. What follows is YHWH's **permissive will**, to spare the people's very lives, that allowed them to be a nation with a priest under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood until Yahusha would come.

This means that Yahusha would be born, under the law, **the Book of the Law**, that was limping at that time under the corrupted Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Yahusha obeyed every jot and tittle to fulfill the Book of the Law requirements and to once again elevate the Melchizedek Priestly and Kingly order.

Let's pause and recall some key points to this priesthood transference we discussed before:

1. Yahusha comes to be mikvah'd by John the Immerser [the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood] functioning out in the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple system.
2. John the Immerser was hesitant at first to mikvah Yahusha, knowing He was greater; but John then understands Yahusha's request was to fulfill the priestly transference process under the Book of the Law.
3. Caiaphas puts Yahusha under oath to determine if He was the Son of Elohim; and therefore, Yahusha himself verbalizes who He is, so as not to violate the Book of the Law.
4. The 'installed' High Priest, Caiaphas, accuses Yahusha of blasphemy, though Yahusha told the truth. Caiaphas then tears his high priestly robe thus disqualifying himself to serve as high priest.
5. At this point, with the Book of the Law transference legalities being fulfilled between, the true reigning high priest, **John the Immerser**; and **Yahusha HaMashiach**, who was born King and completed His priestly mikvah transference; He would then be in position to officiate over His own crucifixion!
6. Yahusha functioned in dual capacity as not only King and Priest of the Melchizedek Order; but also, as the sacrificial offering, the perfect Lamb of Elohim!!!
7. In the process, He not only redeems mankind, but He also redeems the land and all creation!
8. He fulfilled all the prophecies ever spoken of His first coming, inclusive of the fact that they cast lots for his seamless woven priestly garment. If the soldiers would have orn his priestly garment; he would have been disqualified.
9. All the priestly offerings and the typology of the Tabernacle system were wrapped in Yahusha HaMashiach.
10. Yahusha was the tent made without hands. Yahusha came in the 'likeness' of flesh from heaven! Yahusha, was 100% YHWH in Son!
11. He was born King and presently reigns.
12. He is seated at the right hand of YHWH. YHWH sits at the right hand of YHWH; for they are

one, echad.

13. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order.
14. He offered His precious blood to make full atonement once and for all on the heavenly altar!
15. He has once again proposed to His Bride. (John 3:16)
16. For those that accept His New Covenant proposal, they become His kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. They become his set-apart people; His holy nation.
17. Now, we stay in Covenant with Him; we continue to mature in the sanctification process, as we keep His prophetic moedim. These are our wedding rehearsals with our Groom who is soon to return! Praise Yah!

Num 2:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Num 2:2 “The children of Yisra’ël are to camp, each one by his own banner, beside the sign of his father’s house. Let them camp around the Tent of Appointment at a distance.”



In Numbers 2, we have the tribes encamped around the Tent of Appointment. There are three groupings of tribes: East, South, West, and North.

The lead banner of the East Camps was Yehuda totaling 186,400: Depart 1st

The lead banner of the South Camps was Reuben totaling 151,450: Depart 2nd

The lead banner of the West Camps was Ephrayim totaling 108,100: Depart 3rd

The lead banner of the North Camps was Dan totaling 157,600: Departs Last

Total: 603,550

Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Num 2:2 “The children of Yisra’ël are to camp, each one by his own banner, beside the sign of his father’s house. Let them camp around the Tent of Appointment at a distance.”

Num 2:3 And on **the east side**, towards sunrise: those of **the banner of the camp of Yehudah** camp according to their divisions. And the leader of the children of Yehudah: Nahshon, son of Amminadab.

Num 2:4 And his army with their registered ones: seventy-four thousand six hundred.

Num 2:5 And those camping next to him is the tribe of Yissaskar, and the leader of the children of Yissaskar: Nethan'el, son of Tsu'ar.

Num 2:6 And his army with its registered ones: fifty-four thousand four hundred.

Num 2:7 Then the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the children of Zebulun: Eliyab, son of Hēlon.

Num 2:8 And his army with its registered ones: fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

Num 2:9 All the registered ones of the camp of Yehudah, according to their divisions: one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred. These depart first.

Num 2:10 **On the south side:** the banner of the camp of Re'ubēn according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Re'ubēn: Elitsur, son of Shedey'ur.

Num 2:11 And his army with its registered ones: forty-six thousand five hundred.

Num 2:12 And those who camp next to him: the tribe of Shim'on, and the leader of the children of Shim'on: Shelumi'el, son of Tsurishaddai.

Num 2:13 And his army with their registered ones: fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

Num 2:14 Then the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad: Elyasaph, son of Re'u'el.^a Footnote: ^aSee Explanatory Notes: De'u'el.

Num 2:15 And his army with their registered ones: forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

Num 2:16 All the registered ones of the camp of Re'ubēn, according to their divisions: one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty. And they are the second to depart.

Num 2:17 And the Tent of Appointment, the camp of the Lēwites, shall move out in the middle of the camps. As they camp, so they move out, everyone in his place, by their banners.

Num 2:18 **On the west side:** the banner of the camp of Ephrayim according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihud.

Num 2:19 And his army with their registered ones: forty thousand five hundred.

Num 2:20 And next to him the tribe of Menashsheh, and the leader of the children of Menashsheh: Gamli'el, son of Peḡahtsur.

Num 2:21 And his army with their registered ones: thirty-two thousand two hundred.

Num 2:22 Then the tribe of Binyamin, and the leader of the children of Binyamin: Aḡidan, son of Gid'oni.

Num 2:23 And his army with their registered ones: thirty-five thousand four hundred.

Num 2:24 All the registered ones of the camp of Ephrayim, according to their divisions: one hundred and eight thousand one hundred. And they are the third to depart.

Num 2:25 **On the north side:** the banner of the camp of Dan, according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Dan: Aḡi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

Num 2:26 And his army with their registered ones: sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

Num 2:27 And those who camp next to him: the tribe of Ashĕr, and the leader of the children of Ashĕr: Paġ'i'ĕl, son of Okran.

Num 2:28 And his army with their registered ones: forty-one thousand five hundred.

Num 2:29 Then the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali: Aĥira, son of Ēnan.

Num 2:30 And his army with their registered ones: fifty-three thousand four hundred.

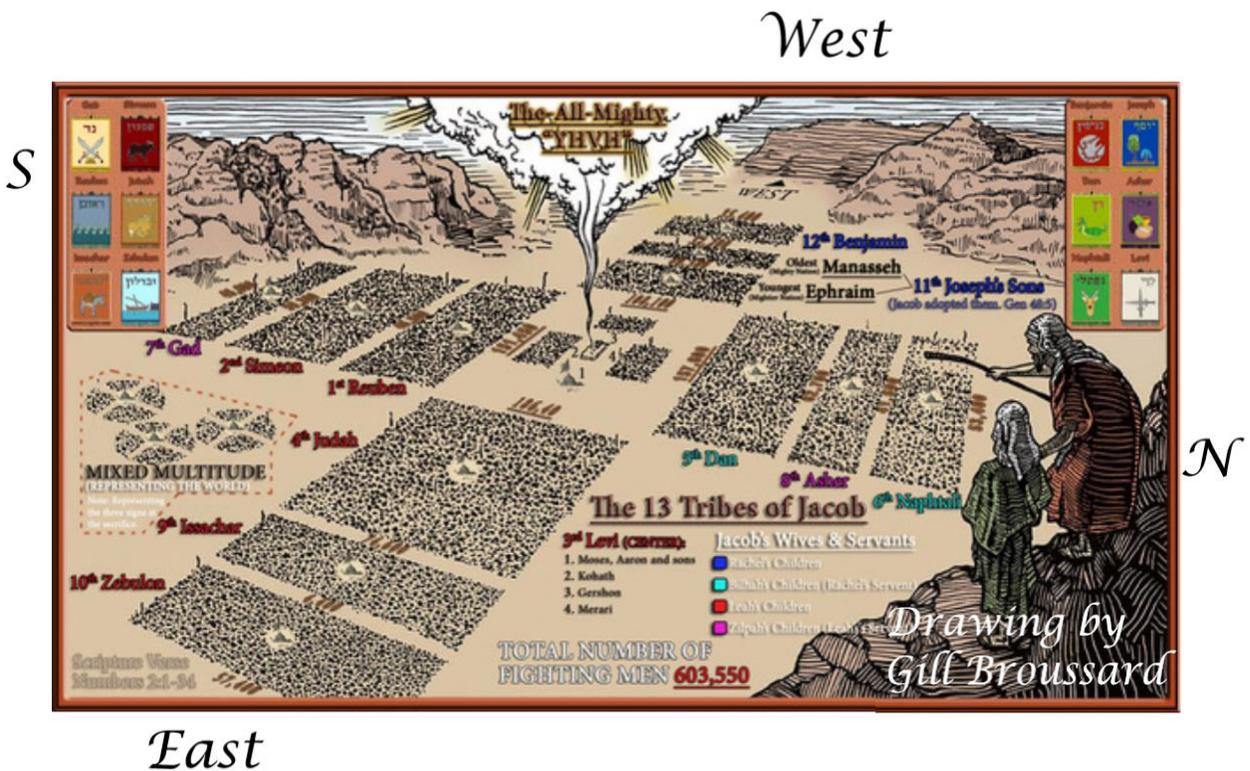
Num 2:31 All the registered ones of the camp of Dan: one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They depart last, with their banners.

Num 2:32 These were registered ones of the children of Yisra'ĕl by their fathers' houses. All who were registered according to their divisions of the camps: six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

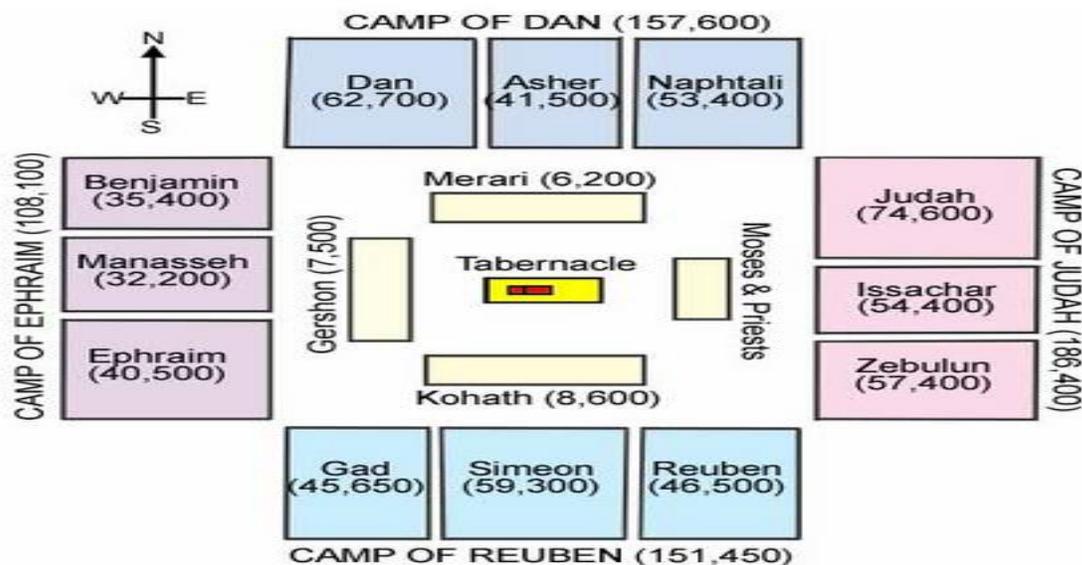
Num 2:33 But the Lĕwites were not registered among the children of Yisra'ĕl, as יהוה' commanded Mosheh.

Num 2:34 And the children of Yisra'ĕl did according to all that יהוה' commanded Mosheh. So they camped by their banners and so they departed, each one by his clan, according to their fathers' houses.

Possible Wilderness Encampment Formations:



Yahweh's Presence in the Midst of His People (Numbers 2:1-3:39)



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel Numbers 2:1-3:39

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Numbers 3

Numbers 3 reviews the **sons of Aaron** and the **duties of the Levites**. It acknowledges that Nadab (Aaron's first-born) and Abihu had died before YHWH when they brought in 'strange fire'. We learn that Nadab and Abihu had no children, so Aaron's other sons; **El'azar and Ithamar** acted as priests in the presence of Aharon their father.

Moses is instructed by YHWH to bring the tribe of Levi before Aaron and his sons. He summarizes their duties in that they shall serve him and shall guard his duty and the duty of all the congregation before the Tent of Appointment, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

A very interesting exchange takes place in this chapter. The tribe of Levi is given to Aaron and his sons, they are 'given ones' from among the children of Israel. Later in the chapter we will see more details.

The Sons of Aaron

Num 3:1 And these are the generations of Aharon and Mosheh when יהוה spoke with Mosheh on Mount Sinai.

Num 3:2 And these are the names of the sons of Aharon: Naḏab, the first-born, and Aḇihu, El'azar, and Ithamar.

Num 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aharon, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to act as priests.

Num 3:4 And Naḏab and Aḇihu had died before יהוה when they brought strange fire before יהוה in the Wilderness of Sinai. And they had no children. So El'azar and Ithamar acted as priests in the presence of Aharon their father.

Duties of the Levites

Num 3:5 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:6 “Bring the tribe of Lēwi near, and set them before Aharon the priest, and they shall serve him,

Num 3:7 and shall guard his duty and the duty of all the congregation before the Tent of Appointment, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:8 “And they shall guard all the furnishings of the Tent of Appointment, and the duty of the children of Yisra'ël, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:9 “And you shall give the Lēwites to Aharon and his sons. They are the given ones, given to him from among the children of Yisra'ël.

Num 3:10 “And appoint Aharon and his sons, and they shall **guard their priesthood**. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.”

YHWH goes on to tell Moses' that He is taking possession of the tribe of Levi in exchange for the first-born that already belong to Him.

Num 3:11 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:12 “Now look, **I Myself have taken the Lēwites from among the children of Yisra'ël instead of every first-born who opens the womb among the children of Yisra'ël.** And the Lēwites shall be Mine,

Num 3:13 because all the first-born are Mine. On the day that I struck all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, I set apart to Myself all the first-born in Yisra'ël, both man and beast. They are Mine, I am יהוה.”

This chapter is now organizing the Levites encampment around the Dwelling Place/Tent of Meeting according to clans. Moses is now going to number all the children of Levi and notice the age parameters for counting are different from those of the other tribes counted in Numbers 1 & 2 of fighting age.

Num 3:14 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying,

Num 3:15 “Register the children of Lěwi by their fathers’ houses, by their clans.

Register every male from a new moon^a old and above.” Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:16 So Mosheh registered them according to the word of יהוה, as he had been commanded.

Num 3:17 And these were the sons of Lěwi by their names: Gěrshon, and Qehath, and Merari.

Num 3:18 And these are the names of the sons of Gěrshon by their clans: Liḅni and Shim'i.

Num 3:19 And the sons of Qehath by their clans: Amram and Yitshar, Ḥeḅron and Uzzi'ěl.

Num 3:20 And the sons of Merari by their clans: Maḥli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Lěwites by their fathers’ houses.

Num 3:21 From Gěrshon came the clan of the Liḅnites and the clan of the Shim'ites. These were the clans of the Gěrshonites.

Num 3:22 Their registered ones, according to the number of all the males from a new moon^a old and above, their registered ones were seven thousand five hundred.

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:23 The clans of the Gěrshonites were to camp westward, behind the Dwelling Place,

Num 3:24 and the leader of the fathers’ house of the Gěrshonites: Elyasaph, son of La'ěl.

Num 3:25 And the duty of the children of Gěrshon in the Tent of Appointment was the Dwelling Place, and the tent with its covering, and the covering of the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 3:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the door of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place, and their cords, according to all its service.

Num 3:27 And from Qehath came the clan of the Amramites, and the clan of the Yitsharites, and the clan of the Ḥeḅronites, and the clan of the Uzzi'ělites. These were the clans of the Qehathites.

Num 3:28 In number, all the males, from a new moon^a old and above, were eight thousand six hundred, guarding the duty of the set-apart place. Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:29 The clans of the children of Qehath were to camp on the south side of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:30 And the leader of the fathers’ house of the clans of the Qehathites was Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi'ěl.

Num 3:31 And their duty was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the slaughter-places, and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service, and the covering, and all its service.

Num 3:32 And El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, was to be chief over the leaders of the Lěwites, with oversight of those who guard the duty of the set-apart place.

Num 3:33 From Merari came the clan of the Maḥlites and the clan of the Mushites. These were the clans of Merari.

Num 3:34 And the number of their registered ones, all the males from a new *moon^a* old and above, were six thousand two hundred. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Num 3:35 And the leader of the fathers' house of the clans of Merari was Tsuri'ěl, son of Abiḥayil. These were to camp on the north side of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:36 And the appointed duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets, and its utensils, and all its service,

Num 3:37 and the columns of the courtyard all around, with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords.

Num 3:38 And those who were to camp before the Dwelling Place on the east, before the Tent of Appointment, were Mosheh and Aharon, and his sons, guarding the duty of the set-apart place, and the duty of the children of Yisra'ěl. But the stranger who came near was to be put to death.

Num 3:39 All the registered ones of the Lěwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered at the mouth of יהוה, by their clans, all the males from a new *moon^a* old and above, were twenty-two thousand. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Redemption of the Firstborn

Num 3:40 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Register all the first-born males of the children of Yisra'ěl from a new *moon^a* old and above, and take the number of their names.

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:41 "And you shall take the Lěwites for Me – I am יהוה – instead of all the first-born among the children of Yisra'ěl, and the livestock of the Lěwites instead of all the first-born among the livestock of the children of Yisra'ěl."

Num 3:42 And Mosheh registered all the first-born among the children of Yisra'ěl as יהוה had commanded him.

Num 3:43 And all the first-born males, by the number of names, from one new *moon^a* old and above of their registered ones, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Sons of Gershon (Gěrshonites) by their clans: Libni and Shim'i (Libnites and Shim'ites)

Leader of the Gershonites: Elyasaph, son of La'ěl

Camp: Westward behind the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:25 **And the duty of the children of Gěrshon** in the Tent of Appointment was the Dwelling Place, and the tent with its covering, and the covering of the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 3:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the door of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place, and their cords, according to all its service.

Total 7,500

Sons of Qeath (Qeathites) by their clans: Amram (Amramites) and Yitshar (Yitsharites), Həbron (Həbronites) and Uzzi'ěl (Uzzi'ělites)

Leader: Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi'ěl

Camp: South side of the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:31 **And their duty** was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the slaughter-places, and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service, and the covering, and all its service.

Total 8,600

Sons of Merari by their clans: Maḥli (Maḥlites) and Mushi (Mushites)

Leader: Tsuri'ěl, son of Aḇiḥayil

Camp: North side of the Dwelling Place.

Duties:

Num 3:36 And the appointed duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets, and its utensils, and all its service,

Num 3:37 and the columns of the courtyard all around, with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords.

Total 6,200

Moses, Aaron and his sons

Chief Leader: El'azar, son of Aharon the priest

Chief Leader duties: To be chief over the leaders of the Lěwites, with oversight of those who guard the duty of the set-apart place.

Camp: East side before the Dwelling Place, before the Tent of Appointment

Priestly Duties:

Guarding the duty of the set-apart place, and the duty of the children of Yisra'ěl. But the stranger who came near was to be put to death.

Total of all registered Levites a new month old and older done by Moses and Aaron:
22,000 The total of the above numbers equal 22,300.

TSK Cross Reference notes the following:

“...This total does not agree with the particulars; for the Gershonites were 7,500, the Kohathites 8,600, and the Merarites 6,200, which make a total of 22,300. Several methods of solving this difficulty have been proposed by learned men. Houbigant supposes there is an error in the enumeration of the Kohathites in Num 3:28; the numeral shesh, "six," being written instead of shalosh, "three," before "hundred." Dr. Kennicott's mode of reconciling the discrepancy, however, is the most simple. He supposes that an error has crept into the number of the Gershonites in Num 3:22, where instead of 7,500 we should read 7,200, as 7, caph final, which stands for 500, might have been easily mistaken for 7, resh, 200 (Dr. Kennicott on the Hebrew Text, vol. II. p. 212). Either of these modes will equally reconcile the difference. Num 4:47-48, Num 26:62; Mat 7:14” [TSK]

Now there is to another counting:

Num 3:40 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Register **all the first-born males of the children of Yisra'ěl from a new moon^a old and above, and take the number of their names.**

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Total: 22,273

Then YHWH gives Moses these specific instructions to ransom the difference:

Num 3:44 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:45 “Take the Lěwites instead of all the first-born among the children of Yisra'ěl, and the livestock of the Lěwites instead of their livestock. And the Lěwites shall be Mine,

I am יהוה.

Num 3:46 “And for the ransom of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the children of Yisra’ël, who are more than the number of the Lěwites,

Num 3:47 you shall take five sheqels for each one, head by head – take it by the sheqel of the set-apart place, the sheqel of twenty gěrahs.

Num 3:48 “And you shall give the silver, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aharon and his sons.”

Num 3:49 And Mosheh took the ransom silver from those who were over and above those who were ransomed by the Lěwites.

Num 3:50 From the first-born of the children of Yisra’ël he took the silver, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five pieces, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place.

Num 3:51 And Mosheh gave their ransom silver to Aharon, and to his sons, according to the word of יהוה, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Total pieces of ransom silver given to Aaron and his sons: $273 \times 5 = 1,365$ pieces of silver

Num 18:6 “And see, **I Myself have taken your brothers the Lěwites from the midst of the children of Yisra’ël – a gift to you, given by יהוה, to do the service of the Tent of Appointment.**

Num 18:7 “But you and your sons with you are to guard your priesthood for all matters at the slaughter-place and behind the veil, and you shall serve. I have given you the priesthood as a gift for service, but the stranger who comes near is put to death.”

Eph 4:10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.

Eph 4:11 And **He Himself gave some as emissaries, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers**

Eph 4:12 for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the work of service to a building up of the body of the Messiah,

Eph 4:13 until we all come to the unity of the belief and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of Messiah,

Eph 4:14 so that we should no longer be children, tossed and borne about by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men, in cleverness, unto the craftiness of leading astray,^b Footnote:

^bSee Eph 5:6, also 2Co 10:5, 2Co 11:3-14, Gal 1:6-9, 2Ti 3:1-8, 2Ti 4:2-4, 2Pe 2:2-22, Jud 1:10-19.

Eph 4:15 but, maintaining the truth in love, we grow up in all respects into Him who is the head, Messiah,

Eph 4:16 from whom the entire body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the working by which each part does its share, causes growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Numbers 4

Process for breaking camp: YHWH speaks to both Moses and Aaron for there is more counting to be done for the designated tabernacle duties when breaking camp. It was a big undertaking and it would need to be very orderly.

Duties of the Kohathites

Num 4:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, and to Aharon, saying,

Num 4:2 “**Take a census of the sons of Qehath** from among the children of Lěwi, by their clans, by their fathers’ house,

Num 4:3 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the Tent of Appointment.

Num 4:4 “This is the service of the sons of Qehath in the Tent of Appointment, the most set-apart matters:

Num 4:5 “At the breaking of camp, Aharon and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Witness with it,

Num 4:6 and shall put on it a covering of fine leather, and spread over that an all-blue wrapper, and shall insert its poles.

Num 4:7 “And on the table of showbread they shall spread a blue wrapper, and shall put on it the dishes, and the ladles, and the bowls, and the jars for pouring, and the showbread on it.

Num 4:8 “And they shall spread over them a scarlet wrapper, and cover the same with a covering of fine leather, and shall insert its poles,

Num 4:9 and shall take a blue wrapper and cover the lampstand of the light, with its lamps, and its snuffers, and its trays, and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it.

Num 4:10 “And they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of fine leather, and put it on a bar.

Num 4:11 “And over the golden slaughter-place they shall spread a blue wrapper, and cover it with a covering of fine leather, and shall insert its poles,

Num 4:12 and shall take all the utensils of service with which they serve in the set-apart place, and shall put them in a blue wrapper, cover them with a covering of fine leather, and put them on a bar,

Num 4:13 and shall remove the ashes from the slaughter-place, and spread a purple wrapper over it,

Num 4:14 and shall put on it all its utensils by which they serve there: the fire holders, the forks, and the shovels, and the basins, and all the utensils of the slaughter-place, and shall spread on it a covering of fine leather, and insert its poles.

Aaron and his sons: Consecrated and ordained priests

Duties: Applied the very specific covering of the set-apart objects and all the furnishings of the Set-apart Place at the breaking of camp

El'azar, son of Aharon the priest: Consecrated and ordained priest

Duties: Oversight of the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily grain offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the Dwelling Place and all that is in it, with the set-apart place and its furnishings.”

Num 4:15 “And when Aharon and his sons have finished covering the set-apart *objects* and all the furnishings of the Set-apart Place at the breaking of camp, then the sons of Qehath shall come to lift them, but let them not touch that which is set-apart, lest they die. These *matters* are the burden of the **sons of Qehath** in the Tent of Appointment.

Num 4:16 “And **the oversight of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest**, is the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily grain offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the Dwelling Place and all that is in it, with the set-apart place and its furnishings.”

Census of the sons of Qehath: Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 2,750

Duties: Work related to the Tent of Appointment, the most set-apart matters. After Aaron and his sons applied the coverings to the set-apart objects and all the furnishings, then “the sons of Qehath shall come to lift them but let them not touch that which is set-apart, lest they die. These matters are the burden of the **sons of Qehath** in the Tent of Appointment.”

To prevent the death of those belonging to the Qehathites clan, Aaron and his sons would need to give them specifics; and work closely beside them. The ordained and consecrated priests would first need to do the proper coverings of all the set-apart items. We read:

Num 4:17 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, and to Aharon, saying,

Num 4:18 “Do not cut off the tribe of the clans of the Qehathites from among the Lēwites,

Num 4:19 but do this to them, and they shall live and not die when they approach the most set-apart *objects*: **Aharon and his sons shall go in and appoint each of them to his service and his burden.**

Num 4:20 “They are not, however, to go in to watch while the set-apart *objects* are being covered, lest they die.”

Num 4:21 And יהוה¹ spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 4:22 “Take a census also of the sons of Gěrshon, by their fathers’ house, by their clans.

Num 4:23 “Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter to perform the service, to do the service in the Tent of Appointment.

Num 4:24 “This is the service of the clans of the Gěrshonites, in serving and in bearing burdens:

Census of the sons of Gěrshon: Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 2,630

Duties: (Service and bearing burdens)

Num 4:25 “And they shall bear the curtains of the Dwelling Place and the Tent of Appointment with its covering, the covering of fine leather that is on it, the covering for the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 4:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering for the door of the gate of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and slaughter-place, and their cords, all the equipment for their service and all that is made for them – so shall they serve.

Num 4:27 “At the mouth of Aharon and his sons is all the service of the sons of the Gěrshonites, all their burden and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all the duty of all their burden.

Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest: Consecrated and ordained priest.

Duties:

Num 4:28 “This is the service of the clans of the **sons of Gěrshon** in the Tent of Appointment. And let their duties be **under the hand of Ithamar**, son of Aharon the priest.

Num 4:29 “As for the **sons of Merari**, register them by their clans and by their fathers’ house.

Num 4:30 “Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work of the Tent of Appointment.

Census of the sons of Merari: Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 3,200

Duties:

Num 4:31 “And this is the duty of their burden, according to all their service for the Tent of Appointment: the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets,

Num 4:32 and the columns around the courtyard with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords, with all their equipment and all their service. And assign *to each* by name the equipment of the duty of their burden.

Num 4:33 “This is the service of the clans of the **sons of Merari**, as all their service for the Tent of Appointment, under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.”

Num 4:34 So Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of the congregation registered the **sons of the Qehathites** by their clans and by their fathers' house,

Num 4:35 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment.

Num 4:36 And their registered ones, by their clans, were **two thousand seven hundred and fifty.**

Num 4:37 These were the registered ones of the clans of the Qehathites, all those serving in the Tent of Appointment, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh.

Num 4:38 And those registered ones of the **sons of Gërshon**, by their clans and by their fathers' house,

Num 4:39 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment,

Num 4:40 the registered ones, by their clans, by their fathers' house, were **two thousand six hundred and thirty.**

Num 4:41 These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Gërshon, of all who serve in the Tent of Appointment, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה.

Num 4:42 And those of the clans of the **sons of Merari** who were registered, by their clans, by their fathers' house,

Num 4:43 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment,

Num 4:44 the registered ones, by their clans were **three thousand two hundred.**

Num 4:45 These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh.

Num 4:46 All the registered ones of the Lěwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of Yisra'ěl registered, by their clans and by their fathers' houses,

Thus, were they registered as YHWH had commanded Moses

Num 4:47 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who came to do the work of **service and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Appointment**,

Num 4:48 their registered ones were **eight thousand five hundred and eighty.**

Grand Total: 2750 + 2,630 + 3200 = 8,580

Hosea 1

Hos 1:1 The word of יהוה that came to Hoshĕa son of Be'ĕri, **in the days of**

- + Uzziyah,
- + Yotham,
- + Aĥaz, and
- + Yehizqiyah, **sovereigns of Yehudāh**,
- + and in the days of Yarob'am son of Yo'ash, **sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.**

Hosea's Wife and Children

Hos 1:2 The beginning of the word of יהוה with Hoshĕa. And יהוה said to Hoshĕa,

- + “Go, take yourself a woman of whoring and children of whoring, for the land has utterly whored away from יהוה.”
- + **Hos 1:3** So he went and took Gomer, daughter of Diblayim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Hos 1:4 And יהוה said to him,

- + “Call **his name Yizre'ĕl, for in a little while I shall revenge the bloodshed of Yizre'ĕl on the house of Yĕhu**, and put an end to the reign of the house of Yisra'ĕl.
- + **Hos 1:5** “And it shall be in that day that I shall break the bow of Yisra'ĕl in the Valley of Yizre'ĕl.”

Hos 1:6 **And she conceived again and bore a daughter.** And He said to him,

- + “Call her name **Lo-Ruhamah**, for no longer do I have compassion on the house of Yisra'ĕl so as to forgive them at all. BDB Defn. Lo-ruhamah = “no mercy”
- + **Hos 1:7** “But I shall have compassion on the house of Yehudāh and save them by יהוה their Elohim, and not save them by bow or by sword or battle, by horses or horsemen.”

Hos 1:8 And she weaned Lo-Ruhamah, and conceived and bore a son,

✚ Hos 1:9 then He said, “Call his name **Lo-Ammi**, for you are not My people, and I am not for you. BDB Defn. Lo-ammi = “not my people”

Hos 1:10 “Yet the number of the children of Yisra'el shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor counted. **And it shall be in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' they shall be called,**

'You are the sons of the living Ēl.'

Hos 1:11 “And **the children of Yehudah and the children of Yisra'el shall be gathered together, and appoint for themselves one head, and shall come up out of the earth, for great is the day of Yizre'el!**

Make no mistake. We are present in Hosea 1:10-11. His Word is still being fulfilled and we exist within its very pages. We are Israel. We are being gathered as the one new man with Yahusha HaMashiach as head. [Col. 1:18] The two sticks becoming one.

The Future Glory of Israel

Isa 60:1 “Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the esteem of יהוה has risen upon you.

Isa 60:2 “For look, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. But יהוה arises over you, and His esteem is seen upon you.

Isa 60:3 “And the nations shall come to your light,^a and sovereigns to the brightness of your rising. Footnote: ^a [Isa 60:19-20](#), [Rev 21:23-24](#).

Isa 60:4 “Lift up your eyes all around and see: all of them have gathered, they have come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are supported on the side.

Isa 60:5 “Then you shall see and be bright, and your heart shall throb and swell, for the wealth of the sea is turned to you, the riches of the nations come to you.

Isa 60:6 “A stream of camels cover your land, the dromedaries of Midyan and Ēphah; all those from Sheḅa come, bearing gold and incense, and proclaiming the praises of יהוה.

Isa 60:7 “All the flocks of Qēḏar are gathered to you, the rams of Neḅayoth serve you; they come up for acceptance on My slaughter-place, and I embellish My esteemed House.

Isa 60:8 “Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

Isa 60:9 “Because the coastlands wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the Name of יהוה your Elohim, and to the Set-apart One of Yisra'el, because He has adorned you.

Isa 60:10 “And the sons of foreigners shall build your walls, and their sovereigns serve you. For in My wrath I have stricken you, but in My delight I shall have compassion on you.

Isa 60:11 “And your gates shall be open continually, they are not shut day or night, to bring to

you the wealth of the nations, and their sovereigns in procession.

Isa 60:12 “For the nation and the reign that do not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Isa 60:13 “The esteem of Lebanon shall come to you, cypress, pine, and the box tree together, to embellish the place of My set-apart place. And I shall make the place of My feet esteemed.

Isa 60:14 “And the sons of those who afflicted you come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall bow themselves at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you: City of יהוה, Tsiyon of the Set-apart One of Yisra'el.

Isa 60:15 “Instead of you being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through you, I shall make you an everlasting excellence, a joy of many generations.

Isa 60:16 “And you shall suck the milk of the nations, and shall suckle the breast of sovereigns. And you shall know that I, יהוה, your Saviour and your Redeemer, am the Mighty One of Ya'aqob.

Isa 60:17 “Instead of bronze I bring gold, and instead of iron I bring silver, and bronze instead of wood, and iron instead of stones. And I shall make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness.

Isa 60:18 “Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor ruin within your borders. And you shall call your walls Deliverance, and your gates Praise.

Isa 60:19 “No longer is the sun your light by day, nor does the moon give light to you for brightness, but יהוה shall be to you an everlasting light, and your Elohim your comeliness.

Isa 60:20 “No longer does your sun go down, nor your moon withdraw itself, for יהוה shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

Isa 60:21 “And your people, all of them righteous, shall inherit the earth forever – a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to be adorned.

Isa 60:22 “The little shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation.^b ו יהוה, shall hasten it in its time.” Footnote: ^bSee [Isa 41:14](#), [Dan 2:34-44](#).

Hosea 2

Israel's Unfaithfulness Punished

Hos 2:1 “Say to your brothers,

❖ **‘O my people,’** and to your sisters, ‘O, compassionate one.’

Zec 13:8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares יהוה, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein.

Zec 13:9 “And **I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My Name,^b and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘יהוה is my Elohim.’”** Footnote:

^b [Zep 3:9](#).

Eze 37:27 “And My Dwelling Place shall be over them. And I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

❖ **Hos 2:2** “Strive with your mother, strive, for she is not My wife, nor am I her

Husband!

- ❖ Let her put away her whorings from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts,
 - [Hos 2:3](#) lest I strip her naked, and shall set her up as on the day she was born, and shall make her like a wilderness, and shall set her like a dry land, and shall put her to death with thirst.

[Mat 23:37](#) “Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her! How often I wished to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you would not!

[Mat 23:38](#) “**See! Your house is left to you laid waste,** [Jer 22:5](#).

[Mat 23:39](#) for I say to you, from now on you shall by no means see Me, until you say, ‘**Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of יהוה!**’ ” [Psa 118:26](#).

- ❖ [Hos 2:4](#) “And I shall not have compassion on her children, for they are the children of whorings.

[Eze 9:10](#) “But as for Me, My eye shall not pardon, nor would I spare, I shall recompense their deeds on their own head.”

[Zec 1:12](#) And the messenger of יהוה answered and said, “O יהוה of hosts, how long would You have no compassion on Yerushalayim and on the cities of Yehudah, against which You were enraged these seventy years?”

- ❖ [Hos 2:5](#) “For their mother has whored, she who conceived them has acted shamelessly. For she said, ‘I go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.’

[Rev 17:1](#) And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, “Come, I shall show you the judgment of the great whore sitting on many waters,^a Footnote: ^aSee [Rev 17:15](#).

[Rev 17:2](#) with whom the sovereigns of the earth committed whoring, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her whoring.”^b Footnote: ^b [Jer 51:7](#).

[Rev 17:3](#) And he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast covered with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

[Rev 17:4](#) And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup filled with abominations and the filthiness of her whoring,^b Footnote: ^b [Jer 51:7](#).

[Rev 17:5](#) and upon her forehead a name written, a secret: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Hos 2:6 “Therefore, see, I am hedging up your way with thorns, and I shall wall her in, so that she does not find her paths.”

Luk 19:43 “Because days shall come upon you when your enemies shall build a rampart around you, and surround you and press you on all sides,

❖ **Hos 2:7** “And she shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and shall seek them but not find them.

Luk 15:17 “But having come to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I am perishing with hunger!

Luk 15:18 Having risen, I shall go to my father and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against the heaven, and before you,

Luk 15:19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’

Luk 15:20 “And having risen, he went to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Dan 4:25 “That you are going to be driven away from men, and your dwelling be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like oxen, and you be wetted with the dew of the heavens, and seven times pass over you, till you know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and that He gives it to whomever He wishes.

It was interesting to read Daniel 4:25 as a cross-reference to Hosea 2:7. It revealed a whole different perspective. Please allow me a moment to share.

All twelve tribes have been driven away from men and have been dwelling with the beasts of the field. We are a set-apart people in a wilderness. We ate the ‘grass’ of our nation’s cultures and found no lasting shelter of protection. Seven times would pass over us, such as 7 millenniums. Now we are in the season of truly knowing the Most High in all His reign and glory. He truly has given to whomever He wishes. His remnant bride is awakening to her first love and she seeks the arms of her beloved.

Jer 14:20 **וַיָּדָעוּ**, we know our wrong and the crookedness of our fathers, **for we have sinned against You.**

Jer 14:21 Do not scorn us, for Your Name’s sake. Do not despise the throne of Your esteem. **Remember, do not break Your covenant with us.**

Jer 14:22 **Are there among the worthless idols of the nations any causing rain? And do the heavens give showers? Are You not He, וַיָּדָעוּ our Elohim? And we wait for You, for You are the One who does all this.**

- ❖ Then she shall say, 'Let me go and return to my first husband, for then it was better for me than now.'
- ❖ Hos 2:8 "And she did not acknowledge that I gave her grain, and new wine, and oil, and increased her silver and gold which they prepared for Ba'al.

Act 17:23 "For passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found a slaughter-place with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN MIGHTY ONE. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make Him known to you:

Act 17:24 "יהוה, who made the world and all that is in it, this One being Master of heaven and earth, does not dwell in dwellings made with hands.^a Footnote: ^aSee Act 7:48.

Act 17:25 "Nor is He served with men's hands – as if needing any – Himself giving to all life, and breath, and all *e*/se.

Hos 2:9 "Therefore I shall turn back and shall take my grain in its time and My new wine in its appointed time, and I shall take away My wool and My linen covering her nakedness."

Zep 1:13 "And their wealth shall become plunder, and their houses laid waste. And they shall build houses but not inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards but not drink their wine."

- ❖ Hos 2:10 "And now I shall uncover her shame before the eyes of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her from My hand.

Mic 5:8 And the remnant of Ya'aqob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of a forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, shall both tread down and shall tear, and there is no one to deliver.

- ❖ Hos 2:11 "And I shall cause all her rejoicing, her festivals, her New moons, and her Sabbaths, even all her appointed times, to cease,

Amo 8:9 "And it shall be in that day," declares the Master יהוה, "that I shall cause the sun to go down at noon, and shall darken the earth on a day of brightness,

Amo 8:10 and shall turn your festivals into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation, and bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head, and shall make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a day of bitterness.

- ❖ Hos 2:12 and lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, 'these are my harlot-fees that my lovers have given me.' And I shall make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

Jer 26:18 “Miḱayah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Ḥizqiyahu the sovereign of Yehudāh, and he spoke to all the people of Yehudāh, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, “Tsiyon shall become a ploughed field, and Yerushalayim be heaps, and the mountain of the House like the bare hills of the forest.”’

- ❖ Hos 2:13 “**And I shall punish her for the days of the Ba’als to which she burned incense and adorned herself with her rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, and forgot Me,**” declares יהוה.

Jer 2:23 “How do you say, ‘I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Ba’als’? See your way in the valley, know what you have done: a swift dromedary breaking loose in her ways,

Jer 2:24 a wild donkey used to the wilderness, sniffing the wind in the desire of her being – in her time of mating, who turns her away? All those who seek her need not weary themselves; in her month^e they find her.^f Footnotes: ^eHebrew: Chodesh - New moon.
^fOn heat.

Jer 2:25 “Keep your foot from being bare, and your throat from thirst. But you said, ‘It is useless, because I love strangers, and after them I go.’

YHWH's Mercy on Israel

Hos 2:14 “Therefore, see, I am alluring her, and shall lead her into the wilderness, and shall speak to her heart,

Zep 3:9 “For then I shall turn unto the peoples a clean lip,^b so that they all call on the Name of יהוה, to serve Him with one shoulder. Footnote: ^bOr *language*.

Zep 3:10 “From beyond the rivers of Kush my worshippers, the daughter of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering.

Zep 3:11 “In that day you shall not be put to shame for any of your deeds in which you have transgressed against Me, for then I shall remove from your midst your proud exulting ones, and you shall no more be haughty in My set-apart mountain.

Zep 3:12 “But I shall leave in your midst an oppressed and poor people, and they shall trust in the Name of יהוה.

Zep 3:13 “The remnant of Yisra’ēl shall do no unrighteousness and speak no falsehood,^c nor is a tongue of deceit found in their mouth. For they shall feed their flocks and lie down, with none to frighten them.” Footnote: ^cSee [Rev 14:5](#).

Israel's Joy and Restoration

Zep 3:14 Shout for joy, O daughter of Tsiyon! Shout, O Yisra’ēl! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Yerushalayim!

Zep 3:15 יהוה has turned aside your judgments. He has faced your enemy. The Sovereign of Yisra’ēl, יהוה, is in your midst.^d No longer need you fear evil. Footnote: ^dSee [Zep 3:17](#).

Zep 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Yerushalayim, “Do not fear, Tsiyon, do not let your

hands be weak.

Zep 3:17 “יהוה your Elohim in your midst, is mighty to save. He rejoices over you with joy, He is silent in His love, He rejoices over you with singing.”

Zep 3:18 “I shall gather those who grieve about the appointed time, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden.

Zep 3:19 “See, I am dealing with all those afflicting you at that time. And I shall save the lame, and gather those who were cast out. And I shall give them for a praise and for a name in all the earth where they were put to shame.

Zep 3:20 “At that time I shall bring you in, even at the time I gather you, for I shall give you for a name, and for a praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes,” said יהוה.

- ❖ Hos 2:15 and give to her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Aḵor as a door of expectation.
- ❖ And there she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

We will call Him, ‘My Husband.’

Hos 2:16 “And it shall be, in that day,” declares יהוה, “that you call Me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer call Me ‘My Ba'al.’”

Rev 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him praise, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife prepared herself.”

Hos 2:17 “And I shall remove the names of the Ba'als from her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.”

Zec 13:2 “And it shall be in that day,” declares יהוה of hosts, “that I cut off the names of the idols from the earth,^a and they shall be remembered no more, and I shall also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the earth. Footnote: ^a [Exo 23:13](#), [Deu 12:3](#), [Jos 23:7](#), [Hos 2:17](#), [Zep 3:9](#).”

Hos 2:18 “And in that day I shall make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping creatures of the ground, when bow, and sword, and battle I break from the earth. **And I shall make them lie down in safety.**”

Isa 11:6 And a wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a leopard lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child leads them.

Isa 11:7 And cow and bear shall feed, their young ones lie down together, and a lion eat straw like an ox.

Isa 11:8 And the nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the adder's den.

Isa 11:9 They do no evil nor destroy in all My set-apart mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of יהוה as the waters cover the sea.^a Footnote: ^a [Hab 2:14](#).

He will take us for His bride.

Hos 2:19 **“And I shall take you as a bride unto Me forever, and take you as a bride unto Me in righteousness, and in right-ruling, and loving-commitment and compassion.”**

Rev 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him praise, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife prepared herself.”

Rev 19:8 And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the set-apart ones.

Rev 19:9 And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true words of Elohim.”

Rev 21:2 And I, Yoḥanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.”

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim,

Hos 2:20 **“And I shall take you as a bride unto Me in trustworthiness, and you shall know יהוה.”**

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of Elohim has come and has given us an understanding, so **that we might know** the true One. And **we are in the true One**, in His Son יהושע Messiah. This is the true Elohim and everlasting life.

Hos 2:21 “And it shall be in that day that I answer,” declares יהוה, “that I answer the heavens, and they answer the earth,

1Co 3:21 So then, let no one boast in men, for all belongs to you,

1Co 3:22 whether Sha'ul or Apollos or Kēpha, or the world, or life, or death, or the present or the future – all belongs to you.

1Co 3:23 And you belong to Messiah, and Messiah belongs to Elohim.

Hos 2:22 and the earth answer the grain and the new wine and the oil, and they answer Yizre'el.

Hos 2:23 **“And I shall sow her for Myself in the earth, and I shall have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion. And I shall say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people,’ while they say, ‘My Elohim!’ ”**

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, “See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and **He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.**^b [Lev 26:11-12](#) Footnote: ^bAlso see [Isa 7:14](#), [Isa 8:8](#), [Isa 8:10](#), [Jer 31:33](#), [Eze 37:27](#), [2Ch 6:18](#).

Rev 21:4 “And Elohim shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying. And there shall be no more pain, for the former *matters* have passed away.”

What a glorious day that shall be! Wow! What a chapter!!!

Luke 16

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager – The unrighteous manager definitely acted shrewdly to look out for himself, even at the expense of his master. The ‘sons of this age’ are shrewder than the ‘sons of light’. They make their plans in the dark and asks who sees us and who knows us? (Paraphrased Isaiah 29:15). Conniving shrewd deeds are praised by the ‘sons of this age’.

In contrast, YHWH’s people are set-apart to Him. They conduct themselves righteously. They know that everything that is concealed will be revealed. They also know, that no one can serve two masters. YHWH’s people serve Him only.

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Luk 16:1 And He also said to His taught ones, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager and he was accused to him as wasting his possessions.

Luk 16:2 “So having called him he said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, for you are no longer able to be manager.’

Luk 16:3 “And the manager said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is

taking the managership away from me. I am unable to dig, I am ashamed to beg.

Luk 16:4 I know what I shall do, that, when I am removed from the managership, they might receive me into their houses.'

Luk 16:5 "And calling every one of his master's debtors to him, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

Luk 16:6 "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

Luk 16:7 "Then to another he said, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

Luk 16:8 **"And the master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly, because the sons of this age are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light."**

Luk 16:9 "And I say to you, **make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon,^a that when you fail, they shall receive you into everlasting dwellings.** Footnote: ^aDeity of wealth.

Luk 16:10 "He who is trustworthy in what is least, is trustworthy also in much. And he who is unrighteous in what is least is unrighteous also in much.

Luk 16:11 "If, therefore, you have not been trustworthy in the unrighteous mammon, who shall entrust to you the true?

Luk 16:12 "And if you have not been trustworthy in what is another man's, who shall give you what is your own?

Luk 16:13 **"No servant is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cling to the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon."**

The Law and the Kingdom of Elohim

The Pharisees listening to the above parable liked their silver (money) too and liked the shrewdness of the 'sons of their age' therefore they sneered at Yahusha. You see, they served 'their' master, mammon / wealth.

Yahusha calls them out on their 'high opinion' or 'righteous opinion' they had of themselves; yet Yahusha knew their heart. He goes on to tell them:

Luk 16:14 And the Pharisees, who loved silver, also heard all this, and were sneering at Him,

Luk 16:15 so He said to them, **"You are those who declare yourselves righteous before men, but Elohim knows your hearts, because what is highly thought of among men is an abomination in the sight of Elohim."**

Luk 16:16 “The Torah and the prophets are until Yoḥanan. Since then the reign of Elohim is being announced, and everyone is doing **violence^b** upon it. Footnote: ^bSee [Eze 22:26](#), [Zep 3:4](#).

Luk 16:17 “And it is easier for the heaven and the earth to pass away than for **one tittle of the Torah to fall.**^c Footnote: ^cSee *Law in the Explanatory Notes*.

The violence being done to the Torah, such as with the Talmud and by not properly dividing and guarding His Word, is further clarified by the following verses.

Eze 22:26 “Her priests have done violence to My teaching^a and they profane My set-apart matters. They have not distinguished between the set-apart and profane, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean. And they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned in their midst. Footnote: ^a [Zep 3:4](#), [Luk 16:16](#).

Zep 3:4 Her prophets are reckless, treacherous men. Her priests have profaned the set-apart place, **they have done violence to the Torah.**^a Footnote: ^a [Eze 22:26](#), [Luk 16:16](#).

Divorce and Remarriage

Yahusha calls the Pharisees out on improper interpretation of Torah in the handling of marriage and divorce.

Luk 16:18 “Everyone putting away his wife and marrying another commits adultery. And everyone marrying her who is put away from her husband **commits adultery.**^d Footnote: ^dSee footnote [Mat 5:32](#).

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luk 16:19 “But there was a certain rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and lived luxuriously every day.

Luk 16:20 “And there was a certain beggar named El'azar, being covered with sores, who was placed at his gate,

Luk 16:21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Indeed, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luk 16:22 “And it came to be that **the beggar died, and was carried by the messengers to the bosom of Abraham.** And **the rich man also died and was buried.**

✚ **Luk 16:23** “And while suffering tortures in She'ol,
 ✚ having lifted up his eyes, **he saw Abraham far away,** and **El'azar in his bosom.**

Luk 16:24 “And crying out he said, ‘**Father Abraham,** have compassion on me, and

send El'azar to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this flame.'

Luk 16:25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your life you received your good, and likewise El'azar the evil, but now he is comforted and you are suffering.'

Luk 16:26 **And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set, so that those who wish to pass from here to you are unable, nor do those from there pass to us.'**

Luk 16:27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

Luk 16:28 for I have five brothers, let him warn them, lest they also come to this place of torture.'

Luk 16:29 "Abraham said to him, **'They have Mosheh and the prophets, let them hear them.'**

Luk 16:30 "And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they shall repent.'

Luk 16:31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Mosheh and the prophets,^e neither would they be persuaded even if one should rise from the dead.' " Footnote: ^eSee [Luk 9:33](#), [Mal 4:4-5](#).

The account of the rich man and Lazarus 'spells it out' for the Pharisees. This account was used to teach deeper truths. The only other thing that would have made it clearer to the Pharisees was if their own names would have been inserted into the account of Lazarus and the rich man. Yahusha clearly warned them about the direction they were headed.

This account reveals that when believers are absent from the body, they are not 'soul sleeping.' Believers that have died after Yahusha's finished work on the cross; are present with YHWH as they await their bodily resurrection from the grave.

The account of Lazarus and the rich man is before Yahusha's death, burial, and resurrection; therefore, it reveals that Lazarus went to the bosom of Abraham or paradise. Not UNTIL Yahusha would tear down the 'partition of separation' or 'open the Door'; would those in Abraham's bosom be able to enter the presence of YHWH.

Just like when Yahusha hung between the two thieves in Luke 23:43 And יהושע said to him, "Truly, I say to you today, you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Yahusha would first descend before ascending. Ephesians 4:10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.

Is it possible that Yahusha went to Paradise, Abraham's bosom, where those by faith had passed on before Him? I would say yes. Yahusha led captivity captive. He is the 'door that was open' in Revelation 4:1. All those that 'died in faith' awaited in Abraham's bosom for Yahusha to open the partition of separation.

Unbelievers that died were also in Sheol; but went to the torment side as did the rich man. These are those that are referred to as the 'dead.' Believers, those that have faith in Yahusha, though they die, they live; and those that believe in Him shall never die at ALL. [Paraphrase John 11:25-26].

Yahusha is the resurrection AND the life! Souls are 'redeemed' in His presence and sing the 'song of the redeemed'; yet, they await the 'resurrection' of their bodies from the grave. YHWH would not mix a clean redeemed soul with a dead rotting corpse.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this."

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?"

Joh 11:27 She said to Him, "Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who is coming into the world."

In 1Samuel, we are given a clear example that Samuel was in the comfort side of Sheol when he tells Saul that he and his sons would be joining him. This is not to say Saul and his sons ended up on the 'comfort' side of She'ol. We just don't know. What we do know is that people could be viewed and recognized in the two sides of Sheol (torment side and comfort side); but between the sides, was a great chasm of separation.

1Sa 28:15 And Shemu'el said to Sha'ul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Sha'ul answered, "I am deeply distressed, for the Philistines are fighting against me, and Elohim has turned aside from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. So I have called you, to reveal to me what I should do."

1Sa 28:16 Then Shemu'el said, "And why do you ask me, seeing יהוה has turned aside from you

and has become your enemy?

1Sa 28:17 “And יהוה has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For יהוה has torn the reign out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to Dawid.

1Sa 28:18 “Because you did not obey the voice of יהוה nor execute His burning wrath upon Amalēq, therefore יהוה has done this matter to you today.

1Sa 28:19 “Further, יהוה also gives Yisra'el with you into the hand of the Philistines. **And tomorrow you and your sons are with me.** יהוה also gives the army of Yisra'el into the hand of the Philistines.”

Deu 32:48 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh that same day, saying,

Deu 32:49 “Go up this mountain of the Aḇarim, Mount Neḇo, which is in the land of Mo'ab, which is opposite Yeriḥo, and look at the land of Kena'an, which I give to the children of Yisra'el as a possession,

Deu 32:50 and die on the mountain which you ascend, **and be gathered to your people, as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.**

Others may not agree with this understanding; but it is always good to share and discuss Scriptures as good Bereans.

Luke 17:1-10

Temptations to Sin

Yahusha shares that in this life, stumbling blocks are inevitable; but He gives a ‘woe’ to those through which they come!

He also reminds us to be willing to lovingly rebuke brethren, seek repentant hearts, and forgive often.

Luk 17:1 And He said to the taught ones, **“It is inevitable that stumbling-blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!”**

Luk 17:2 **“It would be better for him if a millstone is put around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.**

Luk 17:3 “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

Luk 17:4 **“And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day comes back to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”**

Increase Our Faith

Yahusha shares that faith even as small as a mustard seed can even command nature to respond to us. In Him, we each have a measure of faith. We need to walk by that faith. Sometimes we have spiritual obstacles; sometimes we have physical obstacles; sometimes psychological obstacles; sometimes we have obstacles of nature. Faith in Yahusha HaMashiach's authority working in us and through us is the way to deal with any obstacle in life.

Just like in Exodus 14:15 when YHWH said to Moses, **“Why do you cry to Me?”** He was saying, I have given you authority; walk in it; speak; lift up your rod; stretch out your hand and divide the sea!

Exo 14:15 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **“Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and let them go forward.**

Exo 14:16 **“And you, lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and let the children of Yisra'el go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.**

Luk 17:5 And the emissaries said to the Master, **“Give us more belief.”**

Luk 17:6 And the Master said, **“If you have belief as a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.**

Unworthy Servants

By His grace we are blessed to be His servants. It is no longer we that live, but His Spirit that lives in us and through us. He is the Potter; we are the clay. We listen and take shape according to the command of the Potter; this is our reasonable service.

Luk 17:7 **“But who of you, having a servant ploughing or shepherding, would say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’?**

Luk 17:8 **“But would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare somewhat for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you shall eat and drink’?**

Luk 17:9 **“Would he thank that servant because he did what he was commanded? I think not.**

Luk 17:10 **“So also you, when you have done all that **you were commanded**, say, **‘We are unworthy servants, we have done what was our duty to do.’”****

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