



Parasha #35

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Themes of this parasha



Order to isolate the impure



Restitution for Damages Act



Law of Jealousy



Nazarene vow



Priestly blessing



**MEANING:
STAND UP**

NUMBERS 4:21-7:89

Mitzvot



7 positive and 11 negative

Adonai instructed Mosheh concerning the census of the Levites, specifically the descendants of Gershon and Merari, for their service at the Tent of Meeting. Men between the ages of 30 and 50 were counted, as they would be responsible for carrying various items for the Mishkan. The number of Kohathians counted was 2,750, the number of Gershonians 2,630, and the number of Merarites 3,200. In total, 8,580 Levites were registered, all according to Adonai's command.





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The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Command the Israelites to isolate from the camp every leper and anyone defiled by a dead body. Both men and women must be isolated. Keep them outside the camp so that the camp, in whose midst I dwell, will not be defiled." And all the Israelites obeyed just as the Lord had commanded.



Adonai instructed Moshe that anyone who commits a sin against their neighbor is guilty and must confess. They must make restitution to the injured party, adding one-fifth. If there is no relative to make restitution, the item will belong to Adonai and the priest, along with a ram for atonement. All consecrated things and offerings to the priest will belong to him.





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Adonai spoke to Moses, instructing him on how to proceed when a husband suspected his wife of infidelity. They would go to the priest to seek the truth before God. The procedure was as follows: The husband would bring a tenth of an ephah of barley flour as an offering. The priest would tell the woman to approach and stand before Adonai. The priest would mix clean water with a little earth from the floor of the holy place. Then, the woman would hold the offering before Adonai, and the priest would write the consequences on a piece of paper and dip it into the bitter water. He would then give this water to the woman to drink. If the woman was innocent, nothing would happen to her body, and she would be blessed with children. But if she was found guilty of infidelity, drinking the water would make her feel very ill, and her womb would weaken.





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Adonai instructs Mosheh regarding the Nazirite vows. A Nazirite, whether male or female, must abstain from wine and grape products, not cut their hair, and not go near dead bodies during the period of consecration. If they become unclean, they must shave and offer sacrifices to purify themselves. At the end of the vow, they must present offerings at the Tent of Meeting, including a lamb, a ewe lamb, a ram, and unleavened bread. The priest will perform the sacrifices, and the Nazirite may consume wine again after completing their vow.



Adonai spoke to Mosheh and told him to speak to Aaron and his sons, telling them how they should bless the people of Israel:

May Adonai bless you and keep you; may Adonai make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May Adonai lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.



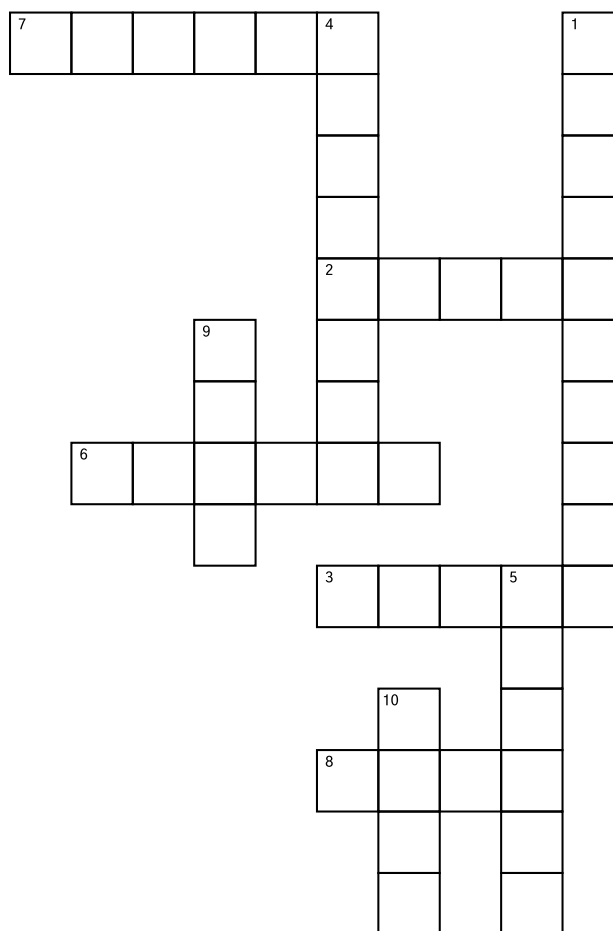


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Read number 6 and solve the crossword puzzle



Across:

2. An instrument that must not pass over the Nazirite's head during his vow. (v. 5)
3. The blessing that Jehovah bestows upon the children of Israel at the end of the priestly blessing. (v. 26)
6. Fruit of the vine that the Nazirite may not eat, whether fresh or dried. (v. 3)
7. A figure whom the Lord instructed, through Moses, on how to bless the people. (v. 23)
8. What the Nazirite must let grow as a sign of his or her holiness. (v. 5)

Down:

1. The place at whose door the Nazirite presents himself or herself upon fulfilling the vow. (v. 13)
4. A man or woman who sets themselves apart by making a special vow to dedicate themselves to the Lord. (v. 2)
5. A drink from which the consecrated person must abstain, along with wine. (v. 3)
9. The Nazirite is forbidden to approach a person in this state, even if they are a close relative. (v. 6)
10. A one-year-old animal brought as an atonement for guilt if the Nazirite became defiled. (v. 12)



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Help Aaron on his journey to bless the Israelite people

