



Parasha #34

Bemidbar במדבר

Themes of this parasha



Census of the Israelite Men



Appointment of the Levites



Camp organization by tribes



Duties of the Levites



Rescue of the firstborn



**MEANING:
IN THE DESERT
NUMBERS 1:1 - 4:20**

Mitzvot



There are no Mitzvot

On the first day of the second month, in the second year after the Exodus from Egypt, the Lord spoke to Mosheh in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai. He said, "You and Aaron shall take a census of the Israelite men twenty years old and older who are able to serve in the army, organized by families. Each tribe shall have a leader accompanying them." The names of these leaders are listed. The people were gathered and registered as instructed.





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And the men counted of the sons of Reuben by their descendants were 46,500; of the sons of Simeon by their descendants were 59,300; of the sons of Gad by their descendants were 45,650; of the sons of Judah by their descendants were 74,600; of the sons of Issachar by their descendants were 54,400; of the sons of Zebulun by their descendants were 57,400; of the sons of Ephraim by their descendants were 40,500; of the sons of Manasseh by their descendants were 32,200; of the sons of Benjamin by their descendants were 35,400; of the sons of Dan by their descendants were 62,700; of the sons of Asher by their descendants were 41,500; and the sons of Naphtali by their descendants were 53,000 Four hundred, making a total of six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty men enrolled for the army. The Levites were not included in this count, as they would be responsible for service in the temple. The Israelites obeyed all of Adonai's instructions.





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Adonai gave instructions to Mosheh and Aaron on how the tribes of Israel should camp. Each tribe took its place around the Tabernacle: Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun to the east; Reuben, Simeon, and Gad to the south; the Tabernacle with the Levite encampment in the middle; Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin to the west; and Dan, Asher, and Naphtali to the north. Each group marched according to its banner. The total number of those enlisted was 603,550, excluding the Levites. Israel did as Adonai commanded.





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These are the descendants of Aaron and Mosheh when Adonai spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai. Aaron's sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire to Adonai, so Eleazar and Ithamar continued the priestly service. Adonai instructed Moses to present the tribe of Levi to assist Aaron and take care of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. The Levites were given to Aaron and his sons for service, while the priesthood remained exclusively for Aaron and his descendants. Adonai declared that the Levites were the replacements for the firstborn of Israel, for He had taken them as His own. The Levites were to be counted by clan: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, each with its specific responsibilities around the Tabernacle. Gershon was in charge of the curtains and coverings; Kohath the Ark, the table, the lampstand, and the sacred utensils; Merari the boards, pillars, and supports. Moses, Aaron, and their sons camped to the east, guarding the entrance to the Tabernacle. In total, the Levites, counted from one month old and older, numbered twenty-two thousand.





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Adonai instructed Mosheh to count all the firstborn males of Israel from one month old and upward; those counted numbered 22,273. The Levites were taken in place of these firstborn and their livestock. For the redemption of the 273 firstborn who exceeded the number of Levites, a redemption of five shekels per head was to be taken. Moses received from the firstborn a total of 1,360 shekels according to the sanctuary shekel and gave the money to Aaron and his sons, fulfilling the command of Adonai.





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Adonai instructed Mosheh and Aaron regarding the number of Kohathites, who would serve in the Tent of Meeting for 30 to 50 years. Details were given on how to cover and transport the sacred objects, including the Ark of the Covenant, the table of showbread, the lampstand, and the golden altar, using cloths of different colors and coverings of badger skin. Aaron and his sons were to be responsible for covering the objects, and the Kohathites were to carry them without touching them. Eleazar, Aaron's son, was to be responsible for the utensils of the Sanctuary. The Kohathites were warned about the importance of not approaching the sacred objects to avoid death.



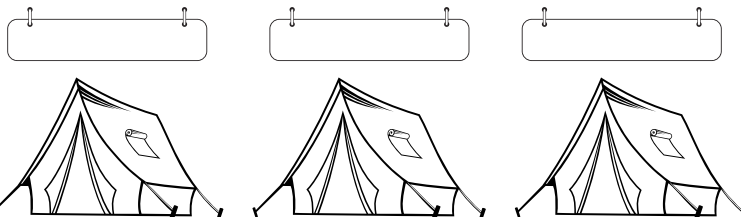


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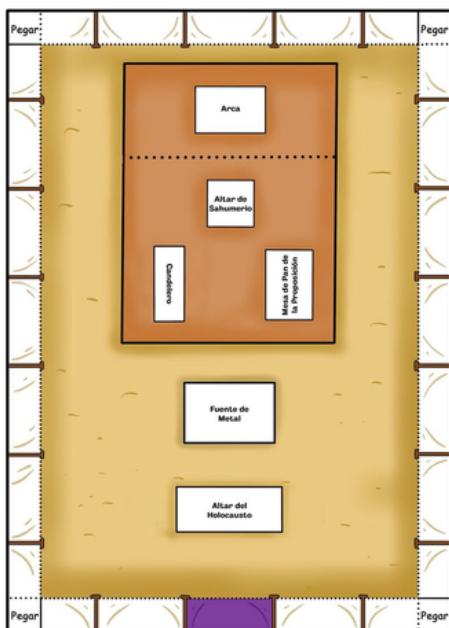
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Read number 2 and write the name of each tribe according to its location

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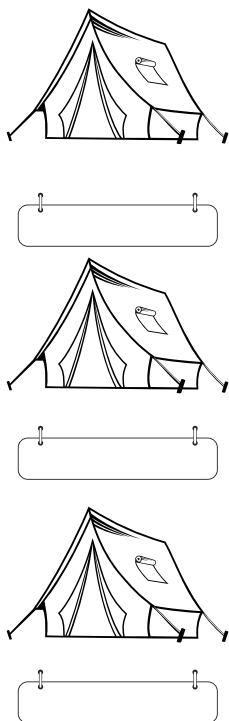
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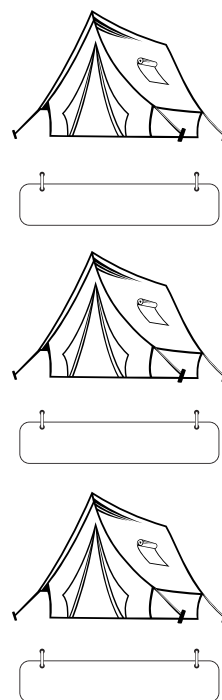
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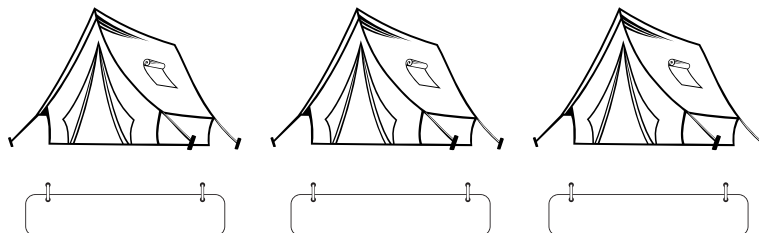
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NORTH



MOSHEH Y AHARON



EAST



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LOOKING FOR TREASURES.

Look in your Bible in the book of numbers (Bemidbar) from chapter 1 to chapter 4 and answer the following questions

1. At what age did they begin to count men? (1:3)

2. Which tribe had 74,600 men? (1:27)

3. Which tribe was not counted in this census? (1:47)

4. Which tribes camped east of the Tent of Meeting? (2:3-7)

5. Which tribes camped south of the Tent of Meeting? (2:10-14)

6. Which tribes were camped on the west side of the Tent of Meeting? (2:18-22)

7. Which tribes were camped on the north side of the Tent of Meeting? (2:25-29)

8. From what age was the census of male Levite children carried out? (3:15)

9. Which clan was encamped on the west side, behind the Tabernacle? (3:23)

10. Which clan was encamped on the south side of the Tent of Meeting? (3:29)

11. Which clan was encamped on the north side of the Tabernacle? (3:35)
