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INTRODUCTION

The name given to this fourth book of the Pentateuch is taken from chapters 1 and 26 detailing the two countings (numberings) of Israel. The Hebrew word in verse 1 meaning “in the wilderness” seems to be a more fitting title since this book comprises the activities of the Israelites in the wilderness for approximately 38 years, the result of their disobedience to God in not entering into the promised land at Kadesh-barnea. The two censuses of the book are important, however, and do relate to the overall themes. The first numbering was for the organization of the people; the second was for reorganization many years later. The death of the older generation necessitated a recount in preparation for possessing the land.

Authorship of Numbers is generally attributed to Moses (see 33:2), even though he is referred to in the third person.

The purpose seems to be the compilation of the recorded beginnings of the working out of the covenant in Israel’s life. It is significant that Israel’s reactions to God’s stipulations are recorded.

The themes depicted show God’s wrath against rebellion, disobedience and unbelief of the older generation with resulting curses. However, the greater theme of God’s everlasting mercy shines through. He did not forsake His people Israel but blessed the succeeding generation by leading them into the promised land as they trusted and obeyed their God.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who gave Moses the command to number the people? v. 1 _____
2. Who exactly was to be included in the census? vv. 2,3 _____

3. List the total count given for each tribe as you read verses 17-44.
Reuben _____ Simeon _____ Gad _____ Judah _____
Issachar _____ Zebulun _____ Ephraim _____ Manasseh _____
Benjamin _____ Dan _____ Asher _____ Naphtali _____
4. Why was the tribe of Levi not counted? vv. 47-51 _____

5. Where did the Israelites pitch their tents? v. 52 _____

6. Where did the Levites camp? v. 53 _____

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In reading this chapter one will see how the organization of the camp was designed according to God's plan.

1. Did the Israelites obey God? v. 34 _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The priestly line and the levitical duties were very important in God's order. For this reason attention is given to these in chapter 3.

1. Name Aaron's sons. v. 2 _____
2. Read the account of Nadab and Abihu (referred to in verse 4) from Leviticus 10:1-7, and tell why they were destroyed by God. _____

3. Who then took over the priestly duties? v. 4b _____
4. Who were to assist Aaron the priest? v. 6 _____
Read verses 7-9 for a description of their work.
5. Who only could serve as priests? v. 10 _____
6. In the census of the Levites as commanded by God (vv. 14,15), who was counted? v. 15 _____

7. How many Levites were there? v. 39 _____

Moses was told to count all the firstborn Israelites a month old or more because the firstborn always had to be redeemed. Moses needed the number and names of those males because God commanded redemption for the 273 who exceeded the 22,000 Levites. Please read this section of chapter 3 carefully as found in verses 40-51.

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The sons of Levi were Kohath, Gershon and Merari. This chapter gives their numberings and duties.

1. What ages were included in the number? v. 3 _____
2. Which part of the tabernacle was the responsibility of the Kohathites? v. 4 _____

Aaron and his sons were responsible to make sure all the furnishings within the tabernacle were covered as the priests were the only ones allowed to see or touch the holy items according to God's commands. Please read verses 5-15 to see the detailed instructions given.

3. What did the Kohathites carry? v. 15b _____

4. Who was in charge of the tabernacle and everything in it? v. 16 _____
5. How did each Kohathite know what his duties were? v. 19 _____

6. What service were the Gershonites to provide? vv. 24-26 _____

7. What was the duty of the Merarites? vv. 31,32 _____

At this time Moses was given command to count the Levites. (In chapter 1 they were not counted with the other tribes.) After the census, each was given a specific assignment of what he was to carry whenever the tabernacle had to be moved. (v. 49)

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who were isolated from the rest of the camp? vv. 2,3 _____

God wants careful attention placed upon purity among His people, both spiritual and physical. Physically it was important for health reasons to have separation from disease. Spiritually, we are commanded by God to keep ourselves unspotted from the world in our walk with Him. (Refer to Rom. 12:2, I John 2:15; 5:4; James 1:27, 4:4; Eph. 5:27.)

2. When an individual commits a wrong against another, what two things must he do? v. 7 _____

3. Read verses 11-31 concerning unfaithful wives and, in your own words, briefly comment about your impressions concerning this passage. _____

CHAPTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Nazirite is taken from the Hebrew word *nazir* meaning “to set apart” (consecrate, devote, separate). This chapter explains the law of the Nazirite.

1. Who could make this special vow to the Lord? v. 2 _____
2. What were the requirements to this vow? vv. 3-8 _____

3. Is this vow for life? vv. 5,6,8 _____

There are examples in scripture of men who took the Nazirite vow for life: Samson (Judges 13:2-7), Samuel (I Samuel 1:28); John the Baptist (Luke 1:13-15) and the Rechabites (Jeremiah 35:1-19). This special consecration of the Nazirites was an example to and also a judgment upon Israel which found it difficult to make a real dedication to God. (See Amos 2:11,12.)

4. How were Aaron and his sons to bless the people? vv. 24-26 _____

CHAPTER 7 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What was the offering the leaders of Israel gave first? v. 3 _____
2. Why did Gershon and Merari get to use carts and oxen and Kohath did not? vv. 6-9 _____

Verses 12-17 give details of the first tribe's offering. Then the next 70 verses repeat the detailed description of what the other eleven tribe leaders gave - the exact same offering. Why would God have this repetition included in scripture? In Romans 15:4 we are told they were "written for our learning"; therefore, we need to take away a lesson from the reading of these 70 verses. Each tribe gave the same offering on the specified day, no matter what rank or strength that tribe possessed. In God's eyes we are all equal and He accepts what we offer to Him regardless of how people see us. When we offer ourselves and gifts as a labor of love (Heb. 6:10), God will not forget.

3. When Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with the Lord, how did God respond? v. 89 _____

CHAPTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The cleansing and setting apart of the Levites is a significant step in preparation for ministry. Verse 7 symbolizes a break with the past lifestyle and a commitment to purity to which believers also are called. (Heb. 10:22)

1. The setting apart of the Levites was witnessed by whom? v. 9 _____
2. What did Aaron do for the Levites? v. 21 _____
3. After the purification was complete, what did the Levites do? v. 22 _____
4. At what age did they retire from that service? v. 25 _____

As the Levites each had their specific tasks in the Old Testament, so do the members of the body of Christ as they serve in the various areas of ministry. (I Cor. 12, Rom. 12)

CHAPTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The Passover served as a memorial of God's grace in delivering Israel from the death angel in Egypt. For this reason, God commanded Moses to keep the Passover at the appointed time. (See Exodus 12.)

1. On what date did they keep the Passover? v. 5 _____
2. How were strangers (Gentiles) to keep the Passover? v. 14 _____
3. What determined when the Israelites would move or stay in camp? vv. 17-22 _____
4. Who gave the command to remain or move? v. 23 _____

CHAPTER 10 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What were the two silver trumpets used for? v. 2 _____

2. When they went into battle and sounded the alarm, what did God do for them? v. 9 _____

The wilderness journeys began in the second month of that year. The process of following God in obedience to **His** decisions when and where to move had begun for the Israelites and would continue for almost 40 years. How much better it would have been if they had only obeyed Him and entered the promised land at the first opportunity.

3. What did Moses say whenever the ark of God set out? v. 35 _____

4. When the ark came to rest, what did he say? v. 36 _____

CHAPTER 11 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who heard the complaints of the people and what was the response? v. 1 _____

2. What caused the fire to die down? v. 2 _____

3. What did the people want for food? v. 4 _____

4. List five questions Moses asked the Lord. vv. 11-13 _____

5. What did Moses wish for from God? v. 15 _____

This is one of Moses' low moments and he was frustrated and ready to quit. He told God he'd rather die than face his own ruin as a leader. He didn't realize that God could take his helplessness and turn it into something good.

6. Who did God instruct Moses to stand with him? v. 16 _____

7. What did God do to ease the situation for Moses? v. 17 _____

8. What promise did God give to the people that would be fulfilled the next day? v. 18 _____

10. Moses was thinking in human terms in verses 21 and 22. But the Lord asked him a question in verse 23. What was it? _____

11. What did the 70 elders do when the Spirit rested on them? v. 25 _____

12. Read verses 26-30 and tell what Moses desired. v. 29 _____

13. How did the Lord give the people meat? v. 31 _____

14. How did God react to the people's actions? v. 33 _____

It was the people's continual lack of trust in God to provide for them that angered the Lord, not the fact that they ate the meat.

CHAPTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who spoke against Moses, and why? vv. 1, 2 _____

2. What testimony is given about Moses? v. 3 _____
3. Who did God call to the tabernacle? v. 4 _____
4. Who had to stand before the Lord? v. 5 _____
5. How did God speak to Moses? v. 8 _____
6. What question did God ask these two? v. 8b _____

God withdrew His presence - what a terrible punishment for anyone!

7. What happened to Miriam? v. 10 _____
8. After Moses prayed (v. 13) for Miriam, what was God's answer? v. 14 _____

Miriam's leprosy not only made her unclean and unable to serve God, but also made it imperative for her to be separated from the people and not be a part of the community. The seven-day period necessitated a standstill for the entire camp since they couldn't journey until she was well. Our actions always affect others and not only ourselves.

CHAPTER 13 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did God tell Moses to do in verse 2? _____

2. How many did he send? v. 2 (vv. 3-15) _____
3. What were Moses' instructions? vv. 18-20 _____

4. What fruit did they carry on a pole? v. 23 _____
5. What other fruit samples did they bring back? v. 23 _____

6. How many days did they spend exploring the land? v. 25 _____
7. After showing the fruit and verifying that the land was good, what negative report did the ten spies give? vv. 28, 29 _____

8. What was Caleb's declaration of faith? v. 30 _____

Caleb, along with Joshua, believed God would help them conquer the land even though they saw the same things when they were spying out the land. Faith in God should keep us from allowing difficult situations from clouding our vision and purpose.

9. What kind of report did the ten give? v. 32 _____
10. How did they see themselves? v. 33 _____

CHAPTER 14 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did all the people do? vv. 1,2 _____
2. What was their solution? v. 4 _____
3. Who spoke to the people? v. 6 _____
4. What exhortation did they give the people? vv. 8,9 _____

5. What was the people's response, and what did God want to do after their response? vv. 10,12

6. Briefly summarize, in your own words, Moses' prayer of intercession. vv. 13-19 _____

7. What was the Lord's response? v. 20 _____
8. What will fill all the earth? v. 21 _____
9. Who would not see the promised land? vv. 22,23 _____

10. Why did Caleb get to see the land? v. 24 _____

11. Who was given a death sentence by the Lord? v. 29 _____

12. Who were the exceptions? vv. 30,31 _____

13. How long would they be in the wilderness? vv. 33,34 _____

14. What happened to the men who gave the bad report? vv. 36,37 _____

When Moses gave the people the words of the Lord, they took it upon themselves to go toward the high hill country. But Moses told them they would not succeed because God was not with them, (v. 43) as indicated by the fact that neither Moses nor the ark of the covenant moved from the camp (v. 44). As stubborn people, however, they went up and were driven back by the Amalekites and Canaanites.

CHAPTER 15 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The laws in chapter 15 (as well as chapters 19 and 20) can be studied in depth in the *Christian Worker Bible Study Series* booklet entitled "Hebrew Law I: Civil Laws & The Tabernacle". It is suggested that this chapter be read in its entirety; then, it would be beneficial for the student to complete the study mentioned for further clarification.

1. I have read chapter 15; please check the box. []

CHAPTER 16 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What four men rose up against Moses and Aaron? v. 1 _____
2. How many joined with them? v. 2 _____
3. What was their complaint? v. 3 _____

The Lord was the one who would determine who is holy (v. 5). Korah didn't like his position as a Levite so he challenged Aaron because he wanted the glory of the priesthood which was given only to Aaron and his descendants. The other three men were more interested in power so they challenged Moses as the leader of Israel. Jealousy was the root cause for this rebellion. One should not jealously desire another's position; God chooses people who are best suited for His plans.

4. Moses questioned Korah about his position into which God had placed him and his sons to serve the Lord in the tabernacle. (vv. 8-10) Then Moses said: (last part of v. 10) _____
5. Against whom have they banded together? v. 11 _____
6. What did Dathan and Abiram say to Moses? vv. 12-14 _____
7. What did Moses tell Korah to do the next day? vv. 16,17 _____
8. Where did they stand after doing this? v. 18 _____
9. Who did Korah gather together with him? v. 19 _____
10. What did the Lord want to do right then? v. 21 _____
11. In verse 22 Moses and Aaron again interceded on behalf of the people. What were the people told to do? vv. 24,26 _____

12. What proof would there be if Moses wasn't sent by God? v. 29 _____

13. How will the people know that those men had rejected the Lord? v. 30 _____

14. What happened when Moses finished speaking? vv. 31-33 _____

15. What happened to the 250 men who were offering incense? v. 35 _____

16. What did they do to the censers of those 250 men, and why? vv. 37-40a _____

17. Who only could offer incense? v. 40 _____

Again the people complained and the glory of the Lord appeared and His wrath wanted to consume the people. Once again, Moses and Aaron interceded.

18. The plague had started so Aaron was told to do what? v. 46 _____

19. As Aaron stood between the living and the dead, what happened? v. 48 _____

20. How many died due to Korah's and the people's rebellion? v. 49 _____

CHAPTER 17 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. In your own words, explain what took place in verses 1-7. _____

2. What occurred the next day when Moses went into the tabernacle? v. 8 _____

3. Were the people able to see that Aaron was God's chosen one? (read verses 9-13) _____

4. What did Moses do with Aaron's rod, and why? v. 10 _____

CHAPTER 18 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The studies entitled “Hebrew Law II: Offerings & Feasts” and “Hebrew Law III: Sacred Offices & Consecrations” of the *Christian Worker Bible Study Series* cover the duties of the priests and Levites and the offerings for the support of the Levites.

1. After reading chapter 18 carefully, check this box. []
2. Where did the priests get their support? vv. 8-13 _____

3. Which portion did the Levites receive? v. 21 _____
4. What portion were the Levites to offer to the Lord? v. 26 _____

Because the Levites offered the best part (vv. 29,32) to the Lord, He gave them the rest and then the holy gifts of the Israelites were not defiled. Giving God the best part (firstfruits) always brings blessings to all. (Prov. 3:9,10)

CHAPTER 19 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

This chapter deals with the laws of purification required for individuals due to the uncleanness caused by contact with the dead. Death represents sin and must be dealt with according to God’s ordinance.

1. What kind of animal was required for the sacrifice? v. 2 _____

2. Where did Eleazar slaughter it? v. 3 _____
3. How many times was he to sprinkle the blood in front of the tabernacle? v. 4 _____
The number seven is associated with God; in this chapter the number seven is used several times.
4. What happened to anyone who refused to go through the process of purification? v. 20 _____

It is always best to follow and obey God’s ordinances and be accepted by Him. (Psalm 25:4)

CHAPTER 20 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who died at Kadesh? v. 1 _____
2. What was the people’s complaint this time? v. 2 _____
3. What directive did God give to Moses? v. 8 _____
4. What did Moses do in verse 11? _____

In verse 10 it appears as though Moses is depending on his own power when he asks the people, “Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” However, God didn’t tell Moses to strike the rock but to **speak** to it and God would provide the power to meet the need. Moses’ disobedience resulted in sin which had to be punished.

5. What was the result of this sin? v. 12 _____

6. What did Moses request of Edom? vv. 14-17 _____
7. What was Edom’s answer even though Israel offered to pay? v. 18 _____

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8. What was to happen to Aaron? vv. 24-26 _____
 9. Who took over the priestly duties and wore the priestly garments? v. 28 _____

CHAPTER 21 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What vow did Israel make to God? v. 2 _____

2. What transpired? v. 3 _____

3. Against whom did the people speak? v. 5 _____
4. As a result, what happened? v. 6 _____

5. What did the people say, and what did Moses do? v. 7 _____

6. The Lord told Moses what to do. What was it? v. 8 _____

7. When anyone looked at the serpent, what transpired? v. 9 _____

It took faith on the part of the people to look at a bronze serpent on a pole and expect healing. It takes faith on our part to look to Jesus, who was lifted up on a cross to take away our sin and provide salvation so we may live. (John 3:14,15)

8. At the well where the Lord gave them water, what did Israel do? v. 17 _____

Read John 4:14 to see how believers today can have a well of salvation springing up into everlasting life. Verses 21-35 explain in detail how God worked with Israel to defeat the enemy and thus take possession of the land.

CHAPTER 22 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who was Balak? vv. 2,4b _____
2. Why was Moab so afraid of Israel? vv. 2-4 _____

3. Who did they send for? v. 5 _____
4. What did the king want Balaam to do? v. 6 _____
5. Who was sent to Balaam on behalf of King Balak? v. 7 _____
6. What question did God ask Balaam? v. 9 _____
7. Balaam told God the message, but what was God's answer? v. 12 _____

Balaam told Balak's princes that God had not given him permission to go with them, and they reported back to Balak. Balak sent a greater number and more honorable men to plead with Balaam to come and he would honor Balaam greatly.

8. What was Balaam's response this time? vv. 18,19 _____

9. That night God spoke to Balaam. What did He say? v. 20 _____

10. Who stood in the way to oppose him? v. 22 _____
11. Who saw the angel? v. 23 _____
12. What did the donkey do? v. 23 _____
13. What did Balaam do to the donkey? v. 23 _____
14. Where did the angel position himself? v. 24 _____

15. What did the donkey do this time? v. 25 _____

16. The angel stood in a narrow place where there was no way to go on either side. What did the donkey do? v. 27 _____
17. What was Balaam's response? v. 27 _____
18. What miraculous sign occurred in verse 28? _____
19. Even more unusual was that Balaam held a conversation with his donkey! What did he wish to do to the donkey? v. 29 _____
20. What question did the donkey ask Balaam? v. 30 _____

21. The Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel. Briefly summarize, in your own words, what the angel said to Balaam. vv. 32,33 _____

22. What was Balaam willing to do? v. 34 _____
23. What did the angel tell him to do? v. 35 _____

24. Where did Balak take Balaam and for what reason? v. 41 _____

CHAPTER 23 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did Balaam tell Balak to do? vv. 1,2 _____

2. Balaam went to a desolate height and God met him there. God put a message in Balaam's mouth and told him to go back to Balak and deliver it. Read verses 7-10. Was this a curse or a blessing?

3. When Balak complained, what was Balaam's response? v. 12 _____

- Balak tried again by taking Balaam to another place and again offering sacrifices. Again God put a word in Balaam's mouth.

4. What does verse 19 reveal about God? _____

5. What was Balaam's declaration in verse 20? _____

6. Balak's response to this blessing is given in verse 25. What did he say? _____

- Balak still wasn't satisfied so he tried once again to get Balaam to curse Israel.

CHAPTER 24 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. When Balaam raised his eyes toward the wilderness, what did he see? v. 2 _____

2. Who came upon Balaam? _____
3. Read verses 3-9 carefully. How does Balaam end this third oracle? _____

Balak got so angry he told Balaam to go home. But Balaam wasn't finished giving the prophecies God had anointed him to deliver so he told Balak what would take place in days to come. The beginning of this oracle shows that Balaam knew this was something direct from God.

4. Who is the star that will come out of Jacob and the scepter that will rise out of Israel? v. 17 (Refer to Hebrews 1:8 and Isaiah 9:2,6,7 also.) _____

Verses 20-24 do not deal with Moab but with other nations probably allied with Moab that would face war and turmoil.

CHAPTER 25 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What sins did the Israelites commit with the Moabites? vv. 1-3 _____

2. What was the Lord's command to Moses? v. 4 _____

One Israelite man had the audacity to bring a Midianite woman (as his wife) right before Moses and the people who were weeping at the entrance of the tabernacle. Israel had to remain separate from pagan religions; righteous indignation arose inside Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest.

3. What did Phinehas do? vv. 7,8 _____

The plague was stopped because of Phinehas' act but not until 24,000 had died. The consequences of sin always result in death. (Romans 6:23)

4. What did the Lord promise to Phinehas and his descendants, and why? v. 13 _____

CHAPTER 26 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Moses was given a command to take a second census of all men 20 years old or more. Notice the reference to Korah's rebellion (chapter 16) in verses 9-11. The mercy of God shows in verse 11: "The line of Korah, however, did not die out." (NIV)

1. Why was this second census necessary? vv. 53,54 _____

2. Notice that the Levites were also numbered in this census. How many male Levites a month old or more were numbered? v. 62 _____

3. How many of the Israelite males 20 years old and above were in this census that were in the first census at Sinai? v. 64 _____ With the exception of which two? v. 65

CHAPTER 27 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Why did the daughters of Zelophehad (a descendant of Manasseh) come to Moses with a special request, and what was the request? vv. 3,4 _____

2. What answer did the Lord give Moses? v. 7 _____

The Lord gave further instructions to all of Israel regarding inheritances if there were no sons in the family.

3. What event did Moses know about before it happened? v. 13 _____

4. Moses wanted the Lord to give Israel a leader because he didn't want the people to be like what? v. 17 _____

5. Who did God choose? v. 18 _____

6. How did Moses commission him? vv. 22,23 _____

CHAPTERS 28 AND 29 - READ THE CHAPTERS FIRST

Verses 1-8 deal with the daily offerings required. (Refer to “Hebrew Law II” study.)

1. In addition to the daily offerings, what offering was added? v. 10 _____
2. When was a special offering held? v. 11 _____
3. Name the special days and feasts listed in the following verses and indicate on what day they were held.
28:16 _____
28:17 _____
28:26 _____
29:1 _____
29:7 (11) _____
29:12 _____
4. How many days did the feast of tabernacles last? 29:35 _____

CHAPTER 30 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

An entire chapter is devoted to the importance of a vow made to the Lord. A man of any age and a widow of any age were bound to keep their vows. However, a woman under her father’s rule or a married woman could have her vows nullified if the father or husband thought it inappropriate. Read the instructions given in this chapter.

1. I have read all of chapter 30. []

CHAPTER 31 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who went with the fighting men to war against the Midianites? v. 6 _____
2. Who were killed? vv. 7b,8 _____

3. Why was Moses so angry with the officers when they returned? vv. 15,16 _____

4. Who did they kill and who were kept alive? vv. 17, 18 _____

5. By what two methods did they purify themselves and all the items? v. 23 _____

6. How was the plunder divided? v. 27 _____

7. How was provision made for the priests and Levites? vv. 28,29,47 _____

CHAPTER 32 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Which two tribes asked Moses for land on the east side of Jordan? v. 1 _____
2. Moses reminded them of the previous generation's disobedience to enter the land. Who followed the Lord wholeheartedly? v. 12 _____
3. They were reprimanded by Moses. If they turned away from following the Lord, what would happen? v. 15 _____
4. What did the Reubenites and Gadites promise? vv. 17,18 _____
5. If they failed to follow through on their promise, what would happen? v. 23 _____
6. Who else decided to accept their land on the east side of Jordan? v. 33 _____

CHAPTER 33 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Verses 1-49 review Israel's journey from Egypt. Read these verses and then check the box. []
2. What six instructions were the Israelites given to follow when they arrived in Canaan? vv. 52-54 _____

CHAPTER 34 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. How many tribes were given an inheritance in Canaan? v. 13 _____
2. Where was the inheritance for the other two and a half tribes? v. 15 _____
3. Who were in charge of dividing the land? vv. 17, 18 _____

CHAPTER 35 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who else was to receive an inheritance in the land? v. 2 _____
2. How many cities were they to receive? v. 7 _____
3. Six cities were to be chosen as cities of refuge. What were these cities for? vv. 10, 12, 15 _____
4. Read verses 16-28. For how long will these statutes be in place? v. 29 _____
5. How many witnesses are needed before a man can be put to death? v. 30 _____
6. Who dwells among the Israelites? v. 34 _____

CHAPTER 36 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Where was the inheritance of each tribe to remain? vv. 7-9 _____
2. How did Zelophehad's daughters respond to these instructions? v. 12 _____

We trust this study has been of profit to you in your walk with God in helping you to gain new insights of God's grace shown to His people. May you be strengthened to believe God for deliverance from situations that seem to be beyond your control, and may you continue to press on into the inheritance that is yours through Christ Jesus.

I have answered all questions to the best of my ability.

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CHAPTER 1

1. the Lord
2. every male from 20 years old or more who are able to go to war
3. Reuben: 46,500, Simeon: 59,300, Gad: 45,650, Judah: 74,600, Issachar: 54,400, Zebulun: 57,400, Ephraim: 40,500, Manasseh: 32,200, Benjamin: 35,400, Dan: 62,700, Asher: 41,500, Naphtali: 53,400
4. God told Moses not to count them because they were given charge of the tabernacle and they were the ones to carry it and its furnishings when the camp moved and were to take it down and set it up
5. by his own camp and own standard
6. around the tabernacle

CHAPTER 2

1. yes

CHAPTER 3

1. Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, Ithamar
2. they offered strange (profane, unauthorized) fire before the Lord against God's command
3. Eleazar and Ithamar
4. the tribe of Levi (Levites)
5. Aaron and his sons
6. every male a month old and above
7. 22,000

CHAPTER 4

1. 30 to 50 years of age
2. the care of the most holy things
3. the things in the tabernacle
4. Eleazar
5. Aaron and his sons assigned (appointed) each his task
6. carry the curtains, coverings and hangings
7. carry the frames (boards), pillars, sockets, ropes (cords) and all related equipment (furnishings)

CHAPTER 5

1. lepers, anyone with a discharge, anyone ceremonially unclean
2. confess and make full restitution
3. answers will vary

CHAPTER 6

1. a man or a woman
2. abstain from wine or other fermented drink, not drink vinegar, not drink grape juice, not eat grapes or raisins, not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not cut hair, not go near a dead body, remain holy during the separation
3. no
4. The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

CHAPTER 7

1. 6 carts and 12 oxen

2. the Gershonites and Merarites were to use the carts for carrying the heavy tabernacle furnishings whereas the Kohathites were to carry the holy things on their shoulders
3. He spoke to him from between the two cherubim on the ark

CHAPTER 8

1. the whole congregation (assembly) of Israel
2. made atonement for them
3. their work in the tabernacle
4. 50

CHAPTER 9

1. 14th day of 1st month
2. the same as the Jews
3. when the cloud moved no matter what time of day or night
4. the Lord

CHAPTER 10

1. call the congregation and directing the movement of the camps
2. remembered them and saved (rescued) them from their enemies
3. Rise up, O Lord. Let your enemies be scattered, and those who hate you flee before you.
4. Return, O Lord, to the many thousands of Israel

CHAPTER 11

1. the Lord. He was angry, sent fire that burned among them and consumed some of them
2. Moses prayed
3. meat
4. Why have you afflicted your servant? Why have you laid the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why tell me to carry them to the promised land? Where can I get meat for all these people?
5. to kill him (put him to death)
6. 70 elders
7. put his Spirit upon the 70 to bear the burden of the people with Moses
8. He would give them meat
9. a month, until it comes out of their nostrils
10. Has the Lord's arm been shortened? (Is there a limit to my power?)
11. they prophesied
12. that all God's people were prophets and He would put His Spirit upon them
13. sent a wind which brought quail from the sea right into the camp
14. anger against them and sent a plague

CHAPTER 12

1. Miriam and Aaron, he married an Ethiopian woman. Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?
2. very meek, humble, more than anyone else
3. all 3 - Moses, Aaron and Miriam
4. Aaron and Miriam
5. face to face, plainly (clearly)
6. Why weren't you afraid to speak against my servant Moses?
7. she became leprous
8. be shut outside the camp for 7 days and then she'll be healed

CHAPTER 13

1. send men to spy out the land of Canaan
2. 12
3. see what the land is like: whether people are strong or weak, few or many; land good or bad; cities like camps (unwalled) or strongholds (fortified); land (soil) rich (fertile) or poor; if there are forests or not; bring fruit samples back

4. grapes
5. pomegranates and figs
6. 40
7. people are strong (powerful), cities are fortified and large, saw the descendants of Anak; the Anakites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites and Canaanites dwell in the land
8. Let us go up at once and take possession for we are well able to overcome it
9. a bad report
10. like grasshoppers

CHAPTER 14

1. wept and complained (grumbled)
2. choose a leader and return to Egypt
3. Joshua and Caleb
4. the Lord will bring us into the land and give it to us, only do not rebel against the Lord nor fear the people of the land, their protection is gone and the Lord is with us, do not hear them
5. talked about stoning them, strike them with pestilence (plagues) and dishonor (disgrace) them and make Moses into a greater and mightier nation
6. answers will vary, refer to vv. 13-19 in the version used by the student
7. I have pardoned (forgiven) them as you asked
8. the glory of the Lord
9. all those men who saw God's miracles and tested Him and did not heed His voice and all who rejected Him (treated Him with contempt)
10. he had a different spirit in him and followed God fully (wholeheartedly)
11. all who complained and were numbered, 20 years old and above
12. Caleb, Joshua and their children
13. 40 years
14. died by the plague

CHAPTER 15

1. X

CHAPTER 16

1. Korah, Dathan, Abiram, On
2. 250
3. You take too much on yourselves, everyone is holy and the Lord is with them so why do you exalt (set) yourselves above the assembly?
4. Are you seeking the priesthood also?
5. the Lord
6. We won't come up, isn't it enough that you brought us out to kill us here and you want to lord over us (be a prince over us)? You haven't brought us into the land nor given us our inheritance; we will not come up.
7. be present before the Lord with all your company and each take his censer and put incense in it and each bring it before the Lord
8. at the door of the tabernacle
9. all the congregation (his followers)
10. consume them (put an end to them at once, destroy them)
11. get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and don't touch anything of theirs or you'll be consumed because of their sins
12. if the men die naturally
13. if the Lord brings about a new thing and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them and they go down alive into the pit (grave)
14. the ground split, earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up with their household and all the men with Korah and all their goods (possessions); they went down alive, the earth closed over them and they perished
15. fire came out from the Lord and consumed them
16. Eleazar picked them up because they were holy and then they were hammered into plates as a covering for the altar to be a sign and memorial to the children of Israel

17. descendants of Aaron
18. make atonement for them
19. the plague stopped
20. 14,700 plus those with Korah

CHAPTER 17

1. refer to vv. 1-7 in the version used by the student
2. the rod of Aaron had sprouted and budded and produced blossoms and almonds
3. yes
4. put it back before the testimony as a sign to the rebels so it would put an end to their complaints (grumbling)

CHAPTER 18

1. X
2. offerings of the people
3. the tithes
4. tenth

CHAPTER 19

1. a red heifer without blemish or defect, never born under a yoke
2. outside the camp
3. 7
4. be cut off from the assembly

CHAPTER 20

1. Miriam
2. there was no water
3. speak to the rock
4. struck the rock twice
5. Moses and Aaron would not enter the promised land
6. to pass through their country
7. you may not go through our land or we'll attack you (come against)
8. would die there
9. Eleazar

CHAPTER 21

1. If you will deliver these people into our hands, we will utterly destroy their cities
2. the Lord delivered them and Israel destroyed their cities
3. God and Moses
4. the Lord sent fiery (venomous) serpents and they bit the people and many died
5. we have sinned when we spoke against the Lord and you; pray that the Lord will take away the serpents from us - Moses prayed for them
6. make a serpent and put it on a pole and when anyone who was bitten looks at it, he will live
7. he lived
8. sang a song, Spring up O well

CHAPTER 22

1. King of the Moabites
2. there were many and they would devour everything around them
3. Balaam
4. come and curse Israel
5. the elders of Moab and Midian
6. Who are these men with you?
7. You shall not go with them, you shall not curse them because they are blessed.
8. Even if Balaam gave me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the Lord to do less or more. Stay tonight and I'll see what else the Lord will tell me.
9. Go with them but say only the word I speak to you.

10. the angel of the Lord
11. the donkey
12. went into the field
13. struck him
14. in a narrow path between two vineyards with a wall on both sides
15. pushed against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against it
16. lay down under Balaam
17. got angry and struck the donkey
18. the donkey spoke
19. kill him
20. Am I not your own donkey and you've ridden me to this day? Have I been in the habit (disposed) to do this to you?
21. refer to vv. 32,33
22. not go, turn back
23. go with them but only speak the word I tell you
24. high places of Baal, to observe (see) the people

CHAPTER 23

1. build 7 altars and make sacrifices
2. blessing
3. Must I not speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?
4. He is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man to repent. When he speaks will he not do (act), or has he spoken (promised) and not make it good (fulfill it)?
5. I received a command to bless. He has blessed and I cannot reverse it.
6. neither curse them at all nor bless them at all

CHAPTER 24

1. Israel encamped according to their tribes
2. the Spirit of God
3. Blessed is he who blesses you and cursed is he who curses you.
4. Jesus the Messiah

CHAPTER 25

1. harlotry (sexual immorality) with the women, idolatry (sacrificed to their gods), worshipped Baal
2. take the leaders, kill them (hang them) in the sun (in broad daylight) so the Lord's anger may turn away from Israel
3. look his javelin (spear) and followed the Israelite into the tent and killed both him and the woman
4. a covenant of everlasting priesthood because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for Israel

CHAPTER 26

1. the land would be allotted (divided) to them as an inheritance based on the number of the names - a larger inheritance to the large tribe and a smaller one to a smaller tribe
2. 23,000
3. none - Caleb and Joshua

CHAPTER 27

1. he had no sons, they wanted a possession (property) so that family's name wouldn't be removed
2. you shall give them a possession (inheritance)
3. his death
4. sheep without a shepherd
5. Joshua
6. had him stand before the priest and all the people, laid hands on him as the Lord had instructed

CHAPTERS 28 AND 29

1. a burnt offering for every Sabbath
2. 1st of each month

3. 28:16 - Passover - 14th day of 1st month
28:17 - Feast of unleavened bread - 15th day of 1st month
28:26 - Feast of Weeks - day of firstfruits
29:1 - Feast of Trumpets - 1st day of 7th month
29:7(11) - Day of Atonement - 10th day of 7th month
29:12 - Feast of Tabernacles - 15th day of 7th month

CHAPTER 30

X

1. Phinehas
2. all the males, the kings and Balaam they didn't kill all the women who were the ones who followed Balaam's advice at Peor and caused them to turn away from the Lord so that a plague was the result
3. all the males and woman who had slept with a man, keep alive the young girls who have not been intimate with a man
4. two parts - between those who took part in the battle and all the people
5. fire and water
6. one out of every 500 was taken out of the army's share to give to the priests; one out of every 50 of the people's share was given to the Levites

CHAPTER 32

1. Reuben and Gad
2. Caleb and Joshua
3. God would leave the people in the wilderness and they would destroy all the people
4. we will go with them to conquer the land and not return until everyone has his inheritance
5. they would sin against the Lord and their sin would find them out
6. half tribe of Manasseh

CHAPTER 33

X

1. drive out all the inhabitants, destroy all the engraved stones (carved images), demolish all the high places, take possession of the land, settle it (dwell in it), divide the land by lot

CHAPTER 34

1. 9 1/2
2. east side of Jordan
3. Eleazar and Joshua and one leader from each tribe

CHAPTER 35

1. the Levites
2. 48
3. a safe place for a person to go if he killed someone - to be safe while awaiting trial
4. through all generations
5. more than one
6. the Lord

CHAPTER 36

1. within its own tribe
2. they married within their own tribe and thus the inheritance remained in their father's tribe