

The Book of  
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**Chapter 1**

**A**nd the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of witness, on the first day of the second month, in the second year of their departure from the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Take the sum of all the congregation of Israel according to their kindred, according to their fathers' houses, according to their number by their names, according to their heads; every male 3 from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth in the force of Israel, take account of them with their strength; thou and Aaron take account of them. 4 And with you there shall be each one of the rulers according to the tribe of each; they shall be according to the houses of their fathers'. 5 And these are the names of the men who shall be present with you; of the tribe of Ruben, Elisur the son of Sediur. 6 Of Simon, Salamiel the son of Surisadai. 7 Of Judah, Naasson the son of Aminadab. 8 Of Issahar, Nathaniel the son of Sogar. 9 Of Zabulon, Eliab the son of Haelon. 10 Of the sons of Joseph, of Ephraim, Elisama the son of Emiud; have Manasse, Gamaliel the son of Phadasur. 11 Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gadeoni. 12 Of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Amisadai. 13 Of Aser, Phagaiel the son of Eهران. 14 Of Gad, Elisaph the son of Raguel. 15 Of Nephthali, Ahire the son of Aenan. 16 These were famous men of the congregation, rulers of the tribes according to their paternal lineage; these are leaders of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who were called by name. 18 And they assembled the entire congregation on the first day of the month in the second year; and they registered them after their birth, after their paternal lineage, after the number of their names, from twenty years old and upwards, every male according to their head; 19 as the Lord commanded Moses, so they were numbered in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the sons of Ruben the firstborn of Israel according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, were all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that went out with the force 21 the numbering

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24 For the sons of Judah according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host, 25 the numbering of them of the tribe of Judah, was seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

26 For the sons of Issahar according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the force, 27 the numbering of them of the tribe of Issahar, was fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

28 For the sons of Zabulon according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the force, 29 the numbering of them of the tribe of Zabulon, was fifty-seven thousand and \* four hundred.

30 For the sons of Joseph, the sons of Ephraim, according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the force, 31 the numbering of them of the tribe of Ephraim, was forty thousand and five hundred.

32 For the sons of Manasse according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the force, 33 the numbering of them of the tribe of Manasse, was thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

34 For the sons of Benjamin according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the force, 35 the numbering of them of the tribe of Benjamin, was thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

36 For the sons of Gad according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the force, 37 the numbering of them of the tribe of

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40 For the sons of Aser according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses, according to the number of their names, according to their head, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the force, 41 the numbering of them of the tribe of Aser, was forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 For the sons of Nephthali according to their kindred, according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their head, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one who goes forth with the force, 43 the numbering of them of the tribe of Nephthali, was fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

44 This is the numbering which Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel, being twelve men, conducted; there was one man for each tribe, they were according to the tribe of their fathers' houses. 45 And the whole numbering of the sons of Israel with their force from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out to do battle in Israel, came to 46 six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites from their fathers' tribe were not counted among the sons of Israel. 48 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 49 See, thou shall not consider the tribe of Levi, and thou shall not take their numbers, in the midst of the sons of Israel. 50 And do thou set the Levites over the Tabernacle of Witness, and over all its items, and over all as many *that are* in it; and they shall perform *the* liturgy in it, and they shall encamp around the tabernacle. 51 And in removing the tabernacle, the Levites shall take it down, and in pitching the tabernacle they shall set it up; and let the stranger that advances die. 52 And the sons of Israel shall encamp, every man in his own order, and every man according to his own rank, with their force. 53 But let the Levites encamp opposite, around the Tabernacle of Witness, and there shall be no sin among the sons of Israel; and the Levites themselves shall keep the guard of the Tabernacle of Witness. 54 And the sons of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron so they did.

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5 And they that encamp next of the tribe of Issahar, and the ruler of the sons of Issahar, Nathaniel the son of Sogar. 6 His forces that were numbered were fifty-four thousand and four hundred. 7 And they that encamp next of the tribe of Zabulon, and the ruler of the sons of Zabulon Eliab the son of Haelon. 8 His forces that were numbered were fifty-seven thousand and four hundred. 9 All that were numbered of the camp of Judah were a hundred and eighty thousand and six thousand and four hundred; they shall move first with their forces.

10 The order of the camp of Ruben; their forces toward the south, and the rulers of the sons of Ruben Elisur the son of Sediur. 11 His forces that were numbered were forty-six thousand and five hundred. 12 And they that encamp next to him of the tribe of Simon, and the rulers of the sons of Simon Salamiel the son of Surisadai. 13 His forces that were numbered were fifty-nine thousand and three hundred. 14 And they that encamp next to them the tribe of Gad; and the rulers of the sons of Gad, Elisaph the son of Raguel. 15 His forces that were numbered were forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty. 16 All who were numbered of the camp of Ruben were a hundred and fifty-one thousand and four hundred and fifty; they with their forces shall proceed in the second place.

17 And the Tabernacle of Witness shall be set forward, and the camp of the Levites between the camps; as they shall encamp, so also shall they commence their march, each one next in order to his fellow according to their companies.

18 The station of the camp of Ephraim *shall be* by the sea with their forces, and the rulers of the sons of Ephraim Elisama the son of Emiud. 19 His forces that were numbered are forty thousand and five hundred. 20 And they that encamp next of the tribe of Manasse, and the ruler of the sons of Manasse, Gamaliel the son of Phadassur. 21 His forces that were numbered were thirty-two thousand and two hundred. 22 And they that encamp next of the tribe of Benjamin, and the ruler of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon. 23 His forces that were numbered were thirty-five thousand and four hundred. 24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were one hundred and eight thousand and one hundred; they with their forces shall set out third.

25 The order of the camp of Dan to the north with their forces; and the rulers of the sons of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Amisadai. 26 His forces that were

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31 All that were numbered of the camp of Dan, a hundred and fifty-seven thousand and six hundred; they shall set out last according to their order.

32 This *is* the numbering of the sons of Israel according to their fathers' houses; all the numbering of the camps with their forces *was* six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty. 33 But the Levites were not numbered with them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

34 And the sons of Israel did all things that the Lord commanded Moses; thus they encamped in their order, and thus they began their march in succession each according to their divisions, according to their fathers' houses.

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**A**nd these *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day in which the Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai. 2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn; and Abiud, Eleazar and Ithamar. 3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests whose hands they confirmed to serve in the priesthood. 4 And Nadab and Abiud died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar served in the priesthood with Aaron their father.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 6 Take the tribe of Levi, and thou shall set them before Aaron the priest, and they shall minister to him, 7 and shall keep his charges, and the charges of the sons of Israel, before the Tabernacle of Witness, to do the works of the tabernacle. 8 And they shall keep all the items of the Tabernacle of Witness, and the charges of the son of Israel as to all the works of the tabernacle. 9 And thou shall give the Levites to Aaron, and to his sons the priests; they are given for a gift to me of the sons of Israel. 10 And thou shall appoint Aaron and his sons over the Tabernacle of Witness; and they shall keep their charge of priesthood, and all things belonging to the altar, and within the veil; and the stranger that touches them shall die.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 12 Behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel, instead of every male that opens the womb from among the sons of Israel; they shall be their ransom, and the Levites shall be Mine. 13 For every firstborn *are* Mine: in the day in which I killed every

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16 And Moses and Aaron numbered them by the voice of the Lord, as the Lord commanded them. 17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names, Gedson, Kaath, and Merari. 18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gedson according to their people; Lobeni and Semei: 19 and the sons of Kaath according to their people; Amram and Issaar, Hebron and Oziel: 20 and the sons of Merari according to their people, Mooli and Musi; these are the people of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

21 To Gedson belong the people of Lobeni, and the people of Semei; these are the people of Gedson. 22 The numbering of them according to the number of every male from a month old and upward, their numbering seven thousand and five hundred. 23 And the sons of Gedson shall encamp to the west behind the tabernacle. 24 And the ruler of *their* fathers' houses of the people of Gedson Elisaph the son of Dael. 25 And the charge of the sons of Gedson in the Tabernacle of Witness the tent and the veil, and the covering of the door of the Tabernacle of Witness, 26 and the curtains of the court, and the veil of the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and the remainder of its entire works.

27 To Kaath *belongs* one people, that of Amram, and another people, that of Issaar, and another people, that of Hebron, and another people, that of Oziel, these are the people of Kaath, according to number. 28 Every male from a month old and upward, eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charges of the holy things. 29 The people of the sons of Kaath, shall encamp beside the tabernacle toward the south. 30 And the ruler of *their* fathers' houses of the people of Kaath, Elisaphan the son of Oziel. 31 And their charge is: the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and all the items of the holy *sanctuary* wherewith they perform *the* holy liturgy, and the veil, and all their works. 32 And the ruler over the ruler of the Levites, Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, appointed to keep the charges of the holy things.

33 To Merari the people of Mooli, and the people of Musi, these are the people of Merari. 34 The mustering of them according to number, every male from a month old and upward, six thousand and fifty. 35 And the rulers of their fathers' houses of the people of Merari were Suriel the son of Abihail; they shall encamp by the side of the tabernacle to the north. 36 The oversight of the charge of the sons of Merari *was* the tops of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all their items, and their works, 37 and the pillars of the court

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40 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number by name. 41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me I *am* the Lord instead of all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the sons of Israel. 42 And Moses counted, as the Lord commanded him, every firstborn among the sons of Israel. 43 And all the male firstborn in number by name, from a month old and upward, were according to their numbering twenty-two thousand and two hundred and seventy-three.

44 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle, and the Levites shall be Mine; I *am* the Lord. 46 And for the ransoms of the two hundred and seventy-three, which exceed the Levites in number of the firstborn of the sons of Israel; 47 thou shalt even take five shekels a head; thou shalt take them according to the holy didrachm, twenty oboli to the shekel. 48 And thou shalt give the money to Aaron and to his sons, the ransom of those who exceed in number among them. 49 And Moses took the silver, the ransom of those that exceeded in number the redemption of the Levites. 50 He took the silver from the firstborn of the sons of Israel, a thousand three hundred and sixty-five shekels, according to the holy shekel. 51 And Moses gave the ransom of them that were over to Aaron and his sons, by the voice of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

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**A**nd the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 2 Take a *full count* of the heads of the sons of Kaath from the midst of the sons of Levi, after their people, according to their fathers' houses; 3 from twenty-five years old and upward until fifty years, every one that goes in to perform the official duties, to do all the works in the Tabernacle of Witness. 4 And these are the works of the sons of Kaath in the Tabernacle of Witness; it is the holy of holies.

5 And Aaron and his sons shall go in, when the camp is about to move, and shall take down the shadowing veil, and shall cover with it the Ark of the Testimony. 6 And they shall put on it a cover, even a blue skin, and put on it above a garment all of blue, and shall put the staves through. 7 And they shall

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9 And they shall take a blue covering, and cover the candlestick that gives light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its funnels, and all the vessels of oil with which they *shall use to perform the* liturgy. 10 And they shall put it, and all its items, into a blue skin cover; and they shall put it on bearers. 11 And they shall put a blue cloth for a cover on the golden altar, and shall cover it with a blue skin cover, and put in its staves. 12 And they shall take all the items of the liturgy, with which they *use to perform the* liturgy in the holy *sanctuary*; and shall place them in a cloth of blue, and shall cover them with blue skin covering, and put them upon staves. 13 And he shall put the covering on the altar, and they shall cover it with a cloth all of purple. 14 And they shall put upon it all the items with which they perform the liturgy upon it, and the fire pans, and the flesh hooks, and the cups, and the cover, and all the items of the altar; and they shall put on it a blue cover of skins, and shall put in its staves; and they shall take a purple cloth, and cover the laver and its foot, and they shall put it into a blue cover of skin, and put it on bars. 15 And Aaron and his sons shall finish covering the holy *things*, and all the holy items, when the camp begins to move; and afterwards the sons of Kaath shall go in to take up; but shall not touch the holy *things*, lest they die; these shall the sons of Kaath bear in the Tabernacle of Witness.

16 Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, is the overseer of the oil of the light, and the incense of composition, and the daily meat offering and the anointing oil, are his charge; even the oversight of the whole tabernacle, and as many *things* that are in it in the holy *place*, in all the works.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 18 Ye shall not destroy the tribe of the people of Kaath from out of the midst of the Levites. 19 This do ye to them, and they shall live and not die, when they approach the holy of holies; Let Aaron and his sons advance, and they shall place them each in his post for bearing. 20 And they shall by no means go in to look suddenly upon the holy things, and die.

21 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 22 Take the rulers of the sons of Gedson, and these according to their fathers' houses, according to their people. 23 Take the number of them from five and twenty years old and upwards until the age of fifty, every one that goes in to perform his official duties, to do His work in the Tabernacle of Witness. 24 This *is* the public service of the people of Gedson, to do their official duties and to carry. 25 And they shall bear the skins

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28 These are the official duties of the sons of Gedson in the Tabernacle of Witness, and their charge by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 The sons of Merari according to their people, according to their fathers' houses, take you the number of them. 30 Take the number of them from five and twenty years old and upwards until fifty years old, every one that enters to officiate the works of the Tabernacle of Witness. 31 And these are the charges of the things borne by them according to all their works in the Tabernacle of Witness; they shall bear the tops of the tabernacle, and the bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and the veil, and their sockets, and their pillars, and the curtain of the door of the tabernacle. 32 And they shall bear the pillars of the court around, and their sockets, and the pillars of the veil of the door of the court, and their sockets and their pins, and their cords, and all their items, and all their liturgical instruments; take ye their number by name, and all the articles of the charge of the things borne by them. 33 These are the official duties of the people of the sons of Merari in all their works in the Tabernacle of Witness, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel took the number of the sons of Kaath according to their people, according to their fathers' houses; 35 from five and twenty years old and upwards to the age of fifty years, every one that enters to officiate the works in the Tabernacle of Witness. 36 And the numbering of them according to their families was two thousand, \* seven hundred and fifty. 37 This is the numbering of the people of Kaath, every one that performs his official duties in the Tabernacle of Witness, as Moses and Aaron numbered them by the voice of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

38 And the sons of Gedson were numbered according to their people, according to their fathers' houses, 39 from five and twenty years old and upward till fifty years old, every one that enters to officiate and to do the works in the Tabernacle of Witness. 40 And the numbering of them according to their people, according to their fathers' houses, was two thousand six hundred and thirty. 41 This is the numbering of the people of the sons of Gedson, every one who performs his official duties in the Tabernacle of Witness; whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the voice of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

42 And also the people of the sons of Merari were numbered according to their people, according to their fathers' houses; 43 from five and twenty years old

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47 from five and twenty years old and upward till fifty years old, every one that enters to *do* the work of the works, and the work of the things that are carried in the tabernacle of witness. 48 And they that were numbered were eight thousand \* five hundred and eighty. 49 He reviewed them by the voice of the Lord by the hand of Moses, appointing each man severally over their work, and over their burdens; and they were numbered, as the Lord commanded Moses.

\* *Codex Alexandrius* reads: "Three hundred and fifty."

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**A**nd the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Charge the sons of Israel, and let them send forth out of the camp every leper, and every one who has a discharge, and every one who is unclean from *touching* a *dead* soul. 3 Whether male or female, send them away outside of the encampment; and they shall not defile their camps in which I live among them. 4 And the sons of Israel did so, and sent them outside of the encampment; as the Lord said to Moses, so did the sons of Israel.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 6 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Every man or woman who shall commit any sin that is common to man, or if that soul shall in anywise have neglected the commandment and transgressed 7 Shall confess the sin which he has committed, and shall make satisfaction for his trespass; he *shall compensate* the principal, and shall add to it the fifth part, and shall make restoration to him against whom he has trespassed. 8 But if a man has no near kinsman, so as to make satisfaction for his trespass to him, the trespass offering paid to the Lord shall be for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which he shall make atonement with it for him. 9 And every first fruit in all the sanctified things among the sons of Israel, whatever they shall offer to the Lord, shall be for the priest himself. 10 And the sanctified things of every man shall be his; and whatever man shall give to the priest, the gift shall be his.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 12 Speak to the sons of Israel, and thou shall say to them, Whosever wife shall transgress against him, and

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15 then shall the man bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring his gift for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil upon it, neither shall he put frankincense upon it; for it is a sacrifice of jealousy, a sacrifice of memorial, recalling sin to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her, and cause her to stand before the Lord. 17 And the priest shall take pure living water in an earthen vessel, and he shall take of the earth that is on the floor of the Tabernacle of Witness, and the priest having taken it shall cast it into the water. 18 And the priest shall cause the woman to stand before the Lord, and shall uncover the head of the woman, and shall put into her hands the sacrifice of memorial, the sacrifice of jealousy; and in the hand of the priest shall be the water of this rebuke *that brings* this curse. 19 And the priest shall adjure her, and shall say to the woman, If no one has slept with thee, and if thou has not transgressed so as to be defiled, being under the power of thy husband, be free from this water of rebuke *that causes* this curse. 20 But if being a married woman thou has transgressed, or been defiled, and any one has gone to bed with thee, beside thy husband; 21 then the priest shall adjure the woman by the oaths of this curse, and the priest shall say to the woman, The Lord bring thee into a curse and under an oath in the midst of thy people, in that the Lord should cause thy thigh to rot and thy stomach to swell; 22 and this water bringing the curse shall enter into thy womb to cause thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot. And the woman shall say, So be it, So be it.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall blot them out in the water of rebuke *that brings* this curse. 24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the water of rebuke *that brings* this curse; and the water of rebuke *that brings* this curse shall enter into her. 25 And the priest shall take from the hand of the woman the sacrifice of jealousy, and shall present the sacrifice before the Lord, and shall bring it to the altar. 26 And the priest shall take a handful of the sacrifice as a memorial of it, and shall offer it up upon the altar; and afterwards he shall cause the woman to drink the water. 27 And it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have altogether escaped the notice of her husband, then the water of rebuke *that brings* this curse shall enter into her; and she shall swell in her belly, and her thigh shall rot, and the woman shall be for a curse in the midst of her people. 28 But if the woman have not been defiled, and be clean, then shall she be guiltless and shall bring forth seed.