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Numbers 26:1 - 51

26 **1** After the plague had ended, the LORD said to Moses and to Eleazar son of Aaron the priest, **2** "From the whole community of Israel, record the names of all the warriors by their families. List all the men twenty years old or older who are able to go to war." **3** So there on the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River, across from Jericho, Moses and Eleazar the priest issued these instructions to the leaders of Israel: **4** "List all the men of Israel twenty years old and older, just as the LORD commanded Moses." This is the record of all the descendants of Israel who came out of Egypt. **5** These were the clans descended from the sons of Reuben, Jacob's oldest son: The Hanochite clan, named after their ancestor Hanoch. The Palluite clan, named after their ancestor Pallu. **6** The Hezronite clan, named after their ancestor Hezron. The Carmite clan, named after their ancestor Carmi. **7** These were the clans of Reuben. Their registered troops numbered 43,730. **8** Pallu was the ancestor of Eliab, **9** and Eliab was the father of Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. This Dathan and Abiram are the same community leaders who conspired with Korah against Moses and Aaron, rebelling against the LORD. **10** But the earth opened up its mouth and swallowed them with Korah, and fire devoured 250 of their followers. This served as a warning to the entire nation of Israel. **11** However, the sons of Korah did not die that day. **12** These were the clans descended from the sons of Simeon: The Jemuelite clan, named after their ancestor Jemuel. The Jaminite clan, named after their ancestor Jamin. The Jakinite clan, named after their ancestor Jakin. **13** The Zoharite clan, named after their ancestor Zohar. The Shaulite clan, named after their ancestor Shaul. **14** These were the clans of Simeon. Their registered troops numbered 22,200. **15** These were the clans descended from the sons of Gad: The Zephonite clan, named after their ancestor Zephon. The Haggite clan, named after their ancestor Haggi. The Shunite clan, named after their ancestor Shuni. **16** The Oznite clan, named after their ancestor Ozni. The Erite clan, named after their ancestor Eri. **17** The Arodite clan, named after their ancestor Arodi. The Arelite clan, named after their ancestor Arel. **18** These were the clans of Gad. Their registered troops numbered 40,500. **19** Judah had two sons, Er and Onan, who had died in the land of Canaan. **20** These were the clans descended from Judah's surviving sons: The Shelanite clan, named after their ancestor Shelah. The Perezite clan, named after their ancestor Perez. The Zerahite clan, named after their ancestor Zerah. **21** These were the subclans descended from the Perezites: The Hezronites, named after their ancestor Hezron. The Hamulites, named after their ancestor Hamul. **22** These

were the clans of Judah. Their registered troops numbered 76,500. **23** These were the clans descended from the sons of Issachar: The Tolaite clan, named after their ancestor Tola. The Puite clan, named after their ancestor Puah. **24** The Jashubite clan, named after their ancestor Jashub. The Shimronite clan, named after their ancestor Shimron. **25** These were the clans of Issachar. Their registered troops numbered 64,300. **26** These were the clans descended from the sons of Zebulun: The Seredite clan, named after their ancestor Sered. The Elonite clan, named after their ancestor Elon. The Jahleelite clan, named after their ancestor Jahleel. **27** These were the clans of Zebulun. Their registered troops numbered 60,500. **28** Two clans were descended from Joseph through Manasseh and Ephraim. **29** These were the clans descended from Manasseh: The Makirite clan, named after their ancestor Makir. The Gileadite clan, named after their ancestor Gilead, Makir's son. **30** These were the subclans descended from the Gileadites: The Iezerites, named after their ancestor Iezer. The Helekites, named after their ancestor Helek. **31** The Asrielites, named after their ancestor Asriel. The Shechemites, named after their ancestor Shechem. **32** The Shemidaite, named after their ancestor Shemida. The Hephherites, named after their ancestor Hephher. **33** (One of Hephher's descendants, Zelophehad, had no sons, but his daughters' names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.) **34** These were the clans of Manasseh. Their registered troops numbered 52,700. **35** These were the clans descended from the sons of Ephraim: The Shuthelahite clan, named after their ancestor Shuthelah. The Bekerite clan, named after their ancestor Beker. The Tahanite clan, named after their ancestor Tahan. **36** This was the subclan descended from the Shuthelahites: The Eranites, named after their ancestor Eran. **37** These were the clans of Ephraim. Their registered troops numbered 32,500. These clans of Manasseh and Ephraim were all descendants of Joseph. **38** These were the clans descended from the sons of Benjamin: The Belaite clan, named after their ancestor Bela. The Ashbelite clan, named after their ancestor Ashbel. The Ahiramite clan, named after their ancestor Ahiram. **39** The Shuphamite clan, named after their ancestor Shupham. The Huphamite clan, named after their ancestor Hupham. **40** These were the subclans descended from the Belaites: The Ardites, named after their ancestor Ard. The Naamites, named after their ancestor Naaman. **41** These were the clans of Benjamin. Their registered troops numbered 45,600. **42** These were the clans descended from the sons of Dan: The Shuhamite clan, named after their ancestor Shuham. **43** These were the Shuhamite clans of Dan. Their registered troops numbered 64,400. **44** These were the clans descended from the sons of Asher: The Imnite clan, named after their ancestor Imnah. The Ishvite clan, named after their ancestor Ishvi. The Beriite clan, named after their ancestor Beriah. **45** These were the subclans descended from the Beriites: The Heberites, named after their ancestor Heber. The Malkielites, named after their ancestor Malkiel. **46** Asher also had a daughter named Serah. **47** These were the clans of Asher. Their

registered troops numbered 53,400. **48** These were the clans descended from the sons of Naphtali: The Jahzeelite clan, named after their ancestor Jahzeel. The Gunitite clan, named after their ancestor Guni. **49** The Jezerite clan, named after their ancestor Jezer. The Shillemite clan, named after their ancestor Shille. **50** These were the clans of Naphtali. Their registered troops numbered 45,400. **51** In summary, the registered troops of all Israel numbered 601,730. **52** Then the LORD said to Moses, **53** “Divide the land among the tribes, and distribute the grants of land in proportion to the tribes’ populations, as indicated by the number of names on the list. **54** Give the larger tribes more land and the smaller tribes less land, each group receiving a grant in proportion to the size of its population. **55** But you must assign the land by lot, and give land to each ancestral tribe according to the number of names on the list. **56** Each grant of land must be assigned by lot among the larger and smaller tribal groups.” **57** This is the record of the Levites who were counted according to their clans: The Gershonite clan, named after their ancestor Gershon. The Kohathite clan, named after their ancestor Kohath. The Merarite clan, named after their ancestor Merari. **58** The Libnites, the Hebronites, the Mahlites, the Mushites, and the Korahites were all subclans of the Levites. Now Kohath was the ancestor of Amram, **59** and Amram’s wife was named Jochebed. She also was a descendant of Levi, born among the Levites in the land of Egypt. Amram and Jochebed became the parents of Aaron, Moses, and their sister, Miriam. **60** To Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. **61** But Nadab and Abihu died when they burned before the LORD the wrong kind of fire, different than he had commanded. **62** The men from the Levite clans who were one month old or older numbered 23,000. But the Levites were not included in the registration of the rest of the people of Israel because they were not given an allotment of land when it was divided among the Israelites. **63** So these are the results of the registration of the people of Israel as conducted by Moses and Eleazar the priest on the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River, across from Jericho. **64** Not one person on this list had been among those listed in the previous registration taken by Moses and Aaron in the wilderness of Sinai. **65** For the LORD had said of them, “They will all die in the wilderness.” Not one of them survived except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Luke 2:36 - 52

2 36 Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. **37** Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. **38** She came along just as

Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. **39** When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. **40** There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. **41** Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. **42** When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. **43** After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, **44** because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. **45** When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. **46** Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. **47** All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48** His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." **49** "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" **50** But they didn't understand what he meant. **51** Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. **52** Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

Psalms 60:1 - 12

60 1 You have rejected us, O God, and broken our defenses. You have been angry with us; now restore us to your favor. **2** You have shaken our land and split it open. Seal the cracks, for the land trembles. **3** You have been very hard on us, making us drink wine that sent us reeling. **4** But you have raised a banner for those who fear you— a rallying point in the face of attack. Interlude **5** Now rescue your beloved people. Answer and save us by your power. **6** God has promised this by his holiness : "I will divide up Shechem with joy. I will measure out the valley of Succoth. **7** Gilead is mine, and Manasseh, too. Ephraim, my helmet, will produce my warriors, and Judah, my scepter, will produce my kings. **8** But Moab, my washbasin, will become my servant, and I will wipe my feet on Edom and shout in triumph over Philistia." **9** Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will bring me victory over Edom? **10** Have you rejected us, O God? Will you no longer march with our armies? **11** Oh, please help us against our enemies, for all human help is useless. **12** With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes.

Proverbs 11:15

11 15 There's danger in putting up security for a stranger's debt; it's safer not to guarantee another person's debt.