

Parashah 99

BeMidbar 3:34 – 4:16; Isaiah 43:8 – 13; Eph 4:11 – 16

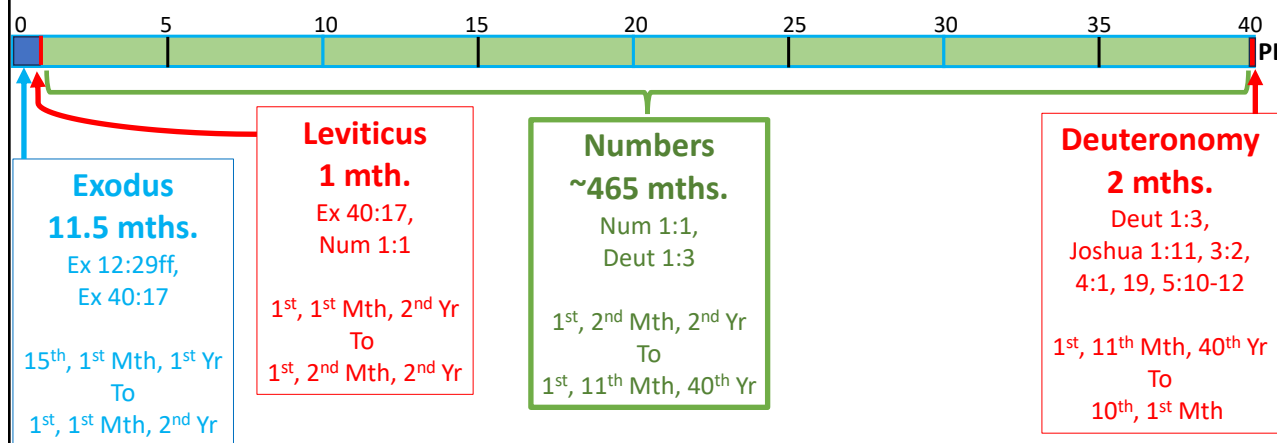
God's People Have Purpose

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Today: Wilderness Timeline, Numbering of the Levites, God's purpose continues

From Egypt – 40 yrs. in the Wilderness – to Entering the Promised Land



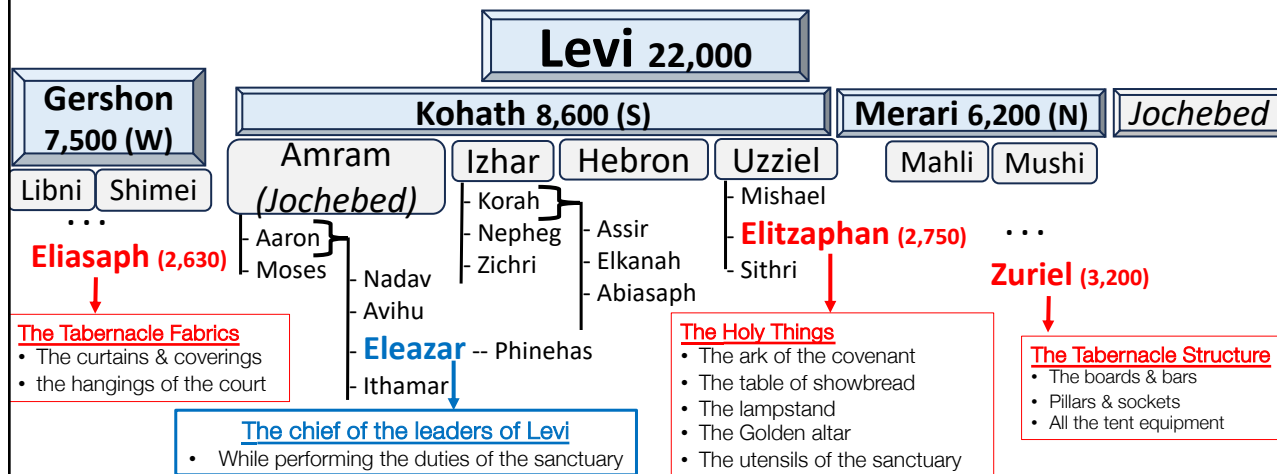
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Census of the Levites – Ransom and Responsibility

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HaShem orders 3 censuses to account for Ransom and Assign Responsibilities

- 1st census of Levites: 1mth old and up as Ransom for 1st born of Israel Num 3:11-13
 - HaShem orders census of all 1st born of Israel 1mth old and up
- 2nd census of Levites: 30 to 50 years of age for the Service of the Mishkan
 - Assigns Leaders from each son of Levi, & gives formation and responsibilities



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HaShem's Plan is Still at Work

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The Priests & Levites provide a vital spiritual service to Israel

- Teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which HaShem has spoken through Moses Lev 10:11
- They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your law to Israel Deut 33:10,
- For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. Mal 2:7

Today we're surrounded by some realities and many falsehoods that bring ???'s

- Realities: No Serving Levitical Priesthood and No Temple in Jerusalem today
- The Falsehoods come from all directions
 - Unbelievers: The Bible is a fictional book written by controlling men
 - "Believers": Only the NT is still authoritative today (NT replaced OT)

But WE have been drawn to cling to the Scriptures as God's Inspired Word 2Tim 3:16

And still today WE have a Purpose (Tim's commentary, page 2, 3rd paragraph)

Eph. 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

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Continuing in HaShem's Plan (Eph. 4:11-16)

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Eph. 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Messiah;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Messiah.

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

- *We must set boundaries – we should not be enablers – sometimes its best to say NO*
- *Matt 23:4, Prov 4:23, 19:19, Luke 5:16, Gal 6:2, 5, 2Thes 3:10-11, 14, Titus 3:10, Matt 7:6*

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Messiah, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

God's people have Purpose! And He has given us the Goal / Plan / Strength

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