

## “THE NEW GENERATION!”

### Numbers Chapters 26 – 30

#### CHAPTER 26 – “NUMBERING THE NEW GENERATION”

(v1-56) Here we see the numbering of the new generation, those who will go into the “Promise Land.”

	<u>Now</u>	<u>Before</u>	
REUBEN	43,730	46,500	2,770 decrease
SIMEON	22,200	59,300	37,100 decrease
GAD	40,500	45,650	5,150 decrease
JUDAH	76,500	74,600	1,900 increase
ISSACHAR	64,300	54,400	9,900 increase
ZEBULUN	60,500	57,400	3,100 increase
MANASSEH	52,700	32,200	20,500 increase
EPHRAIM	32,500	40,500	8,000 decrease
BENJAMIN	45,600	35,400	10,200 increase
DAN	64,400	42,700	1,700 increase
ASHER	53,400	41,500	11,900 increase
NAPHTALI	45,400	53,400	8,000 decrease
TOTAL:	<u>601,730</u>	<u>603,550</u>	<u>1,820 decrease in 38 years</u>

(v57-62) This is the numbering of the Levites, although they are not numbered amongst the children of Israel. Unlike the other tribes of Israel, the Levites received no territorial inheritance in the promised land of Canaan. Their portion was to be God Himself (Numbers 18:20), who commanded that 48 cities be set apart for them, along with enough pasture for their cattle (Numbers 35:1-8). They were to receive the tithes due God from the fruits of the fields, the flocks and herds, the fruits of the firstborn, and certain portions of the people's sacrificial offerings (Numbers 18:24). Of these tithes, the Levites had to turn over a tithe (a tenth part) to the priests (Numbers 18:26).

(v63-65) There are only two from the old generation that will be able to go into the “Promise Land,” these are Caleb and Joshua, men of FAITH! (Hebrews 11:6 - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*)

#### CHAPTER 27 – “INHERITANCE & LEADERSHIP”

(v1-11) Moses is questioned about can an inheritance be given to daughters if there is no sons, as the father has died. Observe closely Moses response in verse 5, “So Moses brought their case before the LORD.” Question, do you bring your case or others case before the LORD. We must realize that God wants to counsel us and help us; remember what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 - *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* (Read Psalm 119 to understand the wisdom and knowledge to be discovered in God’s Word!)

(v12-14) **Moses is to prepare for his death.** (Factor in the faithful life of Moses according to Hebrews 11:23-29; we also see Moses on the Mt. of Transfiguration in Matthew Ch. 17:1-12.)

(v15-23) **Joshua is to succeed Moses.** *J. Oswald Sanders* writes in his book *Spiritual Leadership* – “Effective spiritual leadership does not come as a result of theological training or seminary degree, as important as education is. Jesus told His disciples, “you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you” (John 15:16). The sovereign selection of God gives great confidence to Christian workers. We can truly say, “I am neither by selection of an individual nor election of a group, but by the almighty appointment of God.”

*John MacArthur* in his book *Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry* gives insight to spiritual leadership as he asks the question, "What marks a man effective in the ministry?" (Five keys.)

- Key #1 – **TENACITY** – he trusts totally in God's power!
- Key #2 – **INTEGRITY** – his life is consistent with his doctrine!
- Key #3 – **AUTHORITY** – he receives his commission from God, not himself!
- Key #4 – **ACCOUNTABILITY** – he is constantly aware of the implications of God's omniscience!
- Key #5 – **HUMILITY** – he is consumed not with himself, but with the glory of God!

## CHAPTER 28 & 29 – "REVIEW OF THE OFFERINGS AND FEASTS"

### Chapter 28

We have previously covered these offerings in previous passages, for reference:

(v1-8) See Ex. 29:38-42.

(v9-10) New offerings for the Sabbath.

(v11-15) - New offerings for the "beginning of the month."

(v16-25) - See Lev. 23:5-8.

(v26-31) - See Lev. 23:18.

### Chapter 29

(v1-6) See Lev. 23:23-25.

(v7-11) See Lev. 23:27-32.

(v12-40) See Lev. 23:33-43.

## CHAPTER 30 – "THE LAW OF VOWS"

➤ **A VOW** – Is a solemn promise or pledge that binds a person to perform a specified act or to behave in a certain manner.

(v1-2) A man's vow.

(v3-5) A daughter's vow and her father's.

(v6-8) A wife's vow and her husband.

(v9) A vow made by a widow or divorced woman.

(v10-15) Same situation as v.6 – 8.

(v16) So be it!