

NUMBERS CHAPTER 1



- 1350 BC
- Israel is preparing to leave Mt. Sinai
- Key God Principle: Redemption (same as Salvation)
- 1st comes redemption, THEN comes understanding
- The Laws of God are ONLY for those who trust Him.



STEP 1: DISTANCE

- **First**, God removed them from Egypt
- But, difficulties remained
- Many wanted to return to what they knew
- **Second**, the Lord taught Israel about HIS Holiness
- The Laws of Torah tell us about God, holiness, and what He expects



THE PATTERN REMAINS THE SAME

- Israel NOT redeemed by knowledge, they were redeemed by an ACT OF GOD!
- Once the Spirit has indwelt us, NOW we're ready for knowledge
- We are to SEEK knowledge, not expect it to come to us mystically
- We cannot INTELLECTUALIZE ourselves into a relationship with Christ
- We cannot SLEEP our way to knowledge

DEALING WITH GOD'S NAME

- Problem stems from transliteration
- Letters, words, phrases, concepts don't always have direct equivalents in other languages
- Hebrew does NOT HAVE past, present, and future tenses (in relation to time)
- Instead, perfect and imperfect (in relation to an action being complete or incomplete)

The Creator

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Address: Heaven
Phone: None Call by Pray
Listen from the Bible

Y-H-W-H IS A 3 SYLLABLE WORD!



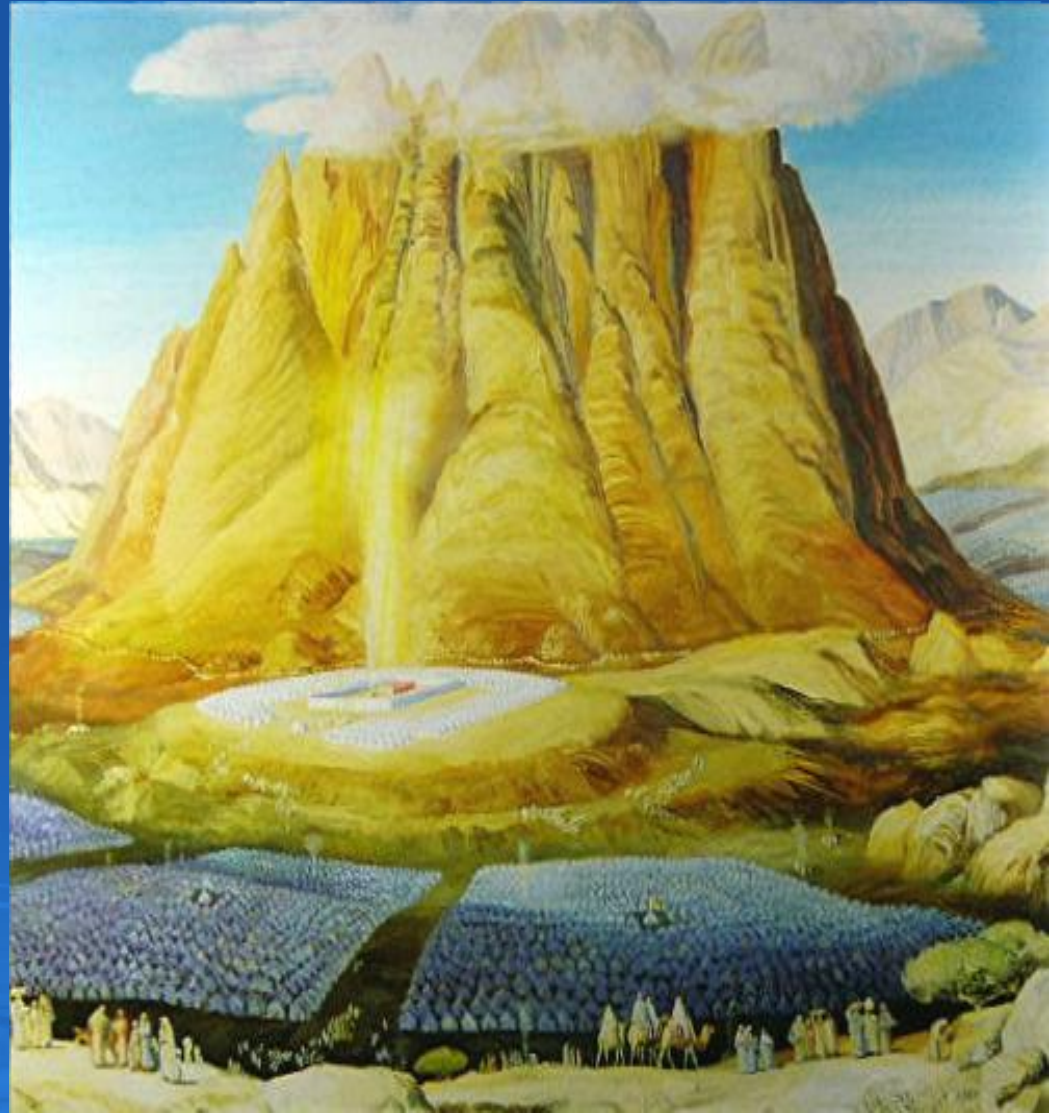
- Basic Hebrew grammar requires this word to have 3 vowels and 3 syllables
- *Yah-weh* is 2 vowels and 2 syllables
- Probably *Ye-ho-veh* is most correct
- Yahweh perhaps a contraction of Yehoveh
- Jehovah is a reasonable English transliteration



- Yeshua is a contraction of Y'hoshua (Joshua)
- Jesus is NOT taken from the spelling of the Greek god Zeus.
- Hebrew Yeshua, contracted then transliterated to Greek, then Latin, finally English (Jesus)
- But...Yeshua NEVER would have ever heard the word "Jesus" used in referring to Him!

ISRAEL HAS BEEN GONE FROM EGYPT FOR 13 MONTHS

- Camping at the foot of Mt. Sinai for a year
- Wilderness Tabernacle just completed, priesthood ordained
- Yehoveh orders a census of Israel
- In ancient times, the 1st day of the month was when tribal elders met, matters decided, information distributed





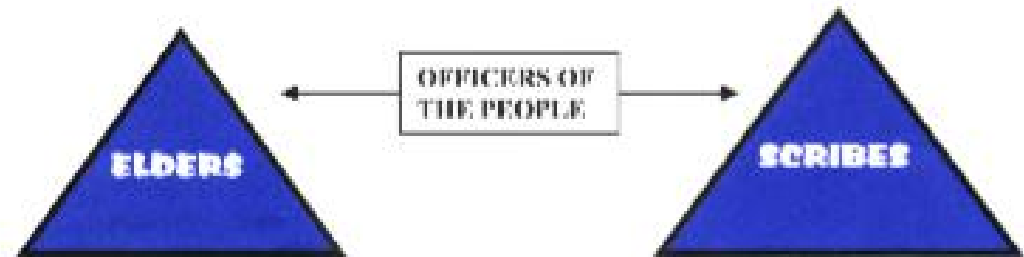
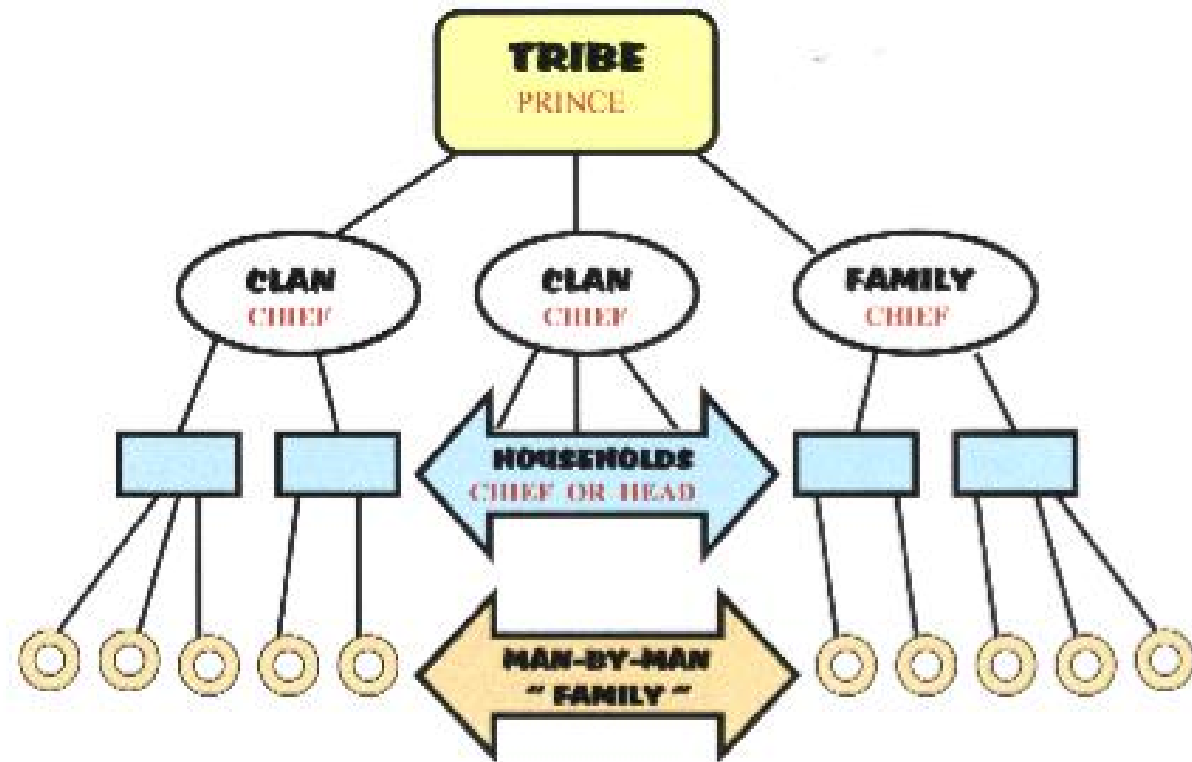
MILITARY CENSUS

- Census usually taken before and **AFTER** a battle
- Age 20 and upward to be counted
- No upper age limit
- Usually an upper age limit, but **NOT** when the battle was particularly important

STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP OF ISRAEL

NATION OF ISRAEL

12 TRIBES



- **Mishpachah** = family or clan
- Clan in between a tribe and a family
- The 12 tribal chieftains area to assist Moses
- **Nasi** = chieftain or tribal prince

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How people are identified

- TRIBE = Reuben
- TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN = Elizur
- CLAN OF THE CHIEFTAIN = Shedeur

- Tribes generally divided up according to clans
- Head of one of the clans would eventually become head of the entire Tribe
- Usually determined by either firstborn of the current tribal chieftain, or by most dominant clan

Abraham

Birthright 

Isaac 

Esau

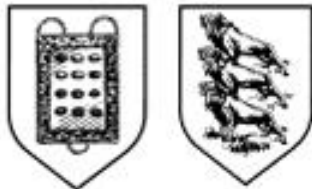
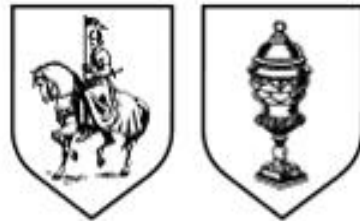
Jacob (**ISRAEL**) 

Leah

Zilpah

Bilhah

Rachel



Judah
74,600
Warriors

Ephraim Manasseh
Together
72,700

Joseph 



TOTAL 603,500 WARRIORS

- Matches total from Exodus 38
- Exodus census (earlier) was for half-shekel tax on all military men
- Purpose was for atonement
- Dealt with Israel as a whole
- Exodus census did NOT break down census by clans or tribes

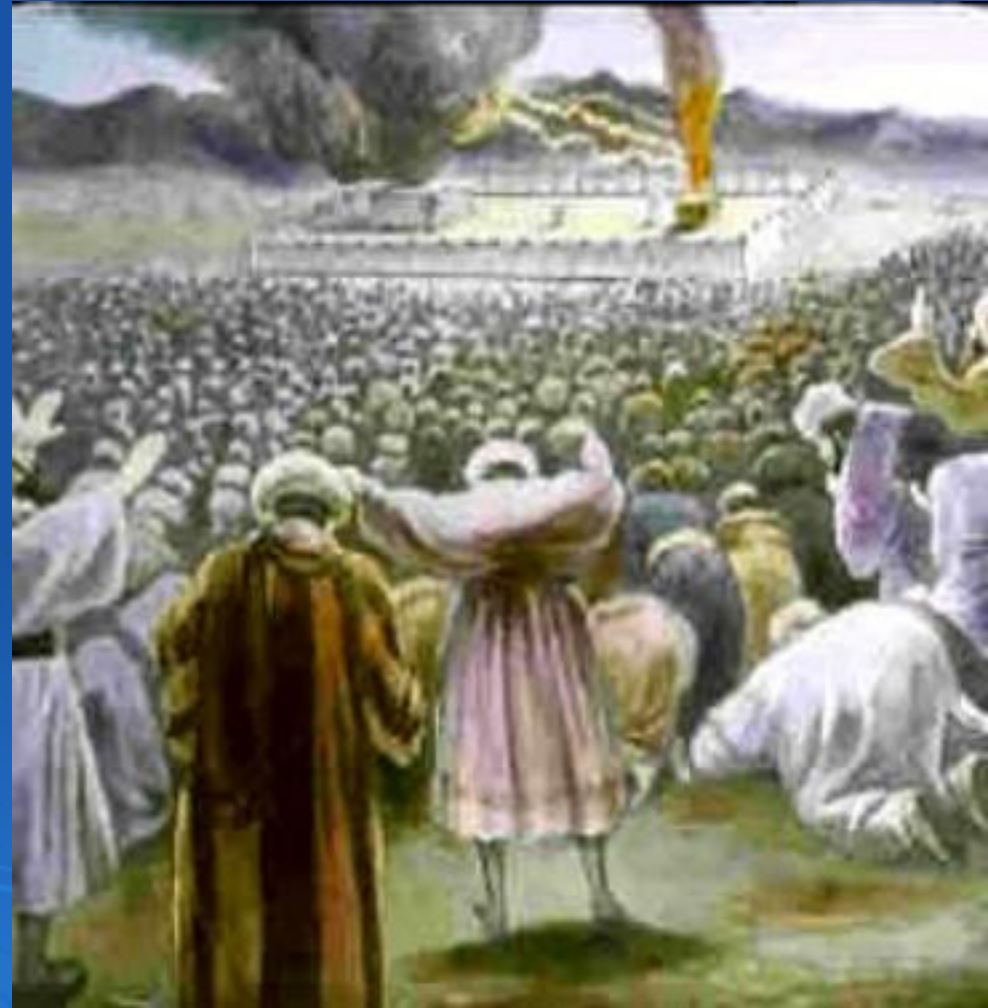
NUMBERS CENSUS: BATTLE ORDER

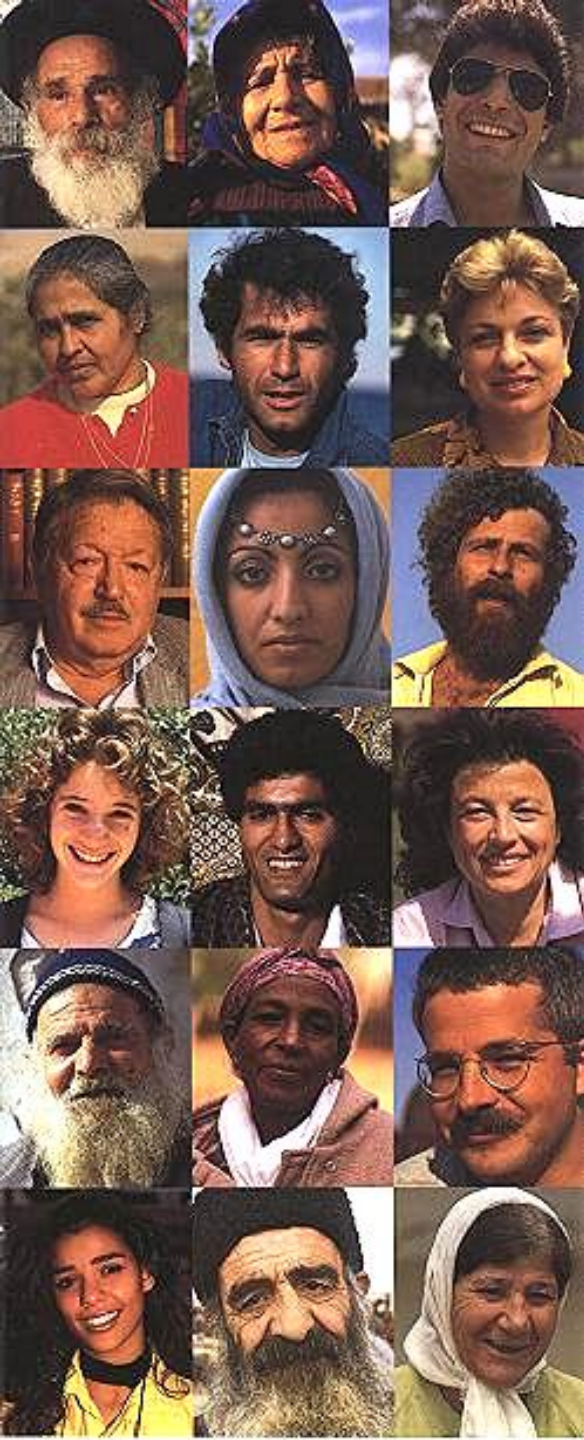


- Israel would operate much like American Civil War regiments
- Each Tribe/Clan was a battle unit
- The army of Moses was like Desert Storm...an army of several allies
- Israel would not fight under ONE banner until King David

ISRAEL MUST HAVE BEEN BETWEEN 2 – 3 MILLION PEOPLE!

- Many attempts to call the census numbers an “error”
- *Elep* = usually translated as 1,000
- Some say should mean 100 or “family”
- Cannot approach issue if one cannot accept Miracles of God
- Faith is at the core





MANY OF THE EXODUS WERE NOT ISRAELITES

- Egyptians, various Semites, and others decided to go with Israel
- Were they counted as part of the census?
- A mixed bag
- Those who married Israelites or pledged loyalty to one of the 12 tribes would have been counted
- Those who decided to stay separate were not
- They would NOT have been allowed to live inside-the-camp

LEVITES NOT TO BE USED IN THE MILITARY

- Levites are NOT to be considered a regular part of Israel!
- Levites in charge of the Wilderness Tabernacle
- They must disassemble, carry, and re-assemble the Tent of Meeting
- Levites are to set up a perimeter around the Tabernacle to keep unauthorized people from entering the Holy Grounds

