

NUMBERS 4

OPEN: GOD OF ORDER.....WE OF ORDER

CENSUS = EVERYONE HAS HIS PLACE IN THE FAMILY OF GOD DO YOU KNOW YOURS?

LAST WEEK WAS THE WHAT VS 25-39

1] KOHATH = SACRED FURNISHINGS [ARK, SHOWBREAD TABLE....ETC]

2] GERSON = WOVEN MATERIALS

3] MERARI = WOODEN PARTS

4] AARON = PRIEST

THIS WEEK IS HOW THEY WERE TO SERVE YHWH

VS 1- 20] THIS CENSUS IS FROM 30 -50 YRS PRIME TIME [PURPOSE TO FIND OUT THE SIZE OF THE WORKFORCE]

1] KOHATH WAS THE 2ND OLDEST

2] “FROM AMONG THE SONS OF LEVI” = HONOR [OTHER 2 NOT MENTIONED THIS WAY]

THEY ARE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE OTHER TRIBES WHY? THE MOST HOLY THINGS

THEY ARE GIVEN THIS PRIVILEGE AND HONOR.....BUT WITH HONOR COMES GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND DANGERS “LEST THEY DIE” VS 15, 19-20 [UZZAH = STRENGTH]

LESSON #1: EVEN TODAY IN MINISTRY UNTO GOD WITH A HIGHER CALLING COMES GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND GREATER DANGERS THIS WAY WE ARE TO BE CALLED INTO SERVICE BY GOD AND NOT ACTING IN OUR OWN UZZAH / STRENGTH

VS 21-28] THE WOVEN MATERIALS

VS 29-33] THE WOODEN PARTS

SEEMS THAT BOTH FAMILIES HAD A LESSER PART IN THE MINISTRY IF YOU COMPARE THEM TO KOHATH

BUT BOTH HAD THE SAME SERVICE TO GOD AS THE KOHATH

“SERVICE IN THE TENT OF MEETING” = VS 3, 28, 33

LESSON #2 DIFFERENT DUTIES SAME GOD COL 3:17-25

VS 34-49] "NUMBERED" =VS 34, 38, 41

THIS THE SUMMARY OF THE CENSUS

WHO TOLD MOSES AND AARON TO TAKE THIS CENSUS? VS 49

LESSON # 3: GOD HAS NUMBERED YOU AS BOTH A CHILD AND ONE WHO SERVES HIM.....BUT HAVE YOU NUMBERED HIM AS THE ONE YOU SERVE?

You may be an ambassador to England or France
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes
Indeed you're gonna have to serve somebody
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

JOS 24:15-21

"It is worthy of note that these Levites, although they were all equally consecrated to God, had not all exactly the same work to perform. God is not the God of all uniformity. There is a wondrous unity of plan and design in all that he does, but there is also an equally marvelous variety." (Spurgeon)