

“The Pentateuch”
Numbers 7-8
Wednesday Aug 18, 2010

Numbers 1-20 – The Old Generation Set Aside: Num 14:28-38

Numbers 1-4 – The Census of Israel's Warriors: The Tribes In Order; The Duties of The Levites:

Numbers 5-10 – Cleansing, Consecration, and Final Instructions:

Numbers 5-6 – Clean and Separated People:

1. Numbers 7 – A Generous Gift

2. Numbers 8 – The Ordination of The Levites

1. Numbers 7 – A Generous Gift:

Numbers 7:1-9 The Oxen And Carts: Numbers 7:1-2

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 which deals with God's Word; The 2nd longest chapter in the Bible is Num 7. This deals with giving unto the Lord.

Numbers 7:3

2 Cor 9:7

On twelve successive days, each of the tribal leaders brought identical gifts.

Numbers 7:4-8

Numbers 4:29-33 The Merarites: They had the heavy things – the boards and frames,

Merarites received more because their burden was heavier.

Numbers 7:9

Notice that the Kohatites didn't get any carts – why?

Numbers 7:11-17

The fact that God noted and recorded each name and each gift indicates His love for and interest in the individual believer.

Verses 18-83 – 2nd To The Twelfth Leaders:

Numbers 7:84-89 Closing Details of The Offering:

The gifts were both expensive and useful, showing generosity and practicality.

Numbers 7:89

2. Numbers 8 – The Ordination of The Levites:

Numbers 8:1-4 The Lampstands Arrangement: Num 8:1-2

1. It was Practical – There were no windows in the tabernacle. The only source of light was the lampstand.
2. Our Motives of Serving – The Lord is more concerned with our motives. Our hearts and motives will always be exposed to the light of God.

Numbers 8:3

“mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand,”; so that the light would shine on the table of showbread and be diffused throughout the holy place.

Fellowship and Light (Truth Illumination) always go together – 1 John 1:5-7

What did this lampstand signify? Symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world (John 8:12).

The lampstand was a reminder to the priests that Israel was called to be a light to the Gentile world (Isa. 42:6; 49:6).

Numbers 8:4

The oil for the lamps is a symbol of the Holy Spirit of God who alone can empower us to witness effectively for Christ.

Matt 5:14-16

Rev 2:5

Numbers 8:5-26 Ordination of The Levites:

Numbers 8:5-7 Ordination Began with a Ceremonial Cleansing:

What do we use to cleanse ourselves? The Word

Ps 119:9

Eph 5:25-27

Numbers 8:8-15 The Required Offerings: Numbers 8:8-10

Notice that this was to be done before the entire congregation – public

Numbers 8:11-13

The Levites become the people's offering to God!

Rom 12:1

Numbers 8:14-15

Numbers 8:16-19 God again repeats the reason why He claimed the Levites as His own:

Numbers 8:20-26 Completion of the Purification:

Application:

1. It is God who chooses, equips, and consecrates His people for spiritual service, and we must accept His will.
2. Those who serve must first of all serve the Lord and then serve His people.
3. Both the Levites and the priests were obligated to protect the sanctuary of God from intruders. Num. 8:19

Acts 20:28