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The following is a brief overview of the main topics.
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Topics.

- The service of the Levites.
- The LORD takes the Levites instead of the Firstborn

Note; the LORD gave the following rules to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.

The service of Aaron's Sons.

These are the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai. The names of the sons of Aaron were Nadab the firstborn, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. Nadab, Abihu (had no children) Eleazar and Ithamar were the anointed priests, whom Aaron ordained to serve as priests, but they, but Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered unauthorised fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

- Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests in the lifetime of Aaron their father.

The service of the Levites.

The tribe of Levi was to minister to Aaron and keep guard over him and the whole congregation as they minister at the tabernacle. They were to guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting and given to Aaron and his sons from among the people of Israel. Aaron and his sons were to guard their priesthood if any outsider came near they were to be put to death.

The LORD now takes the Levites instead of all the Firstborn.

The LORD told Moses even though He consecrated for His own all the firstborn of man and beast of Israel when He struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, He is now taking for His own the Levites for the service of Aaron the priest, his sons and the Tent of Meeting (the Tabernacle).

MOSES WAS TO NUMBER THE LEVITES.

The LORD told Moses to number every male from a month old and upward the sons of Levi.

- Sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath and Merari.
- Sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei.
- Sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.
- Sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi.

These were the clans of the Levites, by their fathers' houses.

The Gershonites.

- The clans of Gershon were the Libnites and the Shimeites their clans were called the Gershonites.
- The numbers of all Gershonite males from a month old and upward was 7,500.
- The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle on the west.

- Eliasaph was the chief of the Gershonites.

The guard duty of the Sons of Gershonites; involved the Tabernacle, the covering of the tent and the screen for the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, the hangings of the court, the screen for the door of the court that is around the Tabernacle and the Altar, its cords and all the service connected with these.

The Kohathites.

The clans of Kohath were the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites and the Uzzielites.

- Kohath clans were called Kohathites.
- The number of Kohathite males from a month old and upward, were 8,600.
- The clans of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the Tabernacle.
- Elizaphan was chief of the Kohathites.

The guard duty of the Sons of Kohathites; involved the Ark, the Table, the Lampstand and the Altars, the vessels of the Sanctuary, the screen and all the service connected with these.

- Eleazar the son of Aaron was the chief priest over the chiefs of the Levites.

The Clans of Merari.

The clans of Merari were the Mahlites and the Mushites.

- The number of all the males from a month old and upward was 6,200.
- The chief of Merari was Zuriel.
- The clans of Merari were to camp on the north side of the Tabernacle.

The guard duty of the Sons of Merari; involved the frames of the Tabernacle, the bars, the pillars, the bases and all their accessories, the pillars around the court, with their bases and pegs and cords and all the service connected with these.

Moses, Aaron and his Sons; were to camp before the Tabernacle on the east, of the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise and guard the Sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel because if any outsider came near they were to be put to death.

- All Levite males from a month old and upward that Moses and Aaron numbered were 22,000.

Numbering of the firstborn Males.

The LORD told Moses to number all the firstborn males of Israel, from a month old and upward.

The LORD takes the Levites instead of all the Firstborn.

The LORD told Moses to take the Levites for the LORD instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel and take their cattle for the LORD, instead of all the firstborn of the cattle of the people of Israel. Moses numbered all the firstborn among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded him.

- The firstborn males, from a month old and upward were 22,273.

The LORD tells Moses to take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel and to take their cattle instead of the firstborn cattle of the people of Israel.

Redemption money for 273 firstborn of Israel.

There are 273 more firstborn people of Israel than there are Levites, so a redemption price had to be paid for the extra 273 firstborn, the redemption price was five shekels per head. The money was to be given to Aaron and his sons as the redemption price for the extra 273. Moses took the redemption money from the extra 273, which was over and above those redeemed by the Levites. Moses gave the redemption money of 1,365 shekels from the firstborn of the people of Israel to Aaron and his sons.

End.