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**Ch. 27**

This chapter deals with vows: vows to dedicate oneself to God (vv. 2-8), to dedicate livestock (vv. 9-13), and to dedicate houses and land (vv. 14-25). It also teaches us that we must think carefully and decide before making a vow, and that we must carry out our vows once made. The book of Leviticus begins with the sacrifice (Chapter 1) that is required to be offered in order to approach the holy God, and ends with obedience and voluntary service to God, not because you want to gain something from God or because you are afraid of being punished by God, but because you love God, you want to be with God, make offerings, and to serve God. I pray that we may increase our love of and service to God.

**Numbers Ch. 1**

On the first day of the second month of the second year after the Exodus, and 20 days before leaving Mount Sinai, the Israelites conducted a census at Mount Sinai. How many Israelites over the age of 20 were fit to go to war?

\*If there were about 600,000 men fit to go to war, the entire Israelites can be estimated to have been over 2 million. In 400 years in Egypt, 70 people became a nation of over 2 million. How were these people, who could not farm in the wilderness and were always on the move, supplied with food and clothing? God took care of His people and took responsibility for them. God is also taking care of His people as we live our lives in the wilderness.

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**Ch. 2**

This chapter records the order and arrangements for marching and fighting in the wilderness. In verses 1-2, each of the tribes of Israel encamped next to the placement of the ensign, the standard, and the emblem of their tribe. What was at the center of their encampment?

(This way of encamping signifies a life centered on God. If we make the Word of God the center of our church life and our lives, the Word will lead us to our destination.)

**Ch. 3**

This chapter is a record of the Levites, who were set apart by God. The Levites were set apart to assist the priest Aaron and his sons in worship (vv. 6-9), and to redeem all the firstborn of Israel (v. 12). To be counted in the census of the Levites, males had to be older than how many months?

\* Although they had to be 30 years old or older to serve in the tabernacle (4:3), the fact that the Levites were counted as men over one-month-old means that the Levites were not people with military functions, but were dedicated to God from the beginning.

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**Ch. 4**

In this chapter, God divided the Levites into three families (Kohath, Merari, and Gershon) and assigned them the duties of the tabernacle. Which families were responsible for each of the duties below?

- 1) The holy things in the tabernacle (vv. 4-20):
- 2) The curtains and covering of the tabernacle (vv. 21-28):
- 3) The boards, bands, pillars, bases, and tools, the pillars and bases around the court, pegs, and cords (vv. 29-33):

\* God told them exactly what they were to do, and they had to do these things with one mind. The church also does the same, each using their own gifts to serve God's church, so that the church can fulfill God's will. How is my service?

**Ch. 5**

This chapter records a scene where God teaches the Israelites about purity and holiness as they prepare to march to Canaan in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. Who must be sent out of the camp as not to defile the place where the Israelites live?

\* Father God, please use us to build a holy and pure church, and give us faith, courage, and wisdom to follow your word.

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### Ch. 6

This chapter discusses the Nazirite vow (1-21) then records the Aaron (priest)'s prayer of blessing. Why was the blessing prayer written after the Nazirite vow? To show that God's blessing follows a life that is set apart as holy. As we read the blessing prayer, let's take the time to bless our children and our church brothers and sisters by adding their names.

### Ch. 7

This chapter records the offerings of the leaders of Israel, the heads of the families, the leaders of the tribes, and the overseers. Although the offerings of all the tribes were same in kind and in amount, it does not say, "offerings of each of the other tribes were identical to the offerings of Judah." Rather, the chapter repeats, in detail, the identical offerings of each of the 12 tribes. Why do you think this is? (Write your own thoughts.)

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### Ch. 8

This chapter is about setting apart the Levites as holy unto God. It starts with the words about the lamps of the tabernacle (vv. 1-4). Aaron had to light the lamp so that it illuminated the front of the lampstand. In front of the lampstand was the table of the Bread of the Presence, on which were placed 12 loaves of bread symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel. This symbolizes the fact that the light of God's presence always shines on the people of Israel. Jesus, who came as the light of the world, illuminates us with his words. "Your word is (.....) to my feet and (.....) to my path." (Psalm 119:105) "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a (.....) shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19)

### Ch. 9

The Israelites who observed the first Passover when they left Egypt observed the second Passover here in the Sinai Desert (verses 1-14). Verses 15-23 then record the Israelites marching through the desert following the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. What did the Israelites do as they camped, stayed, and then marched? This word is repeated eight times in this passage.

\* The text teaches us how today's churches and believers should live through the pattern of the church's march in the wilderness. It is not a life of setting up our own time schedule and practicing it, but a life of being able to stand up at any time according to God's time schedule and staying without being impatient. Are we living according to God's guidance?

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### Ch. 10

The Israelites now depart from Mount Sinai, where they have stayed for almost a year. It was the 20th day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year. During the nearly year-long stay at Mount Sinai, they had completed the orientation for their life in the wilderness as well as their life after entering Canaan. As the Israelites, numbering about 2.5 million, marched (the distance between the front and back rows was about 21 km), the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them for three days to find a place to rest. How did Moses pray when the Ark set out and when it rested? (vv. 35-36)

- 1) When the Ark set out:

- 2) When the Ark rested:

\* In our lives, what if we prayed such prayer when we start and end our day, when we start and end our driving, and when we start and end our meetings?

### Ch. 11

The journey of the Israelites to Canaan was not smooth. Was it because of the fatigue of the three-day journey from the Sinai Desert to the Paran Desert? What sin did the people soon commit against God? "And the people (.....) in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp."

\* Father God, please bless us so that we may trust and have faith in God, rather than all the evil words and complaints that arise within us as we journey in this life and faith.