

Midrash Nasso (“Accounting”)
Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

The Duties of *Gershon*

Numbers 4:21:28

They carry: All the Curtains of the Tabernacle
The Coverings of the Tabernacle
The Curtains & Hangings for the outer “fence”

The Duties of *Merari*

Numbers 4:29-33

They carry: All the Structural items of the Tabernacle }
All the Structural items of the outer “fence” } Used Carts & Oxen Numbers 7:8

The Census of Aaron’s Sons

Numbers 4:34-49

All males from 30 to 50 years old
30 was the age to enter ministry; 50 was the retirement age
Kohathites = 2,750
Gershonites = 2,630
Merarites = 3,200
Total = 8,580

The Unclean

Numbers 5:1-4

Put outside the camp:
Lepers Leviticus 13 -15
Excluded from the entire camp
Those with “issues” – very serious, communicable diseases
Excluded from the Sanctuary & Levitical encampment
The who have become defiled by touching a dead body
Excluded only from the Sanctuary

Sins Against Your Fellow Man

Numbers 5:5-10

Removal of a physical impurity must be accompanied by removal of spiritual impurity:
Confess your sin
Make restitution of damages
To the damaged person, his heirs or the Priest
Add 20% “penalty” - implies restitution of “stolen” property
Offer a ram for the Guilt Offering

Ordeal of Jealousy (Suspected Adultery)

Numbers 5:11-31

A woman suspected of adultery is tested:
Bring an Offering of Jealousy
Priest mixes dust from the ground with holy water
Priest uncovers her head
Priest waves the Jealousy Offering
Priest writes her sins on a scroll
....and scrapes the words off the page and into the “bitter” water
The woman drinks the “bitter water”
If she is guilty, her belly swells & thigh rots (withering of reproductive organs)
Priest writes her name in The Book
And blots it out again with the water

In the Old Covenant:

The Golden Calf episode Exodus 32:19-20
If she is not guilty, then she shall be free & conceive Numbers 5:28

In the New Covenant:

Joseph’s Reaction to Mary’s Supernatural Conception Matthew 1:18-25
Yeshua & the Woman Caught in Adultery John 8:1-12
The Woman (Wife) On the Beast Revelation 17:3-6 & 18

Law of the Nazarite

Numbers 6:1-21

Voluntary vow
Man or woman

From any tribe: God's plan for the common man also to serve Him
Another can make it for you

What you do: Drink no wine or strong drink
 Eat nothing from the grape vine
 Don't shave your hair
 Don't touch anything dead

Can end at any time
Not required but God expects you to keep it
When ended, present yourself at the door: Lamb for Burnt Offering
 Ewe lamb for Sin Offering
 Ram for Peace Offering
Shave your hair and throw on the fire with Peace Offering

Examples of *Nazarites*: Samson Judges 13:5-6
 Samuel I Samuel 1:1
 John the Immerser Luke 1:15
 Paul of Tarsus Acts 18:18
Did Yeshua take the Nazarite Vow? Matt 26:29

The Priestly Blessing

Numbers 6:22-27

Ye-va-re-kha-*kha* Yah-veh ve-yish-me-re-*kha*
Ya-er Yah-veh pa-nav e-le-*kha* vi-khu-ne-*kha*
Yi-sah Yah-veh pa-nav e-le-*kha* ve-ya-sem lekha sha-lom

Hebrew Lesson – Possessives

	Plural			Singular		
1 st Person	“our”	nu	נוּ	“my”	ee	יְ
2 nd Person (M)	“your”	khem	כֵּם	“your”	kha	כֶּךָ
2 nd Person (F)	“your”	khen	כֵּךְ	“your”	kh	כֶּךָ
3 rd Person (M)	“their”	hem	הֵם	“his”	o	אֵי
3 rd Person (F)	“their ”	hen	הֵן	“hers”	ah	אֵיהָ

ya-sem “put” or “place” Much more intimate than “give”

In blessing, God will then bless you indeed and place His Name upon you!

The Dedication Offerings

Numbers 7:1-89

Offerings made for the Tabernacle Dedication for 12 days, by each of the 12 Tribes
The same offering each day
In order of their march

Summary of Offerings:

- 12 Chargers of Silver (130 Shekels each)
- 12 Silver Bowls (70 Shekels each)
- 12 Golden Spoons (10 Shekels each)
- Burnt Offerings: 12 Bullocks 12 Rams 12 Lambs 12 Goats
- Peace Offerings: 24 Bullocks 60 Rams 60 He Goats 60 Lambs

A precise reckoning of everything offered in the Temple Dedication
God does that with our offerings even today!

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25 Samson the *Nazarite*

Brit Chadashah: John 8:1-12 Yeshua & the Woman Caught in Adultery