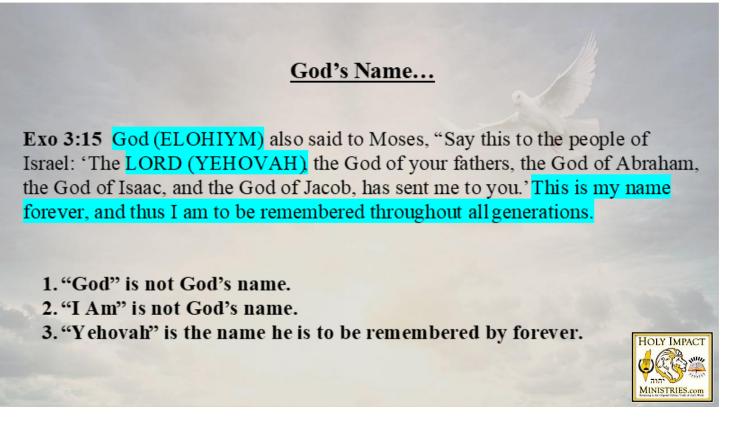
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Numbers Chapters 1b The Spiritual Understanding

Last week as we began our journey into the first chapter of the book of Numbers, we saw what God's name truly is according to the Bible, and the fact that God's name is not "God". (scrn 1)



Our Father in heaven tells us what his name is in Exodus chapter three verse fifteen. The reason that we don't know it is because the wickedness of men has once again covered it up with nicknames like "LORD" and "Adoni" and "Heshsem" and "El Shaddai" and a whole host of other man-made nicknames that willfully and intentionally add to... and take away from God's word that he commanded us to be obedient to.

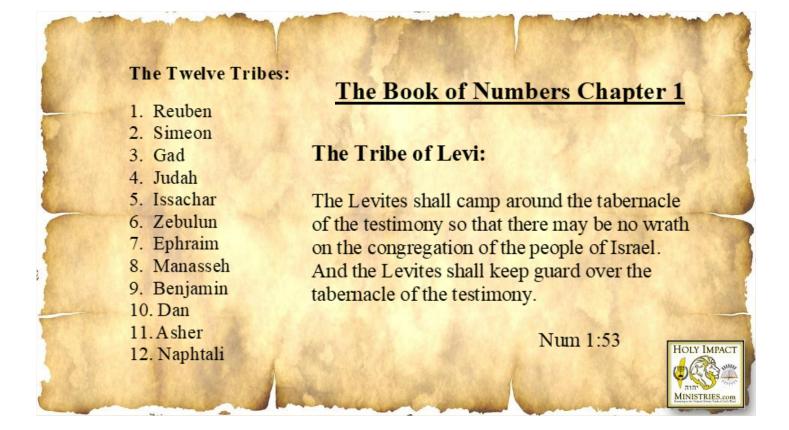
Right here in Exodus chapter three verse fifteen our Father gives us his name that he says is to

be his name forever. His name... that he says... we are to remember throughout all generations. And this is very important because for the rest of this study we will be using his name that he said was to be remembered throughout all of our generations. His name... that he wrote in his Bible over 6519 times is the name that we will continue to use throughout this study, and so as we move forward throughout our study, I don't want anyone to ask why it is that we're using the name "Yehovah" because if we were to not get this name right from the very beginning... then we would be lacking in our duty and our responsibility to teach and preach the truth of Yehovah's word.

And so, once again, if you're not familiar with the name of the God... the Elohyim that we serve... please... we encourage you to go back and take the time to examine last weeks study of Numbers chapter one because it will indeed be a blessing for you and for your family.

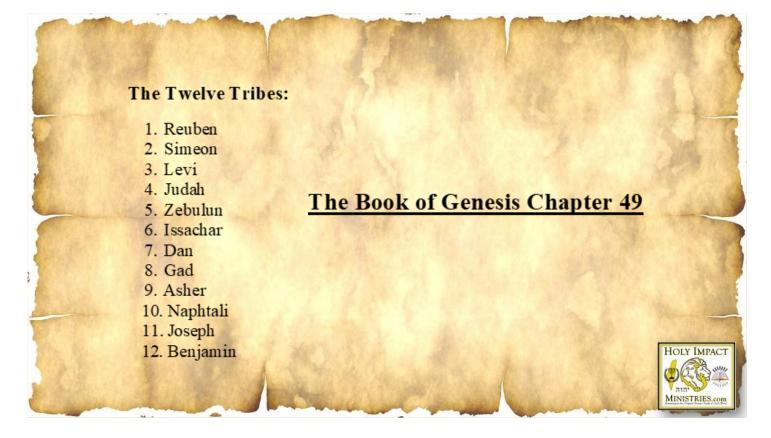
Keeping that in mind as we progress through the book of Numbers, I'd like to complete our study into Leviticus chapter 1 with talking about the tribe of "Levi" and why it was that the tribe of "Levi" was not counted in the army of God like the other tribes of Israel were.

The tribe of "Levi" was an important part of the house of Israel for many different reasons. And in order to better understand why it was that Yehvoah God most likely chose the tribe of Levi to guard and to protect his Tabernacle on earth from other men... we need to understand the history of the tribe of Levi and what they had done in the past, and what they were known for. But before we get into that... it's important that we make note of the fact that the twelve tribes of Israel that are listed here in the first chapter of the book of Numbers is indeed "12". There are 12 tribes of Israelites that God counted as ready for war. But... these 12 tribes do not include the tribe of "Levi". (scrn 2)



As we can see from this listing of the tribes of Israel taken from Numbers chapter one... there are actually 13 tribes of Israel listed here in Numbers chapter one when you count the tribe of Levi.

Because the tribe of Levi was excluded from the list of available men to go to war... the two sons of Joseph were included in the list. Both Ephraim and Manasseh Joseph's offspring have been added. In this way the traditional number of 12 tribes is listed and Joseph is given a double portion as a ranking heir. And this is important to understand when considering the history of the house of Israel thus far and why the 12 tribes of Israel are listed differently here in the book of Numbers than it is in the book of Genesis. (scrn 3)



Notice that here in Genesis chapter 49 we see the 12 tribes of Israel listed a little differently than in the book of Numbers with both "Joseph" and "Levi" being included here in Genesis chapter 49. But in Numbers chapter one... Joseph is taken out and his two sones Ephriam and Manasseh are added in, and the tribe of Levi is also removed because Yehovah had set them apart to undertake the work and protection of his Tabernacle of the testimony.

I'd like to take us to a few Scriptures that help to explain why it was that Joseph was to receive this double honor by adding his two sons Ephriam and Manasseh. Let's begin by turning to **Gen 49:1-28 E1**

Jacob Blesses His Sons

Gen 49:1 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.

Gen 49:2 "Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.

Gen 49:3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

Gen 49:4 Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

Gen 49:5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords.

Gen 49:6 Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen.

Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will

divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

Gen 49:8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you.

Gen 49:9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

Gen 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Gen 49:11 Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

Gen 49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Gen 49:13 "Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.

Gen 49:14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds.

Gen 49:15 He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor.

Gen 49:16 "Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.

Gen 49:17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward.

Gen 49:18 I wait for your salvation, O LORD.

Gen 49:19 "Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels.

Gen 49:20 "Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies.

Gen 49:21 "Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns.

Gen 49:22 "<mark>Joseph</mark> is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall.

Gen 49:23 The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, Gen 49:24 yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

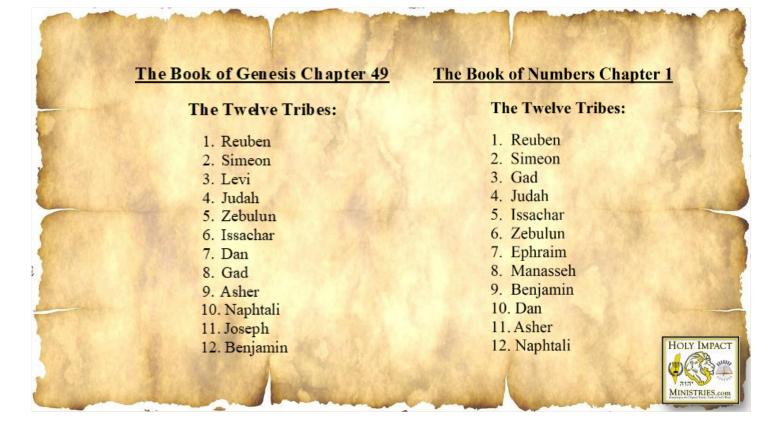
Gen 49:25 by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

Gen 49:26 The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, <mark>and on</mark> the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

Gen 49:27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil."

Gen 49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him.

What we're reading here is the blessing that Jacob (who's name was actually changed to "Israel" by Yehvoah God) gave to his sons and their clans back in Genesis chapter 49 just before he passed away. (scrn 4)

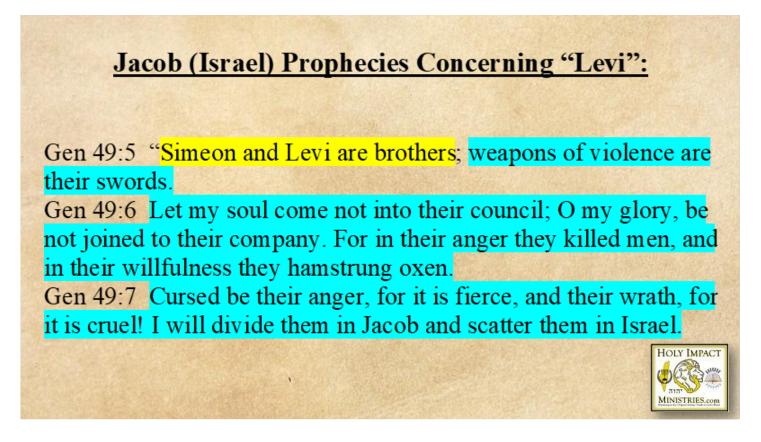


According to Genesis chapter 49 verse 28, all of these tribes listed in Genesis chapter 49 are the twelve tribes of Israel. But according to Numbers chapter 1... we see a somewhat different listing. So, are these the twelve tribes of Israel listed in Genesis chapter 49... or are these the twelve tribes of Israel listed in Numbers chapter 1?

The answer to that question is... "yes"! Both of these listings do indeed include all of the twelve tribes of Israel... why?... how can that be? Both lists include the exact same people and tribes. The only difference is that the name "Joseph" is not included in the list of Numbers chapter one because his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh have been added because Jacob (Joseph's father also known as Israel) had adopted Ephraim and Manasseh from Joseph in order to give Joseph a double portion as the ranking heir. And so, Joseph's name was taken off of the list in order to insert his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh. And the tribe of "Levi" was taken off of the list of Genesis chapter 49 because Yehvoah God had taken the tribe of "Levi" for himself to make them responsible for the upkeep and protection of his tabernacle.

Now, if that does not make sense to you... then I would encourage you to replay the video back over again and listen closely to what was just said, or... download the PDF file for this study and go through it slowly because I know that what we've just explained here can be rather confusing at first glance. But what I want us all to understand is that Yehovah the Elohyim of Israel is still working with the exact same people, and the exact same tribes. The names have been switched around somewhat in order to give recognition to those who deserve recognition, and to explain the different duties of each of the tribes of Israel.

Keeping that in mind... lets once again go back and read what Jacob had to say about the tribes of Simeon and Levi in Genesis chapter 49 verse 5 (scrn 5)



You see, the tribe of "Levi" was guilty of bloodshed back in Genesis chapter 34 because a gentile by the name of Shechem had raped their sister whose name was "Dinah". Both Simeon and Levi had attacked the Hivites because of what they had done to their sister Dinah. But instead of holding only Shechem accountable for what he had done… Simeon and Levi had led a revolt against all the Hivites and had murdered every male in the city and took their children and wives and plundered the rest. This made Jacob their father angry, and this is why we read in Genesis chapter 49 that they had killed men and had hamstrung oxen. And this is why Jacob says "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel," and that he would divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

Yehovah took the bloody hands of the Levite tribe and put them in charge over the daily sacrifices that would be made to him on a daily basis. The tribe of Levi would have blood on its hands forever because of what they had done. And it was because they chased after vengeance and that their anger was indeed cursed... that Yehovah had put them closest to him so that they would be on a leash if you will and their thirst for blood and vengeance could be re-directed towards the more noble cause of protecting the Tabernacle and the Testimony of Yehvoah.

As for the tribe of Simeon... the prophecies of Jacob were once again fulfilled. Jacob had already told them in Genesis chapter 49 verse 7 that he would divide Simeon in Jacob and scatter them in Israel, and this is exactly what was done. Listen closely to what the

Encyclopedia Britannica has to say about the history of the tribe of Simeon; (Go To Website)

Simeon, one of the 12 tribes of Israel that in biblical times comprised the people of Israel who later became the Jewish people. The tribe was named after the second son born to Jacob and his first wife, Leah.

Following the Exodus out of Egypt and the death of Moses, Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land and divided the new territory among the 12 tribes. Though sources do not clearly indicate where the tribe of Simeon settled, it seems to have been in the south of Palestine beyond the powerful tribe of Judah. In time, part of the tribe of Simeon was apparently absorbed by Judah, while other members possibly relocated in the north. After the death of King Solomon (922 BC), Palestine split into the northern Kingdom of Israel and the southern Kingdom of Judah. If the tribe of Simeon is counted among the tribes that formed the northern kingdom, then it too was assimilated by other peoples after the Kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians in 721 BC. One way or another, the tribe of Simeon disappeared from history and is thus numbered among the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel (q.v.).

https://www.britannica.com/topic/Simeon-Hebrew-tribe

Keeping all of this in mind... let's now go back and re-read the last few verses of Numbers chapter one so that we can now better understand why Yehvoah took the tribe of Levi and put them in charge of the daily sacrifice and the guarding of his tabernacle of the testimony. Numbers 1:47-54 E2

Levites Exempted

Num 1:47 But the Levites were not listed along with them by their ancestral tribe. Num 1:48 For the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 1:49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not list, and you shall not take a census of them among the people of Israel.

Num 1:50 But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it and shall camp around the tabernacle.

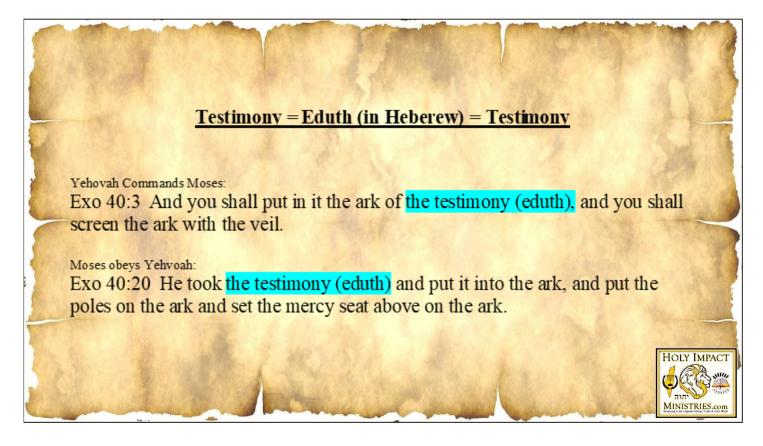
Num 1:51 When the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death.

Num 1:52 The people of Israel shall pitch their tents by their companies, each man in his own camp and each man by his own standard.

Num 1:53 But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel. And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony."

Num 1:54 Thus did the people of Israel; they did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Clearly... we can see here in Numbers chapter one, that the tribe of Levi were chosen by Yehvoah God to camp around his tabernacle of the testimony so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel and so that they could keep guard over and I quote, "the tabernacle of the testimony." Which brings us to... the "tabernacle of the testimony". What is... the tabernacle of the testimony? (scrn 6)



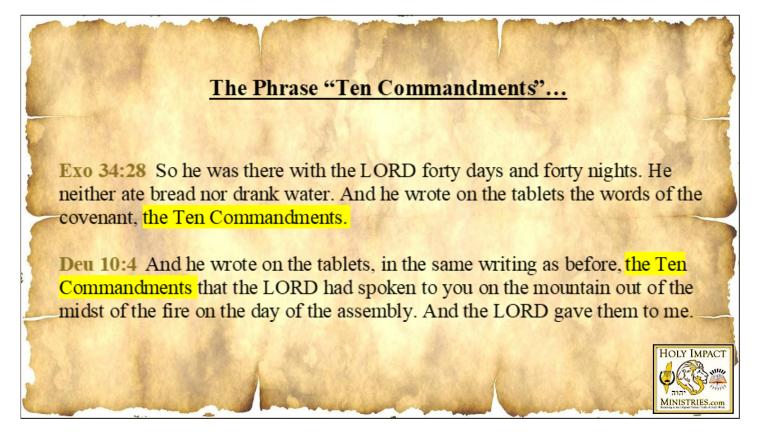
Clear back in the book of Exodus, Yehvoah God commanded Moses to put his "testimony" (eduth in Hebrew) in his ark that stood in the holy of holies inside his Tabernacle. Notice here in Exodus chapter 40 in both verses... verses 3 and 20... that Yehvoah God does not call his testimony "the 10 commandments" as the church today refers to them.

Many modern-day denominational charters of men call this testimony "the ten commandments". And they wrongly and ignorantly claim that these ten commandments have erased all other commandments.

These "dabar"... these "words"... these "utterances were never referred to as "the 10 commandments" my friends and why not? Because these 10 "dabar"... these words... these utterances were never meant to be the end of Yehovah God's word... they were but the beginning. The index of his word if you will. This testimony that the church often times today wrongly call the "10 commandments" do not remove all other commandments. They stand as a testimony to all other commandments. They call us to do... all other commandments. They are

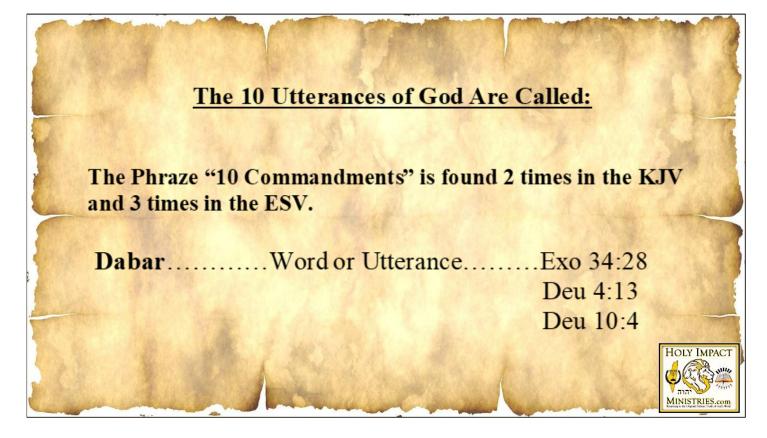
simply and index if you will to... all other commandments.

The "tabernacle of the testimony" is what the misguided and fraudulent church today calls "the ten commandments". We must remember that no-where within our God breathed Scripture is the "testimony" of Yehovah God called... "the ten commandments" in the original Hebrew language spoken by Yehvoah our Father in heaven. According to our God breathed Scripture... there is no such thing as "the ten commandments". Let's take a look at a couple of Scripture that we find in our English translated Bibles; (scrn 7)



Our English Bibles have incorrectly translated the Hebrew word "dabar" (which means "speech, utterance", or "word" in the Hebrew language) into the English word "commandments". But no-where within the original Hebrew language is the "testimony" or "utterances" of Yehvoah God ever called "commandments". And today's modern day denominational empires have wrongly picked up this idea of "the ten commandments" and turned them into a catch all concept that encapsulates their own man-mad version of salvation.

The truth of the matter is that "the ten commandments" that we first see introduced to us in Exodus chapter 20, are much, much more than just "commandments". These utterances... these words spoken to us by our Father in heaven are the index if you will... to all that he has ever said or commanded us to do. (scrn 8)



The phrase "10 commandments" is found two times in our English translated King James version of the Bible and it's found three times in our English translated Version of the Bible also known as the ESV. And each and every time that this phrase "10 commandments" is used... it is translated incorrectly.

No-where within the confines of our Father's Torah (which is his law also known as his "word") do we find the phrase "10 commandments". These utterances... these words... these "dabar" in the Hebrew language are known by Moses as our Father's "testimony". These utterances... these words... these "dabar" given to us directly from our Father in heaven testify to us about who our Father in heaven was... is... and always will be and what he stands for. And these utterances... these words... these words... these dabar that our Father in heaven wrote on two tablets of stone with his own finger are his testimony concerning who he will give life to... and who he will not give life to. They are not simply "commandments" alone... but should be seen as a "testimony" that lays out what Yehvoah God believes, what he expects from his children, and what his word... his law... his Torah was given to us for. These utterances... these words... these "dabar" testify to us that Yehvoah God's word... his law... his Torah is indeed who Yehvoah God is and this testimony is what brings life to an otherwise already dead generation.

If we have the word of Yehovah God within us... if his utterances... his words... his dabar are written in our hearts and in our minds, then... and only then... have we become one with him just as our Messiah prayed that we would be. John 17:20-23 (scrn 9)

So That We May Be ONE!

Joh 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, Joh 17:21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. Joh 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one. Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Moses never called these utterances... these words... these dabar... "the 10 commandments". Moses refers to these utterances... these words... these dabar simply as a "testimony" all throughout the Torah which includes here in Numbers chapter one. (scrn 10)

Testimony = "Eduth" = Testimony

Num 1:50 But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony(eduth), and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it and shall camp around the tabernacle.

Num 1:53 But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony (eduth), so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel. And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony (eduth)."

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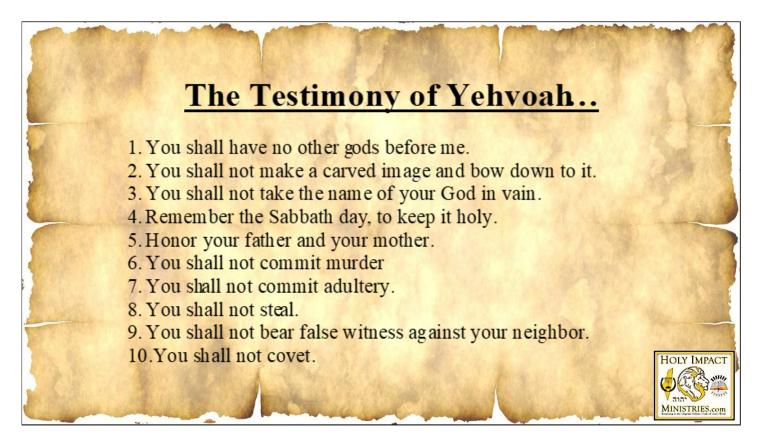
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The phrase "ark of the testimony" can be found 13 different times in the English Standard Version of our English translated Bibles, and it can be found 11 times in the King James Version of our English translated Bibles. But.... you will not find the phrase "ark of the commandments" or "tabernacle of the commandments" found even one time anywhere within the 66 books of your Bible.

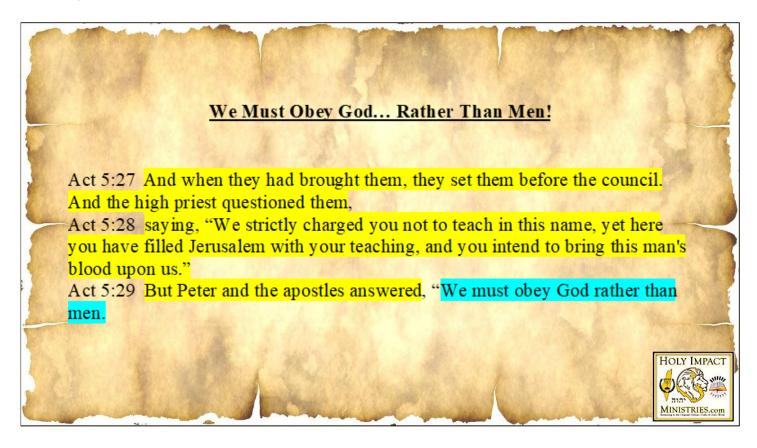
And why is this important for us to understand today in our time? It's important for us to understand because many of today's denominational empires of men have wrongly translated this testimony of our Father in heaven into the idea of a set of 10 commandments that has somehow become the holy grail of salvation for those who believe. The church today in our time often times teaches that the ten commandments have done away with all other commandments. A man-made dogma and philosophical understanding found no-where within the confines of our God breathed Scripture.

While this testimony could indeed be seen as a set of "10 commandments" ... it should be clear to us all that this testimony of our Father in heaven is actually an index of all of his spoken word and should be used to fulfill his spoken word... to fully preach his spoken word... not to do away with it. As an example... let's take the time to go over the testimony of Yehvoah so that we can see what it clearly points to. (scrn 11)

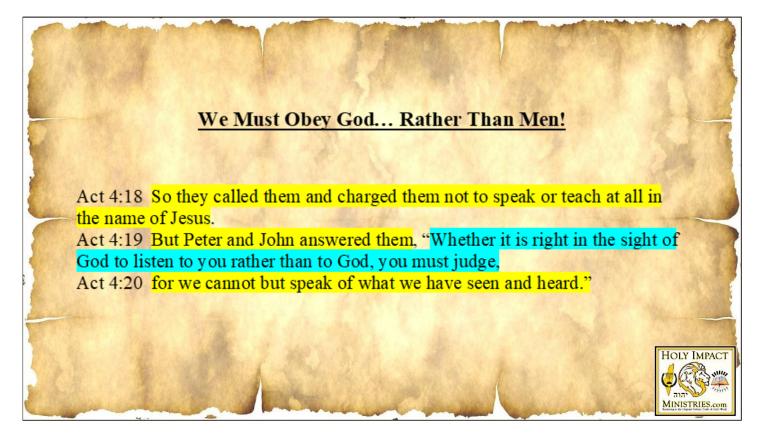


Let's begin with the first utterance or "commandment"; "You shall have no other gods before me".

What does it mean to have other gods before our Father in heaven? If we believe something other than what our Father in heaven has told us... what are we worshiping... who are we serving... who are we honoring? If God says that his seventh day Sabbath is on the seventh day of the week... but the pope of Rome says that his sabbath is on the first day of the week... who should we listen to? If Yehvoah God says one thing... and man says another thing... and we listen to man instead of to God... then are we not putting man before God? Are we not lifting man up as his own god? And what exactly did the Apostles have to say about this idea of listening to man instead of God? Acts 5:27-29 (scrn 12)



Clearly Peter and the Apostles new that it was wrong to obey man rather than God because this was the very first utterance of Yehvoah God that he spoke from Mount Siani when he came down before the people to give them his testimony. And we see the same answer given in Acts chapter 4 verse 19 from the Apostle John when they tired to demand John not to speak of Yeshua. (scrn 13)



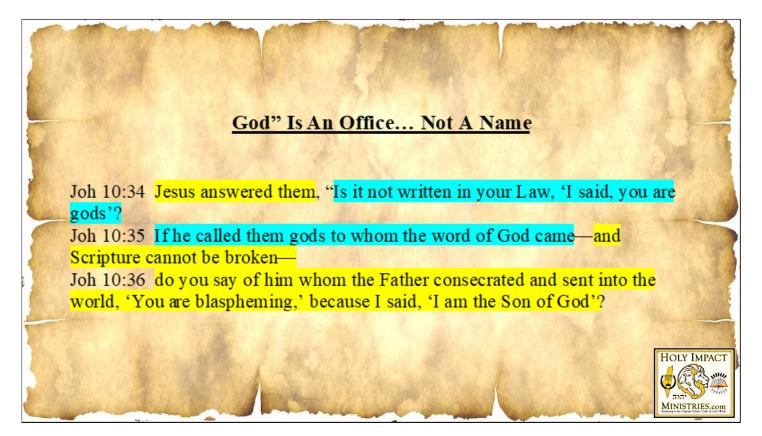
And so... the very first utterance from Yehovah's testimony that tells us that we shall have no other gods before him was clearly being honored by the Apostles when it came to putting God before men. And we must remember that the word "god" simply points to an office of authority. There are many "gods" that can be found within our God breathed Scripture. (scrn 14)

God" Is An Office... Not A Name

Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you
Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."
Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

It should be evident to us that there are many gods that can be found within our Scripture, and even our Messiah points to this very fact when he was defending himself against the Jews who were trying to stone him to death in **John 10:34-36 (scrn 15)**



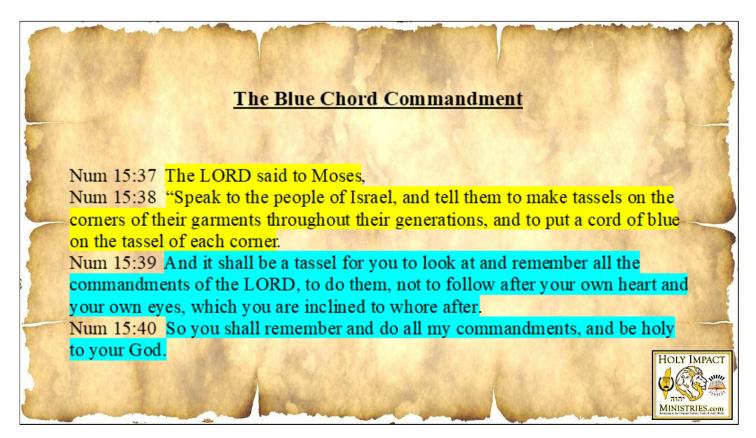
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And so, for anyone who has truly ever sat down and read their Bible for themselves... it should already be clear that there are indeed many gods and many lords that can be found within the pages of our God breathed Scripture and this is exactly the point that we are trying to make!

A "god" can be anything that you put in the place of Yehovah God the Most High God. If you are spending more time with your hobby than you are with Yehovah God... then who is it that you are serving? If you are sitting in front of a television screen four hours every week in order to watch football, baseball or basketball... and you haven't spent any time with your Bible or your Father in heaven then who is it that you are worshiping? Who is it that you serve? If all of your money goes to football, baseball, or basketball paraphernalia and jerseys, and signed autographs... and none of your time goes to reading your Bible or spending time with your Father in heaven then who is it that you are honoring with your money? Do you not have other gods that you have put before the God of Israel who tells us not to have any other gods before him?

And so... what does it mean not to not have any other gods before the God of Israel? Let's take a look at another example of how this first commandment teaches us our Father's Torah. Let's turn to Numbers 15:37-40 (scrn 16)



Yehovah God says that we are to put a blue chord on the corners of our hips so that we will be reminded of him and to do all of his commandments and not to follow after our own hearts and our own eyes. But what does the church today teach? Does the church today teach us to put blue

chords on the corners of our hips to remind us of our Father's commandments? No! And why not?

Many denominational charters of men will proudly proclaim that they keep the so called "10 commandments". But what is the very first commandment that they say that they keep? Is it not written that we are to not to put any other gods before the God of Israel? And does the God of Israel not tell us to put blue chords on our hips to remember him by so that we will do his commandments and not follow after our own hearts?

Many denominational charters of men will proudly proclaim that they keep only the moral law and not the written law. And to that I then ask.... what is "im-moral" about keeping this blue chord commandment that reminds us all of who our God is and what he has commanded us to do? Is this blue chord commandment in any way "im-moral"? And if it is not "im-morral"... then it must be "moral". So why do you not do it? The reason that they do not do it is because they listen to, and worship, and honor, and obey men rather than God. And because they listen to, worship, and honor men rather than god... they have indeed broken the very first of their so called "10 commandments" which tells them not to put any other god before the God of Israel. Do you see the hypocrisy in what they do and what they teach?

And what is "im-morral" about keeping the seventh day Sabbath or the Passover, or Pentecost or the day of Trumpets or the day of Atonement or Tabernacles the feast days and appointments that Yehvoah God commands us to keep forever and throughout our generations? Did our Mesiah not keep these feast days and appointments? Are we not commanded to pick up our crosses and to do as he did and to walk as he walked? What has made the feast days and Sabbaths and appointments of God so... "im-morral" that the church today would teach that these things are "im-morral"?

Do you see what the testimony of God truly is? These ten utterances... these ten dabar... this testimony of God is an index of all of his law... all of his word... all of his Torah... and all of what brings life to us as his chosen set apart children. These are not just a list of commandments that overthrow and negate all other commandments my friends. These ten utterances encapsulate the word of God that our Messiah became in the flesh. Our Messiah became his Father's Torah in the flesh so that we could once again see how to properly keep and honor our Father in heaven by keeping his Torah... his law... his word the way that he intended from the very beginning.

And so, from the very fist chapter of the book of Numbers we have seen the very name of God. We have seen the army of war that God himself had put together. We have seen that Yehvoah God expects us to be in the fight and not to be sitting on the sidelines. We have seen that even the tribes of Israel were prophesied about concerning their order and recognition. We have seen the tribe of the Levites put in place to protect the ark of the testimony because it was that ark of the testimony that encapsulated the whole word... the whole law... the whole Torah of God, and it was this very Torah... this very law... this very word... that this testimony stood for that

brings life to those who would accept the grace of Yehvoah God and believe in the only begotten Son that he sent through the seed of Abraham and the very body of David to bring us back to that very word... that very law... that very Torah that Yehovah God had so long ago promised to bring us life. **Deuteronomy 30:11-20 E3**

The Choice of Life and Death

Deu 30:11 "For this commandment that I command you today <mark>is not too hard for you,</mark> neither is it far off.

Deu 30:12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, `Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

Deu 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, `Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

Deu 30:14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Deu 30:15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

Deu 30:16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deu 30:17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

Deu 30:18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

Deu 30:20 loving the LORD your God, <mark>obeying his voice</mark> and holding fast to him, for <mark>he is your life and length of days</mark>, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Yehovah God says his law is not to hard for you but what does man say? Yehvoah God says that his law is in our mouth and in our heart so that we can do it but what does man say? Yehvoah God says that he has set before us life and good, and death and evil through his law but what does man say? Yehvoah says that loving him is keeping his commandments but what does man say? David who our Messiah is a descendant of says that the law is perfect reviving the soul, the testimony of Yehvoah is sure, making wise the simple, the precepts of Yehvoah are right, rejoicing the heart, the commandment of Yehvoah is pure enlightening the eyes, the fear of Yehvoah is clean enduring forever, the rules of Yehvoah are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. But what does man say? And more importantly... what do you... say?

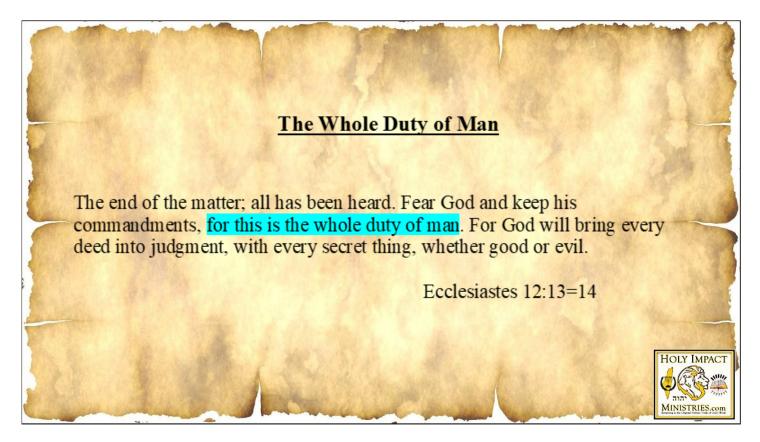
Who is it that you serve? Who is it that you listen to? Who is it that you honor? Who is it that

you worship? Have you... put another god before the Elohyim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Is your church... your god? Is your favorite sports star your god? Is your television your god? Is your social media outlet your god? Has your house, your car, your job, your social club, your sitcom, your soap opera, or your music become your god?

Do you spend more time with these... than with God? Do you know what the ark of the testimony even is? Have you read it for yourself? And if so... more importantly... do you understand the spiritual implications of the testimony of Yehvoah God?

And we could go down the list of utterances that are the testimony of God and show again and again how these ten utterances that are the testimony of God index his law and bring his Torah to life not turn it into a curse. But we will relegate this duty to you the believer and encourage you to study these things out for yourself. Every one of these ten utterances teach the Torah of Yehvoah! They are not stand-alone commandments to be kept by the letter... but an all-inclusive testimony to be kept in our hearts.

In the end as we close our study into Numbers chapter one... let us open our eyes and our ears to the lessons that this book teaches its readers. Let us partake in the blessing that it bestows upon those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. And lest us always remember what the whole duty of man is according to our God breathed Scripture. (scrn 17)



And with that, we will close the first chapter of the book of Numbers and begin our journey into Numbers chapter two next Thursday evening at 7pm Eastern standard time as we take a close look at the arrangement of the camp of the house of Israel that surrounded the tabernacle of the testimony.

And until that time... I will do as I always do and ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.