



## **Numbers Chapter 1a**

Today as we begin our journey into the book of Numbers it's important that we treat this study as though it is indeed a brand-new study so that others who do not know what we know can be brought up to speed in understanding the fundamental rudiments of the Bible that we hold to be the ultimate truth. We once again just as the Apostle Paul did, hold these Scriptures to be God breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness so that we can be complete and equipped for every good work.

With that being said, there are some fundamental things that we need to once again go over in order to bring our brothers and sisters up to speed so that we can be of one mind and one accord as we are all called to be. And one of the first and foremost things that we need to understand is found within the very first sentence of the book of Numbers and that that is... God's name.

The very first sentence that we see in Numbers chapter one is that all important signature that comes directly from our Father in heaven that lets us know that what we are reading here in the book of Numbers is indeed his spoken word that he personally spoke to Moses. And therefore, before we even begin reading the first chapter of the book of Moses, we need to make sure that we understand who it is that is actually authoring this book of Numbers.

The first sentence of the book of Numbers reads and I quote; "The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Siani in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt."

What needs to be understood right of the bat here in the book of Numbers is that God is speaking to his people through his mediator Moses. And even more importantly God actually uses his name in the very first sentence of the book of Numbers so that we will understand that these words that Moses will speak are not the words of Moses but of God. And we know that these are the words of God because he once again as he always does... uses his name... his personal name as a signature if you will before we are told anything else.

Before God says what it is that he wants to say... the very first thing that he wants us to know is that what comes next comes directly from him. What is written in the book of Numbers are not

the words of any “LORD”. The words that we read in the book of Numbers are not the words of any “god”. They are the words of Yehvoah who has a personal name that he not only wants... but demands for us to know throughout our generations and forever.

Most of us who have read our Bibles for ourselves and have been studying our Bibles to any degree already know what God’s name is. But for those of our audience who do not know the name of God that he personally has told us that his name is and that we are to remember throughout all of our generations... lets begin our study into the book of Numbers by first turning to **Exodus 3:15 (scrn 1)**

**God’s Name...**

**Exo 3:15** God (ELOYIM) also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD (YEHOVAH) the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ **This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.**

- 1. “God” is not God’s name.**
- 2. “I Am” is not God’s name.**
- 3. “Yehovah” is the name he is to be remembered by forever.**



The first thing that we need to understand is that God’s name is not “God”. Nor is “I am” God’s name. Nowhere in the Bible does our God breathed Scripture tell us that God’s name is “I am” or “hashem” or “adoni” or “Jesus” any other ridiculous man-made utterance.

As we can clearly see here in the beginning of his Torah which is the first five books of his God breathed Scripture... we can clearly see, know, and understand the very name of God that he wants to be known by. This is the name that we are to know him by says God himself, and this is the name that he commands us to call him and to remember throughout all generations. There simply is... no other name under heaven by which we can point directly to him as being our El-Elyon, our Most High Elohiym, our Father, and our God.

Our Father in heaven wrote his name in his God breathed Scripture over 6519 times. Let me ask you my friends... do you think that God would write his name over 6519 times in his God

breathed Scripture if he did not want you to know it and to remember it and to use that name?

Once again, the foolishness and vanity of men has replaced the very name of God with the ridiculous titles of “LORD” and “Adoni” and “Hashem” and “I Am” and “El Shaddai” and a whole host of things that only allude to him... but do not speak directly to him. And this my friends is just another man-made shame that has been brought to us through men who think that they are wiser than Yehvoah God is.

By creating this preposterous made-up nick names and titles they have disregarded the very commandment of Yehvoah God who tells us very clearly that his name is Yehovah and that this is the name that we are to remember him by forever and throughout our generations.

Once again, our Father in heaven's name is not “God”. And in order to better understand this biblical fact... lets turn to **Genesis 2:4 (scrn 2)**



**Yehovah Elohiym**  
**Made The Earth And The Heavens**

Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD (YEHOVAH) God (Elohiym) made the earth and the heavens.**

- 1. God made the heavens and the earth no-one else!**
- 2. God used his word to create. God Said... and it was so!**



We can clearly see from the very beginning of the book... that both the name and the office of God are used here in Genesis chapter 2 verse 4. Yehvoah is his name, and Elohiym is his office. Just as I am a father and a musician, and a pastor, and a husband these titles are not my name. There are many fathers, and many musicians and many pastors and many husbands but there is only one Scott Velain. And so too it is with our Father in heaven. There are many gods that can be found within our God breathed Scriptures. There are many fathers, and many lords, but there is only one “Yehvoah”.

And what also needs to be understood here is that there are no other Elohiym above Yehvoah. Let me say that again just to be clear... there are no other Elohiym above... Yehvoah.

There are indeed many Elohiym in the Bible. To be clear in the English language... there are many “gods” in the Bible. The word “God” comes from the original Hebrew word “Elohyim”. And there is not just one God or one Elohyim in the Bible, and if you believe that there is only one God in the Bible then you have clearly never read the Bible for yourself, and this is just one way to determine whether or not someone has ever read the Bible for themselves.

If I’m talking with someone who claims to be a Christian and they do not know that there are many gods within the confines of their Bibles... then I can immediately know that this person has never sat down and read the Bible for themselves. And if you have never read the Bible for yourself and you think that there is only one God in the Bible you need to sit down... slow down... and read the book for yourself because if you do not know this simple biblical fact... there is no doubt that there are many other important facts about the Bible that you do not know.

And for those of our brothers and sisters out there that do not know that there are many gods that can be found within the confines of our God breathed Scripture you can very quickly start overcoming this problem by reading Psalms 82, 1st Corinthians 8:5, John 10:34, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4, Hebrews 1:9, Exodus 23:13, and many, many other places all throughout the Bible. If you were to simply do a search for the term “other gods” in the Bible you would find that the term “other gods” appears in the Bible over 66 times.

Our Messiah is called a “God” in Hebrews chapter 1... the Devil is also called a god in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians chapter 4, and according to Psalms chapter 82 and I quote... “God has taken his place in the midst of the gods he holds judgment.” And so... once again... God’s name is not “God”. The word “God” is an office not a name and we need to be keenly aware of this biblical fact as we continue to march on through our Father’s Torah. Because it is tectonically important to know, and understand who is actually speaking these words in the book of Numbers to us.

In the books of Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus we learned a great deal about the Torah of Yehovah God which is his law also known as his word. And we’ve spoken in great detail what these things mean and why they were given to us, and what they point to. But here in the book of Numbers we’re going to actually see the application of the law being executed sometimes correctly and sometimes incorrectly.

The book of Numbers will help us greatly to better understand the law of Yehvoah God today in our time and why it was that our Messiah told us more than once that it was latterly impossible for even one dot of his Father’s law to become void.

Keeping this in mind... let us now read the first chapter of the book of Numbers for ourselves so that we can know what Yehvoah God says and just as importantly... what Yehvoah God does not say. **Numbers chapter 1 E1**

## A Census of Israel's Warriors

**Num 1:1** The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

**Num 1:2** "Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head.

**Num 1:3** From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company.

**Num 1:4** And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers.

**Num 1:5** And these are the names of the men who shall assist you. From Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

**Num 1:6** from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

**Num 1:7** from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

**Num 1:8** from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

**Num 1:9** from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

**Num 1:10** from the sons of Joseph, from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud, and from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

**Num 1:11** from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

**Num 1:12** from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

**Num 1:13** from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran;

**Num 1:14** from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

**Num 1:15** from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan."

**Num 1:16** These were the ones chosen from the congregation, the chiefs of their ancestral tribes, the heads of the clans of Israel.

**Num 1:17** Moses and Aaron took these men who had been named,

**Num 1:18** and on the first day of the second month, they assembled the whole congregation together, who registered themselves by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

**Num 1:19** as the LORD commanded Moses. So he listed them in the wilderness of Sinai.

**Num 1:20** The people of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:

**Num 1:21** those listed of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

**Num 1:22** Of the people of Simeon, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, those of them who were listed, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:

**Num 1:23** those listed of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

**Num 1:24** Of the people of Gad, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:

Num 1:25 those listed of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

Num 1:26 Of the people of Judah, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:27 those listed of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

Num 1:28 Of the people of Issachar, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:29 those listed of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

Num 1:30 Of the people of Zebulun, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:31 those listed of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

Num 1:32 Of the people of Joseph, namely, of the people of Ephraim, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:33 those listed of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

Num 1:34 Of the people of Manasseh, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:35 those listed of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

Num 1:36 Of the people of Benjamin, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:37 those listed of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

Num 1:38 Of the people of Dan, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:39 those listed of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

Num 1:40 Of the people of Asher, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:41 those listed of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

Num 1:42 Of the people of Naphtali, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war:

Num 1:43 those listed of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

Num 1:44 These are those who were listed, whom Moses and Aaron listed with the help of the chiefs of Israel, twelve men, each representing his fathers' house.

Num 1:45 So all those listed of the people of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war in Israel—

Num 1:46 all those listed were 603,550.

### 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.

One of the first things that we notice here in the book of Numbers chapter one, is that Yehvoah God wanted each Israelite man from twenty years old and up who were able to go to war to be numbered. Oddly enough, we'll see another census of the house of Israel in chapter 26 of the book of Numbers after the house of Israel learns a very valuable lesson that we won't get into here for times sake, but the point needs to be made that Yehvoah from the very beginning had every intention of including his chosen set apart people in this war against the sin that they themselves had brought into the world, and we'll get into that in more detail as we move forward.

This is extremely significant, and tectonically important to understand on many different levels. Here we are at the foot of Mount Siani... and Yehvoah God is getting ready to begin his chosen set apart people on a journey through the wilderness that would take his people into the promised land that he had promised Abraham. And what's the very first thing that he does in order to prepare them? He puts together an army that would be ready for war.

Stop for a moment and think about this first action that Yehovah God does before leading his people into the wilderness. Does God need a human army? Think about that for a moment. Does Yehvoah not already have a heavenly army of angels to fight for him? Is it not written that one single angel was able to kill 185 thousand battle ready Assyrian soldiers? **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:32-36 (scrn 3)**

## One Angel Wipes Out 185,000 Human Soldiers...

2Ki 19:32 “Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it.

2Ki 19:33 By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the LORD.

2Ki 19:34 For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.”

2Ki 19:35 And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

2Ki 19:36 Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went home and lived at Nineveh.



And so, if this be the case... and Yehvoah God does not need a human army to protect his people... then why assemble a human army from the house of Israel? Think about this for just a moment. Why not send just this one angel to protect them in the wilderness during their journey?

You see our Father in heaven knew that the house of Israel would be challenged by the nations of the world while attempting to get them from point A to point B. Yehvoah knew that his people would not go unchallenged by the offspring of his adversary. Yehvoah knew that wickedness had once again grown to a level of great danger for anyone who had rightfully chosen Yehvoah as their Elohiym. And Yehvoah knew that the house of Israel would need to be able to defend themselves here on earth while attempting to reach the promised land that he was bringing them into.

But... if Yehovah God could simply send one angel to defeat these worldly adversaries of his people... then why would he make them fight their own battles? Think about that for just a moment. If one angel could destroy 185,000 battle-hardened soldiers... then why would the house of Israel need to fight their own battles? This is extremely important for us to grasp.

Yehovah God was not just leading his people across the wilderness in order to give them the land that he had promised Abraham... he was also teaching them what it would take to endure... and to conquer over evil in a fallen Babylonian world. Yehovah God wanted his people to know what sin costs. He wanted them to know what transgressing his spoken word had brought them. He wanted them to know what it was like to also be included in the fight

against sin and wickedness. And he wanted them to know and to understand the value of standing for what is right in the eyes of their creator. He wanted his chosen set apart people to know how to overcome fear simply by knowing who he was and what his name was and having faith that he himself would indeed protect them in battle and out of battle.

You see, it wasn't enough to just say that you believed. You had to step up and overcome fear and to endure the journey and to conquer over the wickedness of the world. Simply honoring him with your lips while your heart was far from his was not an option. It never has been my friends.

Yehvoah had to make sure that this people... his people... his chosen, set apart people would know and understand what they would be up against. Yehvoah wanted his people to fully understand the cost of sin. Yehvoah wanted his people to fully understand the sacrifice that was being made for them so that they could return to him. Yehvoah wanted his people to understand that yes... this was a spiritual warfare that they were entering into... but... he also wanted to let them know that it was because this war was spiritual in nature... that this spiritual war would indeed bleed into the physical world as well.

When the Apostle Paul tells us in the sixth chapter of the book of Ephesians that it is a spiritual warfare that we are engaged in against rulers and authorities, and against the cosmic powers over this present darkness and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places... he was not telling us that we would not have to fight a physical war. He was simply telling us that in order to win this war... we needed to understand that this war was indeed spiritual. The war that we are faced with today in our time is both spiritual and physical not just one or the other.

We can not win this war by simply fighting this war on a spiritual level or on a physical level. This war needs to be fought on both the spiritual and the physical level and this should be clear to us all by now. The prophets fought a spiritual war but were indeed murdered in cold blood because this spiritual war was also very physical. The apostles also fought a spiritual war but were murdered in cold blood because this spiritual war had spilled over into the physical world. Our Messiah fought a very spiritual war but was also murdered in cold blood because this spiritual war was also very real and physical. And we also... fight a spiritual warfare. But make no mistake about it my friends... it is because this war is spiritual that it has also become a very physical war as well and Yehvoah God knew this, and this is why he assembled an army ready for war from the very house of Israel.

Once again my friends, if you think that you can win this war on a spiritual level without fighting in the physical you are sadly mistaken.

The only way to win the war is to change the hearts and the minds of those who are lost so that they too... can see what we see and hear what we hear and know what we know. But the world will rebel in this physical state... and it will do all that it can to rebuke the truth that we see and hear and know because it is written that the world does not know him, nor does it see him.

Once the human heart and mind is seeking Yehvoah the Elohim of Israel... the war is over. And it will indeed be at this point in time when the world will indeed turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. And it will be at this point in time that nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore.

But until that point in time... we, just like the house of Israel are called to war against the evil of this world just as we were back here in the book of Numbers.

Just because this is a spiritual war that we fight... this does not negate the fact that there will indeed be physical wars that we will need to engage in as well. Paul was simply trying to tell us that in order to win the war between good and evil we needed to be able to endure and to conquer over the evil that was to come. And the only way to do that would be to follow the word of our Father in heaven closely and to wait for his council so that we would not be fighting a war just to be fighting a war. There is a difference between fighting for what is just and right in the eyes of our Father in heaven... and fighting for our own vengeance and our own greed and gain here on earth.

Yehvoah wanted his people in the battle. He wanted them to see the death and the mayhem that sin caused. Yehvoah wanted his people to experience the smell of death and to feel the pain of loss, and to get their hands dirty so that they could truly understand what it was that they were fighting for and against. He wanted them in the fight. He wanted them to experience not only defeat... but also victory. He wanted them to know and to understand that this is what happens when mankind decides that he wants to become his own god and to reject the word of Yehvoah God.

We must remember that this army of Israelites needed to be assembled because of the fall of man back in the Garden of Eden. It was man who had decided to steal from God what did not belong to him when he decided to take from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil after being told by Yehvoah not to. It was man that had brought sin into the world that Yehvoah God had made perfect for him. **Romans 5:12-14 (scrn 4)**

## Sin Came Into The World Through One Man

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Rom 5:13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

Rom 5:14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.



You see sin came into the world through one man, and that one man was Adam. The world was made perfect for man, but because man had rejected the creator of the world... man had fallen, and the door was then opened for sin to then enter into the perfect world that Yehvoah God had made for man.

The Apostle Paul is not telling us that there is no law as some wrongly teach and preach. It is clearly written that even Paul himself always lived in observance of the law in Romans chapter seven verse 25 and again in Acts chapter 21 verse 24. And the Apostle Paul asks that all important question in Romans chapter three verse 31; “Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?” And what is Paul’s answer? **Romans 3:31 (scrn 5)**

## Do We Overthrow The Law By Our Faith?

**Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

**Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.



Once again... Paul is not telling us in Romans chapter 5 that there is no law... what the Apostle Paul is telling us in Romans chapter 5 is that sin was indeed in the world before the law was given at Mount Siani... and what this means is that because sin was in the world before the law was given at Mount Siani... the law existed even before it was given at Mount Sinai through Moses. The “law” was not invented by God at Mount Siani during the days of Moses. The law of God has always been in effect from the very beginning of time. It is the law... the spoken word of Yehvoah God that separates good from evil and evil from good.

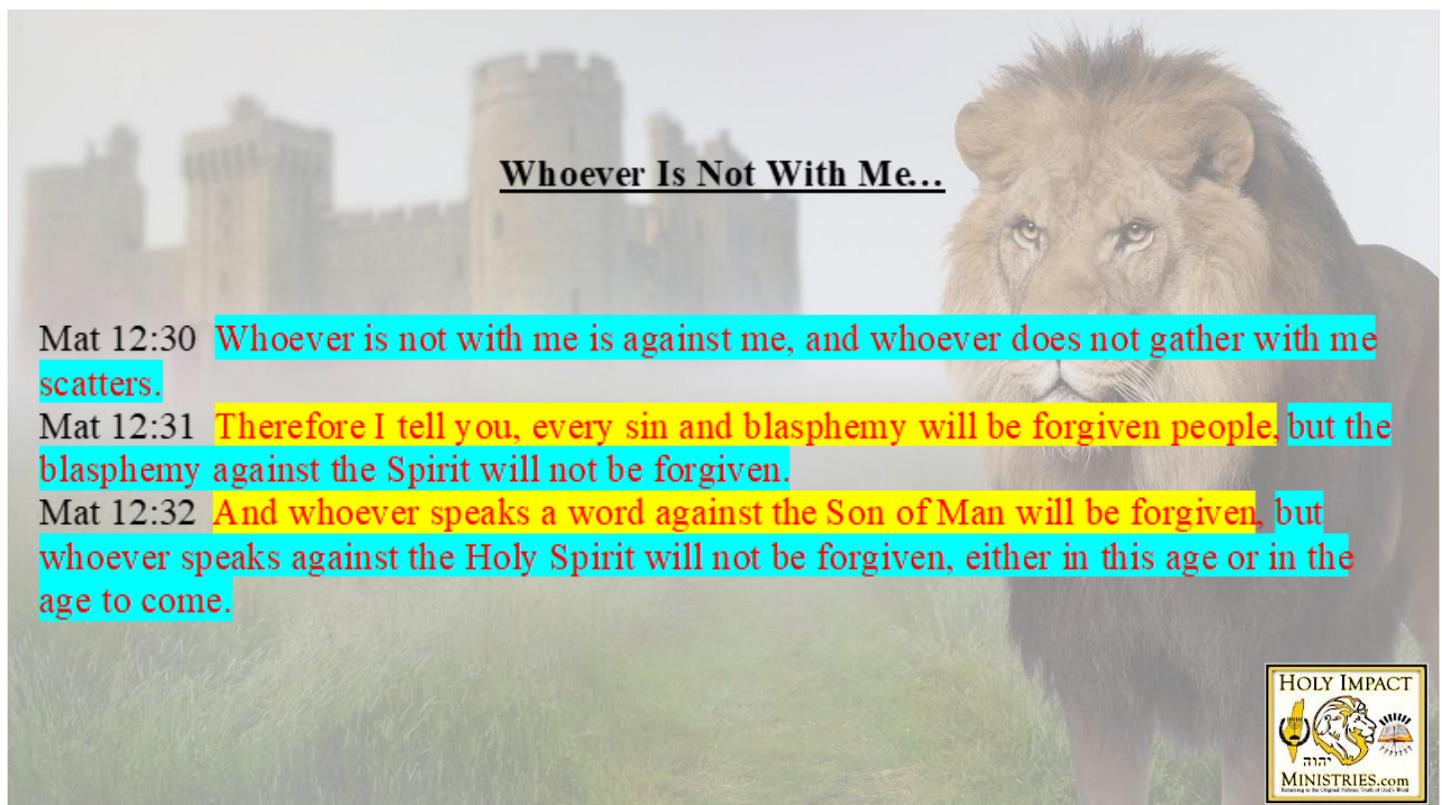
Once again... sin is the transgression of the law according to 1<sup>st</sup> John chapter three verse 4. And so sin cannot exist where there is no law which is exactly what Paul was trying to convey to us in Romans chapter 5. The Law has existed as long as Yehvoah God himself has existed because the “law” is Yehvoah God’s “word”, and Yehvoah God does not change, he is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and therefore... so too is his only begotten Son because his Son Yeshua Jesus became the “word” of his Father made flesh. And that word that our Messiah had become through his obedience and suffering has indeed existed as long as Yehvoah God has existed.

That very word of Yehovah God that our Messiah had become is the very same word that he calls us all to become. We are commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to walk as he walked and to do as he did. And if we walk as he walked and if we do as he did we too will become the word of Yehvoah God made flesh. This is what being a new creature at baptism is all about!

Adam and Eve could not have sinned in the Garden if there was no law to transgress. You cannot transgress a law that does not exist. And so, the “law” or “Torah” of God... which is synonymous with the “word” of God has been in existence with God from the beginning. And it was because Adam and Eve did transgress God’s law... that they had sinned thereby opening the door for sin to come into the world.

Once Adam broke that law... transgressed that law... that Torah... that word... and sinned which is the transgression of the law... sin then entered into the perfectly pristine world that Yehvoah God had created. And why is this all so very important when it comes to understanding Numbers chapter one?

It’s important for us to understand so that we can clearly see why it was that Yehovah God created an army from within the house of Israel. God’s people... the house of Israel was now because of the fall of man clear back in the Garden of Eden... going to have to fight against the same sin that man had brought into the world. And by fighting against the evil of sin that man had brought into the world... the house of Israel would then be able to show itself and identify itself as... set apart from the sin of the world. We must remember the precious proclamation that our Messiah made in **Matthew 12:30-32 (scrn 6)**



Whoever Is Not With Me..

Mat 12:30 **Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.**

Mat 12:31 **Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.**

Mat 12:32 **And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

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You are either for him or you are against him. There is no middle ground. There is no grey area. There is not straddling the fence. If you are neither cold nor hot, he will spew you out of his mouth. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture.

You can say what you will about the Son of man who is our Messiah, but you dare not speak against the very Spirit of God the Father who has done all of these things to save you and bring you back to him so that you might have life.

When Yehvoah God created an army from among the house of Israel, he was letting them know that being his set apart people was not going to be easy. Yehovah was calling his chosen set apart people back to him to once again be his children and his children alone as he had intended from the beginning. But this time even though Yehvoah had forgiven their transgression and was calling them back... his children also had to reciprocate that love and dedication back to Yehovah.

Salvation and redemption my friends is not a one way road. Salvation and redemption has always from the very beginning been a two way street. If... if... you obey the commandments of Yehvoah your Elohiym that he commands you by loving Yehvoah your Elohiym and by walking in his ways and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules then... then... you shall live and multiply and Yehovah your Elohiym will bless you in the land that you will enter in to take possession of. But... but... if your heart turns away, and you will not hear but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, (including the little “g” god of this world)... you shall surely parish.

The “If equals then” concept has never changed my friends. It’s not all about God giving... and us taking. It has always been about God’s grace upon us, and the love that we are expected to show him in reciprocation by keeping his commandments and his commandments not being a burden to us because we know that it is his commandments that protect us from the cancer of sin.

We seek to keep his law because his law is the very word that our Messiah has become in the flesh, and we are all called to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to walk as he walked and to do as he did. If this is the case... then how could we also not become the word of God made flesh? Our Messiah has commanded us to be perfect even as God our Father is perfect.

**Matthew 5:48 (scrn 7)**

## Yeshua Jesus Commands Us to Be... Perfect!

**Mat 5:48** You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



I ask you plainly... is there any difference between the Old Testament and the New? Did Yehvoah God not want the house of Israel to be perfect even as he was perfect? Is the calling of Yehovah God not the same yesterday, today and tomorrow?

I tell you the truth my friends... the only thing that has changes is the church that has thought to change the law and the times of Yehvoah God just as Daniel prophesied that the beast would in Daniel chapter seven verse 25.

Yehovah God was allowing his set apart people to know what it was like to be in the fight. He was allowing his set apart people to know the cost of sin... the cost of transgressing his law. He was allowing his set apart people to know what happens to those who reject him and those who reject his power and his authority as the creator of the heavens and the earth.

Yehovah God was including his chosen set apart people into his family, and this meant that they too would have to learn what his angels already knew. And that was that Yehovah God comes first in all things and there are no exceptions. When Yehovah God says “move”... you “move”. He is the potter, and we are the clay. And each and every one of us can learn a very important lesson here today from the very first chapter of the book of Numbers and that is that we too... are called to fight for what is right here on this earth just as the house of Israel was called to fight for what is right here on this earth. We are the ones that will be here to rule and reign over the nations with our Messiah according to our God breathed Scripture found in **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy chapter 2:11-13 (scrn 8)**

**If We Endure... We Will Also Reign With Him!**

2Ti 2:11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

2Ti 2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;

2Ti 2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.



And again, in **Revelation 2:26-29** (scrn 9)

**If We Endure... We Will Also Reign With Him!**

Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

Rev 2:27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

Rev 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



This world belongs to us because it belongs to our Father in heaven who gave it to us, and we

will eventually rule and reign over it just as our Father in heaven intended from the very beginning.

Let there be no mistake about it my friends... we are being raised up and trained for that same spiritual warfare that the house of Israel was being raised up and trained for. And let there be no mistake or misunderstanding... that the spiritual warfare that we fight today... has always spilt over into the physical world that we live in today. And that same spiritual warfare that the house of Israel was engaged in is the same spiritual warfare that we are called to engage in. The Apostle Paul did not say that the war that we fight was only “spiritual” ... he simply wanted us to understand that it will be in the spiritual realm that we either win or lose this war. Paul wanted us to know that if we were not prepared spiritually by putting on the full armor of God that we would never be able to overcome the physical war that was fast approaching.

This warfare that we fight has always been a war between the Spirit and the flesh. The supernatural if you will... and the physical world that we now know are indeed warring against each other. And if the Spirit does not win over the flesh... then both the spirit and the flesh will be cast into the pit. It is the spirit that must endure the persecution that is to come because the persecution that is to come is not against us personally... the persecution that is to come is against Yehvoah God our Father and his only begotten Son.

They will hate us because they hated him first. They will call us evil because in their wicked eyes they know no better. They have no moral compass that tells them the difference between good and evil. To them and their little “g” god... do as thou wilt is the whole of the law. They will persecute us because they persecuted him first.

Many wars have been fought for justice and righteousness in the sight of Yehvoah God and many wars have been fought for the greed and the vanity of men. But what should be clear to us today is that we do not have to attend every war that we’ve been invited to. It is always wise to choose our battles wisely. And it should also be more than evident to us all that all evil needs to triumph is indeed for good men to do... nothing. And I would submit to you my friends that the very reason that we see such wickedness in the world today is because good men did indeed willfully and intentionally choose to do nothing while the world around them was burning to the ground. And it is because good men did nothing... that today we now have evil being called good, and good now being called evil. And even to this very day, our modern-day denominational churches are as silent as crickets on a hot summer night when it comes to getting into the fight and proclaiming the truth that our God breathed Scripture rightfully proclaims.

Standing for what is right in the sight of Yehvoah God is never wrong. It is written that there is indeed a time for war. **Ecclesiastes 3:8 (scrn 10)**

## A Time for Everything

Ecc 3:1 **For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:**

Ecc 3:2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Ecc 3:3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

Ecc 3:4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Ecc 3:5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

Ecc 3:6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

Ecc 3:7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Ecc 3:8 a time to love, and a time to hate; **a time for war, and a time for peace.**



This first chapter of the book of Numbers is tectonically important for us to understand because it once again points directly to the very same war that we fight today in our time. And it is this very same war that we will see the house of Israel fight all throughout the book of Numbers in both the spiritual realm and the physical as well. And it is this one in the same war that will cause us to have casualties. This war will separate the good from the evil. Walking through this war... this fire... will bronze our feet and refine us and make us and mold us into what Yehvoah God had intended from the very beginning.

His chosen set apart people are a people that will indeed shed their flesh and become new creatures who are well able to endure and to conquer. His chosen set apart people will... just like the house of Israel be able to enter into his promised land and have not only life... but life more abundantly because we will have stood through the storm and will have fought for what is good and right and just in our Father's eyes.

My friends I challenge you to watch closely both the spiritual war and the physical war that the house of Israel is about to face here in the book of Numbers. Because by doing so... you will see how to fight this war both on a spiritual level as well as a physical level. And you will have a front seat view into the very nature of Yehvoah God your Father in heaven and how he works through his creation to achieve his intentions from the very beginning.

And before we close this chapter of the book of Numbers, I would also like to mention the tribe of Levi and the Levites who were not part of this census and the army that Yehovah God was creating from the house of Israel.

As we have already seen... the Levites were appointed for the work of the Tabernacle only, and there were to keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony. And we will talk more about this tabernacle of the testimony and what it entails next Thursday evening at 7pm Eastern standard time as we finish our study into Numbers chapter one and move into Numbers chapter 2. And I promise you that this study on the “Tabernacle of testimony” will indeed open another door of understanding that is tectonically important to understand. So don’t miss next weeks Bible study.

But 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.