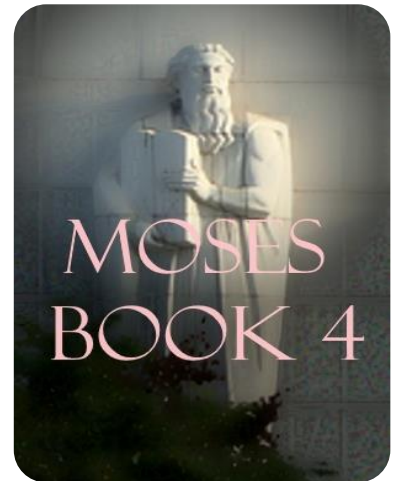


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In the preface to this Book of Moses we read: The titles of the five books of Moses, which we use in our Bibles, are all borrowed from the Greek translation of the Seventy, the most ancient version of the Old Testament what we know of. But the title of this book we only turn into English; in all the rest we retain the Greek word, for which difference I know no reason, but that the Latin translators have done the same. Otherwise this book might as well have been called: **Arithmoi**. Where we get our word: **arithmetic**. The Greek title = the numbering; as it shows the promise of God to Abraham that his children would be as the stars of heaven. In this book are two numberings: one at Mount Sinai in Arabia – chapter 1; and the other on the plains of Moab 39 years later. -- Matthew Henry.



The red heifer sacrifice

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

² This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which is no defect, and on which has never been a yoke:

³ And you will give it to Eleazar the priest, and it will be brought outside the camp, and slaughtered in his presence.

⁴ And Eleazar the priest will take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle its blood seven times toward the tent of meeting:

⁵ then the heifer will be burned in his sight; its hide, its flesh, and its blood, with its dung will be burned.

⁶ The priest will take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning heifer.

⁷ The priest then will wash his clothes in water, and bathe himself in water, and after that will come into the camp, and the priest will be unclean until the evening.

⁸ And the one who burns it will wash his clothes in water, and bathe himself in water, and will be unclean until the evening.

⁹ Now a man who is clean will gather up the ashes of the heifer, and put them outside the camp in a clean place, and the congregation of the children of Israel will keep it as water to remove impurity: it is a purification for sin.



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¹⁰ And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer will wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening: and it will be to the children of Israel, and to the outsider who moves among them, for a perpetual statute.

¹¹ He who touches a dead man's body will be unclean seven days.

¹² He will purify himself with water on the third day, and on the seventh day he will be clean: but if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he will not be clean.

¹³ Anyone who touches the body of a dead man, and does not purify himself, defiles the tent of the LORD; and that one will be cut off from Israel: because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he will be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

¹⁴ This is the law, when a man dies in a tent: all who come into the tent, and all who are in the tent, will be unclean seven days.

¹⁵ And every open vessel, which has no covering tied down on it, is unclean.

¹⁶ Anyone in the open fields who touches one who is killed with a sword, or who has died, or a human bone, or a grave, will be unclean seven days.

¹⁷ Then for an unclean person they will take some of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water will be put with it in a vessel:

¹⁸ and a clean person will take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, and on all the utensils, and on the people who were there, and on the one who touched a human bone, or the one killed, or who died naturally, or the grave.

¹⁹ Then the clean person will sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he will purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and will be clean at evening.

²⁰ But the man who will be unclean, and will not purify himself, that soul will be cut off from the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean.

²¹ So it will be a perpetual statute to them, and he who sprinkles the water for impurity will wash his clothes; and he who touches the water for impurity will be unclean until evening.

²² And whatever the unclean person touches will be unclean; and the one who touches it will be unclean until evening.

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