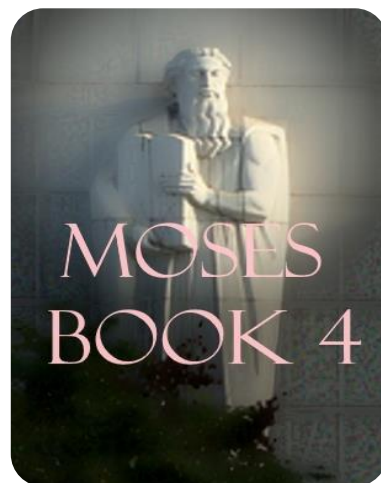


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In the preface to this Book of Moses we read: The titles of the five books of Moses, which we use in our Bibles, are all borrowed from the Greek translation of the Seventy, the most ancient version of the Old Testament what we know of. But the title 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 First Census of Israel,

¹ Now 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: ² Take a census of all the assembly of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, ³ from twenty years old and above -- all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron will number them by their armies. ⁴ And with you there will be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father's house.

⁵ These are the names of the men who will stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; ⁶ from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; ⁷ from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; ⁸ from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; ⁹ from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; ¹⁰ from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; ¹¹ from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon; ¹² from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; ¹³ from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; ¹⁴ from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; ¹⁵ from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan. ¹⁶ These were chosen from the assembly, leaders of their fathers' tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel.

¹⁷ Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name, ¹⁸ and they assembled all the assembly together on the first day of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually. ¹⁹ As the Lord commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰ Now the children of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²¹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

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²² From the children of Simeon, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, of those who were numbered, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²³ those who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

²⁴ From the children of Gad, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁵ those who were numbered of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

²⁶ From the children of **Judah**, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁷ those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

²⁸ From the children of Issachar, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

³⁰ From the children of Zebulun, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³¹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

³² From the sons of Joseph, the children of **Ephraim**, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³³ those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

³⁴ From the children of **Manasseh**, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁵ those who were numbered of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,400.

³⁶ From the children of Benjamin, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁷ those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin were 37,400.

³⁸ From the children of Dan, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

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⁴⁰ From the children of Asher, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ⁴¹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

⁴² From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ⁴³ those who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

⁴⁴ These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each one representing his father's house. ⁴⁵ So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war in Israel— ⁴⁶ all who were numbered were 603,550.

⁴⁷ But the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe; ⁴⁸ for the Lord had spoken to Moses, saying: ⁴⁹ Only the tribe of Levi you will not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel; ⁵⁰ but you will appoint the Levites over the Tent of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they will carry the Tent and all its furnishings; they will attend to it and camp around the Tent. ⁵¹ And when the Tent is to go forward, the Levites will take it down; and when the Tent is to be set up, the Levites will set it up. The outsider who comes near will be put to death. ⁵² The children of Israel will pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies; ⁵³ but the Levites will camp around the Tent of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the assembly of the children of Israel; and the Levites will keep charge of the Tent of the Testimony.

⁵⁴ Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they did.

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