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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.



Israel worships Baal of Peor,

- ¹ And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began whoring with the daughters of Moab.
- ² And they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods: and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.
- ³ So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor: and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.
- ⁴ And the LORD said to Moses, Take all the leaders of the people, and hang the offenders in broad daylight before the LORD, so the fierce anger of the LORD is turned away from Israel.
- ⁵ And Moses said to the judges of Israel, each of you slay his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.
- ⁶ Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and presented to his relatives a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the assembly of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting.
- ⁷ When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from among the assembly, and took a javelin in his hand;
- ⁸ and he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and stabbed both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman with him, through their bodies. So stopped the plague among the children of Israel.
- ⁹ And those who died in the plague were 24,000.
- ¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My anger from the children of Israel, in that he was jealous in My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the children of Israel in My jealousy.

12 Therefore say, Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace:

¹³ and it will be to him and his descendants after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.

¹⁴ Now the name of the slain Israelite, who was slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a leader of a chief household among the Simeonites.

¹⁵ And the name of the Midianite woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; who was head of the people of a chief household in Midian.

¹⁶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saving,

¹⁷ Harass the Midianites, and attack them:

¹⁸ for they harassed you with their tricks, by which they deceived you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague because of Peor.

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