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.

## Number The Tribes and Leaders by Armies,


${ }^{1}$ And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: ${ }^{2}$ All the children of Israel will camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they will camp some distance from the Tent of meeting. ${ }^{3}$ On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah will camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab will be the leader of the children of Judah. ${ }^{4}$ And his army was numbered at $\mathbf{7 4 , 6 0 0}$.
${ }^{5}$ Those who camp next to him will be the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the son of Zuar will be the leader of the children of Issachar. ${ }^{6}$ And his army was numbered at 54,400.
${ }^{7}$ Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon will be the leader of the children of Zebulun. ${ }^{8}$ And his army was numbered at $57,400 .{ }^{9}$ All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Judah, 186,400 -- these will break camp first.
${ }^{10}$ On the south side will be the standard of the forces with Reuben according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben will be Elizur the son of Shedeur. ${ }^{11}$ And his army was numbered at 46,500 .
${ }^{12}$ Those who camp next to him will be the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the children of Simeon will be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ${ }^{13}$ And his army was numbered at $\mathbf{5 9 , 3 0 0}$.
${ }^{14}$ Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad will be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. ${ }^{15}$ And his army was numbered at 45,650 . ${ }^{16}$ All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, $151,450-$ they will be the second to break camp.
${ }^{17}$ And the Tent of meeting will move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they will move out, everyone in his place, by their standards.
${ }^{18}$ On the west side will be the standard of the forces with Ephraim according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim will be Elishama the son of Ammihud. ${ }^{19}$ And his army was numbered at 40,500.
${ }^{20}$ Next to him comes the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the children of Manasseh will be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ${ }^{21}$ And his army was numbered at 32,200.
${ }^{22}$ Then comes the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the children of Benjamin will be Abidan the son of Gideoni. ${ }^{23}$ And his army was numbered at 35,400 . ${ }^{24}$ All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Ephraim, 108,100 -- they will be the third to break camp.
${ }^{25}$ The standard of the forces with Dan will be on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan will be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ${ }^{26}$ And his army was numbered at 62,700.
${ }^{27}$ Those who camp next to him will be the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the children of Asher will be Pagiel the son of Ocran. ${ }^{28}$ And his army was numbered at 41,500.
${ }^{29}$ Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali will be Ahira the son of Enan. ${ }^{30}$ And his army was numbered at 53,400 . ${ }^{31}$ All who were numbered of the forces with Dan, 157,600 -- they will break camp last, with their standards.
${ }^{32}$ These are the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces were 603,550. ${ }^{33}$ But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, just as the Lord commanded Moses.
${ }^{34}$ Thus the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses; so they camped by their standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses.

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