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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 defeats the Midianites.

- ¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- ² Avenge the children of Israel on the Midianites:

afterward you will be gathered to your people.

- ³ And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Arm some of your men for the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and on Midian avenge the LORD.
- ⁴ From each tribe a 1000, throughout all the tribes of Israel, will you send to war.
- ⁵ So there were delivered from the thousands of Israel, a 1000 from each tribe, 12,000 armed for war.
- ⁶ And Moses sent them, a 1000 from each tribe to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, and the holy vessels, and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.
- ⁷ And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they killed every male / and at first glance, some might say this seems very brutal, but what do you know about these Midianites, and their practices? Probably nothing, so check it out before you opinionate.
- ⁸ And they killed the kings of Midian, along with the rest of them who were killed; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.
- ⁹ And the children of Israel captured all the women of Midian, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.
- ¹⁰ Then they burnt all their cities where they lived, and all their camps with fire.



- 11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast.
- ¹² And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and to the assembly of the children of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan opposite Jericho.
- ¹³ And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the assembly, went out to meet them outside the camp.
- 14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, with the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, who came from the battle.
- ¹⁵ And Moses said to them, Have you spared all the women?
- ¹⁶ Behold, through the counsel of Balaam, these caused the children of Israel, to trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the assembly of the LORD.
- ¹⁷ Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately.
- ¹⁸ But all the girls, who have not known a man intimately, spare for yourselves.
- ¹⁹ And you stay outside the camp seven days: whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day, and on the seventh day.
- ²⁰ And purify all your garments, and all that is made of leather, and all the work of goats' hair, and all articles of wood.
- ²¹ Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to battle, This is the statute of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;
- 22 only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,
- ²³ everything that can endure the fire, you will pass through the fire, and it will be clean: but it will be purified with water for impurity:

and all that cannot stand the fire you will pass through the water.

- 24 And you will wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you will be clean, and then you will come into the camp.
- ²⁵ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,



²⁶ You and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers' of the assembly,

Total all the booty that was taken, both of man and of animal:

²⁷ and divide the booty into two parts:

between the warriors who went out to battle,

and all the assembly / so between those who went and did the work, and those who didn't, but who iust benefited from what the security forces did:

- ²⁸ And levy a tribute to the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle: one in 500 of the persons, and of cattle, and asses, and sheep:
- ²⁹ Take it from their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, as a wave offering to the LORD.
- ³⁰ And of the children of Israel's half, you will take one out of every fifty of the persons, of the cattle, of the asses, and of the sheep, from all the animals, and give them to the Levites, who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.
- ³¹ And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.
- ³² Now the booty, that remained of the prey which the men of war plundered, was 675,000 sheep,
- ³³and 72,000 cattle,
- 34 and 61,000 asses,
- ³⁵ and 32,000 persons in all, of women who had not known man intimately.
- ³⁶ And the half -- the portion for those who went out to war, was 32,000 sheep:
- ³⁷ and the tribute to the LORD of the sheep was 675.
- ³⁸ and the cattle were 36,000; from which the tribute to the LORD was 72.
- ³⁹ and the asses were 30,000; from which the tribute to the LORD was 61.
- ⁴⁰ And the persons were 16,000; from which the tribute to the LORD was 32 persons.
- ⁴¹ And Moses gave the tribute -- the wave offering for the LORD, to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.



- 42 As for the children of Israel's half, which Moses separated from the men who warred,
- ⁴³ -- now the half that belong to the assembly was 337,500 sheep,
- 44 and 36,000 cattle,
- 45 and 30,500 asses,
- 46 and 16,000 persons;
- ⁴⁷ and from the half of the children of Israel, Moses took one from every fifty, both of man and of animals, and gave them to the Levites, who kept the charge of the tent of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- ⁴⁸ Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, approached Moses:
- ⁴⁹ And they said to Moses, Your servants have taken a census of the men of war who are in our charge, and not one man of us is missing.
- ⁵⁰ So we brought as an offering for the LORD, what each man found, articles of gold, chains, and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD.
- ⁵¹ And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all kinds of shaped jewels.
- 52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered to the LORD, from the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was 16,750 shekels.
- 53 (For the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.)
- ⁵⁴ So Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of the assembly, as a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

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