

Numbers 7

Verses 1 - 3

Now on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; he anointed them and consecrated them also. ² Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the supervisors over the numbered men). ³ When they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them in front of the tabernacle.

Now on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle

See Chart 705

Numbers	Event	Year 2 - 1445	Place
7	Tabernacle set up	1-1-02	The Desert of Sinai
9	Passover	1-14-02	The Desert of Sinai
1:1	Census	2-1-02	The Desert of Sinai
10:11	At Sinai for almost a year	2-20-02	Leave Sinai
11	Quail / 70 Elders		Kibroth-hattaavah
12	Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses		Hazereth
12:16	Arrive at Kadesh-barnea	3-2-02	At Kadesh
13	Explore Canaan	40 days	At Kadesh
14	The people rebel	4th month	At Kadesh
14:44-45	Defeated by Amorites	4th month	Hill country

The Book of numbers begins with the census on 2-1-02 (1445)

But here in chapter 7 Moses takes us back to 1-1-02 when the tabernacle was set up.

In chapter 9 he will cover the Passover on 1-14-02

The rest of the events in the Book of numbers are in chronological order.

Then the leaders of Israel, made an offering and brought it before the Lord,

Six covered carts and twelve oxen,

A cart for every two of the leaders and an ox for each one

This was a free-will offering as far as we know.

These covered wagons will be used in moving the heavier items of the tabernacle

Verses 4 - 11

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵“Accept *these things* from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service.” ⁶ So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. ⁷ Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service, ⁸ and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹ But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath, because theirs was the service of the holy *objects, which* they carried on the shoulder. ¹⁰ And the leaders offered the dedication *offering* for the altar when it was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar. ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “They shall present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar.”

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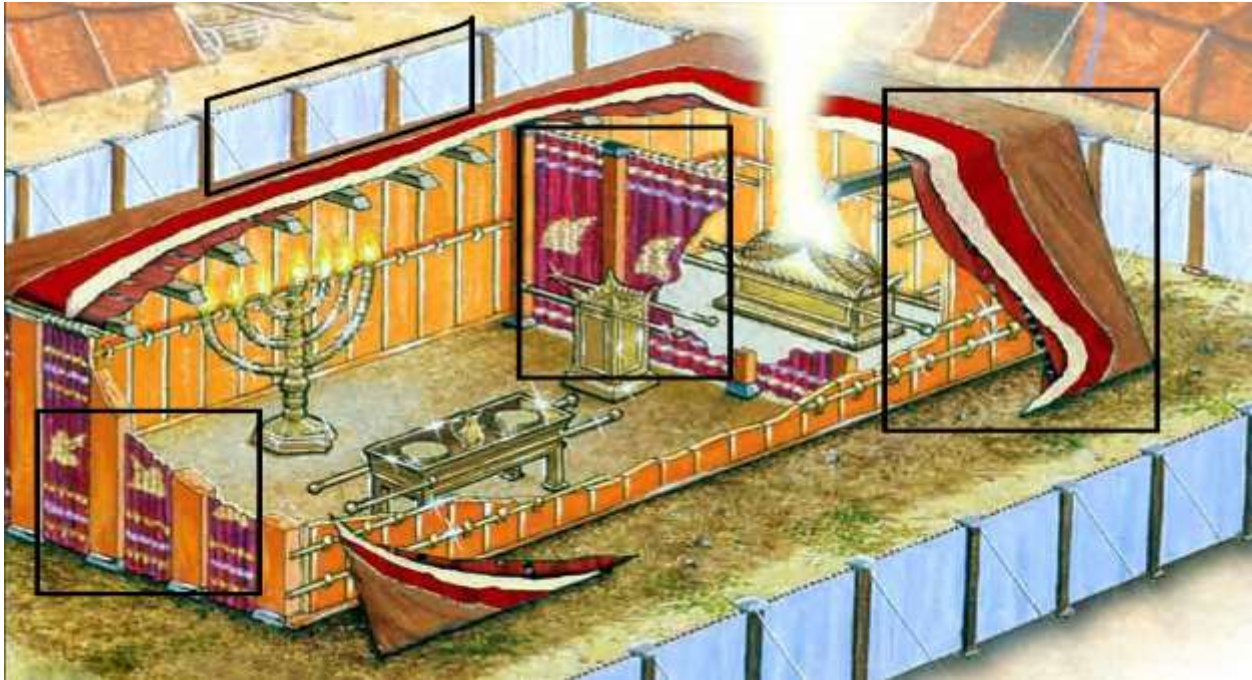
Moses may have been reluctant to accept these wagons at first but God instructed him to give them to the Levites.

Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon

The sons of Gershon were responsible for transporting all the woven items of the tabernacle.

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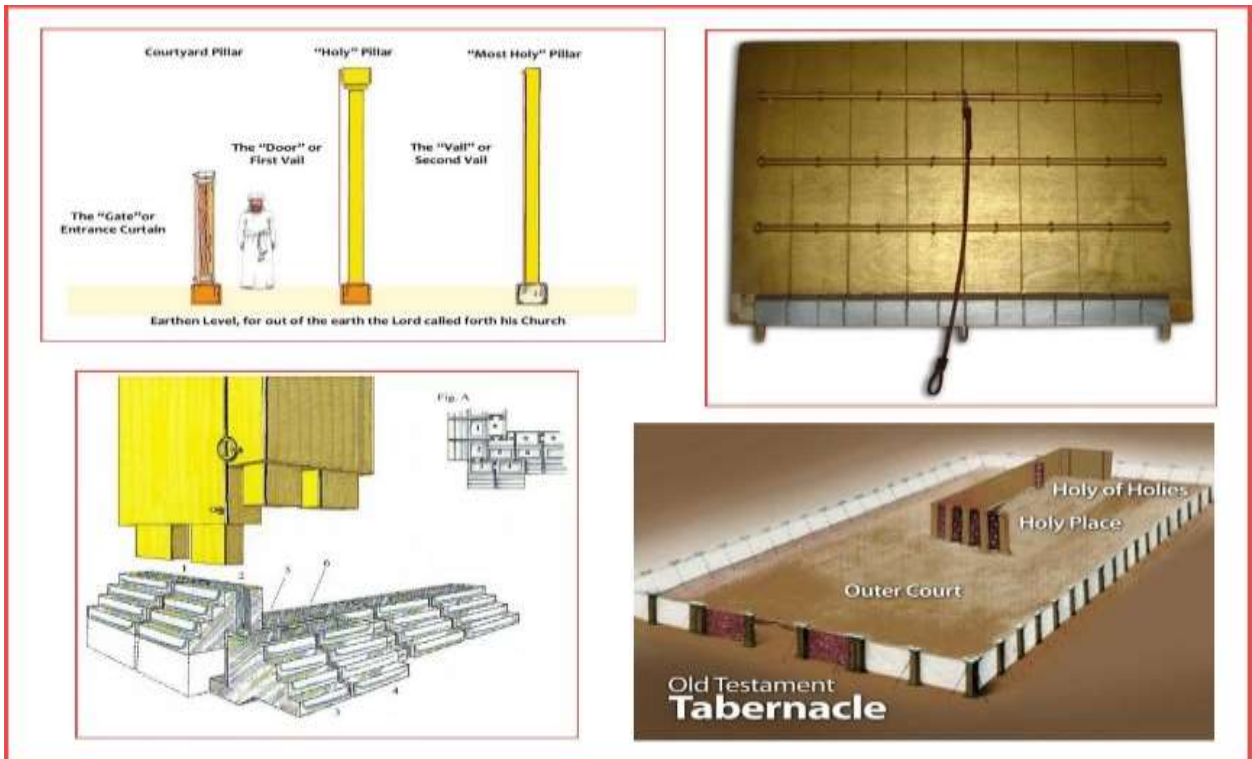
Woven materials



Four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari

The tribe of Merari was responsible for transporting the Boards of the Tabernacle and the posts of the court yard. This included the aluminum sockets.

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But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath

The sons of Kohath were responsible for the vessels of the Tabernacle.

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These items had staves (poles) that were inserted into rings on the vessels so they could be carried. They could not be placed on a cart.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “They shall present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar.”

Each tribe was given their own day, so the gifts came over a period of 12 days.

The tabernacle was set up on day 1

These offerings were presented on days 2 thru 13

The next day 1-14-02 was the Passover.

Verses 12 - 17

¹² Now the one who presented his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah; ¹³ and his offering was one silver dish whose weight was 130 *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels in sanctuary shekels, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ¹⁴ one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense; ¹⁵ one bull, one ram, and one male lamb one year old, as a burnt offering; ¹⁶ one male goat as a sin offering; ¹⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

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The tribe of Judah went first. Judah was the 4th son of Jacob

One silver dish whose weight was 130 *shekels*

One silver bowl of 70 shekels

Both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering

One gold pan of 10 *shekels*, full of incense

One bull, one ram, and one male lamb one year old, as a burnt offering

One male goat as a sin offering

2 oxen, 5 rams, 5 male goats, and 5 male lambs one year old as a peace offering

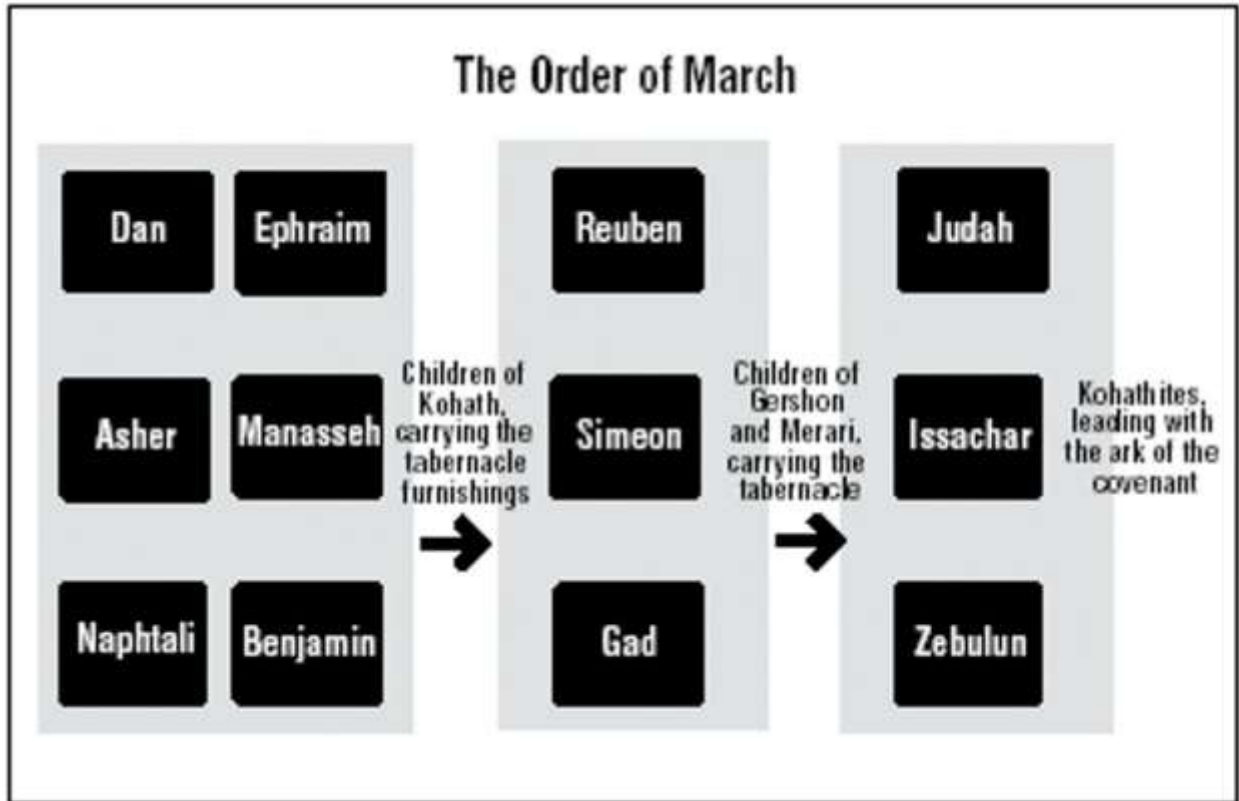
Verses 18 – 83

¹⁸ On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering.....

The other 11 tribes give their offering. Issachar, Zebulun, Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin, Dan, Asher, Naphtali.

You may have noticed this is not their birth order but rather the order in which they were commanded to march.

See pic 725



Verses 84 – 88

⁸⁴ This was the dedication *offering* for the altar from the leaders of Israel when it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, *and* twelve gold pans, ⁸⁵ each silver dish *weighing* 130 *shekels* and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils *totaled* 2,400 in sanctuary shekels; ⁸⁶ the twelve gold pans full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece in sanctuary shekels, all the gold of the pans *totaled* 120 *shekels*. ⁸⁷ All the oxen for the burnt offering *totaled* twelve bulls, *all* the rams, twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering, twelve, and the male goats as a sin offering, twelve; ⁸⁸ and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings *totaled* twenty-four bulls, *all* the rams, sixty, the male goats, sixty, *and* the male lambs one year old, sixty. This was the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.

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The total of all 12 tribes is given

12 silver platters (130 shekels each) filled with flour

12 silver bowls, (70 shekels each)

12 gold spoons (10 shekels each), full of incense

A total of 2,400 shekels of silver and 120 shekels of gold

12 bulls, 24 oxen, 72 ram, 72 goats, 72 he-lambs

This amounted to a total of 252 animals.

Verse 89

Now when Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the atoning cover that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; so He spoke to him.

This is now where the presence of God resided.