CHAPTER 1

1st day, 2nd month, 2nd year.

12 Tribes

1. Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Judah, Isachar, Zebulin, Benyamin, Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Levites

Joseph had two portions as was promised to him in Egypt

- These portions came in the form of Manessah & Ephraim.
- Levites would be in charge of the tabernacle

CHAPTER 2

Placement of TRIBES in camp
CHAPTER 3

Aaron had 4 sons.

1. Nadab & Abihu → Both dead after offering profane fire before the lord in the wilderness

2. Eleazar & Ithamar → Alive → Worked as priests with Aaron.

The Levites where also to serve Aaron as the lord took them as the 1st born of all of Israel.

This is because during the Passover in Egypt the lord said he will take every 1st child from Israel and every 1st animal and dedicated it to him.

CHAPTER 4

So the Lord just took the tribe of Levi as a whole as 1st borns.

Position of the tribe of Levi around the tabernacle.

- WEST was GERSHAN → Looked after elements of Tabernacle
- NORTH was MERARI → Looked after structural elements and utensils of tabernacle
- SOUTH was KOHATH → Looked after implements and furnishings of Tabernacle
- EAST was MOSES & AARON & HIS SONS → Guarded tabernacle against improper approach to tabernacle

Unlike the other tribes where the census was for those that were above 20

The Levis census was for those that were greater than 1 month old.
Further since the Levis numbered about 22000, this was less than the 1st born of all the children in the camp.

To overcome this each person extra above 22000 would have to offer Moses 5 Shekles.

This money that was collected was given to Aaron and His Sons to care for the tabernacle.

CHAPTER 5

- Lepers
- Everyone who had a discharge
- Who ever came in contact with a corpse

Was put outside the camp for purity purposes

CHAPTER 6

**LAW OF THE NAZARITE**

1. No Wine
2. No Trimming or Shaving of Hair
3. No Contact with dead bodies.

The aim of this was a fatal dedication / vow to God that you would dedicate your life to him.

CHAPTER 7

Each tribe had to bring an offering to the altar

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CHAPTER 8

The Lord appoints the Levites to Tabernacle

**Levites Cleansed** – The process was as follows

1. Sprinkle Water on them
2. Shave their Body
3. Sin Offering

CHAPTER 9

Scene is set for the March

The Passover for those that were clean was on

1\textsuperscript{st} Month/14\textsuperscript{th} Day/2\textsuperscript{nd} Year

The Passover for those that were NOT clean was 1 month later on

2\textsuperscript{nd} Month/14\textsuperscript{th} Day/2\textsuperscript{nd} Year

The Passover consisted of 3 things

1. Lamb – No bones to be broken, like Jesus on Cross
2. Bitter Herbs
3. Unleavened Bread

**CLOUD**

Cloud in the morning, Fire at night

- The Israelites moved only when the cloud moved.

CHAPTER 10

- **Moses commanded by the Lord to make two trumpets**
  - Blow 1 → only leaders to gather around tabernacle
  - Blow 2 → all congregation gathered around tabernacle.
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} Advance Blow → East Move
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} Advance Blow → South Move
    - If blown at war → The lord will come down and help Israel.
  - Also Blown at feasts over burnt and peace offerings.
  - Aaron and his sons where in charge of blowing the trumpets.
With this all done the Israelites were ready to journey to the 20\textsuperscript{th}/2\textsuperscript{nd}/2\textsuperscript{nd} year.

They moved from Sinai to wilderness of Paran 8-11/12

Habab Son of Reul is encouraged by Moses to stay with Israel.

- Reul befriended Moses and gave him his daughter Zipporah as wife.

CHAPTER 11

People were displeased with their state at no meat

- Fire came down from heaven and burned the people on the outskirts
- Place was called **TABERAH** → Means fire of the Lord burned amongst them.
- Lord commands Moses to get 70 elders
  - The lord promises Moses that they will have meat for 30 days straight till they get sick of it.
  - Moses couldn’t believe this because he had no idea where to get the meat
The following day 68 Elders gathered around the Tabernacle
- The lord came down in a cloud and told all these men that they would share the load with Moses.
- The 2 other elders for some reason where still in the camp
  - Their names were ELDAD & MEDAD
    - All the elders begin prophesying
- The lord sends quail from heaven
  - People go into a frenzy
  - Lord sends a plague
  - The place is called Kibroth – Hattarah

From Hattavah people move to Hazeorth

CHAPTER 12

Miriam and Aaron rise against Moses for marrying an Ethiopian Women
- Moses is mentioned as the most humble man in all of the face of the Earth
- The Lord calls Aaron Moses and Miriam to the tabernacle
- At the tabernacle Aaron and Miriam are commanded to go to the Lord
  - Lord tells them how great Moses is, and how he speaks to him face to face.
    - Miriam is punished with leprosy and has to spend 7 days outside the camp.
    - After Her return people moved from Hazeorth to the wilderness of Paran

CHAPTER 13

Moses commanded by the lord to send a spy from each tribe to see the land of Canaan

Moses also changes name of Hoshea the son of Nun to Joseph.

The spies returned back with Grapes, pomegranates and Figs and told Moses what they saw.
- Caleb wanted Israel to immediately attack
- Rest of Spies where afraid and complained to Moses that Canaan was the land of Giants and they were weak.
CHAPTER 14

People became frustrated with Moses and plotted to elect a new leader for them, which would take them back to Egypt.

- Moses & Aaron fall to the floor with their faces
- Caleb & Joshua ripped their cloth off and implored the people to believe in the power of God and how great the land of Canaan was – land of milk and honey.
  - People where infuriated and wanted to stone them
    - The Lord appears in the Tabernacle and tells Moses that he wants to reject the people
      - Moses implores the Lord not to do such a thing because the Egyptians would hear of it and say the Lord of Israel couldn’t take them to Canaan so he killed them.
      - Moses begs for forgiveness for his people from the Lord.
        - The Lord tells Moses he will accept what he says
          - But that since Israel tested their God 10 times no one of them would see the Promised Land except Caleb and Joshua because they had a different spirit in them.

The lord commanded that the next day that Israel move out into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

The Lord sentences the 10 other spies to death.

Lord tells Moses that Israel would spend 40 years in the wilderness because the spies spent 40 days in Canaan and did not believe.

Only Joshua & Caleb would enter in the Promised Land from all these people of the 1st generation.

The sons of the 1st generation would enter as well.

Moses tells the people of this and they mourn

1. Some of the Israelites decide to attack the Amalekites and Cannanites but they are defeated because the Lord was not with them.
CHAPTER 15

Details the different types of offerings that need to be carried out when Israel enters Canaan.

1. Grain Offering
2. Wine Offering → Poured on the altar
3. Heave Offering → At the beginning of the harvest, the harvester would have to offer his 1st produce to the Lord, this was known as the Heave Offering.

For Unintentional sins Israel had to offer the following.

WHOLE CONGREGATION AT FAULT

1. Burnt Offering
2. Grain Offering
3. Drink Offering
4. Sin Offering

INDIVIDUAL AT FAULT

• Sin Offering Only → 1 female Goat.

PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

• Punished by cutting off from the people

VIOLATING THE SABBATH

• Punished by stoning

The Jews are also commanded by the lord to where Tassels with a blue stripe on their gowns to remind them off the LORD.

CHAPTER 16

• Rebellion rises against Moses and Aaron
  o Korah from the tribe of Levi was not happy with his service in the Tabernacle and wanted to become a priest.
  o So he brought with him 250 Elders and argues against Moses & Aaron and told them how they made themselves greater than all of Israel.
  o Moses falls on his face and asks them to all hold a censor and see if their incense is accepted.
  o Moses calls the allies of Korah who are Dathan and Abiram
They don’t go to Moses and accuse him of being a prince over them.

Moses becomes angry and asks the Lord to reject their offering.

So Moses tells Korah that the following day that him and his leaders are to come to the tabernacle and hold a censor and offer incense before the Lord.

They do this

- So Lord tells Aaron and Moses to separate from them
- Lord also tells Moses to tell the people to move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan & Abiram
- Earth opened up and swallowed them
- Fire Swallowed the 250 Elders.
  - Lord tells Moses that Eleazar is to gather all the censors used and melt them and make them into an altar covering so Israel could remember this event.

Israel became displeased with Moses because of what had happened to all these people who had died.

The Lord responds with a huge plague of fire that begins to kill people in the camp.

Moses tells Aaron to take a censor and run through the camp offering atonement for the people.

He does this and the plague stops.

CHAPTER 17

The Lord Tells Moses to get 1 rod from each of the tribes with their leaders name on it

On the rod of the tribe of Levi, Aarons name was to be written.

The lord instructed Moses to put all the rods in the tabernacle, and the one that budded and blossomed would be a sign of the true priesthood.

The next day Moses entered the tabernacle of witness

- Saw the Rod with Aarons name on it had budded, blossomed and brought forth Almonds.
- This Rod became a sign for the rebels such as Korah, Dathan and Abiram
CHAPTER 18

The priests and Levis → Where not going to get any inheritance in the Land that was promised because the Lord would provide for them

Priests earned living from animals that were not burnt on the altar

The tithes of all of Israel was given to the tribe of Levi as well

- In turn the Levites would give 1/10th of this tithe to the Lord.

CHAPTER 19

Aaron is aging so Eliazar begins to take over the role of his father Aaron.

LAW OF PURIFICATION

- A red female heifer was given to Eliazer the priest which was to be sacrificed outside the Camp.
- While it was being burned Cedar wood, scarlet and hyssop was added to the fire.
- After it was burnt the ashes would be collected and kept in a clean place outside the camp.
  - When someone needed purification they would go outside the camp and put ashes in water and sprinkle it on themselves to make themselves clean.
CHAPTER 20

Moses makes a big error at Kadesh

Israel moves into Kadesh

• Miriam dies here and is buried.

People complain to Moses that they have no water

• Moses and Aaron enter into the tabernacle and fall with their faces before the Lord.
• The Lord commands them to *SPEAK* to the rock and water would come out.
• But they don’t do this
  o They go to the rock and call the people rebels
  o Moses *STRIKES* the rock twice with his stick.
    ▪ Water Comes Out
• The lord is angered at both Aaron & Moses because,
  o They didn’t listen to his instructions, they struck the rock and didnt speak to it
  o They didn’t hallow his Name.
    ▪ Their punishment was that they both would not enter the Promised Land.

• This place was Called Meribah which means Contention.

People tried to move through Edom but they were turned away

People then Journeyed from Kadesh to Mt Hor.

Eliazar, Aaron and Moses go on top of Mt Hor

• Moses strips Aaron of His clothe and gives it to Eliazar as a sign of changing of the Guard.
• Aaron dies aged 123
• People mourn for 30 days.
CHAPTER 21

Canaanites defeated at Hormah → King Arad was their leader

- They were defeated after the Jews asked for the power of the Lord to show.

Israel then journey by the way of the Red Sea to Edom

The Jews become displeased again

So the lord sends serpents that bite the people and they die.

The people ask Moses to intervene

- Moses prays so the Lord tells him to make a fiery Serpent and put it on a pole.
  a. When any Jew is bitten they are to look at this bronze serpent and they would survive.

Israelites moved around Edom and entered territory of Moab and moved up to the land of Ammon.

People move towards the beer and they Lord gives them Water.

SIHON KING OF AMORITES → defeated after refusing entry into his land, so Israel prayed and the lord allowed them to conquer the land.

OG KING OF BASHAN → Defeated, Israel takes over the Land.

CHAPTER 22, 23, 24

Children of Israel Camp in lands of Moab

- Balak the king of Moab saw what had happened to his neighbours and was extremely afraid.
  - He calls the elders of Midian and commands them to get Balaam who was a sorcerer who believed he had the power to speak to the Gods.
  - So the Elders when to Balaam and told him that Balak wanted to see him.
  - Balak told them to stay the night so he could speak to the lord and see what he wants.
    i. Lord appears to him and tells him not to go with them
    ii. Elders return to Balak and tell him that Balaam won’t come and see him
    iii. So he sends to Balaam more princes greater than the elders.
    iv. Balam tells them to stay the night.
1. He has a false dream where he thinks the Lord is telling him to go to Balak.
2. So he gets up takes his donkey and his two servants and treks over to Balak.

This angered the Lord.

So on his way to Moab an angel of the Lord appears to Balaam’s Donkey.

1. At first sight the donkey sees an angel with a sword, so he turns into a narrow path in the vineyards.
   - Balaam strikes the donkey → 1st time

2. Angel appears to donkey while he is walking between to walls, so he pushes Balaam’s feet into one of the walls.
   - Balaam strikes the donkey → 2nd time

3. Donkey sees angel again but this time he has no way to turn so he just lays down on the floor with Balaam on top.
   - Balaam Strikes the donkey → 3rd time

So the donkey speaks to Balaam

- What have I done to you that you strike me 3 times.
  - The lord opens Balaam’s Eyes to the angel.
  - Balaam begs for forgiveness
  - Angel tells Balaam to go to Balak, but on the condition that he only speak what the Lords says.

When Balaam arrives in Moab, Balak greets him and takes him to a mountain (BAAL) so he can see ISRAEL.

So Balaam tells Balak to prepare 7 altars so they could offer 1 ram and 1 bull on each altar.

They offer these animals and Balaam goes to speak to the lord.

1st PROPHECY

Balaam Speaks to Balak → “How can I curse what God has Not Cursed”

Balak goes into shock and takes Balaam to another mountain (In the field of Zophim, Top of Psigah) so he can see the Israelites.
Same offering takes place as before.

Balaam goes away and the lord speaks to Him

2nd PROPHECY

Balaam Speaks to Balak → “If the Lord has blessed I cannot curse it”

Balak becomes frustrated with Balaam and tells him to bless or curse them at all.

Balak then takes Balaam to another place → top of Poer which overlooked wasteland

Same offering takes place as before

3rd PROPHECY

But this time he did not try to use sorcery and go away but blessed Israel Straight away because he knew that it pleased the lord.

- Balak becomes infuriated as Balaam had blessed Israel 3 times.
- Balaam then takes Balak and shows him what would happen in the later days.

4th PROPHECY

Balak prophesies that a great Messiah was to come out of Jacob → referring to Jesus.

Balaam and Balak go their opposite ways.
CHAPTER 25

Israel begins to commit harlotry with the women of Moab and they begin to worship their god Baal of Poer.

- The lord becomes angry and commands that Moses asks all the leaders to kill anyone that was involved in worshipping Baal.
- As this was happening one of the children of Israel came to his people with a Midianite woman in front of Moses.
  - This man’s name was ZIMRI
  - The woman’s name was COZBI
- So PHINEHAS son of ELIAZAAR son of AARON took two Javelins and speared them both because he was zealous for God’s Honour.
- The lord is pleased and takes this plague away from them.

CHAPTER 26

Lord speaks to Moses and Eleazar to take a second census of the people of Israel.

- People of greater than 20 yrs old to be counted
- The Census was done in the plain of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.
- All these people where different than those who were counted in the 1st census because the 1st generation was forbidden from entering Canaan.
  - The only 2 who were the same were Joshua & Caleb
CHAPTER 27

LAWS OF INHERITANCE

The daughter of Zelophehad came up to Moses and told him that their father had died not in sin but he had no sons, therefore they would not receive any possession in the land.

Moses takes this issue up with the lord and the reply with this.

If family has no brother inheritance to daughter, no daughters then inheritance to fathers brothers, in no fathers brothers then his father brothers, if none exist then closest relative.

So son → daughter → kids Uncles → grandfathers brothers → cousins

The lord then asks Moses to go up to Mt Abarim to see the land that he would not inherit so he can gather the people so he can die.

Moses asks the Lord to elect a leader instead of him

Joshua son of Nun is elected.

CHAPTER 28

These where the offerings that needed to be offered by the Israelites

1. Daily offerings
2. Sabbath offering
3. Monthly offering
4. Passover offering
5. Feast of weeks offering → which was celebrated 50 days after Passover

CHAPTER 29

Continues with the types of offerings required

1. Offering on the Day of Atonement → 10th day / 7th Month
2. Offering of the feast of the tabernacle
   a. Lasted for 8 days
      i. 8th day had a special celebration.
CHAPTER 30

LAW CONCERNING VOWS

1. If you make a vow or swear to the lord you have to keep it.
2. If a single woman makes a vow, that vow can only stand if her father agrees.
3. If a single woman had a vow before marriage and she gets married her husband can cancel that vow.
4. A vow of a divorced or widowed woman would stand
5. A husband had the right to overrule his wife’s vow.

CHAPTER 31

War against the Midianites

1000 men from each tribe were selected to go into battle against the midianites.

- Their commander was PHINEHAS the son of Eleazzar the Priest.
- They went into the land and killed all the men and kings
- Balaam was also killed there.

The men brought back all the women

This angered Moses as these where the women that made Israel fall and bring God’s wrath against them in chapter 25.

Moses asks that all sexually active women to be killed and all young virgin girls to be kept alive.

The soldiers that killed these women where to be unclean for 7 days and they needed to wash with the water of purification as well.

All the metal such as gold and silver that was collected had to be melted and purified with the water as well.

The captains of the army that went into battle against the Midianites came back to Moses with the report that not one of their men had been killed

So they offered the Lord 400 pounds of GOLD.

Eleazar and Moses accepted the gold and fashioned it for the tabernacle in memory of the victory.
CHAPTER 32

The leaders of the tribe of Reuben and Gad came to Moses saying that they wanted to inherit the land of Sihon and Og.

So Moses warned them of the wrath of God and how they had been in the desert 40 years because they did not believe that they would inherit Canaan.

But the leaders promised Moses that they would go to war with Israel and that the men would only return to this Land after all the tribes had a place to live in Cannan.

Moses Agreed and in the process ½ of the tribe of Manessah agreed to stay in this land East of Jordan As well.

CHAPTER 33

Details the whole trip and locations the camp went through.

Moses is told by the lord that when they Cross the Jordan river into Canaan they should do the following

- Destroy engraved stones
- Destroy molded images
- Demolish all high places.

Further the lord commanded Moses that the land should be divided by tribe size.

They also had to drive out all the Canaanites from the land 1st or they would face the wrath of the Lord.

CHAPTER 34

The borders of Canaan where appointed by the lord.

The lord commands that Eleazar & Joshua to be in charge of the division of the Land

To help them 10 leaders were chosen from the remaining 9.5 tribes.
CHAPTER 35

The Levites would not inherit any land but would be divided up into 48 cities throughout the land as a symbol of the Holy Service of God.

The lord also appointed that there needed to be 6 cities of refuge

- These cities would be a place where any person who committed unintentional murder would escape to.
  - There was to be 3 on one side of the Jordan and 3 on one side of Canaan.
- Premeditated killers or those that killed intentionally where to be punished with death.

CHAPTER 36

The Single girls from chapter 27 came to Moses and asked him how they would inherit the land.

Moses issues a decree that they should marry only from within their tribe as not to confuse the division of the land.

This was also another way to ensure that their father’s inheritance would stay in the same tribe.