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Shabbat Message

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Numbers 1:1-4:20

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Sons of Aaron

Introduction

We finally come to the book of Numbers and how it relates to us as the Seed of Abraham.

Numbers in the Bible are important and I think the more we study these numbers the better. the more prepared we are to understand and learn about our big family. The Family and House of Yehovah are made of Redeemed Judah and Redeemed Ephraim coming together by faith in Yeshua and following His Commandments. Everyone in the Body has a duty to carry out just as

the Sons of Aaron also had a duty to carry out as well. Let's break it down shall we?

The Sons of Aaron

Numbers 3:1-3

1. Within the cultural framework of the ancient Near East, genealogical generations (Hb Toldot such as Genesis 5:1) served several purposes. 1. to provide historical connection to a pivotal point in the past. 2. to preserve familial community and organization within the larger societal structure.
2. 3. to justify one's position within the societal structure by providing a historical precedent from within one's family line 4. to provide future generations with a source of love for his family.
3. Moses used his records of the census to substantiate his and Aaron's authority.

Nadab and Avihu

Numbers 3:4

1. Nadab and Avihu suffered the judgement of death (Lev 10:1-2) by offering an unholy censer of incense (by fire).
2. No improper or innovative cultic acts were allowed in the service of the tabernacle
3. This reminder of their death warned future generations of priests against attempting

improper ritual. Eleazar would succeed his father in the high priest position following Aaron's death.

Instead of All the Firstborn

Numbers 3:11-12

1. Instead of all the firstborn of the Israelite families the Levites served as a substitutionary living sacrifice before Elohim for sacred serve on behalf of the people of the other 12 tribes.
2. The firstborn males of the Israelite families were to be presented to Elohim through the agency of the priests. (Exod 13;2,11-16; 22:29-30; 34:19-20).
3. The firstborn were Elohim's sole possession based on the redemption of the first born principle.

The Price of the Firstborn

Numbers 3:13

1. The price of the Israelite redemption in the exodus was the death of the firstborn of Egypt.
2. Remember it was from Pharaoh to the slave, as well as the firstborn of all Egyptian animals.

3. Yeshua paid the ultimate price for the redemption of us...the firstborn!

The Census of the Levites

Numbers 3:14-16

1. The census of the Levites was separated from the military (1:17-46).
2. They were exempt from military service. They served as support personnel who carried the sacred vessels and sounded the shofarot during various stages of battle. (31:6).
3. The census of the military numbered 20 years of age and older, but the Levites were counted for the purpose of the first born redemption beginning at a month old.

Take Away

1. Genealogies are important information for biblical reasons.
2. Nadav and Avihu violated the Torah but offering unauthorized offerings of incense and they were both killed and also had no children. No family lines to carry on their seed.
3. The Levites had a very special function in battle they were neither Priest nor Soldier yet they were warriors in their own right.

Application

1. Today I will concentrate on learning all I can about being Priest of the Renewed Covenant.

2. I will ask Yehovah what my duty in the body is and carry it out for His kingdom.
3. I will be strong in battle as a Levite and servant of Yeshua Our Master.

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