

Message One
**A Vital Sketch of the Divine Revelation
in the Books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers
concerning God's Economy
with His Chosen and Redeemed People**

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Scripture Reading: Num. 9:15-23; Exo. 33:14; Luke 24:25-27, 44-49;

1 Cor. 10:6, 11; Rom. 15:4; 1 Tim. 1:3-4, 18; 6:3

- Num 9:15 And on the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony; and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle until morning.
- Num 9:16 So it was always; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.
- Num 9:17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tent, then after that the children of Israel set out; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel encamped.
- Num 9:18 At the commandment of Jehovah the children of Israel set out, and at the commandment of Jehovah they encamped; as long as the cloud settled upon the tabernacle, they remained encamped.
- Num 9:19 Even when the cloud extended its time over the tabernacle for many days, the children of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah and did not set out.
- Num 9:20 If sometimes the cloud was upon the tabernacle a few days, according to the commandment of Jehovah they remained encamped; then at the commandment of Jehovah they set out.
- Num 9:21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they set out; or if it remained a day and a night, when the cloud was taken up, they set out.
- Num 9:22 Whether it was two days or a month or a longer time that the cloud extended its time over the tabernacle and settled above it, the children of Israel remained encamped and did not set out; but when it was taken up, they set out.
- Num 9:23 At the commandment of Jehovah they encamped, and at the commandment of Jehovah they set out. They kept the charge of Jehovah according to the commandment of Jehovah through Moses.
- Exo 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
- Luke 24:25 And He said to them, O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?
- Luke 24:27 And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He explained to them clearly in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
- Luke 24:44 And He said to them, These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning Me must be fulfilled.
- Luke 24:45 Then He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures;
- Luke 24:46 And He said to them, Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise up from the dead on the third day,
- Luke 24:47 And that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- Luke 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.
- Luke 24:49 And behold, I send forth the promise of My Father upon you; but as for you, stay in the city until you put on power from on high.
- 1 Cor 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.
- 1 Cor 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our admonition, unto whom the ends of the ages have come.
- Rom 15:4 For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- 1 Tim 1:3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things
- 1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
- 1 Tim 1:18 This charge I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,
- 1 Tim 6:3 If anyone teaches different things and does not consent to healthy words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the teaching which is according to godliness,

- I. We may use four slogans to summarize certain crucial aspects of this vital sketch:**
- A. God's chosen and redeemed people are purchased, redeemed, and saved from the bondage of the fall.
 - B. God's chosen and redeemed people are enjoying Christ, receiving revelation, and being built up in the Triune God.
 - C. God's chosen and redeemed people are formed into a priestly army to fight for God and to journey with God.
 - D. God's chosen and redeemed people are possessed by God to possess the all-inclusive Christ as the good land.

II. These four slogans apply to the saints in both the Old Testament and New Testament, because the New Testament is hidden in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is manifested in the New Testament—Luke 24:25-27, 44-49:

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- A. The saints have been chosen, redeemed, and saved from the bondage of the fall; the saints have been saved from the usurpation of the world and from the bondage of Satan.
 - B. Having been saved, we are now enjoying Christ; like the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, we have also received the divine revelation and are being built up with the processed Triune God, that is, with the Son as the embodiment of the Father and with the Spirit as the realization of the Son.
 - C. Furthermore, we are being formed into a priestly army, which fights for God and journeys with God.
 - D. Finally, we have been prepared by God in every way to possess the all-inclusive Christ as the good land.

III. The word *economy* is not used in the Old Testament books, but the typology in these books (such as Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers) unveils God's economy:

- A. God's economy is His household administration to accomplish His plan for the fulfillment of the desire of His heart; this desire is to have a people not only created by Him but also regenerated, sanctified, transformed, and conformed to the image of Christ as the embodiment of the processed Triune God; eventually, this people will be brought into glory, into the corporate expression of the Triune God—1 Tim. 1:3-4, 18; 6:3; cf. 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 1:6-9; 4:7.
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- 1 Cor 4:17 Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.
- 2 Tim 1:6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- 2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.
- 2 Tim 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me His prisoner; but suffer evil with the gospel according to the power of God;
- 2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages
- 2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.
- B. In the Old Testament we have a picture of God's economy; in the New Testament we have a clear speaking concerning God's economy.
- C. The history of the children of Israel in the Old Testament is a type of the history of the believers in the New Testament—1 Cor. 10:6, 11; Rom. 15:4.
- 1 Cor 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.
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IV. God's chosen and redeemed people need to receive the divine revelation concerning God Himself and His economy for their training and building up as His testimony; in Genesis God's people were chosen, and in Exodus they received the divine revelation concerning God and His dwelling place:

- A. God's chosen people received the divine revelation after their participation in God's initial salvation, as realized in the passover—Exo. 12; 1 Cor. 5:7-8.
- Exo 12:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
- Exo 12:2 This month will be the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first of the months of the year to you.
- Exo 12:3 Speak to all the assembly of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month each man shall take a lamb according to his fathers' house, a lamb for a household.
- Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the persons in the houses; according to each man's eating you shall make your count for the lamb.
- Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- Exo 12:6 And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
- Exo 12:7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.
- Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire—its head with its legs and with its inward parts.
- Exo 12:10 And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning, but any of it that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.
- Exo 12:11 And this is how you shall eat it: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is Jehovah's passover.

- Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. Also against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments. I am Jehovah.
- Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- Exo 12:14 And this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to Jehovah; throughout your generations as a perpetual statute you shall keep it as a feast.
- Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
- Exo 12:16 And on the first day you shall have a holy convocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation. No work at all shall be done on them, except to prepare what every person will eat; that alone may be done by you.
- Exo 12:17 And you shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall keep this day throughout your generations as a perpetual statute.
- Exo 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.
- Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.
- Exo 12:20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.
- Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take lambs according to your families, and slaughter the passover.
- Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and you shall apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and to the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the entrance of his house until the morning.
- Exo 12:23 For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and on the two doorposts, Jehovah will pass over the entrance and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.
- Exo 12:24 And you shall observe this matter as a statute for you and for your sons in perpetuity.
- Exo 12:25 And when you come to the land which Jehovah will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this service.
- Exo 12:26 And when your children say to you, What do you mean by this service?
- Exo 12:27 You shall say, It is the passover sacrifice to Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshipped.
- Exo 12:28 And the children of Israel went and did so; just as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
- Exo 12:29 And at midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.
- Exo 12:30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead.
- Exo 12:31 And he called for Moses and Aaron in the night and said, Rise up, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jehovah, as you have said.
- Exo 12:32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said; and go and bless me also.
- Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people on, so as to hasten their departure out of the land, for they said, All of us will be dead.
- Exo 12:34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
- Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses, and they asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

- Exo 12:36 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
- Exo 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.
- Exo 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them, as well as flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.
- Exo 12:39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt into unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened because they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions.
- Exo 12:40 Now the time of the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred thirty years.
- Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
- Exo 12:42 It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt. That same night is a night of watching to Jehovah for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.
- Exo 12:43 And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This is the statute of the passover: No foreigner shall eat of it.
- Exo 12:44 However, any man's servant who is bought with money, when you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it.
- Exo 12:45 A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it.
- Exo 12:46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break any of its bones.
- Exo 12:47 All the assembly of Israel shall keep it.
- Exo 12:48 But if a stranger sojourns with you and will observe the Passover to Jehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to observe it; and he will be like one who is a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.
- Exo 12:49 One law shall be for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.
- Exo 12:50 And all the children of Israel did so; just as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
- Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.
- 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- B. God brought the people out of Egypt to the mountain of God, Mount Sinai, and there gave them a full revelation of Himself and His dwelling place; we may say that this revelation contained the “blueprint” for the building of God’s dwelling place.
- C. The divine revelation was through the enjoyment of the divine provisions, as tasted in the supply of the heavenly manna and the living water flowing out of the smitten rock—Exo. 16:1—17:7; 1 Cor. 10:3-4.
- Exo 16:1 And they journeyed from Elim, and all the assembly of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure out of the land of Egypt.
- Exo 16:2 And the whole assembly of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness.
- Exo 16:3 And the children of Israel said to them, If only we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole congregation with hunger.
- Exo 16:4 Then Jehovah said to Moses, I will now rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My law.
- Exo 16:5 And on the sixth day when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.
- Exo 16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, In the evening you will know that Jehovah has brought you out from the land of Egypt;

Exo 16:7 And in the morning you will see the glory of Jehovah, for He hears your murmurings against Jehovah. And what are we, that you murmur against us?

Exo 16:8 And Moses said, This you will see when Jehovah gives you flesh to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for Jehovah hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against Jehovah.

Exo 16:9 And Moses said to Aaron, Say to all the assembly of the children of Israel, Come near before Jehovah, for He has heard your murmurings.

Exo 16:10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and there the glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud.

Exo 16:11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

Exo 16:12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, At twilight you will eat flesh, and in the morning you will be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God.

Exo 16:13 And at evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

Exo 16:14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there upon the surface of the wilderness were fine round flakes, fine as the frost on the earth.

Exo 16:15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, What is it? For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, It is the bread which Jehovah has given you to eat.

Exo 16:16 This is what Jehovah has commanded, Gather of it, each one according to his eating; you shall take an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, each one for those who are in his tent.

Exo 16:17 And the children of Israel did so; and some gathered much, and some little.

Exo 16:18 And when they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack; each of them gathered according to his eating.

Exo 16:19 And Moses said to them, Let no man leave any of it until the morning.

Exo 16:20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some men left part of it until the morning; and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was indignant with them.

Exo 16:21 And they gathered it morning by morning, each one according to his eating; and when the sun became hot, it melted.

Exo 16:22 And on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one; and all the leaders of the assembly came and told Moses.

Exo 16:23 And he said to them, This is what Jehovah has spoken, Tomorrow is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy Sabbath to Jehovah. Bake what you will bake, and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside for yourselves to be kept until the morning.

Exo 16:24 And they put it aside until the morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor was there any worm in it.

Exo 16:25 And Moses said, Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to Jehovah; today you will not find it in the field.

Exo 16:26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day is the Sabbath; on it there will be none.

Exo 16:27 And on the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

Exo 16:28 And Jehovah said to Moses, How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?

Exo 16:29 See, Jehovah has given you the Sabbath, therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Let each of you stay in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Exo 16:30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

Exo 16:31 And the house of Israel called its name manna, and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers made with honey.

Exo 16:32 And Moses said, This is what Jehovah has commanded, Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.

Exo 16:33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before Jehovah, to be kept throughout your generations.

Exo 16:34 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the Testimony to be kept.

Exo 16:35 And the children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to inhabitable land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

- Exo 16:36 Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah.
- Exo 17:1 And all the assembly of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin by their stages according to the command of Jehovah and encamped in Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.
- Exo 17:2 Therefore the people contended with Moses and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why are you contending with me? Why do you test Jehovah?
- Exo 17:3 So the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses and said, For what reason did you bring us up out of Egypt; to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?
- Exo 17:4 So Moses cried out to Jehovah, saying, What shall I do with this people? A little more, and they will stone me.
- Exo 17:5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the River, and go.
- Exo 17:6 I will be standing before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- Exo 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel and because they tested Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah among us or not?
- 1 Cor 10:3 And all ate the same spiritual food,
- 1 Cor 10:4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.

D. The divine revelation was also through the experience of being an army that shared in God's fighting against His enemies, as in their fighting against the Egyptians and the Amalekites—Exo. 14; 17:9-16; Gal. 5:16-17; cf. 1 Pet. 2:11.

- Exo 14:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Exo 14:2 Tell the children of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You shall camp before Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.
- Exo 14:3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has hemmed them in.
- Exo 14:4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue after them; and I will glorify Myself through Pharaoh and through all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah. And they did so.
- Exo 14:5 And when it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled, the heart of Pharaoh and his servants changed toward the people; and they said, What is this we have done, letting Israel go from serving us?
- Exo 14:6 So he yoked his chariot and took his people with him.
- Exo 14:7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.
- Exo 14:8 And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so that he pursued after the children of Israel as the children of Israel were going out boldly.
- Exo 14:9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army; and they overtook them as they encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.
- Exo 14:10 And when Pharaoh approached, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and there the Egyptians were, marching after them; and they became very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
- Exo 14:11 And they said to Moses, Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you done this to us, bringing us out of Egypt?
- Exo 14:12 Is this not the very thing that we spoke to you about in Egypt, saying, Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.
- Exo 14:13 But Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid; stand firm, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will see no more again forever.
- Exo 14:14 Jehovah will fight for you, and you will be still.

- Exo 14:15 And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the children of Israel to move forward.
- Exo 14:16 And you, lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.
- Exo 14:17 And I will now harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them; and I will glorify Myself through Pharaoh and through all his army, through his chariots and through his horsemen.
- Exo 14:18 Then the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah when I glorify Myself through Pharaoh, through his chariots and through his horsemen.
- Exo 14:19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.
- Exo 14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And the cloud was there with the darkness, yet it gave light by night to them. Thus one did not come near the other all night.
- Exo 14:21 And when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, Jehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided.
- Exo 14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
- Exo 14:23 Then the Egyptians pursued; and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.
- Exo 14:24 And at the morning watch Jehovah looked down upon the camp of the Egyptians from with the pillar of fire and of cloud and threw the camp of the Egyptians into confusion.
- Exo 14:25 And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve and made them drive with difficulty, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from Israel, for Jehovah is fighting for them against the Egyptians.
- Exo 14:26 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and over their horsemen.
- Exo 14:27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its level when the morning appeared. And the Egyptians fled against it, and Jehovah cast the Egyptians off into the midst of the sea.
- Exo 14:28 And as the waters returned, they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even all the army of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; not even one of them was left.
- Exo 14:29 But the children of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
- Exo 14:30 Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
- Exo 14:31 And when Israel saw the great power which Jehovah exercised against the Egyptians, the people feared Jehovah; and they believed in Jehovah and in His servant Moses.
- Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.
- Exo 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- Exo 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.
- Exo 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- Exo 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- Exo 17:14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.
- Exo 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi;
- Exo 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
- 1 Pet 2:11 Beloved, I entreat you as strangers and sojourners to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul,

- E. Eventually, in Exodus 19 God's chosen and redeemed people reached and arrived at the mountain of God; when God sent Moses to rescue the children of Israel out of the hand of Pharaoh, God told Moses that after he had brought the people out of Egypt, they would serve the Lord upon this mountain (3:12), and in Exodus 19 this word was fulfilled:
- Exo 19:1 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.
- Exo 19:2 And when they had journeyed from Rephidim and had come to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped in front of the mountain.
- Exo 19:3 And Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him out of the mountain, saying, Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel:
- Exo 19:4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.
- Exo 19:5 Now therefore if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My personal treasure from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine.
- Exo 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel.
- Exo 19:7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people and set before them all these words which Jehovah had commanded him.
- Exo 19:8 And all the people answered together and said, All that Jehovah has spoken we will do. And Moses brought back the words of the people to Jehovah.
- Exo 19:9 And Jehovah said to Moses, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe you forever. Then Moses told the words of the people to Jehovah,
- Exo 19:10 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow; and have them wash their garments,
- Exo 19:11 And be ready for on the third day; for the third day Jehovah will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.
- Exo 19:12 And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, Be careful that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.
- Exo 19:13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live. When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may come up on the mountain.
- Exo 19:14 And Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their garments.
- Exo 19:15 And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day. Do not go near a woman.
- Exo 19:16 And on the third day, when it was morning, there was thunder and lightning, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet sound; and all the people who were in the camp trembled.
- Exo 19:17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the base of the mountain.
- Exo 19:18 Now the whole of Mount Sinai smoked because Jehovah descended upon it in fire, and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace; and the whole mountain shook greatly.
- Exo 19:19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in a thunder.
- Exo 19:20 And Jehovah came down upon Mount Sinai at the top of the mountain, and Jehovah called Moses to the top of the mountain; and Moses went up.
- Exo 19:21 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Go down; charge the people not to break through to Jehovah to look, lest many of them perish.
- Exo 19:22 And let the priests who come near to Jehovah also sanctify themselves, so that Jehovah does not break forth upon them.
- Exo 19:23 And Moses said to Jehovah, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You charged us, saying, Set limits around the mountain, and sanctify it.
- Exo 19:24 And Jehovah said to him, Go, get down; then you shall come up again, you and Aaron with you; but do not let the priests and the people force a way through to come up to Jehovah, so that He does not break forth upon them.
- Exo 19:25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.
- Exo 3:12 And He said, Surely I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God upon this mountain.

1. At Mount Sinai God's people received the revelation concerning God Himself so that they might be separated unto Him.
2. The law is a portrait of God, the revelation of God Himself; the law reveals that God is a God of love, light, holiness, and righteousness—chs. 20—24:
Exo 20~24 be omitted.
 - a. Because the law is such a picture of God, the law was called the Testimony of God (25:16, 21; 31:18), the Ark in which the law was placed was called the Ark of the Testimony (25:22), and the tabernacle was called the Tabernacle of the Testimony (38:21).
Exo 25:16 And you shall put into the Ark the Testimony which I shall give you.
Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.
Exo 31:18 And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave to Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.
Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
Exo 38:21 This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, the Tabernacle of the Testimony, as they were counted according to the commandment of Moses for the service of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
 - b. In the Psalms the law is often referred to as the testimony (19:7; 25:10; 119:2); this testimony was a portrait, a picture, of God.
Psa 19:7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, / Restoring the soul; / The testimony of Jehovah is faithful, / Making the simple wise;
Psa 25:10 All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth / To those who observe His covenant and His testimonies.
Psa 119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with all their heart.
 - c. God's people received the revelation concerning God Himself so that they might be separated unto the holy God as His sanctified people; this matter is given a particular emphasis in the book of Leviticus—11:44.
Lev 11:44 For I am Jehovah your God. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not defile yourselves with any of the swarming things that move upon the earth.
3. Christ is the reality of the law as the testimony of God; the testimony of God signifies Christ, the embodiment of God (Col. 2:9), as the living portrait of what God is (Psa. 119:2, 9, 11, 14-15, 133):
Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
Psa 119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with all their heart.
Psa 119:9 With what should a young man keep his way pure? / By guarding it according to Your word.
Psa 119:11 In my heart I have treasured up Your word / That I might not sin against You.
Psa 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies / As much as in all riches.
Psa 119:15 I will muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways.
Psa 119:133 Establish my footsteps in Your word, / And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
 - a. The reality of keeping the law is to live God and express God.
 - b. Such a living, a living in the eternal economy of God, is the living of a God-man, a life of continually denying the self and being crucified to live Christ, who is God's testimony, by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ for the enlarged and expanded expression of God—Matt. 16:24; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21a; Rom. 8:4.
Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Gal 2:20	I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Phil 1:19	For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Phil 1:20	According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
Phil 1:21a	For to me, to live is Christ ...
Rom 8:4	That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

F. In addition to receiving the divine revelation concerning God Himself, the children of Israel received the divine revelation concerning God's economy so that they might be built up together with God in His Divine Trinity as His dwelling place on earth for His testimony—Exo. 25—40: Exo 25~40 be omitted.

1. That God's people were to be built up together with Him is indicated by the materials that were to be used for the building of the tabernacle:

a. The boards of the tabernacle were made of acacia wood overlaid with gold; the boards of acacia wood are a type of God's people, and the gold overlaying the boards is a type of the divine person—26:15-30.

Exo 26:15 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up.

Exo 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and one and a half cubits, the width of each board.

Exo 26:17 Each board shall have two tenons, joined to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward.

Exo 26:19 And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons.

Exo 26:20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards;

Exo 26:21 And their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.

Exo 26:22 And for the rear of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards.

Exo 26:23 And two boards you shall make for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear.

Exo 26:24 And they shall be double below, and at its top they shall be completely joined to a single ring; thus it shall be for both of them; they shall be for the two corners.

Exo 26:25 And there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.

Exo 26:26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

Exo 26:27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle at the rear westward.

Exo 26:28 And the middle bar shall pass through in the center of the boards from end to end.

Exo 26:29 And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

Exo 26:30 And you shall set up the tabernacle according to its plan, which you were shown in the mountain.

b. Thus, the boards of acacia wood overlaid with gold signify God's people being built up together with God to be His dwelling place; from this we see not only that God's people are the building materials for His dwelling place but also that God Himself is the building material.

2. In the tabernacle we can see a picture of the Divine Trinity:

- a. The Ark, the table of the bread of the Presence, and the incense altar all signify Christ the Son.
 - b. The Father is signified by the gold, for in typology gold signifies the divine nature of God.
 - c. The Spirit is signified by the oil in the seven lamps in the lampstand; if the lamps had no oil, they would be useless, and there would not be any light in the tabernacle.
 - d. Also, the lampstand, which was a single entity, signifies the Triune God:
 - 1) The gold signifies the Father, the form signifies the Son, and both the lamps and the oil signify the Spirit.
 - 2) This is a revelation of God's people being built up with the Triune God to be His dwelling place on earth.
3. The forty-eight boards of the tabernacle correspond to the forty-eight cities given to the Levites; six of these cities were to be cities of refuge; the most striking point regarding the cities of refuge is that they were enterable—Num. 35:6-7, 9-34:
- Num 35:6 And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and besides them you shall give forty-two cities.
- Num 35:7 All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities, they and their pasture lands.
- Num 35:9 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 35:10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,
- Num 35:11 Then you shall designate for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, so that the manslayer who kills any person unintentionally may flee there.
- Num 35:12 And the cities shall be for you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer may not die unless he stands before the assembly for judgment.
- Num 35:13 And the cities which you shall give shall be your six cities of refuge.
- Num 35:14 You shall give three cities across the Jordan, and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge.
- Num 35:15 For the children of Israel and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, these six cities shall be for refuge, so that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.
- Num 35:16 But if he struck him with an instrument of iron, and he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
- Num 35:17 And if he struck him with a stone in hand, by which one could die, and he did die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
- Num 35:18 Or if he struck him with a wooden object in hand, by which one could die, and he did die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
- Num 35:19 The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he encounters him, he shall put him to death.
- Num 35:20 And if he pushed him out of hatred or threw something upon him while lying in wait, and he died,
- Num 35:21 Or in enmity struck him with his hand, and he died, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death; he is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he encounters him.
- Num 35:22 But if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw upon him anything without lying in wait,
- Num 35:23 Or came upon him with any stone, by which someone could die, without seeing him and dropped it upon him, and he died, when he was not his enemy and did not seek his harm,
- Num 35:24 Then the assembly shall judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances.
- Num 35:25 And the assembly shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the assembly shall return him to his city of refuge to which he had fled; and he shall dwell in it until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.

- Num 35:26 But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the boundary of his city of refuge to which he has fled,
- Num 35:27 And the avenger of blood finds him outside the boundary of his city of refuge and the avenger of blood slays the manslayer, he shall not have guilt for blood,
- Num 35:28 Because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest; but after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.
- Num 35:29 And these things shall be for a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
- Num 35:30 Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be slain upon the testimony of witnesses; but one witness shall not testify against any person so that he die.
- Num 35:31 Moreover you shall not take a ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.
- Num 35:32 And you shall not take a ransom for one who has fled to his city of refuge, so that he may return to live in the land before the death of the high priest.
- Num 35:33 Thus you shall not pollute the land in which you are, for blood pollutes the land. And no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it.
- Num 35:34 And you shall not defile the land in which you are dwelling, in the midst of which I tabernacle; for I Jehovah tabernacle in the midst of the children of Israel.
- a. Eventually, these forty-eight cities of the Levites will consummate in a unique city—the New Jerusalem; the tabernacle revealed in Exodus is a miniature of this unique city.
 - b. In the New Testament, God’s testimony is the church, the Body of Christ, and in eternity this testimony will consummate in the New Jerusalem, which is also called a tabernacle—Rev. 1:2, 9; 19:10; 21:3.

Rev 1:2 Who testified the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even all that he saw.

Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Rev 19:10 And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he said to me, Do not do this. I am your fellow slave and a fellow slave of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
 - c. In the Old Testament, the tabernacle was with the children of Israel, and in the New Testament the tabernacle is first Christ (John 1:14) and then the church as the enlargement of Christ; in eternity there will be the ultimate, consummate tabernacle, the New Jerusalem; in each case the striking point is that the tabernacle is enterable; Hallelujah, the Triune God is enterable!

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- G. In the book of Leviticus, God trained His people to worship and partake of Him and to live a holy, clean, and rejoicing life.

V. The central thought of Numbers is that Christ is the meaning of life, the testimony, the center of God’s people, and the Leader, the way, and the goal of their journey and fighting:

- A. The entire Bible shows us one thing—God’s intention is to have a people formed into an army to take Christ as their meaning of life, testimony, center, Leader, way, and goal and to

proceed on and fight for God so that He may have a people built up as His kingdom and His house, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem—Gen. 1:26-28; Exo. 12:41, 51; 13:18; Matt. 16:16-19; Eph. 6:10-12; Rev. 17:14; 19:11-16; 21:2, 10-11.

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
- Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.
- Exo 13:18 Thus God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up arrayed for battle out of the land of Egypt.
- Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- Matt 16:17 And Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in the heavens.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Matt 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Rev 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.
- Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
- Rev 19:12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written which no one knows but Himself.
- Rev 19:13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God.
- Rev 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
- Rev 19:15 And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- Rev 19:16 And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

B. The book of Numbers as a whole reveals the need for God's chosen and redeemed people to be formed into an army to carry out the holy war—1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4:

- 1 Tim 1:18 This charge I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,

- 2 Tim 2:3 Suffer evil with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
- 2 Tim 2:4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please the one who enlisted him.
1. In order to be formed into a holy army, God's people first had to be numbered according to their maturity in life—Num. 1:3, 18.
 - Num 1:3 From twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go forth for military service in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their companies.
 - Num 1:18 And on the first day of the second month they gathered all the assembly together; and they registered themselves by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head by head.
 2. God's chosen and redeemed people were also built up into one body—vv. 44-46.
 - Num 1:44 These were the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each one for his fathers' household.
 - Num 1:45 So all who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth for military service in Israel,
 - Num 1:46 Even all the numbered men were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty.
 3. Then God's people journeyed with God:
 - a. In their journey with God, the children of Israel had the presence of God, signified by the cloud in the day and by the fire in the cloud at night—Exo. 33:14; 40:36-38; Num. 9:15-23.
 - Exo 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
 - Exo 40:36 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel set out on all their journeys;
 - Exo 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, they did not set out until the day that it was taken up.
 - Exo 40:38 For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel on all their journeys.
 - Num 9:15 And on the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony; and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle until morning.
 - Num 9:16 So it was always; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.
 - Num 9:17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tent, then after that the children of Israel set out; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel encamped.
 - Num 9:18 At the commandment of Jehovah the children of Israel set out, and at the commandment of Jehovah they encamped; as long as the cloud settled upon the tabernacle, they remained encamped.
 - Num 9:19 Even when the cloud extended its time over the tabernacle for many days, the children of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah and did not set out.
 - Num 9:20 If sometimes the cloud was upon the tabernacle a few days, according to the commandment of Jehovah they remained encamped; then at the commandment of Jehovah they set out.
 - Num 9:21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they set out; or if it remained a day and a night, when the cloud was taken up, they set out.
 - Num 9:22 Whether it was two days or a month or a longer time that the cloud extended its time over the tabernacle and settled above it, the children of Israel remained encamped and did not set out; but when it was taken up, they set out.
 - Num 9:23 At the commandment of Jehovah they encamped, and at the commandment of Jehovah they set out. They kept the charge of Jehovah according to the commandment of Jehovah through Moses.
 - b. As the children of Israel journeyed with God, the Angel of Jehovah took the lead (Exo. 32:34); the title *the Angel of Jehovah* is a particular title of Christ in the Old

Testament, as revealed in Exodus 3:2-6.

Exo 32:34 And now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you. Now My Angel will go before you; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.

Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I must turn aside now and see this great sight, why the thornbush does not burn up.

Exo 3:4 And when Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the midst of the thornbush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here I am.

Exo 3:5 And He said, Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

c. In their journey the children of Israel were moving, walking, and living with Jehovah, the Triune God.

d. God's chosen and redeemed people passed through the great and terrible wilderness with all kinds of trials, sufferings, and divine care, supplies, and discipline—Deut. 1:19; 8:2-5.

Deut 1:19 And we set out from Horeb, and we went through all that great and awesome wilderness, which you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as Jehovah our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

Deut 8:2 And you shall remember all the way that Jehovah your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you and test you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Deut 8:3 And He humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you the manna, which you had never known nor your fathers had ever known, so that He might make you know that man lives not by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out from the mouth of Jehovah.

Deut 8:4 Your clothing did not wear out from upon you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

Deut 8:5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so Jehovah your God was disciplining you;

e. On their journey through the wilderness, the children of Israel passed through forty-two stations to enter into rest in the good land promised by God—Num. 33:1-49; Josh. 1:2.

Num 33:1 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, when they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their companies under the direction of Moses and Aaron.

Num 33:2 And Moses wrote down the places that they went out from for their journeys according to the commandment of Jehovah; and these are their journeys according to the places they went out from.

Num 33:3 Now they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the day after the passover the children of Israel went out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,

Num 33:4 While the Egyptians were burying those whom Jehovah had struck down among them, all their firstborn; on their gods Jehovah also executed judgments.

Num 33:5 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses and encamped at Succoth.

Num 33:6 And they journeyed from Succoth and encamped at Etham, which is at the edge of the wilderness.

- Num 33:7 And they journeyed from Etham and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephon; and they encamped before Migdol.
- Num 33:8 And they journeyed from Pi-hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham and encamped at Marah.
- Num 33:9 And they journeyed from Marah and came to Elim. And in Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there.
- Num 33:10 And they journeyed from Elim and encamped by the Red Sea.
- Num 33:11 And they journeyed from the Red Sea and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.
- Num 33:12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin and encamped at Dophkah.
- Num 33:13 And they journeyed from Dophkah and encamped at Alush.
- Num 33:14 And they journeyed from Alush and encamped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink there.
- Num 33:15 And they journeyed from Rephidim and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai.
- Num 33:16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai and encamped at Kibroth-hattaavah.
- Num 33:17 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah and encamped at Hazeroth.
- Num 33:18 And they journeyed from Hazeroth and encamped at Rithmah.
- Num 33:19 And they journeyed from Rithmah and encamped at Rimmon-perez.
- Num 33:20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez and encamped at Libnah.
- Num 33:21 And they journeyed from Libnah and encamped at Rissah.
- Num 33:22 And they journeyed from Rissah and encamped at Kehelathah.
- Num 33:23 And they journeyed from Kehelathah and encamped at Mount Shepher.
- Num 33:24 And they journeyed from Mount Shepher and encamped at Haradah.
- Num 33:25 And they journeyed from Haradah and encamped at Makheloth.
- Num 33:26 And they journeyed from Makheloth and encamped at Tahath.
- Num 33:27 And they journeyed from Tahath and encamped at Terah.
- Num 33:28 And they journeyed from Terah and encamped at Mithkah.
- Num 33:29 And they journeyed from Mithkah and encamped at Hashmonah.
- Num 33:30 And they journeyed from Hashmonah and encamped at Moseroth.
- Num 33:31 And they journeyed from Moseroth and encamped at Bene-jaakan.
- Num 33:32 And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan and encamped at Hor-haggidgad.
- Num 33:33 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad and encamped at Jotbathah.
- Num 33:34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah and encamped at Abronah.
- Num 33:35 And they journeyed from Abronah and encamped at Ezion-geber.
- Num 33:36 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber and encamped in the wilderness of Zin, that is, Kadesh.
- Num 33:37 And they journeyed from Kadesh and encamped in Mount Hor at the edge of the land of Edom.
- Num 33:38 And Aaron the priest went up onto Mount Hor at the commandment of Jehovah and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month.
- Num 33:39 And Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.
- Num 33:40 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who was dwelling in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.
- Num 33:41 And they journeyed from Mount Hor and encamped at Zalmonah.
- Num 33:42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah and encamped at Punon.
- Num 33:43 And they journeyed from Punon and encamped at Oboth.
- Num 33:44 And they journeyed from Oboth and encamped at Iye-abarim on the border of Moab.
- Num 33:45 And they journeyed from Iyim and encamped at Dibon-gad.
- Num 33:46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.
- Num 33:47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim and encamped in the mountains of the Abarim before Nebo.
- Num 33:48 And they journeyed from the mountains of the Abarim and encamped in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.

- Num 33:49 And they encamped beside the Jordan from Beth-jeshimoth as far as Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.
- Josh 1:2 Moses My servant is dead; now then arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.
4. As a priestly army, God's chosen and redeemed people fought together with God and for God—Num. 4:23, 30, 35; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9:
- Num 4:23 From thirty years old and upward to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters to carry out the service to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.
- Num 4:30 From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters into the service to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.
- Num 4:35 From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service for work in the Tent of Meeting.
- 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- a. In their fighting together with God and for God, the children of Israel defeated the king of Arad and destroyed his people; by doing this, they overcame the first enemy among the Canaanites—Num. 21:1-3.
- Num 21:1 And when the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel and took some of them captive.
- Num 21:2 And Israel made a vow to Jehovah and said, If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.
- Num 21:3 And Jehovah listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called Hormah.
- b. God's people also defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites with his people and Og the king of Bashan with his people; this means that they overcame Canaan's two "gate guards"—vv. 21-35.
- Num 21:21 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorites, saying,
- Num 21:22 Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or into vineyard; we will not drink water from any well. We will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory.
- Num 21:23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. And Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.
- Num 21:24 And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the children of Ammon; for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.
- Num 21:25 And Israel took all these cities, and Israel settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all her villages.
- Num 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.
- Num 21:27 Therefore those who speak in proverbs say, Come to Heshbon; let it be built, / And let the city of Sihon be established.
- Num 21:28 For fire has gone forth from Heshbon, / A flame from the city of Sihon; / It has consumed Ar of Moab / And swallowed up the high places of the Arnon.
- Num 21:29 Woe to you, O Moab! / You have perished, O people of Chemosh; / He has given his sons as fugitives, / And his daughters have gone into captivity, / To an Amorite king, Sihon.
- Num 21:30 We have shot at them; / Heshbon is ruined as far as Dibon, / And we have laid waste as far as Nophah, / Fire spreads as far as Medeba.

- Num 21:31 Thus Israel settled in the land of the Amorites.
- Num 21:32 And Moses sent some to spy out Jazer. And they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there.
- Num 21:33 And they turned and went up on the way that leads to Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, for battle at Edrei.
- Num 21:34 And Jehovah said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who was dwelling at Heshbon.
- Num 21:35 So they struck him and his sons and all his people until there was no survivor left to him, and they possessed his land.
- c. The children of Israel also defeated the Midianites with their five kings; by defeating them, the people overcame Canaan's gate army—31:1-12.
- Num 31:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 31:2 Thoroughly avenge the children of Israel on the Midianites; afterward you will be gathered to your people.
- Num 31:3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Arm men from among you for the war, that they may come upon Midian to execute Jehovah's vengeance on Midian.
- Num 31:4 A thousand from each tribe, of all the tribes of Israel, you shall send to the war.
- Num 31:5 So out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand for each tribe were committed, twelve thousand armed for war.
- Num 31:6 And Moses sent them, a thousand for each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest with them, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.
- Num 31:7 And they warred against Midian, just as Jehovah had commanded Moses; and they killed every male.
- Num 31:8 And they killed the kings of Midian in addition to the others slain among them: Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of Midian; also Balaam the son of Beor they slew with the sword.
- Num 31:9 And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones, and all their cattle and all their livestock and all their goods they plundered.
- Num 31:10 And all their cities in which they had settled and all their encampments, they burned with fire.
- Num 31:11 And they took all the spoil and all the booty, both of man and of beast.
- Num 31:12 And they brought the captives and the booty and the spoil to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the assembly of the children of Israel, to the camp in the plains of Moab, which was beside the Jordan at Jericho.
- d. The kings defeated by God's chosen and redeemed people signify the spiritual powers, rulers, and authorities in the air, whom we must defeat—Eph. 6:10-20.
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness
- Eph 6:15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;
- Eph 6:16 Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.
- Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
- Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- e. The fighting of God's people against the kings was for the entrance into the God-promised good land that the kingdom of God might be spread and established there.
5. As the priestly army carrying out God's holy war, God's chosen and redeemed people bore with them God's dwelling, the Tabernacle of the Testimony, with the Ark of the Testimony.
6. The key words in Exodus are *redemption, leading, revelation, and building*; the key words in Leviticus are *fellowship, service, and holiness*; and the key words in Numbers are *formation, journeying, and fighting*.
7. The book of Numbers is a record of God's chosen and redeemed people being formed into a priestly army to fight for God and to journey with God so that they may be prepared by God to possess the all-inclusive Christ as the good land.