

## ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND OF THE MINISTRY OF THE LEVITES IN THE DAYS OF MOSES

## Numbers 3

## 1. Divine Instruction

- a) From the Lord Himself                      Numbers 3:5, 11
- b) Levites chosen                                      Numbers 3:12

## 2. Delineation of Ministries

## a) The ministry of the priests

- i) Aaron
- ii) His sons

## b) The ministry of the Levites

- i) The tribe of Levi                                      Numbers 3:6
- ii) Presented to Aaron                                      Numbers 3:6, 9
- iii) To serve the priests                                      Numbers 3:7
- iv) To attend to their needs                                      Numbers 3:7
- v) To attend to the needs of the congregation                                      Numbers 3:7
- vi) To do the work of the Tabernacle                                      Numbers 3:7-8

## c) Reasons:

- i) The sanctification of the firstborn                                      Numbers 3:12
- ii) The Levites to represent the firstborn                                      Numbers 3:12
- iii) They are the Lord's                                      Numbers 3:12

## 3. The Family Groups

- a) Gershon
- b) Kohath
- c) Merari                                      Numbers 3:17

## 4. Duties assigned

- a) Gershon                                      Numbers 3:18-26
- b) Kohath                                      Numbers 3:27-31
- c) Merari                                      Numbers 3:33-38

5. Total number  
22,000 (including infants)                      Numbers 3:39

**BACKGROUND OF THE MINISTRY OF THE LEVITES IN THE DAYS OF KING DAVID AND BEYOND**  
**1 Chronicles 24-26**

1. The sons of Asaph                      1 Chronicles 25:1
2. Ministry of Prophecy                      1 Chronicles 25:1
  - a) Asaph                      1 Chronicles 25:2
  - b) Jeduthun                      1 Chronicles 25:3
3. Ministry of music                      1 Chronicles 25:1
  - a) Harp
  - b) Stringed instruments
  - c) Cymbals
4. Significant number of musicians  
288                      1 Chronicles 25:7
5. Ministry of gatekeepers/ watchmen                      1 Chronicles 26:1, 18
  - a) Great ability                      1 Chronicles 26:6
  - b) Strength                      1 Chronicles 26:8
6. Ministry of the Treasury                      1 Chronicles 26:20
  - a) Dedicated things                      1 Chronicles 26:26
  - b) For maintenance of the Temple                      1 Chronicles 26:27
7. Other ministries
  - a) Government officials                      1 Chronicles 26:29
  - b) Judges                      1 Chronicles 26:29
  - c) Capable men                      1 Chronicles 26:32
    - i) Matters pertaining to God
    - ii) Matters pertaining to the king