

# Word of God vs. Words of Men

## Numbers

### NUMBERS 1—10

| Word of God                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Response of Moses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses ... <sup>2</sup> “Take a census of all the congregation” (1:1-2)</p> <p><sup>48</sup> For the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>49</sup> “Only the tribe of Levi you shall not list” (1:48-49)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><sup>17</sup> Moses and Aaron ... assembled the whole congregation ... <sup>19</sup> as the LORD commanded Moses. So he listed them in the wilderness of Sinai. (1:17-19)</p> <p>Thus did the people of Israel; they did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. (1:54)</p> <p>But the Levites were not listed among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses. (2:33)</p>                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses ... <sup>2</sup> “The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard” (2:1-2)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Thus did the people of Israel. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards” (2:34)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><sup>5</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup> “Bring the tribe of Levi near ... that they may minister” (3:5-6)</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> “Behold, I have taken the Levites ... instead of every firstborn” (3:11-12)</p> <p><sup>14</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, <sup>15</sup> “List the sons of Levi” (3:14-15)</p> <p><sup>40</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “List all the firstborn males” (3:40)</p> <p><sup>44</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... “the redemption price ... five shekels per head” (3:44-47)</p> | <p>So Moses listed them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. (3:16)</p> <p>All those listed among the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron listed at the commandment of the LORD ... were 22,000. (3:39)</p> <p>So Moses listed all the firstborn among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded him. (3:42)</p> <p>And Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses. (3:51)</p>                                                                   |
| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Take a census of the sons of Kohath” (4:1-2)</p> <p><sup>17</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>18</sup> “Let not the tribe of the clans of the Kohathites be destroyed from among the Levites” (4:17-18)</p> <p><sup>21</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>22</sup> “Take a census of the sons of Gershon also” (4:21-22)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><sup>37</sup> This was the list of the clans of the Kohathites ... whom Moses and Aaron listed according to the commandment of the LORD by Moses ... <sup>41</sup> This was the list of the clans of the sons of Gershon ... whom Moses and Aaron listed according to the commandment of the LORD ... <sup>45</sup> This was the list of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron listed according to the commandment of the LORD by Moses. (4:37, 41, 42, 45)</p> <p>According to the commandment of the LORD through</p> |

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| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... <sup>2</sup>“put out of the camp ... everyone who is unclean” (5:1-2)</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... <sup>6</sup>“When a man ... commits any of the sins ... <sup>7</sup> he shall confess ... And he shall make full restitution (5:5-7)</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... “If any man’s wife goes astray and breaks faith with him ... and she is undetected” (5:11-13)</p> <p><sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... “When either a man or a woman makes ... the vow of a Nazirite” (6:1-2)</p> <p><sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel” (6:22-23)</p> | <p>And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD said to Moses, so the people of Israel did. (5:4)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>5</sup>“Accept these from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and give them to the Levites” (7:4-5)</p> <p>And the LORD said to Moses, “They shall offer their offerings, one chief each day, for the dedication of the altar.” (7:11)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>So Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. (7:6)</p> <p><sup>12</sup> He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>13</sup> And his offering was... (7:12-13)</p>                                                                                                  |
| <p><sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you set up the lamps” (8:1-2)</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup>“Take the Levites ... and cleanse them.” (8:5-6)</p> <p><sup>23</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>“This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old ... they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting. <sup>25</sup> And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw” (8:23)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>And Aaron did so: he set up its lamps ... as the LORD commanded Moses. (8:3)</p> <p>Thus did Moses ... According to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, the people of Israel did to them. (8:20)</p> <p>after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting ... as the LORD had commanded Moses (8:22)</p> |
| <p><sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses ... saying, <sup>2</sup>“Let the people of Israel keep the Passover” (9:1-2)</p> <p><sup>9</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses ... “If any one of you ... is unclean ... he shall still keep the Passover ... <sup>11</sup> In the second month” (9:9-11)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>And they kept the Passover ... according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did. (9:5)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| <p><sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Make two silver trumpets” (10:1-2)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><sup>18</sup> At the command of the LORD the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the LORD they camped ... the people of Israel kept the charge of the LORD ...</p> <p><sup>20</sup> Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the LORD they remained in camp; then according to the command of the LORD they set out ... <sup>23</sup> At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out. They kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by Moses. (9:18-23)</p> <p>They set out for the first time at the command of the LORD by Moses. (10:13)</p> |
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| NUMBERS 11—25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Words of Men                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Response of God                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>the people complained ... about their misfortunes (11:1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them (11:1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” (11:4-6)</p>                                                                                                                                                                | <p><sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping ... And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly ... “you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, ‘Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt.’” (11:10, 18)</p> <p>While the meat was yet between their teeth ... the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague. (11:33)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><sup>1</sup> Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses ... <sup>2</sup> And they said, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” (12:1-2a)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>And the LORD heard it ... <sup>9</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them (12:2b, 9)</p> <p>And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous ... <sup>14</sup> But the LORD said to Moses, “If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days?” (12:10, 14)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><sup>27</sup> And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey ... <sup>28</sup> However, the people who dwell in the land are strong” ... <sup>30</sup> But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”</p> <p><sup>31</sup> Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” (13:27-28)</p> | <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan” (13:1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p><sup>2</sup> And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron ... “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” (14:2-4)</p>                                                                                                               | <p><sup>26</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> “How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: <sup>29</sup> your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness” (14:26-29)</p> <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving you ... <sup>4</sup> then he who brings his offering shall offer to the LORD a grain offering” (15:1-4)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><sup>1</sup> Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram ... and On ... sons of Reuben ... assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?” (16:1-3)</p> <p>But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron, saying, “You have killed the people of the LORD.” (16:41)</p> | <p>When Moses heard it, he fell on his face (16:4)</p> <p><sup>23</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup> “Say to the congregation, Get away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram” ... <sup>31</sup> And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. <sup>32</sup> And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up ... <sup>35</sup> And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense. (16:23-24, 31-32, 35)</p> <p><sup>44</sup> and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>45</sup> “Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment” ... <sup>49</sup> Now those who died in the plague were 14,700 (16:44-45, 49)</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, “Behold, I have given you ... all the consecrated things of the people of Israel. I have given them to you as a portion and to your sons as a perpetual due ... <sup>21</sup> To the Levites I have given every tithe” (18:8, 21)</p> |
| <p><sup>2</sup> Now there was no water ... <sup>3</sup> And the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! <sup>4</sup> Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? <sup>5</sup> And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><sup>7</sup> and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>8</sup> “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation ... and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water.” (20:7-8)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.” (20:2-5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, “If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction.” (21:2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | And the LORD heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites (21:3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” (21:4-5)                                                                                                                                                                        | Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. (21:6)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>NUMBERS 26—36</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Word of God</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Response of Moses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <sup>1</sup> the LORD said to Moses ... <sup>2</sup> “Take a census of all the congregation” (26:1)<br><br><sup>52</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>53</sup> “Among these the land shall be divided” (26:52-53)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <sup>3</sup> And Moses ... spoke with them ... saying, <sup>4</sup> “Take a census” ... as the LORD commanded Moses. (26:3-4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <sup>5</sup> Moses brought their case before the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>7</sup> “The daughters of Zelophehad are right. You shall give them possession” (27:6)<br><br><sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go up into this mountain ... you also shall be gathered to your people” (27:12-13)<br><br><sup>18</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua ... and you shall commission him” (27:18-19) | “And it shall be for the people of Israel a statute and rule, as the LORD commanded Moses.’ ” (27:11)<br><br><sup>22</sup> And Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua ... and commissioned him as the LORD directed through Moses. (27:22-23)                                                                                                                                                           |
| <sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Command the people of Israel and say to them, ‘My offering ... you shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time.’ ” (28:1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | So Moses told the people of Israel everything just as the LORD had commanded Moses. (29:40)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| These are the statutes that the LORD commanded Moses about a man and his wife and about a father and his daughter (30:16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <sup>1</sup> Moses spoke to ... the people of Israel, saying, “This is what the LORD has commanded. <sup>2</sup> If a man vows a vow to the LORD” (30:1-2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Avenge the people of Israel on the Midianites.” (31:1)<br><br><sup>25</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>26</sup> “Take the count of the plunder that was taken” (31:25-26)                                                                                                                                                                                                | They warred against Midian, as the LORD commanded Moses (31:7)<br><br><sup>31</sup> And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses ... <sup>41</sup> And Moses gave the tribute ... to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses ... Moses separated ... <sup>47</sup> from the people of Israel’s half ... and gave them to the Levites ... as the LORD commanded Moses. (31:31, 41, 42-47) |

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| <p><sup>50</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses ... <sup>51</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, <sup>52</sup> then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land” (33:50-52)</p>                                                                                                         | <p>Moses wrote down their starting places, stage by stage, by command of the LORD (33:2)</p> <p>And Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of the LORD and died there (33:38)</p>                                                             |
| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you enter the land of Canaan ... <sup>3</sup> your south side shall be” (34:1-3)</p> <p><sup>16</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>17</sup>“These are the names of the men who shall divide the land” (34:16)</p>                        | <p>Moses commanded the people of Israel, saying, “This is the land that you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to give to the ... tribes” (34:13)</p> <p>These are the men whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance (34:29)</p> |
| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses ... saying, <sup>2</sup>“Command the people of Israel to give to the Levites some of the inheritance” (35:1-2)</p> <p><sup>9</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say ... When you cross the Jordan ... you shall select cities to be cities of refuge” (35:9-11)</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><sup>5</sup> And Moses commanded the people of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, “The tribe of the people of Joseph is right. <sup>6</sup> This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: ‘Let them marry ... within the clan’” (36:5-6)</p>                                                                             | <p>The daughters of Zelophehad did as the LORD commanded Moses (36:10)</p> <p>These are the commandments and the rules that the LORD commanded through Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. (36:13)</p>         |