

32. Levi & The Tribe of Levi

The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun ... (Genesis 35:23 KJV)

... the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations;

Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years.

... sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi ... sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel ... sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi

And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years. (Exodus 6:16-20 KJV)

... Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. (Exodus 32:26-29 KJV)

They were counted by families--all the men of Israel who were twenty years old or older and able to go to war. The total number was 603,550 ... total did not include the Levites. For the LORD had said to Moses, "Exempt the tribe of Levi from the census; do not include them when you count ... You must put the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle of the Covenant, along with its furnishings and equipment. They must carry the Tabernacle and its equipment as you travel, and they must care for it and camp around it. Whenever the Tabernacle is moved, the Levites will take it down and set it up again. Anyone else who goes too near the Tabernacle will be executed. Each tribe of Israel will have a designated camping area with its own family banner. But the Levites will camp around the Tabernacle of the Covenant to offer the people of Israel protection from the LORD's fierce anger. The Levites are responsible to stand guard around the Tabernacle." (Numbers 1:45-53 NLT)



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| BANNER | FAMILIES | OLDER |
| CARRY | FIERCE | ROHATH |
| CENSUS | FURNISHINGS | TABERNACLE |
| COMPANION | GATE | THEMSELVES |
| COUNT | GERSHON | THIRTY |
| COVENANT | GUARD | THREE |
| DESIGNATED | LEVITES | THROUGHOUT |
| EQUIPMENT | MERARI | TOTAL |
| EXECUTED | NEAR | TRAVEL |
| EXEMPT | NEIGHBOUR | WAR |