

|37| And the pillars of the khatzer round about, and their bases, and their pegs, and their cords.

|38| And those that encamp in front of the Mishkan toward the east, even in front of the Ohel Mo'ed eastward, shall be Moshe, and Aharon and his banim, shomrim mishmeret HaMikdash (standing guard duty over the holy area) on behalf of the Bnei Yisroel; and the zar that shall encroach shall be put to death.

|39| All that were counted of the Levi'im, which Moshe and Aharon numbered at the command of Hashem, by their mishpekhoh, all the zakhar from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

|40| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Count all the bechor of the zakhar of the Bnei Yisroel from a month old and upward, and calculate the total by their shmot.

|41| And thou shalt take the Levi'im for Me—I am Hashem—instead of all the bechor among the Bnei Yisroel; and the cattle of the Levi'im instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the Bnei Yisroel.

|42| And Moshe counted, as Hashem commanded him, all the bechor among the Bnei Yisroel.

|43| And it came about that all the bechor zakhar by the number of shmot, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

|44| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

|45| Take the Levi'im instead of all the bechor among the Bnei Yisroel, and the cattle of the Levi'im instead of their

cattle; and the Levi'im shall be Mine: I am Hashem.

|46| And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the bechor of the Bnei Yisroel, which are more than the Levi'im;

|47| Thou shalt even take five shekels for each one individually, after the shekel of HaKodesh shalt thou take them (the shekel is twenty gerahs) [*Vayikra* 27:6];

|48| And thou shalt give the kesef, wherewith those over and above them [the Levi'im] is to be redeemed, unto Aharon and to his banim.

|49| And Moshe took the kesef hapidyom of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levi'im;

|50| Of the bechor of the Bnei Yisroel collected he the kesef; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of HaKodesh;

|51| And Moshe gave the kesef hapidyom unto Aharon and to his banim, according to the command of Hashem, as Hashem commanded Moshe.

**4** And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,

|2| Take the census of the Bnei Kehat from among the Bnei Levi, after their mishpekhoh, by the bais of their avot,

|3| From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward even until chamishim shanah (fifty years old), all that enter into the tz'va (holy militia of Hashem) to do the melachah (work) in the Ohel Mo'ed.

|4| This shall be the Avodat Bnei Kehat in the Ohel Mo'ed: kodesh hakodashim (the most holy things);

|5| And when the machaneh (camp) setteth forward,

Aharon shall come, and his banim, and they shall take down the Parochet (veil) of the screen, and cover the Aron HaEdut (Ark of the Testimony) with it;

|6| And shall put thereon the tachash hide covering, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly sky-blue violet, and shall put in the carrying poles thereof.

|7| And upon the Shulchan HaPanim they shall spread a cloth of sky-blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the incense spoons, and the offering bowls, and kesot hanesekh (pitchers of the drink offering); and Lechem HaTamid (Perpetual Bread) shall be thereon;

|8| And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a tachash hide covering, and shall put in the poles thereof.

|9| And they shall take a cloth of sky-blue, and cover the Menorat HaMa'ohr (Menorah of Illumination), and its nerot (lamps), and its tongs, and all the klei shemen (oil vessels) thereof, wherewith they prepare it for [holy] service;

|10| And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a tachash hide covering, and shall put it upon the carrying frame.

|11| And upon the Mizbach HaZahav they shall spread a cloth of sky-blue, and cover it a tachash hide covering, and shall put in place the poles thereof;

|12| And they shall take all the Klei HaSharet (Utensils of Ministry), wherewith they minister in HaKodesh, and put them in a cloth of sky-blue, and cover them with a tachash hide covering, and shall put them on the carrying frame;