

|13| And they shall take away the ashes from the Mizbe'ach, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

|14| And they shall put upon it all the utensils thereof, wherewith they minister upon it, even the fire pans, the meathooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the Klei HaMizbe'ach; and they shall spread upon it a tachash hide covering, and put in place its poles.

|15| And when Aharon and his banim have made an end of covering HaKodesh, and all the Klei HaKodesh, as the machaneh (camp) is to set forward, after that, the Bnei Kehat shall come to bear it; but they shall not touch any kodesh, lest they die. These things are the massa (burden) of the Bnei Kehat in the Ohel Mo'ed.

|16| And to the pekuddat (oversight, office) of Eleazar ben Aharon HaKohen pertaineth the Shemen HaMa'ohr (Oil of Illumination), and the incense spices, and the Minchat HaTamid (Continual Grain Offering), and the Shemen HaMishchah (Anointing Oil), and the Pekuddat Kol HaMishkan, and of all that therein is, in HaKodesh, and in the vessels thereof.

|17| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon saying,

|18| Cut ye not off the shevet (tribe) of the mishpekhoh of the Kehati from among the Levi'im;

|19| But this do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto kodesh hakodashim (the most holy things): Aharon and his banim shall go in, and appoint them every one to his avodah (service, ministry) and to his massa (burden);

|20| But they shall not go in to look for a single instant at hakodesh, lest they die.

[NASO]

|21| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

|22| Take also the census of the Bnei Gershon, throughout the bais avot of them, by their mishpekhoh;

|23| From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them; all that enter to serve the tz'va (holy militia service of Hashem), to labor in the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed.

|24| This is the Avodat Mishpekhoh Gershoni, as relates to service and massa (burden):

|25| And they shall bear the curtains of the Mishkan, and the Ohel Mo'ed, its covering, and the tachash hide covering that is over the top of it, and the screen for the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed,

|26| And the hangings of the khatzer (court), and the hanging for the entrance of the sha'ar (gate) of the khatzer (court), which is around the Mishkan and around the Mizbe'ach, and their cords, and all the Klei Avodah (Utensils of Service, Ministry) of them, and all that is done for them; so shall they serve.

|27| At the appointment of Aharon and his banim shall be all the Avodat Bnei Gershoni, in all their massa (burdens), and in all their avodah (service); and ye shall appoint unto them in mishmeret (guard duty responsibility) for all their massa (burdens).

|28| This is the Avodat Mishpekhoh Bnei Gershoni in the Ohel Mo'ed; and mishmeret (guard duty responsibility) shall be under the direction of Itamar ben Aharon HaKohen.

|29| As for the Bnei Merari, thou shalt number them after their mishpekhoh, by the bais of their avot;

|30| From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward even until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tz'va (holy militia service of Hashem), to do the work of the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed.

|31| And this is their mishmeret (guard) massa (burden), according to all their Avodah (Service, Ministry) in the Ohel Mo'ed; the frames of the Mishkan, and the cross-bars thereof, and the posts thereof, and bases thereof, |32| And the posts surrounding the khatzer, and their bases, and their tent pegs, and their cords, with all their implements, and with all their service; and by shmot (names) ye shall assign the klei mishmeret (vessels of duty) massa (burdens).

|33| This is the Avodat Mishpekhoh Bnei Merari, according to all their service, in the Ohel Mo'ed under the direction of Itamar ben Aharon HaKohen.

|34| And Moshe and Aharon and the Nasi'ei HaEdah (Leaders of the Congregation) counted the Bnei HaKehati after their mishpekhoh, and after the bais of their avot,

|35| From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward even until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tz'va (holy militia service of Hashem), to do the work of the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed;

|36| And those that were numbered of them by their mishpekhoh were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.