

**Numbers 1:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. He said: <sup>2</sup>“Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one. <sup>3</sup>You and Aaron are to count according to their divisions all the men in Israel who are twenty years old or more and able to serve in the army. <sup>4</sup>One man from each tribe, each of them the head of his family, is to help you.

**Numbers 2:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: <sup>2</sup>“The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family.”

**Numbers 2:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>Then the tent of meeting and the camp of the Levites will set out in the middle of the camps. They will set out in the same order as they encamp, each in their own place under their standard.

**Numbers 8:15-17 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup>“After you have purified the Levites and presented them as a wave offering, they are to come to do their work at the tent of meeting. <sup>16</sup>They are the Israelites who are to be given wholly to me. I have taken them as my own in place of the firstborn, the first male offspring from every Israelite woman. <sup>17</sup>Every firstborn male in Israel, whether human or animal, is mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart for myself.

**1. Participation** (Numbers 1:1-4)

**2. Orientation** (Numbers 2:1-2, 17)

**3. Purification** (Numbers 8:15-17)