

families; Mahli, and Mushi: these are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them, were seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall be the tabernacle, q and the tent, r the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings s of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords t of it, for all the service thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kohath u was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izecharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of v Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And their w charge shall be the ark, x and the table, y and the candlestick, and the altars, z and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, a and all the service thereof.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Merari b was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old

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o ch.1.53.

p ch.4.24-26.

q Ex.25.9.

r Ex.26.1,&c.

s Ex.27.9,&c.

t Ex.35.18.

u 1Ch.26.23.

v ch.1.53.

w ch.4.15.

x Ex.25.10.

y Ex.25.23, 31.

z Ex.27.1, 30.1.

a Ex.26.32.

b 1Ch.6.19.

c ch.1.53.

d the office of the charge.

e ch.4.31,32.

f ver.7,8.

g ver.10.

h ch.26.62.

i ver.15.

j ver.12,45.

k ver.41.

l ch.18.15. Ex.13.13.

m ver.39-43.

and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Levites was Zuriel the son of Phur: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And <sup>3</sup> under the custody of the charge of the sons of Merari be the boards of the tabernacle, the bars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and the sockets of the feet, and all the vessels thereof that serveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the tabernacle round about, and their pins, and their sockets, and their caps.

38 ¶ But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, Moses, and Aaron and the Levites, shall keep the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

39 All q that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, through the families, all the males from a month old and upward, were two thousand.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Number h all the males of the children of Israel, from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And i thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel; and the firstlings among the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered the children of Israel, as the LORD commanded him, and the firstborn among the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn of the children of Israel, from a month old and upward, that were numbered of them, were two thousand and two hundred and threescore and five.

44 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, saying,

45 Take k the Levites instead of the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites shall be mine instead of their cattle.

46 And for those that were redeemed l of the two thousand and threescore and thirteen firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more m than the Levites;