
Day 44 - February 13

Establishment of a Nation (1525 - 1400 BCE)
Israel's Second Numbering

Readings: *Numbers 26:1-65*

Reflections:

- It is clear that family lines are obviously important. Also, some of the stories of the families are noted. Definitely shows the "family" orientation of the nation and that Israel was essentially one big, extended family.
- In this second numbering we see again the importance of organization and record keeping within Israel.
- Levites again are viewed as representing a different category within the family. The other tribes receive land while the Levites don't. The other tribes are counted by how many fighting men twenty years and older they have where the Levites are counted by all the men one month or older. It is interesting how this portrays a different value. Among the nations, only adults are valued. In the true kingdom as symbolized by the Levites all ages are valued, infants, children and youth. It takes Jesus to come before all gender, racial and social classes are removed. See Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."