

# **Israel: From Family To Nation**



Jacob moved his family to Egypt to avoid starvation during a 7-year famine in Israel. His son, Joseph, was second only to Pharaoh in Egypt and had helped Egypt get prepared for the famine. Joseph helped his family come to Egypt to live.

### Numbers 1:26-27

All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: **all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.**

It is impossible to know exactly how many people left Egypt—430 years later—under Moses' leadership, but when you know the how many men, aged 20 and older there were, you can multiply by a factor of 4 or 5 (or more) to include the women and children.

We get an idea of how many people were in the wilderness when God told the nation Israel to count all of the men in each tribe, 20 and older,

who were able to go to war in Israel. This took place about a year after they were freed from slavery in Egypt.

### Numbers 1:1-3

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, **on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel:** thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

### Numbers 1:21

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.**

### Numbers 1:23

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.**

Numbers 1:25

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.**

Numbers 1:27

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.**

Numbers 1:29

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.**

Numbers 1:31

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.**

Numbers 1:33

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.**

Numbers 1:35

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.**

Numbers 1:37

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.**

Numbers 1:39

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.**

Numbers 1:41

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.**

Numbers 1:43

Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of **Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.**

## Numbers 2:32

These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were **six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.**

<b>Tribe</b>	<b># of men aged 20 or above</b>
Reuben	46,500
Simeon	59,300
Gad	45,650
Judah	74,600
Issachar	54,400
Zebulun	57,400
Ephraim	40,500
Manasseh	32,200
Benjamin	35,400
Dan	62,700
Asher	41,500
Naphtali	53,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>603,550</b>
Women and Children 4 x	<b>2,414,200</b>
Women and Children 5 x	<b>3,017,750</b>