

Priceless Lessons from Gen W: An Exposition of Numbers

Christmas By the Numbers

Numbers 1:17–46

The Lord's Day Morning

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Today's text is “flyover country” for most Christians. Lists of names and numbers don't generally stir the emotions or warm the heart. But there's gold in this mine for those willing to dig. To see echoes of Christmas in this text, recall the principle of interpretation that “Christ is central” to all the Bible. Jesus claimed that Old Testament books like Numbers “bear witness of me” (John 5:39). Even in the mind-numbing details of a census, we see Christ. But like a crime scene, it won't be spelled out for you. You must look for the small, covered clues.

1. Judah's superior _____ exceeds every tribe.
2. Judah's superior _____ encourages every sinner.
3. Judah's superior _____ excels every king.