

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – January 20, 2019

Announcements

- Fill out the household information form. The Business office will update the phone list if there are changes.
- The International Chinese-Speaking conference will be held in Anaheim, California, February 15-17, 2019. Please see Michael Lu for signing up.
- All the saints serving with the children's meeting will meet today after the Lord's day meeting.
- The Memorial Day conference will be held in Seattle this year and there will be a big need to provide hospitality. We will have more details in the coming weeks; we encourage all families to receive hospitality.
- We are covering week 8 for the Holy Word for Morning Revival on "Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God".
- We are reading messages 37 and 38 from the Life-Study of Numbers. The reading schedule is posted on the church website.

Burdens for Prayer

- London Training Center
- Germany
- Meeting hall modifications (parking)
- Prayer meeting
- Northwest localities

This Week: January 21 – January 27

Morning Revival: *Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God,*
week 8

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Young People
Upstairs – Sammamish & Somerset

Saturday 8:30am Breakfast

Lord's Day 9:30 am Lord's Table

January

25-27 Conference in Boise, ID

February

2-3 Conference in Tri Cities, WA

8-10 Conference in Spokane, WA

March

1-3 High School Retreat

29-31 Conference in Missoula, MT

LIFE-STUDY OF NUMBERS
MESSAGE THIRTY-SEVEN
FIGHTING (6)

V. THE RENUMBERING OF THE PEOPLE

Chapter twenty-six is devoted to the renumbering of God's people.

**A. After the Purification by the Plague on the Fornicators
and Idolaters**

The renumbering in chapter twenty-six took place immediately after the purification by the plague on the fornicators and idolaters (v. 1a). The failure in chapter twenty-five was the greatest failure of God's people in the wilderness. This is proved by the fact that twenty-four thousand people died by the plague (25:9). This plague was a purification of God's people, and this purification was a sifting that dealt with the mixture among them.

Numbers 11:4 speaks of "the mixed multitude." This indicates that among the congregation of the children of Israel there was a mixture. Some impure ones had become mixed with the people of God.

Since the history of Israel is a complete type of the church, the mixture among the children of Israel is a type of the mixture in the church. There will often be some kind of mixture in the church life. Even with the apostles chosen by the Lord Jesus there was one—Judas—who was not pure. Acts 5 indicates that, at the very beginning of the church life, there was mixture in the church in Jerusalem. The mixture there was with Ananias and Sapphira, who were genuine believers but were not pure. Furthermore, the last of the epistles written by Paul, 2 Timothy, has much to say concerning mixture. Some, like Alexander the coppersmith (1 Tim 1:20; 2 Tim. 4:14-15), hated Paul and opposed him to the uttermost. Many of those in Asia who had been raised up by Paul turned away from his ministry (1:15), and Demas, a co-worker, because of his love for the present age, forsook Paul (4:10). The point here is that there is mixture among God's people, and God uses the failure and turmoil among His people to purify them.

After the great failure in Numbers 25, the children of Israel were purified. The punishment in chapter twenty-five was the last purification of the children of Israel before they entered into the good land. The twenty-four thousand who were killed by the plague should have included some of those who had been condemned for their failure in chapter fourteen. Those who survived all the purifications in the wilderness, especially the last and greatest purification, were a purified people. These purified ones needed to be renumbered.

This renumbering implies some amount of replacement and reformation. There was the need to replace all those in the army who had died. Also, there was the need for the army to be re-formed. From this we see that the renumbering was very significant.

Witness Lee, *Life-Study of Leviticus*, Published by Living Stream Ministry.
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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, January 20 th	1 Cor. 7:1-16
Monday, January 21 st	1 Cor. 7:17-24
Tuesday, January 22 nd	1 Cor. 7:25-40
Wednesday, January 23 rd	1 Cor. 8:1-13
Thursday, January 24 th	1 Cor. 9:1-15
Friday, January 25 th	1 Cor. 9:16-27
Saturday, January 26 th	1 Cor. 10:1-4