

TITLE: LIFT THE PLAGUE O LORD, MARCH 22, 2020

In Numbers 1, THE LEVITES WERE CHOSEN TO PRAY FOR ISRAEL.

God Asked Moses to Take the First Census of Israel

⁴⁷ but the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe; ⁴⁸ for the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying: ⁴⁹ "only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel; ⁵⁰ but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle.

⁵¹ and when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. the outsider who comes near shall be put to death. ⁵² the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies; ⁵³ but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."

Numbers 3:

³⁸ moreover those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tabernacle of meeting, *were* Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary, to meet the needs of the children of Israel;

Brethren, John Hopkin University has counted over 337.042 cases on COVID-19 with over 11,641 deaths. Like the Levites, Those who are not counted among the numbers have the responsibility to pray that there may be no wrath on the congregation.

Our job, therefore, is to pray that:

- there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel (those who have been counted). God should please heal them
- God should please remove the plague so that those who have not been counted will no longer need to be counted.

KCM is chosen as the house of prayer for all Nations, extending God's love to all the nations. God in His infinite knowledge and mercy, decides to choose whom He wants to work with.

For instance, in:

Romans 9:10-13

“10 ...When Rebekah Had Conceived Children By One Man, Our Forefather Isaac, **11** Though They Were Not Yet Born And Had Done Nothing Either Good Or Bad—in Order That God's Purpose Of Election Might Continue, Not Because Of Works But Because of Him Who Calls— **12** She Was Told, “the Older Will Serve The Younger.” **13** As It Is Written, “Jacob I Loved, But Esau I Hated.”

We know that Esau sold his birth right to Jacob.

Again in Numbers 3:40-41, we see that Levites were Dedicated Instead Of The Firstborn of Israel.

⁴⁰ then the LORD said to Moses: “number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and above, and take the number of their names. ⁴¹ and you shall take the Levites for me—i *am* the LORD—instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

Brethren, we, at KCM, have the privilege of being chosen as the house that would pray for all nations - a rare opportunity and we must guide it with every diligence and make use of it to the fullest.

1 Peter 2:9 describes people with this kind of privilege as a Royal Priesthood.

“⁹ But You Are A Chosen People, A Royal Priesthood, A Holy Nation, God’s Special Possession, That You May Declare The Praises Of Him Who Called You Out Of Darkness Into His Wonderful Light.”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

“O Then, Men Ought To Regard Us As Servants Of Christ And Stewards Of The Mysteries Of God. **2**now It Is Required Of Stewards That They Be Found Faithful.” **Brethren, our call is to pray.**

Those who called, He treats differently and rewards according to the call.

Paul said:

2 timothy 4:6-8

for i am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, i have kept the faith. **8**from now on, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who crave his appearing.

Once we are chosen, God accesses us based on how well we have done the work assigned to us:

Romans 8:²⁸ And We Know That In All Things God Works For The Good Of Those Who Love Him, Who Have Been Called According To His Purpose.

In **Numbers 4**, We See That While The Ordinary Censes Was Done According To Family, The Census Of The Chosen Was Done according to Service and According to Task. ⁴⁹”According To The Commandment Of The LORD They Were Numbered By The Hand Of Moses, Each According To His Service And According To His Task; Thus Were They Numbered By Him, As The LORD Commanded Moses.

Brethren, KCM is the house of prayer for all nations, extending God’s love to all the nation. This is a self-less ministry with key focus on bringing God’s ;love to others.

God news- we are not alone in this journey, the Holy Spirit leads the way!

a. Romans 8: ²² we know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

b. ²⁶ in the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ and He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

c. ²⁹ for those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ and those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, he also glorified.

d. ³³ who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?

Prayer Point (for Self):

Brethren, in Luke 18:1, Jesus gave the disciples a “parable about their need to pray at all times and not lose heart.” This same parable applied to us today.

- I ask God for grace to wait upon the lord: those who wait upon the lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles (**Isaiah 40:31**)
- help me to be persistent in prayer: “you who call on the Lord shall take no rest for yourselves, **7**nor give Him any rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.” (**Isaiah 62:6-7**)
- help me to have confidence in my ministry: “therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. (**2 Corinthians 4:1**)
- Grace to pray selflessly: “pray in the spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. to this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.” (**Eph 6:18**)
- Hedge of protection for self, possession and household: “keep alert at all times. and pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the son of man.” (**Luke 21:36**)