

NUMBERS 3-4

PUZZLE PIECES: SUBSTITUTION AND A NATION OF PRIESTS



PUZZLE PIECES TO DISPLAY JESUS

- **Substitution**
- **Redemption**
- **A Nation of
Priests**



**5 And the Lord spoke to Moses,
saying, 6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near,
and set them before Aaron the priest,
that they may minister to him.**

7 They shall keep guard over him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle. 8 They shall guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and keep guard over the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle.

9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the people of Israel. 10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall guard their priesthood. But if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death."

**11 And the Lord spoke to Moses,
saying, 12 "Behold, I have taken the
Levites from among the people of
Israel instead of every firstborn who
opens the womb among the people of
Israel. The Levites shall be mine,**

13 for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast. They shall be mine: I am the Lord."

39 All those listed among the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron listed at the commandment of the Lord, by clans, all the males from a month old and upward, were 22,000. 40 And the Lord said to Moses, "List all the firstborn males of the people of Israel, from a month old and upward, taking 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 people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the people of Israel.” 42 So Moses listed all the firstborn among the people of Israel, as the Lord commanded him.

43 And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names, from a month old and upward as listed were 22,273.

44 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

45 "Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. The Levites shall be mine: I am the Lord.

**46 And as the redemption price for the
273 of the firstborn of the people of
Israel, over and above the number of
the male Levites, 47 you shall take five
shekels per head; you shall take them
according to the shekel of the sanctuary
(the shekel of twenty gerahs), 48 and
give the money to Aaron and his sons as
the redemption price for those who are
over.”**

**Substitution for
the firstborn of
Israel prepares
us for Jesus to
be our
Substitute.**



**Redemption is
costly. Jesus
paid His life to
redeem the
church.**



**The Levites
were priests and
tabernacle
servants for the
nation.**

**The church is
the temple and
a nation of
priests.**

