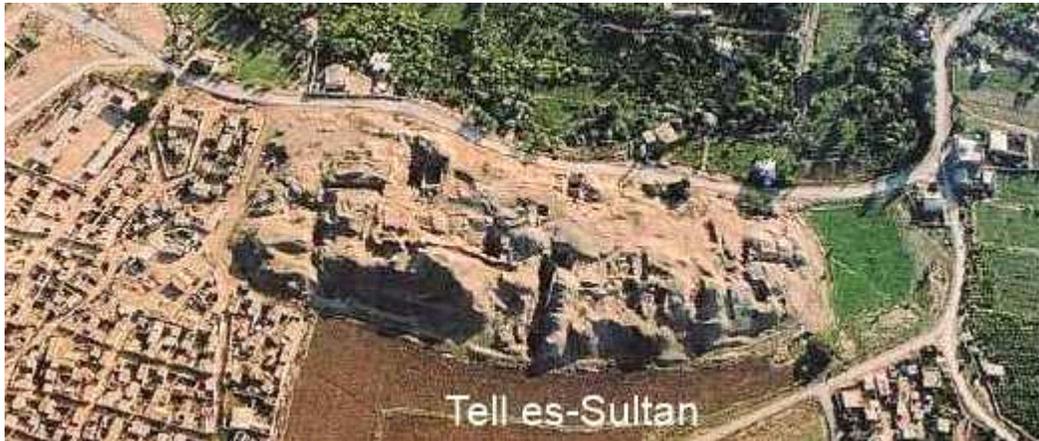


The Exodus Population Problem !!



Tell es-Sultan (ancient Jericho mound) has an area of less than ten acres, less than 2 city blocks. Professor Kenyon, who excavated the site from 1952 to 1956, said that the greatest population that Jericho could have had was about 3,000 souls. Then if we allow that Jericho had a population of about 3,000 people when Joshua and the Israelites conquered them and if there had been over 2 million Israelites as some have proposed.

Then they could have outnumbered the Canaanite residents over 667 to one!

What causes this obvious problem ??

Num 26:7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. (43,730) ...

Num 26:51 These *are* who were numbered of the children of Israel; six hundred thousand and one thousand seven hundred and thirty. (601,730) (NKJV)

So if there were 601,730 able to go to war it seems reasonable that with the families, elders and others there were millions of them.

Jos 6:3 You shall march around the city, **all you men of war**, you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

But, 601,730 warriors would not have had to march around the small city, they could just encircle the city and stand there, at a safe distance of course.

Num 26:2 Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

Num 1:2 Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel,

1) after their families,

2) by their fathers' houses,

3) according to the number of names, every male individually,

Note there are three types of census data information to be taken, but only two are reported by most translations, tribe and number ??

But considering that H505 is the same as H504; for H505 BDB definition thousand/ troops, for H504 Strong's "a family" ! (for Judges 6:15 H504 translates as family by KJV, ASV, BBE, ISV, ERV, DRV, GW, JPS, LITV, MJKV, RV. And for I Samuel 10:19 "by your tribes and by your families" H505 translated as families by LITV, DRB, GW)

So instead consider;

Num 26:7 These *are* the **1)** families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were **2)** forty and three families and **3)** seven hundred and thirty. (**43 families and 730 men**) ...

Num 26:51 These *are* who were numbered of the **1)** children of Israel; **2)** five hundred and ninety and six families and **3)** five thousand and seven hundred and thirty (men). (**596 families and 5730 men**)

Thus with a careful study of the Hebrew, we now have three reported census data items and the number of warriors has been greatly decreased to 5730, a more reasonable total, but still possibly out numbering the Canaanite population of Jericho !

Exodus Population Changes

Num 1:21 those counted of the tribe of Reuben were **46 families and 500.**

Num 1:23 those counted of the tribe of Simeon were **59 families and 300.**

Num 1:25 those counted of the tribe of Gad were **45 families and 650.**

Num 1:27 those counted of the tribe of Judah were **74 families and 600.**

Num 1:29 those counted of the tribe of Issachar were **54 families and 400.**

Num 1:31 those counted of the tribe of Zebulun were **57 families and 400.**

Num 1:33 those counted of the tribe of Ephraim were **40 families and 500.**

Num 1:35 those counted of the tribe of Manasseh were **32 families and 200.**

Num 1:37 those counted of the tribe of Benjamin were **35 families and 400.**

Num 1:39 those counted of the tribe of Dan were **62 families and 700.**

Num 1:41 those counted of the tribe of Asher were **41 families and 500.**

Num 1:43 those counted of the tribe of Naphtali were **53 families and 400.**

Num 1:46 all those counted were **598 families and 5,550.**

Num 2:4 his company as counted being **74 families and 600.**

Num 2:6 his company as counted being **54 families and 400.**

Num 2:8 his company as counted being **57 families and 400.**

Num 2:9 All those counted of the camp of Judah, by their companies, were **185 families and 1,400.**
They will set out first.

Num 2:11 his company as counted being **46 families and 500.**

Num 2:13 his company as counted being **59 families and 300.**

Num 2:15 his company as counted being **45 families and 650.**

Num 2:16 All those counted of the camp of Reuben, by their companies, were **150 families and 1,450.**
They will set out second.

Num 2:19 his company as counted being **40 families and 500.**

Num 2:21 his company as counted being **32 families and 200.**

Num 2:23 his company as counted being 35 families and 400.

Num 2:24 All those counted of the camp of Ephraim, by their companies, were 107 families and 1,100. They will set out third.

Num 2:26 his company as counted being 62 families and 700.

Num 2:28 his company as counted being 41 families and 500.

Num 2:30 his company as counted being 53 families and 400.

Num 2:31 All those counted of the camp of Dan were 156 families 1,600. They will set out last, by their standard."

Num 2:32 These are the sons of Israel as counted by their fathers' houses. All those counted in the camps by their companies were 598 families and 5,550.

Num 3:22 Their sum according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward was 7 families and 500.

Num 3:28 According to the sum of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were 8 families and 600, keeping watch over the sanctuary.

Num 3:34 Their sum according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward was 6 families and 200.

Num 3:39 All those counted among the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron counted at the commandment of the LORD, by tribes, all the males from a month old and upward, were 21 families and 1,000.

Num 3:43 And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names, from a month old and upward as counted were 21 families and 1,273.

Num 4:36 and those counted by tribes were 2 families and 750.

Num 4:40 those counted by their tribes and their fathers' houses were 2 families and 630.

Num 4:44 those counted by tribes were 3 families and 200.

Num 4:48 those counted were 7 families and 1,580.

Num 11:21 But Moses said, "The people among whom I am number 600 families on foot, and you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!'

Num 26:7 These are the tribes of the Reubenites, and those counted were 43 families and 730.

Num 26:14 These are the tribes of the Simeonites, 22 families and 200.

Num 26:18 These are the tribes of the sons of Gad as they were counted, 40 families and 500.

Num 26:22 These are the tribes of Judah as they were counted, 76 families and 500.

Num 26:25 These are the tribes of Issachar as they were counted, 64 families and 300.

Num 26:27 These are the tribes of the Zebulunites as they were counted, 60 families and 500.

Num 26:34 These are the tribes of Manasseh, and those counted were 52 families and 700.

Num 26:37 These are the tribes of the sons of Ephraim as they were counted, 32 families and 500.
These are the sons of Joseph according to their tribes.

Num 26:41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their tribes, and those counted were 45 families and 600.

Num 26:43 All the tribes of the Shuhamites, as they were counted, were 64 families and 400.

Num 26:47 These are the tribes of the sons of Asher as they were counted, 53 families and 400.

Num 26:50 These are the tribes of Naphtali according to their tribes, and those counted were 45 families and 400.

Num 26:51 This was the sum of the sons of Israel, 596 families and 5,730.

Num 26:62 And those counted were 22 families and 1,000, every male from a month old and upward. For they were not counted among the sons of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the sons of Israel.

Exo 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about 600 families on foot *that were* men, , besides children.

Exo 38:26 a beka a head (that is, half a shekel, by the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone who was listed in the records, from twenty years old and upward, for 598 families and 5,550 men.

Translate H505 as troop/troops in Numbers 31:4-6

Num 31:4 You will send a troop from each of the tribes of Israel to the war."

Num 31:5 So there were committed, out of the multitudes of Israel, a troop from each tribe, twelve troops armed for war.

Num 31:6 And Moses sent them to the war, a troop from each tribe, together with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for sounding in his hand.

We also propose the following translation for Joshua 10:12-13 as being the most accurate !

Jos 10:12 At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, be at rest over Gibeon, and moon, be at rest over the Valley of Aijalon."

Jos 10:13 And the sun was at rest (over Gibeon), and the moon in place (over the valley of Aijalon), until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun was in place in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a full time.