

God's Word Is Settled For Ever

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21).

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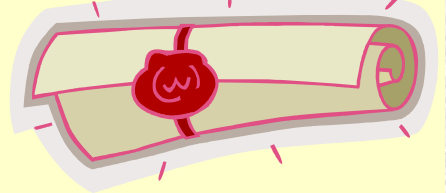
You have probably heard the statement that "God watches over His word to perform it". This is in line with the declaration of Psalms 119:89 **"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven"**.

In 1490 BC Moses numbered Israel in Sinai, and 38 years later, he numbered them again at the plains on Moab by Jordan near Jericho. Casual reading of their numbers (see table below), may give impression that not much had changed between these two numberings. However, the accompanying text give a stark revelation that in the second numbering **"... there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For the LORD**

them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun"

(Numbers 26:64,65).

The plausible question from a curious reader would be "Who or what killed them?".



"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"
(Matthew 12:37).

Well, after the first numbering, Israel murmured against God and voiced out the wish to die in the wilderness. In response, God declared **"Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you"** (Numbers 14:28). **They sealed their destiny with their words, because God still specialises in creating the fruit of the lips** (Isaiah 57:19). Without a gunshot, bomb or nuclear warfare, their words precisely and selectively killed 603,548 who were 20 years old and above, and raised up an entire new generation to inherit the Promised Land.

God is to be revered and His words respected. Today, wise believers can use these principles to design and create their desired destiny by:

1. Perusing the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. Meditating on the Word (1 Timothy 4:15)
3. Believing / confessing the Word (Romans 10:10)
4. Total obedience to His Word (1 Samuel 15:22)
5. Respectfully and faithfully applying the word to every aspect of life (Joshua 1:7,8; Isaiah 34:16)
6. Preaching the Word (2 Timothy 4:2)
7. Praying the Bible (Acts 4:23-33; Psalms 2:1-5)

Never forget Jesus' word: **"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled"** (Matthew 5:18).

Tribe	Numbers 1 (1490 BC)	Numbers 26 (1452 BC)
Reuben	46,500	43,730
Simeon	59,300	22,200
Gad	45,650	40,500
Judah	74,600	76,500
Issachar	54,400	64,300
Zebulun	57,400	60,500
Ephraim	40,500	32,500
Manasseh	32,200	52,700
Benjamin	35,400	45,600
Dan	62,700	64,400
Asher	41,500	53,400
Naphthali	53,400	45,400
Total	603,550	601,730
Levites	22,073	23,000

had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of