

## II SAMUEL 24; May 9; David's Sin of Numbering Israel

### ANALYSIS:

1. Why did the LORD allow Satan (1 Chronicles 21:1) to move David to number Israel & Judah? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Whom did David persuade to go out and number Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long did this census take? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the number of Israel's and Judah's men reported by Joab?  
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5. When the LORD offered David three choices of chastening for his sin, which one did he choose? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This chapter finds Israel has angered the LORD. We are not told what their sin or sins were. Their chastening from the LORD, although severe (70,000 died in this case), proved the LORD loved His own (Heb 12:5-7). The LORD uses many forms of chastening. Our response needs to be like David's, "I have sinned" (vs 10, 17), followed by humble submission and obedience to the LORD.

David confessed his sin quickly, even before the prophet Gad came to speak to him (vs 10-11). Be quick to admit and confess your sins! Don't wait for chastening!

In this chapter Joab displays wisdom in counseling David to give up his goal of numbering Israel, but David's word prevailed and Joab reluctantly obeyed. Let us be willing to respectfully, humbly and personally offer counsel to a superior rather than being guilty of the sin of debate, gossip and rebellion against authority.

### HELP:

1. Because the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel (v 1).
2. Joab and the captains of the host (v 4).
3. 9 months and 20 days (v 8).
4. 800,000 men of Israel, 500,000 men of Judah (vs 13-15).
5. David said, "Let us fall into the hand of the LORD," so the LORD sent a pestilence (vs 13-15).