

~MERARITES (309)

(Me-rar'ites) [Of, or belonging to, Merari]

- One of the three major families of Levites, descending from Levis son **Merari** through Mahli and Mushi.
- And these are the names of the sons of Levi, according to their family descents, Gershon and Kohath and **Merari**. And the years of Levis life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (**Exodus 6:16**)
- And the sons of **Merari** were Mahli and Mushi. These were the families of the Levites, according to their family descents. (**Exodus 6:19**)
- And the sons of **Merari** by their families were Mahli and Mushi. These were the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers. (**Numbers 3:20**)
- Now these were the registered ones of the Levites by their families, of Gershon the family of the Gershonites, of Kohath the family of the Kohathites, of Merari the family of the **Merarites**. (**Numbers 26:57**)
- These were the families of the Levites, the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the **Mahlites**, the family of the **Mushites**, the family of the Korahites. And Kohath became father to Amram. (**Numbers 26:58**)
- The first census of the Israelites in the wilderness listed 6,200 **Merarite** males from a month old upward, 3,200 of these being from 30 to 50 years of age and entering the service group for the service in the tent of meeting.
- Of **Merari** there were the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites. These were the families of **Merari**. (**Numbers 3:33**)
- And their registered ones by the number of all the males from a month old upward were six thousand two hundred. (**Numbers 3:34**)
- As for the registered ones of the families of the sons of **Merari** by

- their families, by the house of their fathers. (**Numbers 4:42**)
- From thirty years old upward to fifty years old, all those entering into the service group for the service in the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 4:43**)
 - The ones registered of them by their families came to be three thousand two hundred. (**Numbers 4:44**)
 - These were the registered ones of the families of the sons of **Merari**, whom Moses and Aaron registered at the order of Yehowah by means of Moses. (**Numbers 4:45**)
 - Their chieftain then was Zuriel, and their encampment was on the North side of the tabernacle.
 - And the chieftain of the paternal house for the families of **Merari** was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were encamped on the side of the tabernacle toward the north. (**Numbers 3:35**)
 - During the wilderness trek the three-tribe division of Judah was first to pull away from an encampment. Then the Gershonites and **Merarites** as carriers of the tabernacle pulled away, followed by the three-tribe division of Reuben and then the Kohathite Levites.
 - So the three-tribe division of the camp of the sons of Judah pulled away first of all in their armies, and Nahshon the son of Amminadab was over its army. (**Numbers 10:14**)
 - And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar there was Nethanel the son of Zuar. (**Numbers 10:15**)
 - And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun there was Eliab the son of Helon. (**Numbers 10:16**)
 - And the tabernacle was taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of **Merari** as carriers of the tabernacle pulled away. (**Numbers 10:17**)
 - And the three-tribe division of the camp of Reuben pulled away in their armies, and Elizur the son of Shedeur was over its army. (**Numbers 10:18**)
 - And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon there was

Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. (Numbers 10:19)

- **And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Gad there was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. (Numbers 10:20)**
- **And the Kohathites as carriers of the sanctuary pulled away, as they will have set up the tabernacle by the time of their coming. (Numbers 10:21)**
- **The Merarites were in charge of the panel frames, bars, pillars, and socket pedestals of the tabernacle, as well as all its utensils and all its service, in addition to the pillars, socket pedestals, tent pins, and tent cords of the courtyard.**
- **And the oversight for which the sons of Merari were obligated was over the panel frames of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its socket pedestals and all its utensils and all its service. (Numbers 3:36)**
- **And the pillars of the courtyard round about and their socket pedestals and their tent pins and their tent cords. (Numbers 3:37)**
- **To move these heavy objects, they were supplied with four wagons and eight cattle. In the wilderness they and the Gershonites were under the hand of Aaron's son Ithamar.**
- **O Moses accepted the wagons and the cattle and gave them to the Levites. (Numbers 7:6)**
- **Two wagons and four cattle he gave to the sons of Gershon in proportion to their service. (Numbers 7:7)**
- **And four wagons and eight cattle he gave to the sons of Merari in proportion to their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. (Numbers 7:8)**
- **In the division of the Promised Land under Joshua, 12 cities were assigned to the Merarites, four each from the tribal territories of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun. One of these, Ramoth in Gilead, in the territory of Gad, was a city of refuge.**
- **For the sons of Merari by their families there were twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben and out of the tribe of Gad and out of**

the tribe of Zebulun. (Joshua 21:7)

- **And the families of the sons of Merari, the Levites who were left over, had out of the tribe of Zebulun Jokneam and its pasture ground, Kartah and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:34)**
- **Dimnah and its pasture ground, Nahalal and its pasture ground. four cities. (Joshua 21:35)**
- **And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its pasture ground, and Jahaz and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:36)**
- **Kedemoth and its pasture ground, and Mephaath and its pasture ground, four cities. (Joshua 21:37)**
- **And out of the tribe of Gad, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Ramoth in Gilead, and its pasture ground, and Mahanaim and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:38)**
- **Heshbon and its pasture ground, Jazer and its pasture ground, all the cities being four. (Joshua 21:39)**
- **All the cities that came to belong to the sons of Merari by their families, who were left over from the families of the Levites, were, as their lot, twelve cities. (Joshua 21:40)**
- **To the sons of Merari by their families they gave from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun by the lot twelve cities. (1 Chronicles 6:63)**
- **To the sons of Merari that were left over they gave from the tribe of Zebulun Rimmono with its pasture grounds, Tabor with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:77)**
- **And in the region of the Jordan at Jericho to the east of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture grounds and Jahaz with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:78)**
- **And Kedemoth with its pasture grounds and Mephaath with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:79)**
- **And from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture grounds and Mahanaim with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles**

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- And Heshbon with its pasture grounds and Jazer with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:81**)
- In David's day 220 **Merarites**, with Asaiah as their chief, assisted other Levites in bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem from the house of Obed-edom.
- And he continued building houses for himself in the City of David, and he went on to prepare a place for the ark of the true God and pitch a tent for it. (**1 Chronicles 15:1**)
- It was then that David said; No one is to carry the ark of the true God but the Levites, for they are the ones whom Yehowah has chosen to carry the ark of Yehowah and to minister to him to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 15:2**)
- Then David congregated all Israel at Jerusalem to bring the ark of Yehowah up to its place that he had prepared for it. (**1 Chronicles 15:3**)
- And David proceeded to gather the sons of Aaron and the Levites. (**1 Chronicles 15:4**)
- Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief and his brothers, a hundred and twenty. (**1 Chronicles 15:5**)
- Of the sons of **Merari**, Asaiah the chief and his brothers, two hundred and twenty. (**1 Chronicles 15:6**)
- And David and the older men of Israel and the chiefs of the thousands came to be the ones walking along to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. (**1 Chronicles 15:25**)
- After the Ark had a resting-place, David gave positions for the direction of the singing at the house of Yehowah to certain **Merarites**.
- And these were the ones to whom David gave positions for the direction of the singing at the house of Yehowah after the Ark had a resting-place. (**1 Chronicles 6:31**)
- As regards the sons of Merari their brothers on the left hand,

- there was Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch. (1 Chronicles 6:44)
- The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah. (1 Chronicles 6:45)
 - The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer. (1 Chronicles 6:46)
 - The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. (1 Chronicles 6:47)
 - Other **Merarites** were assigned as gatekeepers.
 - For the divisions of gatekeepers, of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore of the sons of Asaph. (1 Chronicles 26:1)
 - And Hosah of the sons of **Merari** had sons. Shimri was the head, for he did not happen to be the firstborn but his father appointed him as head. (1 Chronicles 26:10)
 - These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of the Korahites and of the sons of **Merari**. (1 Chronicles 26:19)
 - **Merarites** were among the Levites returning from Babylonian exile in 537 B.C.E.
 - And of the Levites there were Shemaiah the son of Hasshub the son of Azrikam the son of Hashabiah from the sons of **Merari**. (1 Chronicles 9:14)
 - Later in 468 B.C.E, **Merarites** were among the Levites accompanying Ezra from Babylon to Jerusalem.
 - Now these were the heads of their paternal houses and the genealogical enrollment of those going up with me during the reign of Artaxerxes the king out of Babylon. (Ezra 8:1)
 - So they brought to us, according to the good hand of our God upon us, a man of discretion from the sons of Mahli the grandson of Levi the son of Israel, namely, Sherebiah and his sons and his brothers, eighteen. (Ezra 8:18)
 - And Hashabiah and with him Jeshaiiah from the sons of **Merari**,

his brothers, and their sons, twenty. ([Ezra 8:19](#))

- Finally we pulled away from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month to go to Jerusalem, and the very hand of our God proved to be over us, so that he delivered us out of the palm of the enemy and the ambush by the way. ([Ezra 8:31](#))
- So we came to Jerusalem and dwelt there three days. ([Ezra 8:32](#))
- During Judean King Hezekiah's reform program, some **Merarites** were among the Levites who cleansed the temple.
- At that the Levites rose up, Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah of the sons of the Kohathites, and from the sons of **Merari**, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel, and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah. ([2 Chronicles 29:12](#))
- Then they gathered their brothers together and sanctified themselves and came according to the king's commandment in the words of Yehowah, to cleanse the house of Yehowah. ([2 Chronicles 29:15](#))
- Later, in the **Seventh Century B.C.E.**, the **Merarites** Jahath and Obadiah were appointed over repairers of the temple by King Josiah.
- And the men were acting in faithfulness in the work, and over them there were appointed Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, from the sons of **Merari**, and Zechariah and Meshullam, from the sons of the Kohathites, to act as overseers. And the Levites, each of whom was expert with the instruments of song. ([2 Chronicles 34:12](#))
- Were over the burden bearers, and the overseers of all the doers of the work for the different services, and from the Levites there were secretaries and officers and gatekeepers. ([2 Chronicles 34:13](#))