

- 5) What you are talking about is something that happened not in the 2nd month of the 2nd year, but in the 1st month of the 1st year.
- 6) And it happened right after the priests were consecrated to the Lord.
- 7) The tabernacle was erected on the 1st day of the 1st month.
- 8) Then the priests were consecrated and it took about 8 days for that consecration to take place.
- 9) After that, the tabernacle was dedicated to the Lord.
- 10) When the tabernacle was dedicated to the Lord, the twelve tribes gave gifts to the Lord.
  - i) They gave 6 carts and 12 oxen (a pair of oxen for each cart).
  - ii) That is important
    - a) The twelve tribes each give an ox and two go together to give a cart.
    - b) The Lord tells Moses to accept this gift and to give it to the Levites according to what their work required.
    - c) Two of the carts were given to Gershon because he had to carry all the curtains.
    - d) They need these carts and oxen to transport the tabernacle.
    - e) Four of the carts are given to Merari so they could carry all the framework and posts.
- 11) After this is given, there is a period of twelve days for the dedication of the tabernacle.
  - i) Each day one tribe came to bring offerings to the Lord.
  - ii) Each tribe comes each day of the twelve days and takes the same gifts to the Lord.
  - iii) The gifts
    - a) They had a silver plate, a silver bowl, a golden ladle.
    - b) They then brought a sin offering, a burnt offering, and a fellowship offering.

b. Chapter 8

- 1) The Lord is going to have the Levites set apart for himself.
- 2) He wants the children of Israel to dedicate the Levites to him to do the work of the tabernacle.
- 3) The Levites all come to the altar of burnt offering and all the Israelites in the person of their leaders come to witness what is going to take place.
- 4) The Levites have purified themselves.