

# PARSHAS BAMIDBAR

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## PARSHAH OVERVIEW

Hashem tells Moshe to take a census of the adult Jewish males in the desert. The census showed how much Hashem loves the Jewish people, and more technically, its purpose was to form an army, should one be necessary.



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## PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 159

Words - 1,823

Letters - 7,393

Mitzvos - 0



## GEMATRIA



The gematria of במדבר is 248, which is the same as אברהם. A מדבר/desert represents humility. Humility is the ability to make space for Hashem in your life. Avraham Avinu was a paragon of this, as he let Hashem into his life.

## THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

Reb Naftali M'Ropshitz, in the *Sefer Zera Kodesh*, says: the fact that the Torah was given in a מדבר, a desert - a place that is low - shows that everyone is שייך to the Torah, even those who are "low." The Torah is relevant to everyone and anyone.



## DID YOU KNOW



Humility is associated with a growth mindset, where individuals are open to feedback, willing to learn from mistakes, and embrace continuous self-improvement. Humble individuals are more likely to seek out new knowledge and perspectives, making them better learners and adaptable to change.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*"The use of power diminishes others; the exercise of influence enlarges them."*

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l*

## QUICK VORT

There are exactly 159 pesukim in Parshas Bamidbar. Interestingly, the Hebrew equivalent of 159 is the word קטן, which means small.

There is a fascinating lesson to be learned here. Sometimes we feel small, insignificant, and unimportant.

The same Parshah which contains (159) קטן pesukim, is the same Parshah that tells us about the census, the counting of the Jewish people.

Hashem says: שאו את ראש - lift your head! I am counting you because I love you. You are great. You are significant. You are important. Don't ever lose sight of this reality.

Yes, we might be in a desert. We might be on a path that looks confusing and hard. We might not see the end in sight. But we are counted by Hashem, each one of us. So, lift your head up!

*Have a holy Shabbos!*