

# Numbers 1:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names:

## Analysis

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Moses and Aaron's joint leadership under divine direction demonstrates the complementary roles of prophetic and priestly offices in covenant administration. Moses represents God's authoritative word to the people, while Aaron represents the people's approach to God through sacrifice. This dual mediation anticipates Christ's fulfillment of both prophet and priest, perfectly mediating between God and humanity. The specific naming of these men emphasizes personal responsibility in carrying out God's commands.

## Historical Context

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This census occurred in the second month of the second year after the Exodus (Numbers 1:1), approximately one year after receiving the Law at Sinai. Moses and Aaron's partnership had been established at the burning bush (Exodus 4) and proved crucial throughout Israel's wilderness journey.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do Moses and Aaron's complementary roles point forward to Christ's perfect fulfillment of all mediatorial offices?
2. What does their obedience to divine instruction teach us about faithful leadership in God's church?

## Interlinear Text

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