

## February 27 Answers

- 1) The Israelites carefully obeyed God's command to number the people for **war** and His instructions concerning the encampment and **marching** order of each tribe (Num 1–2). This reminds us that faithful obedience is necessary no matter **what** God's directive may be. God intended the **men**—not the women, the children, or the Levites—to wage war against the Canaanites, personally putting them to death with the **sword**. This meant that each individual's commitment and faith in God would be put to the **test**. God promised Israel the land of Canaan, but their possession of the land came through **war**. In the same way, we must claim God's promised victory over the world by waging **spiritual** war (Eph 6:10–13). Are we being faithful to strap on our swords and do battle with the enemy in God's name?