



A census is generally a count of every person within a nation. The purpose of collecting information about the population varies with each nation or government. Some nations have used the information for taxation, military, research, representation, etc. The vast majority of citizens that complete the survey believe their representation will help allocate funding or resources properly.

But are you aware that in the Bible there is a commandment from God pertaining to this subject? **Exodus 30:11** *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,”* **Verse 12:** *“When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; **that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.**”* Today our people (the so called Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans) are not only ignorant of this law but even of the fact that they are the children of Israel. In our history when a census was conducted, like in the book of Numbers, it was by the commandment of God and administered by the priests.

There was a time in our history when it was NOT done according to the commandment of God and this brought a plague upon the nation of Israel. **1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:17** *“And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded **the people to be numbered?** even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father’s house; but **not on thy people, that they should be plagued.**”* At that time 70,000 people died for participating in an unlawful census. **1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:14** *“So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.”*

There is no doubt that the current census is not conducted according to the commandment. Therefore take heed and be forewarned by the prophecies. **Revelations 18:4** *“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**”*

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