



<sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. <sup>13</sup>Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>Everyone who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the LORD's offering. <sup>15</sup>The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when you give the LORD's offering to make atonement for your lives. <sup>16</sup>You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives."

### I. An Exact \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ collected  
*half a shekel as an offering to the LORD.*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ counted  
*twenty years old and upward*

### II. An Explained \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tax  
*his life to the LORD... offering to the LORD... give the LORD's offering...*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tax  
*each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them*

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tax  
*that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD*

### III. An Example Of \_\_\_\_\_

*And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000. But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly." 2 Samuel 24:9-10*

### IV. An Extended \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup>When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" <sup>25</sup>He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" <sup>26</sup>And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. <sup>27</sup>However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself." Matthew 17:24-27

**Last Thought:** Jesus paid a \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't owe to \_\_\_\_\_ a people from death.