



And here is the first pasuk of Mas'ei
(Bamidbar 33:1)

אֵלֶּה מַסְעֵי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֲשֶׁר יָצְאוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לְעַבְדָּתָם
בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן:

These are the journeys of the children of Israel who left the land of Egypt in their legions, under the charge of Moshe and Aharon.

MATOT-MAS'EI

GM There are seven pairs of sedras that are sometimes combined and sometimes read separately, for a few different reasons. For each pair, one can calculate the percentages for combined and separate. The pairs differ from each other (except for TM and AK with the same numbers) in their two percentages, and there are differences between Israel and chutz la'aretz for three of the seven pairs. With that said (but not fully detailed), the sedra pair that is combined more often than any other pair by far, is Matot-Mas'ei. They are combined 80% of years in Israel and 90% of years in Chutz LaAretz.

The fact is confirmed numerically with a GM. Here's the first pasuk of Matot (Bamidbar 30:2)

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־רִאשֵׁי הַמִּטּוֹת
לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר
זֶה הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה':

These two whole p'sukim are GMs (3324). Not meant to prove anything, but interesting, nonetheless.

No other first p'sukim of sedras match except for the ten sedras that begin with VAYDABEIR HASHEM EL MOSHE LEIMOR. And those include Tazri'a and M'tzora. So let's say that Matot and Mas'ei are the only ones that match gimatriya with different wording.

And just to bring you behind the scenes of my GM searches, there are three other p'sukim in the Torah and three more in Nach that have the same gimatriya. If I had a meaningful way to tie any of them in, I would have.

Moshe spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying: This is the thing that HaShem has commanded.