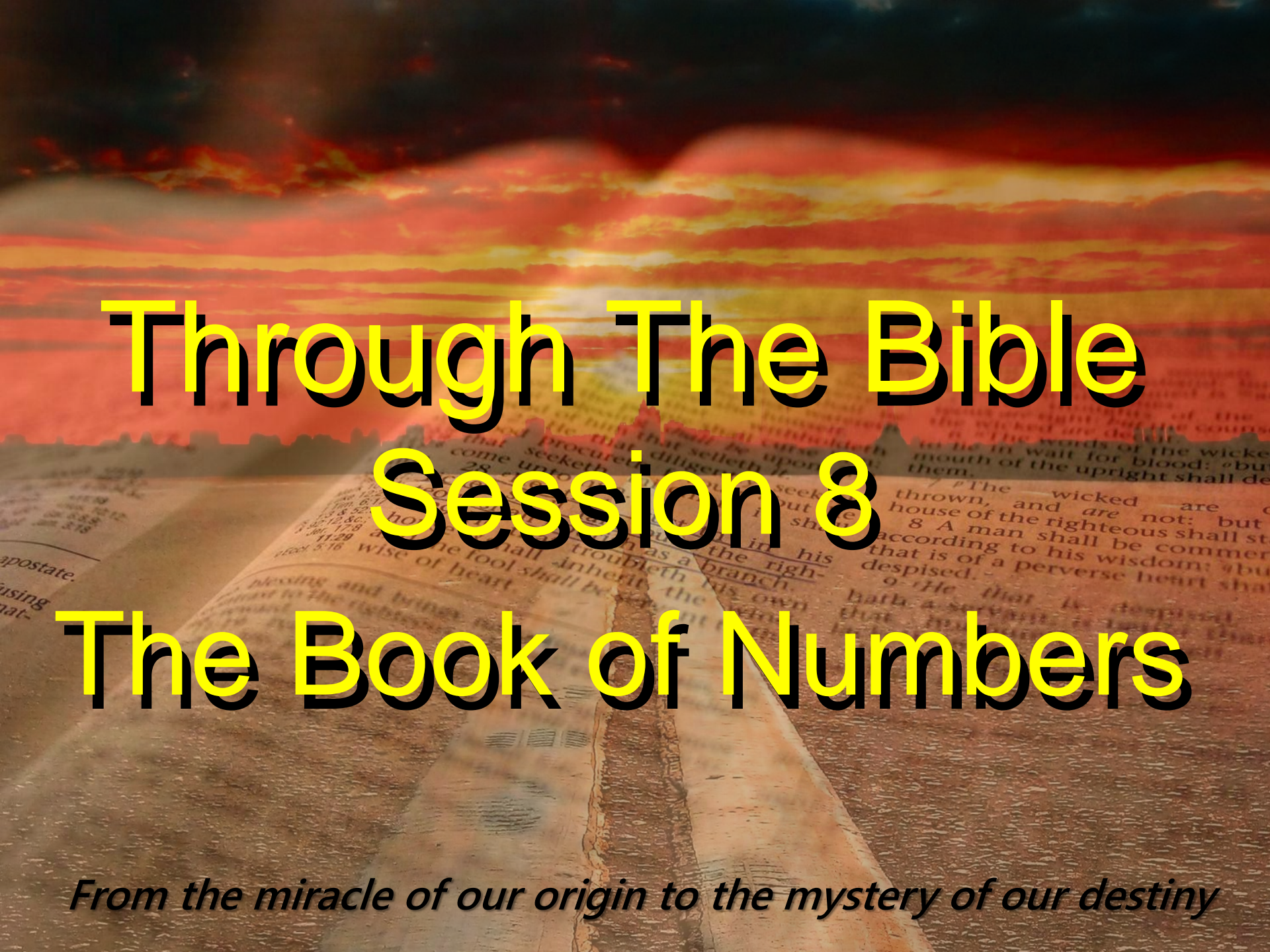


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*Simply teaching the Word simply*

A dramatic sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over a landscape. In the foreground, an open Bible is laid flat, with its pages slightly aged and showing some wear. The text on the pages is partially visible, including phrases like "The wicked are not", "A man shall be commended", and "He that is despised". The overall scene is serene and evocative, suggesting a connection between nature and scripture.

# Through The Bible

## Session 8

# The Book of Numbers

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*



# The Book of Numbers

- ἀριθμὸν *Arithmoi*, "Numbers" (LXX)  
*Numeri* (Latin)
- בְּמִדְבָּר *B'midbar*, "In the Wilderness."
- Covers 38 years from
  - the giving of the Law at Sinai
  - to the eve of the Conquest
- Chronicle of successes and failures of the "Wilderness Wanderings."

# Where Is the Fruit?

- As we survey our own wanderings...

<sup>21</sup> What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

**Romans 6:21**



# The Purpose of Wandering

- <sup>1</sup> All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land
- <sup>2</sup> And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

# The Book of Numbers

- A boring list of numbers & a bit of history?
- Or...
- A blueprint for the Church?



1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians  
10:1-12

Learning from the mistakes of  
the past



# Lessons To Learn

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

**1 Cor 10:1-4**

# Lessons To Learn

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

# Lessons To Learn

- 5 But with **many** of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things were **our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:5-6

Q. What did they lust after?

A. That which was acceptable to the human palate

Q. Do you know any churches that have abandoned the bread God has provided, in favour of that which is 'acceptable' to the multitude?



# Lessons To Learn

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Cor 10:6

Q. What is idolatry?

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
  - making a God in your own image,
  - from your own imagination,
  - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god ‘LORD’! (cf Ex 33)

# Lessons To Learn

*8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*

**1 Cor 10:8**

**Q. What is fornication?**

**A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to**

- Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after (embracing) false god's



# Lessons To Learn

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Cor 10:8-10

# Lessons To Learn

- II** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- I2** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**1 Cor 10:11-12**



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 1



# Setting The Scene

*And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt...*

Numbers 1:1

- The Book of Leviticus takes up just one month

# Order In The Camp

- Chapter 1
  - Numbering of the adult males counted at Sinai those fit to go to war
- Chapter 2
  - Order of tribes, where they are to camp
- Chapter 3
  - Numbering of the priests and Levites
- Chapter 4
  - The duties of the Levites

# Order In The Camp

40 Let *all things* be done decently and in order.

1 Cor 14:40

*<sup>2</sup> Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls;*

*<sup>3</sup> From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.*

**Numbers 1:2-3**



*4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe;  
every one head of the house of his fathers.*

*5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand  
with you...*

**Numbers 1:4-5a**

# The Leaders of Israel

- Moses is told that God has chosen the *“men who shall stand with you”*
- What of Jethro’s Advice 1 year earlier?
- Roughly 600,000 men = 78,060 judges
- Only two men of those who left Egypt entered the Promised Land
- Man’s wisdom vs. God’s wisdom

44 These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty [603,550].

Numbers 1:44-46

# Israel's Growth in Egypt

- God's promise to Jacob

<sup>2</sup> And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

<sup>3</sup> And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

Genesis 46:2-3

# Israel's Growth in Egypt

- Jacob (Israel) went down with 70 people
- Israel now exists as a “great nation”
- Rueben, Simeon, Gad 151,450
- Judah, Issachar, Zebulun 186,400
- Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin 108,100
- Dan, Asher, Naphtali 157,600
- Men of War 20 yrs old & above **603,550**

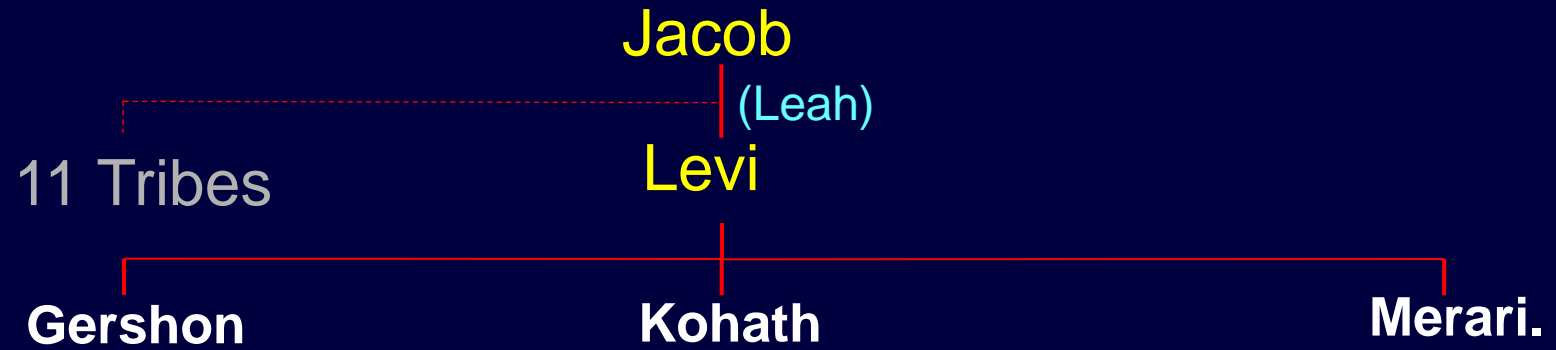




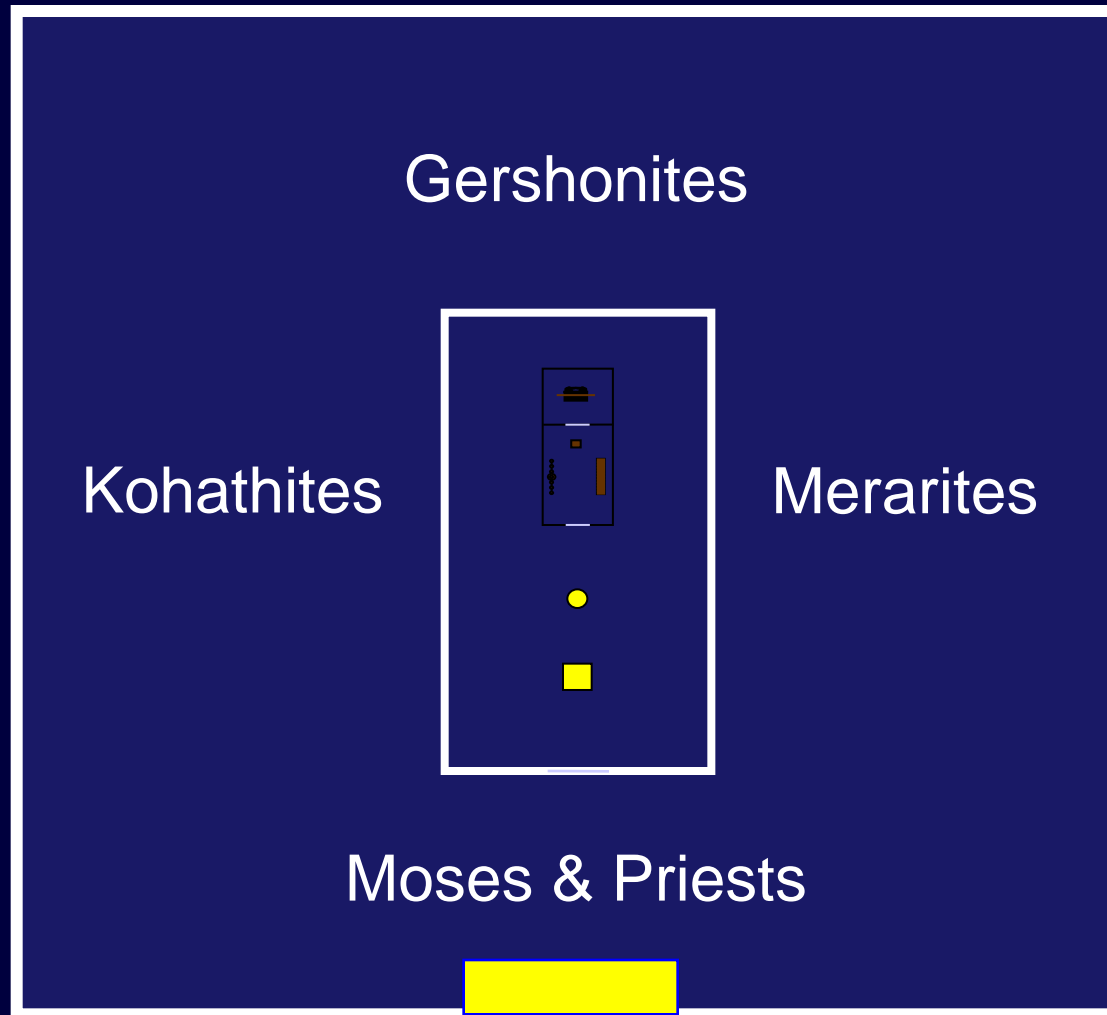
# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 2

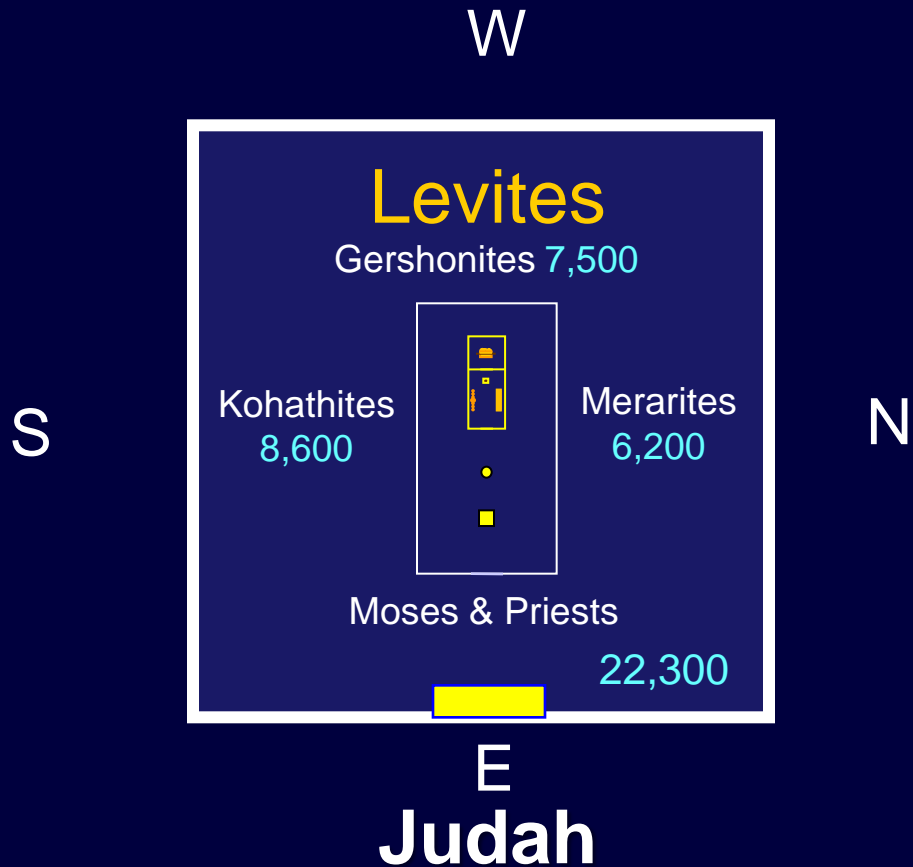
# The Tribe of Levi



# Arrangement of the Camp



# The Camp of Judah



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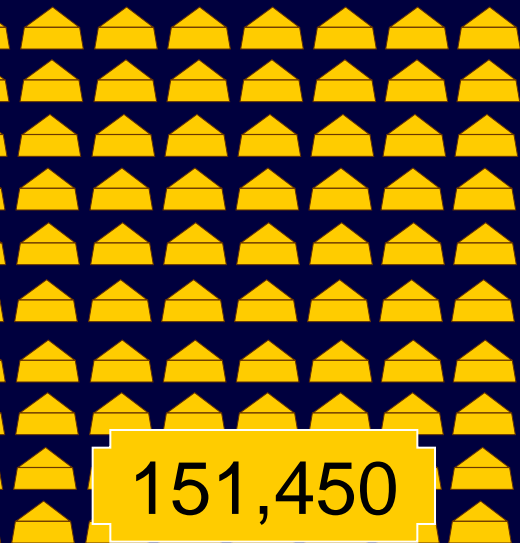




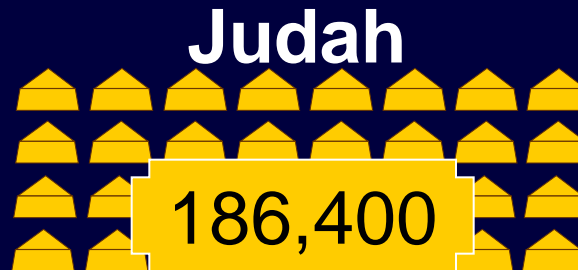
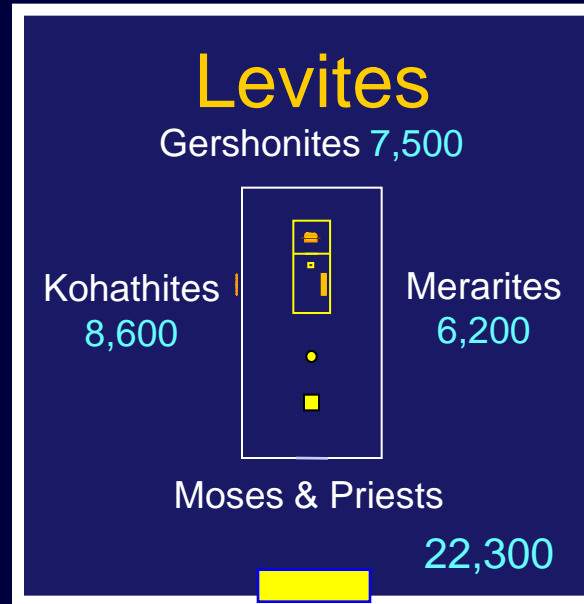
# Rabbinical Precision

- The Camp of Judah: **East** of Levites
- The Camp of Reuben: **South** of Levites
- Strict obedience denies area **Southeast**
- Thus, only **cardinal directions** ordained
- Only **width** of Levite's camp allowed
- Length **proportional** to population

# The Camp of Reuben



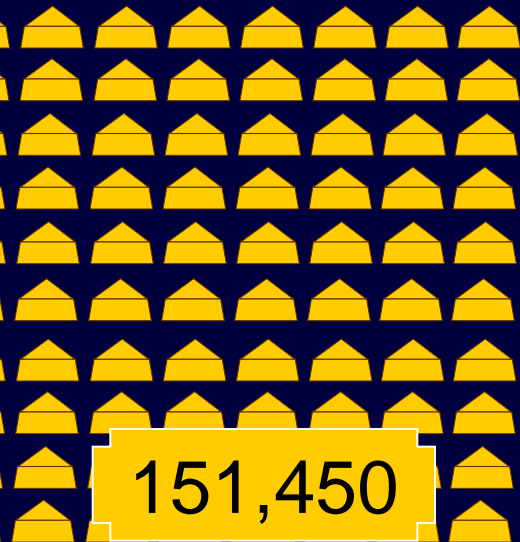
Reuben



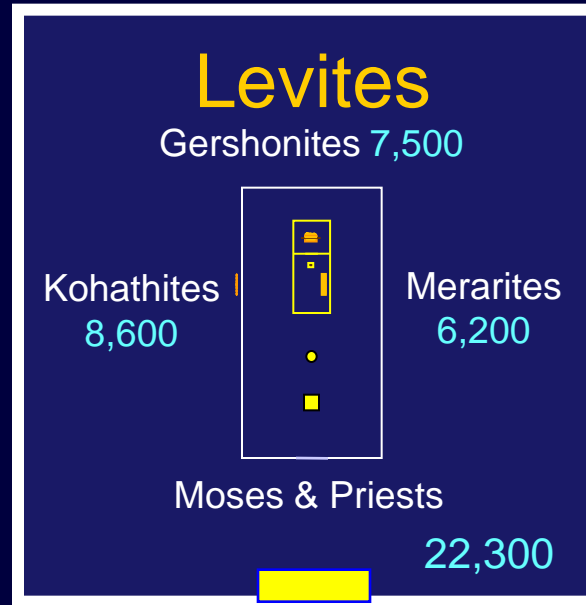
# The Camp of Ephraim



**Ephraim**



**Reuben**



**Judah**

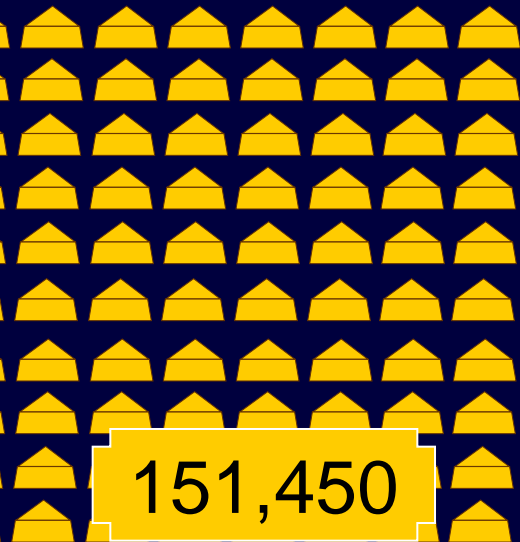


**186,400**

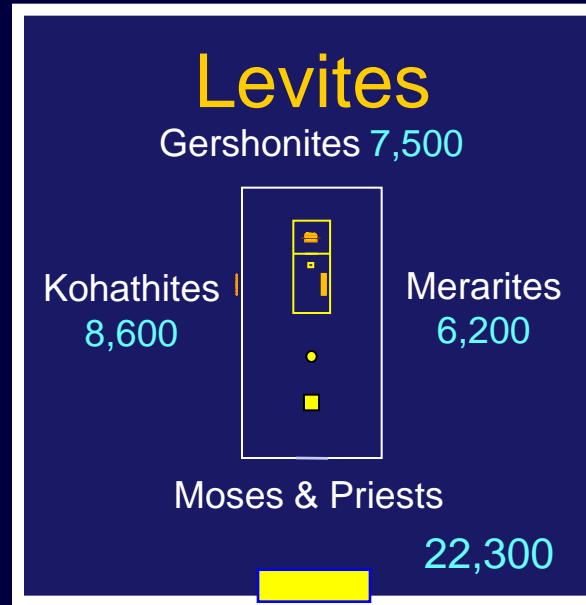
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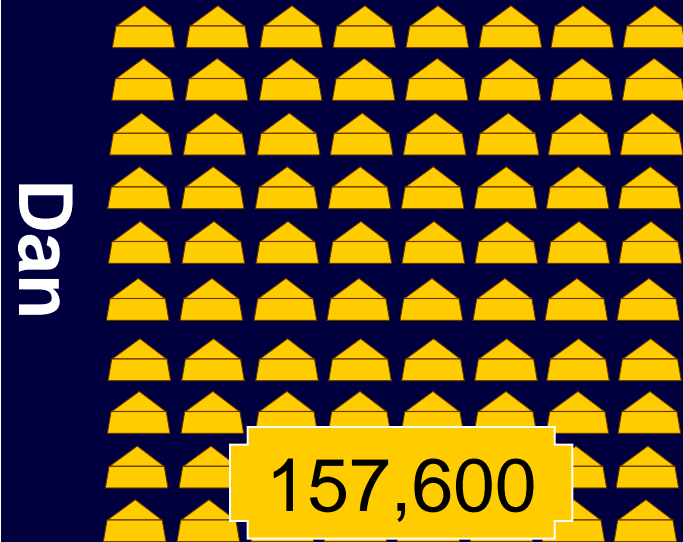
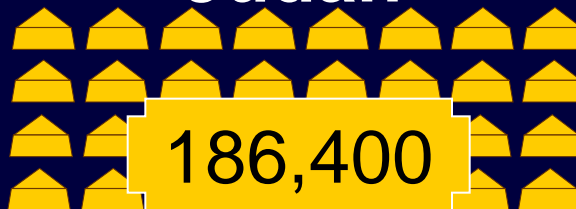
**Ephraim**



**Reuben**



**Judah**



**Dan**



# The Camp of Israel

## Numbers 2

**Judah** 74,600

Issachar 54,400

Zebulun 57,400

**186,400**

**Ephraim** 40,500

Manasseh 32,200

Benjamin 35,400

**108,100**

**Reuben** 46,500

Simeon 59,300

Gad 45,650

**151,450**

**Dan** 62,700

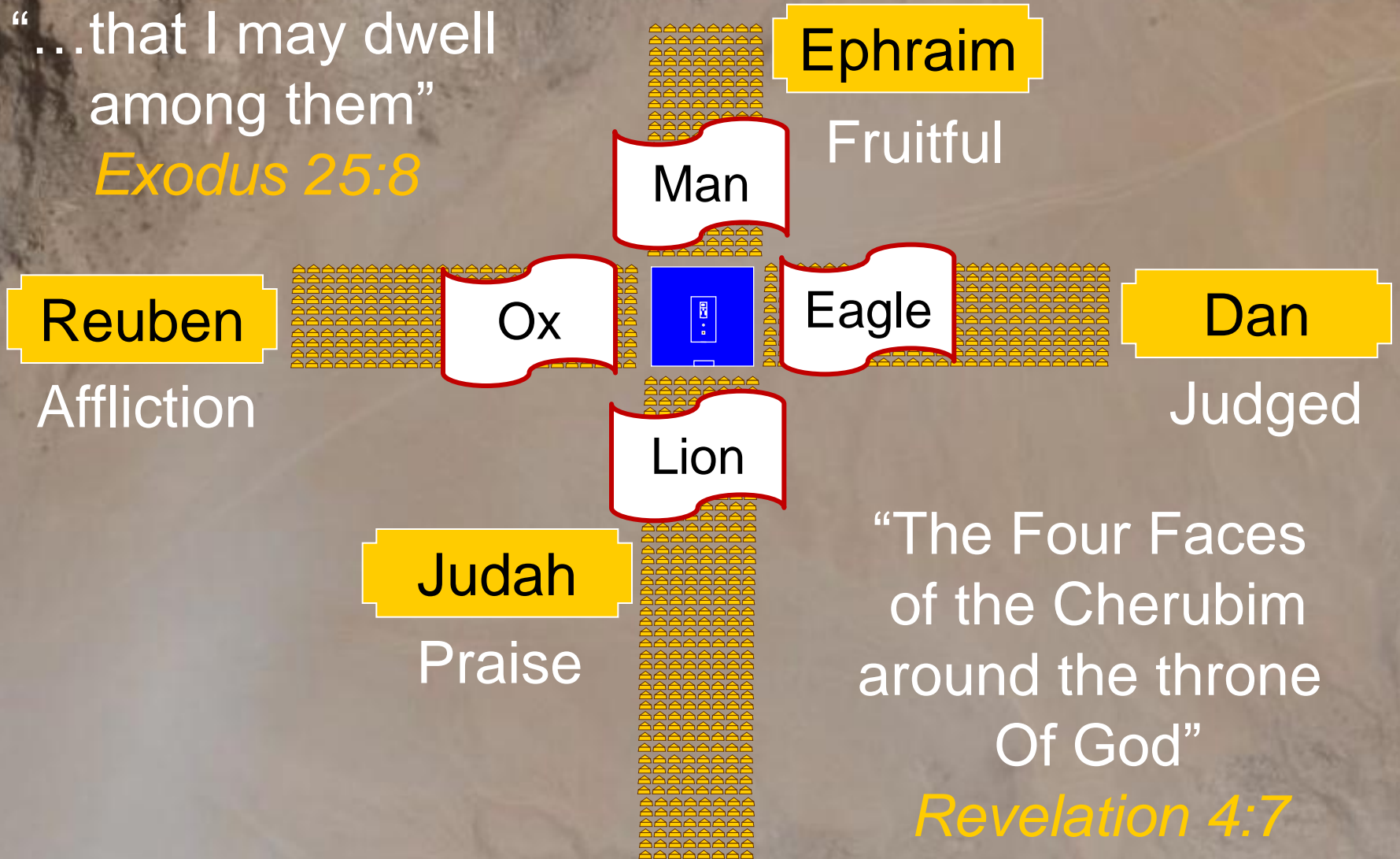
Asher 41,500

Naphtali 53,400

**157,600**

# The Camp of Israel

“...that I may dwell  
among them”  
*Exodus 25:8*



“The Four Faces  
of the Cherubim  
around the throne  
Of God”  
*Revelation 4:7*

# The Design of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	--	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
To the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit: Acts	Promise of Return: Revelation
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical



# The Book of Numbers

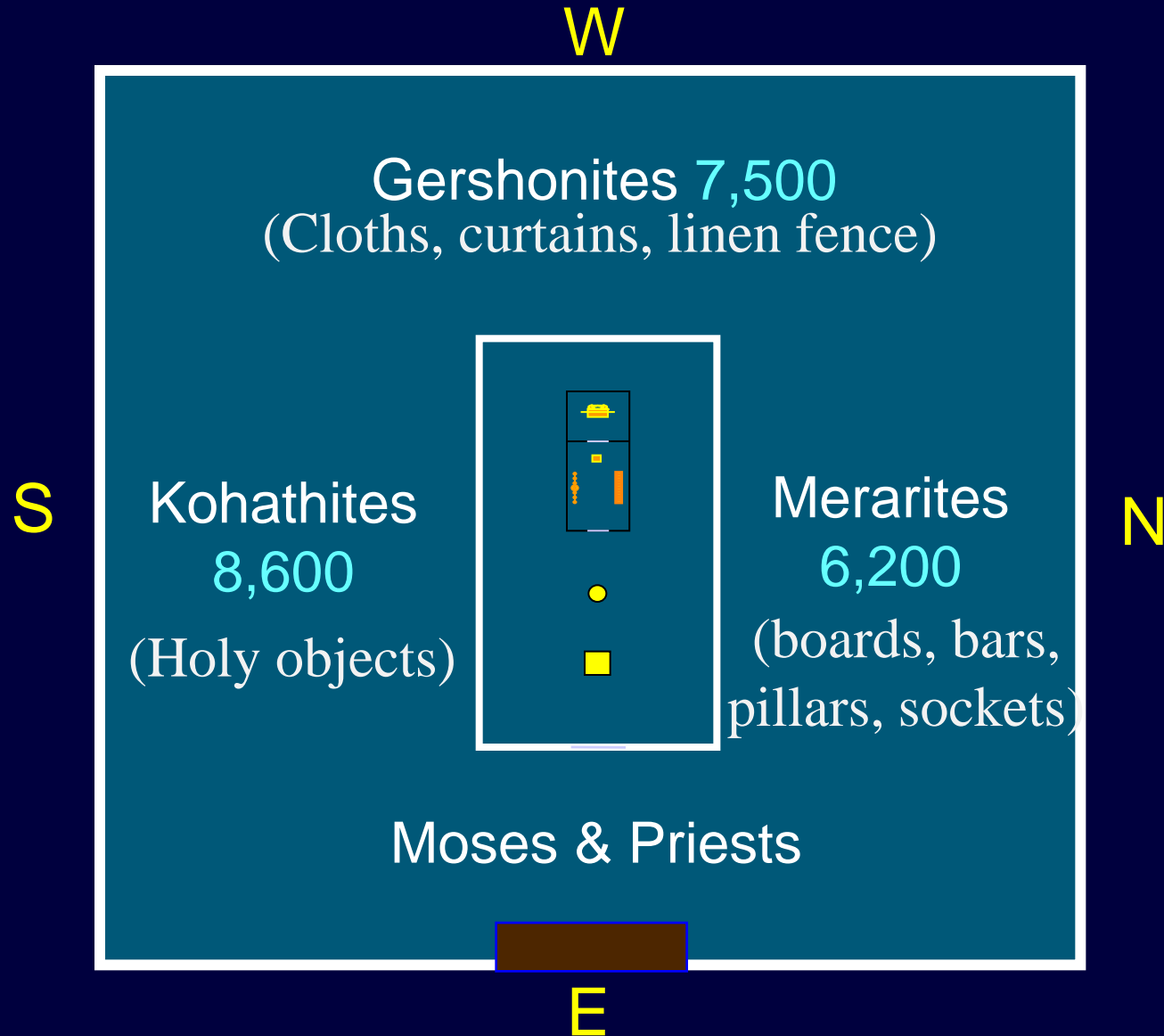
Chapter 3 & 4

# Outline

- Chapter 3
  - Numbering of the priests and Levites
- Chapter 4
  - The duties of the Levites (re the march)
  - The moving of the Tabernacle



# Arrangement of the Levites



# The Tabernacle





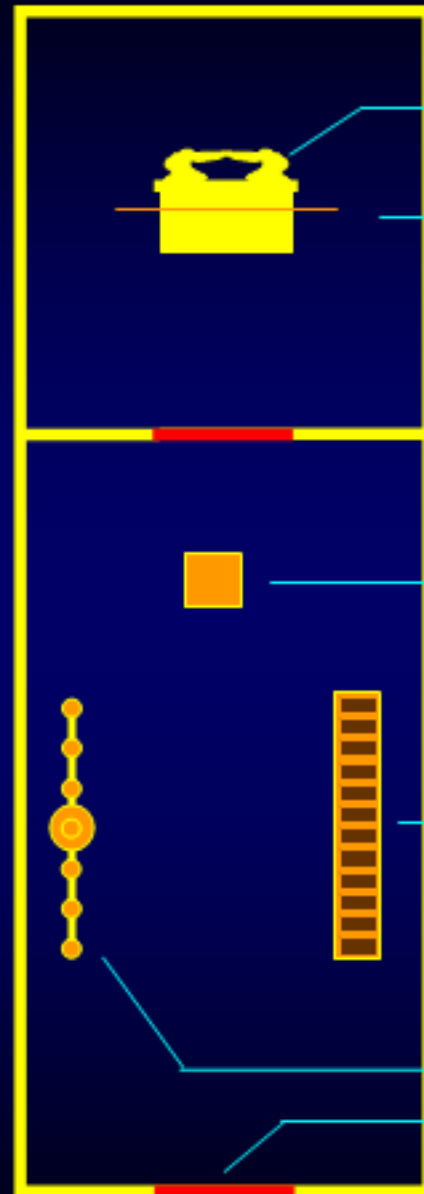
# The Tabernacle



# "The Word was made flesh and *tabernacled* among us..."

John 1:14

Holy of Holies



The Propitiation for our sins

Our Sin Bearer

"Intercession for us"

"I AM the Bread of Life"

"I AM the Light of the World"

"I AM the Door"

# Requirements For Service

- Men from 30 years old up to 50
- Previous numberings:
  - Ch.1: Men of war: 20yrs old upward
  - Numbers in the families: 1mth upward
- The serving priests must not be novices
- They must:
  - learn before they teach,
  - serve before they rule,
  - and must first be proved,

(Matthew Henry)



# Outline of The Book of Numbers

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- Order in the camp

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- The sanctification of Israel

# Outline

- Chapter 5 Sanctification of the Camp
  - Chapter 6 The Nazarite Vow
  - Chapter 7 Giving to the LORD
  - Chapter 8 The Lampstand & Levites
  - Chapter 9 Remember where we began!
- 
- The underlying theme is the sanctification and cleansing of the church



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 5

Sanctification of the Camp

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:  
<sup>3</sup> Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.

Numbers 5:1-3

- Leper = Un-addressed sin (Ps 66:18 / 1 Cor 5:5)
- Issue = Unchanged heart (Matt 15:11-20)
- Defiled by the dead = tainted by the world (1 John 2:15)



*4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.*

**Numbers 5:4**

- A healthy body rejects the poison from its system...
- So a healthy church will do likewise (*Rev 3:16*)





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 6

### The Nazarite Vow

# The Nazirite Vow

- The word Nazirite means “Separate”
- This is an act of sanctification

# The Nazarite Vow

- From birth:

- Samson

Judges 13:5,6; 16:17

- Samuel

1 Samuel 1:11

- John the Baptist

Luke 1:15

- Other:

- Paul

Acts 18:18; 21:24

# The Nazarite Vow

- Rule #1 – Sober
- Rule #2 – Strength in the Lord
- Rule #3 – Separated

# Accidental Defilement

- Everything of the former achievements is lost
- There is NO building up of equity of righteousness with God
- Just as God's mercy is new every morning...
- Yesterday's victories are just that!
- Recovering of lost ground is hard





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 7

Giving to the LORD



# Princes Offering

- 1 x Silver plate – 130 shekels
- 1 x Silver bowl – 70 shekels
  - Full of flour mingled with oil for Meal offering
- 1 x Gold spoon of incense - 10 shekels
- 1 x Bullock , 1 x Ram, 1 x Lamb
  - For a Burnt offering
- 1 x young Goat
  - For a Sin offering
- 2 x Oxen, 5 x Rams, 5 x Goats, 5 x Lambs
  - For a Peace offering

# Numbers 7 Lesson?

- Everything you give is recorded
- Every detail remembered
- God had numerous books
  - Book of life (Rev 20:12)
  - Book of works (Rev 20:12)
  - Book of tears (Psalm 56:8)
- God is Just, and sees – He knows



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 8

The Lampstand & Levites

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.
- 3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

**Numbers 8:1-3**



4 And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

Numbers 8:4



# The Lampstand

- Only source of light in the Tabernacle
- Without the holy oil it could not give light
- One lampstand (1= number of God)
- With six branched (6= number of man)
- The Lampstand is a vessel to “hold up the Light” in the darkness
- Jesus Himself says it is representative of the Church (Rev 1:20)



# The Lampstand

- Only Design given (No Dimensions/limit)
- Made of Pure Gold (refined)
- Made from “one talent of beaten Gold”
  - church is one body
  - church formed through trials
- Talent = 75-120 pounds in weight
- Mystery how it could support itself
- It needed supernatural strengthening

# The Lampstand



# The Lampstand

- The Light comes from the Oil
  - symbol of the Holy Spirit
- The Lampstand is a vessel to “hold up the Light” in the darkness
- Rev 1:20 – the Church





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 9

Remember where we began!

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season.

<sup>3</sup> In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

**Numbers 9:1-3**



*4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.*

*5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.*

**Numbers 9:4-5**

# Keeping The Passover

- What did the Passover represent?
- The deliverance from slavery
- Freedom bought with the blood of a lamb
- A continual reminder that their freedom was not earned
- Never loose sight of where it began
- Remembering the Passover assured them of their future rest

# Do This in Remembrance...

- The Passover was the model of the real deliverance
  - The deliverance from sin
- Freedom bought with the blood of The Lamb
- We are to continually remember that our freedom was not earned
- Never loose sight of where it began
- Remembering the 'Communion' assures us of our future rest ('until I drink it new...')

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- To Kadesh



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 10



# The Order of March

#1 The Ark, Moses & Aaron

#2 The Camp of Judah

#3 Gershon & Merai bearing the Tabernacle

#4 The Camp of Ruben

#5 Kohathites bearing the holy things

#6 The Camp of Ephraim

#7 The Camp of Dan

#8 The Mixed Multitude

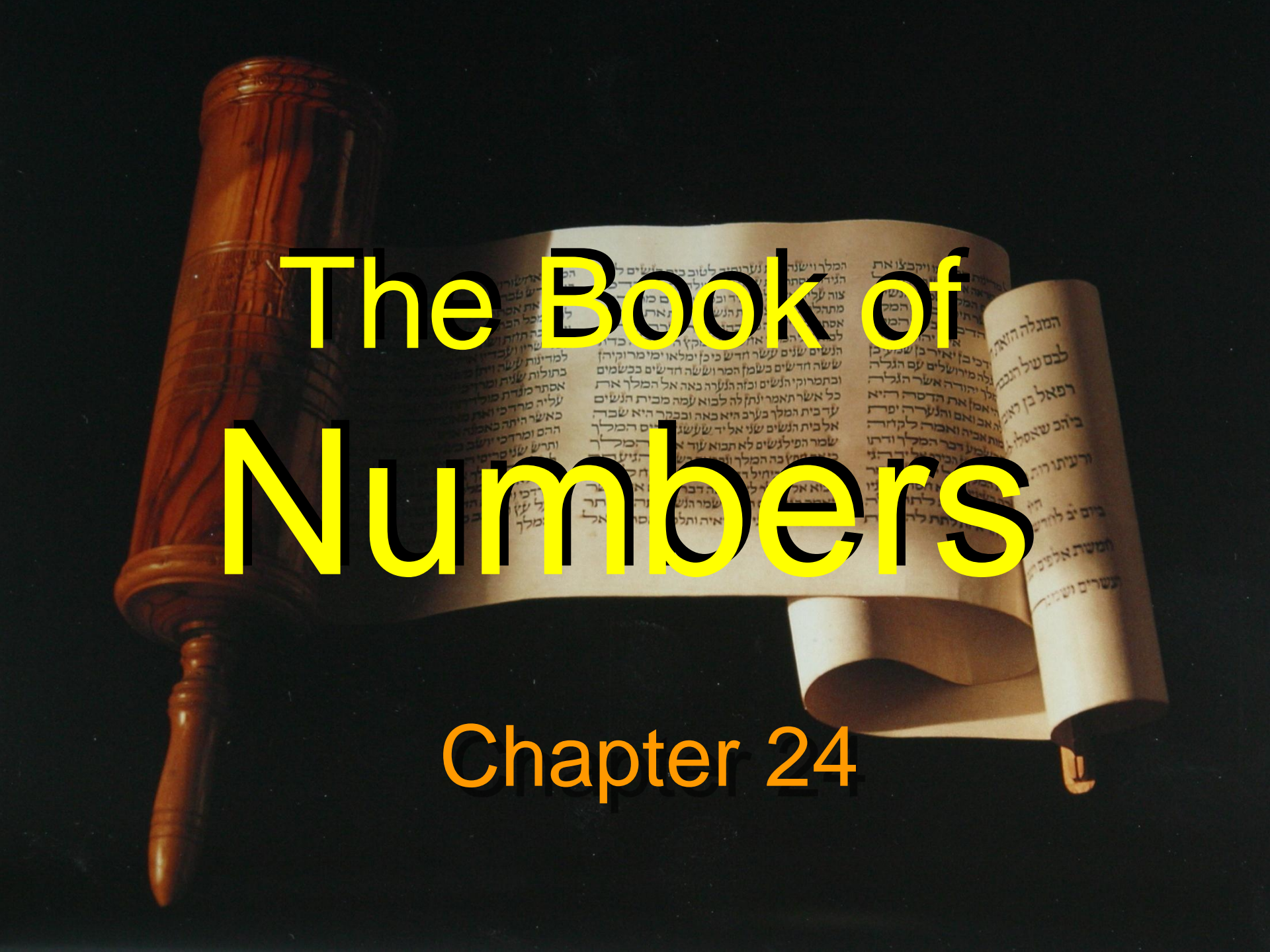
# The Order of March

- What can we learn from this list?
  - Reuben – He has *Looked on my affliction* in Egypt
  - Simeon – For God *Hears* me,
  - Gad – and now *Good Fortune* comes.
  - Judah – I will *Praise* the LORD,
  - Issachar – For He has *Purchased* me
  - Zebulun – and leads me to a *Good Dwelling*
  - Ephraim – with *Double fruit* (milk & honey).
  - Manasseh – He will make me *forget my toil*.
  - Benjamin – As the firstborn *son of His right hand*
  - Dan – God has *Vindicated* me
  - Asher – *Happy* will I be
  - Naphtali – yet through *Wrestling*

# The Tribes of Israel

- By Birth Order: Telling the History of the Nation?

– Reuben	<i>Looked, affliction</i>	
– Simeon	<i>Hearing; Heard</i>	In Egypt?
– Levi	<i>Husband; joined</i>	
– Judah	<i>Praise</i>	
– Dan	<i>Judged; judgment</i>	In Wilderness?
– Naphtali	<i>Wrestlings; prevailed</i>	
– Gad	<i>Troop/Fortune comes</i>	
– Asher	<i>Happy</i>	In the Land?
– Issachar	<i>Hire; service</i>	
– Zebulun	<i>Good Dwelling</i>	
– Joseph	<i>Adding</i>	Kingdom Age?
– Benjamin	<i>Son of my right hand</i>	



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 11

*I And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.*

**Numbers 11:1**

- Those 'furthest away' from the Tabernacle were consumed
- The Tabernacle represented the dwelling of God



4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a  
lusting...

**Numbers 11:4-6**

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4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel **also** wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

**Numbers 11:4-6**

# Short Term Memories

- They rejected the bread God had provided
  - A type of the Word (John 6:31-51)
- Desiring to be back in Egypt
  - A type of the world
- They had 'forgotten' the task masters
  - All male children were to be killed (Ex 1:16)
  - They had cried out to the LORD (Ex 2:23)

# Short Term Memories

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

**Galatians 4:9**



*12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?*

*13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.*

**Numbers 11:12-13**

- When did it become Moses' responsibility?
- Is the arm of the LORD shortened?

# Unchanging God

*I Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:*

**Isaiah 59:1**

# Getting out of touch

*“If we undertake work for God and get out of touch with Him, the sense of responsibility will be overwhelmingly crushing; but if we roll back on God that which He has put upon us, He takes away the sense of responsibility by bringing in the realisation of Himself.”*

– Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,

**18** And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

**19** Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

**Numbers 11:18-19**

<sup>20</sup> But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

**Numbers 11:20**



# A Little Leaven

- Where had this problem begun?
- With the mixed multitude

# Given Over

*12* Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

*13* They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

*14* But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

*15* And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Psalm 106:6-15

*32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.*

*33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.*

**Numbers 11:32-33**

**34** And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

**Numbers 11:34**

# Kibroth-Hattaavah

- ‘The graves of lust’
- Too many fall here, never to make it to the inheritance God has for them





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup> And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

<sup>2</sup> And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

<sup>3</sup>(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Numbers 12:1-3

# Sibling Rivalry?

- What was the cause of this outburst?
- Most commentators say jealousy
- Certainly Moses was revered
- But so was Aaron (high priest)... Ex 29
- And Miriam (prophetess) Ex 15:20
- Another reason?
- The effects of mixture they have just witnessed?

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# A Question of Liberty?

- Was Moses wrong to have an Ethiopian wife?
- God does not prohibit it:
- Arguably, He sanctions it by silence
- The Key:
  - Moses attitude of heart
  - Moses had a liberty with the LORD
  - That which may have been acceptable for Moses, could be a stumbling block for others



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- At Kadesh



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 13

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
- 2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.*
- 3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.*

**Numbers 13:1-3**

# Operation Canaan

Whose idea was it to send in the spies?

Was it God's?

Was it His thought to spy out the land?

No!

*“We always need to get a composite picture from the Word of God, because many times one facet will be given in one place and another facet given in another place”*

J Venron McGee

# Operation Canaan

*“Although we get the impression here that this is God’s idea, we find that He was responding to their request”*



# Operation Canaan

<sup>20</sup> And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

<sup>21</sup> Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 1:20-22

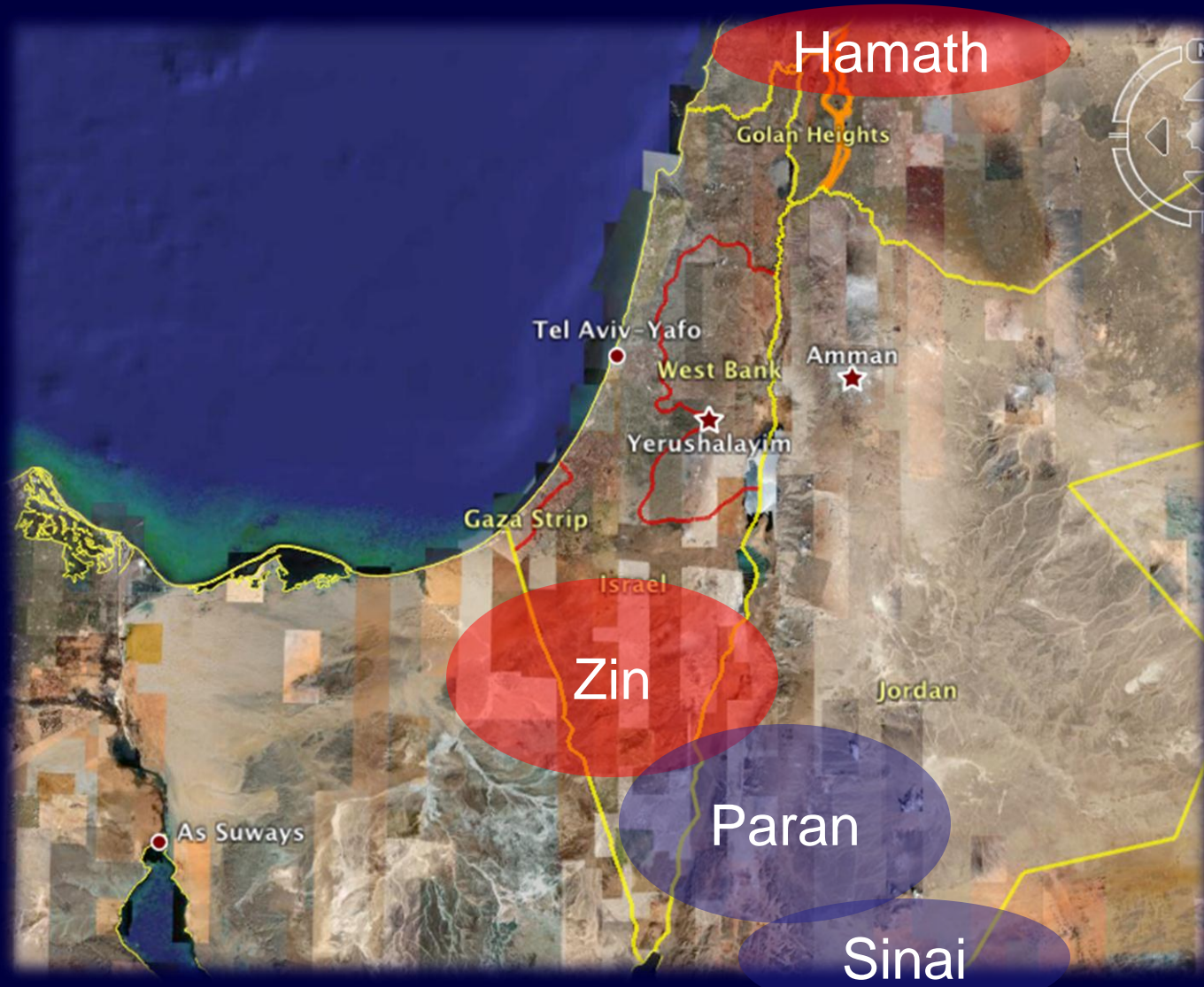
# Operation Canaan

<sup>22</sup> And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, **We will send** men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

Deuteronomy 1:20-22

- The outcome was already decided...
- They didn't trust God to give the victory
- In their own strength they were bound to fail

# Operation Canaan



# Sinai to Kadesh

<sup>2</sup> *(There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)*

**Deut 1:2**

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- Wilderness of Paran Ch 13 – 19
- (Kadesh Barnea)





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup> And **all the congregation** lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

<sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of **Egypt!** or would God we had died in this **wilderness!**

<sup>3</sup> And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

Numbers 14:1-3

- Before, just mixed multitude, now all

*22* Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these **ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice;

*23* Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

**Numbers 14:22-23**

# Ten Times

- 1. at the Red Sea, Ex 14:11-12;
- 2. at Marah, Ex 15:23;
- 3. in the wilderness of Sin (Manna), Ex 16:2;
- 4. in storing of Manna Ex 16:20;
- 5. gathering Manna on Sabbath Ex 16:27
- 6. at Rephidim, Ex 17:1;
- 7. at Horeb (Golden Calf), Ex 32;
- 8. at Tabeerah ('burning'), Num 11:1;
- 9. at the graves of lust, Num 11:4;
- 10. here at Kadesh,





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 15



<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,  
**When** ye be come into the land of your habitations,  
which I give unto you,

Numbers 15:1-2

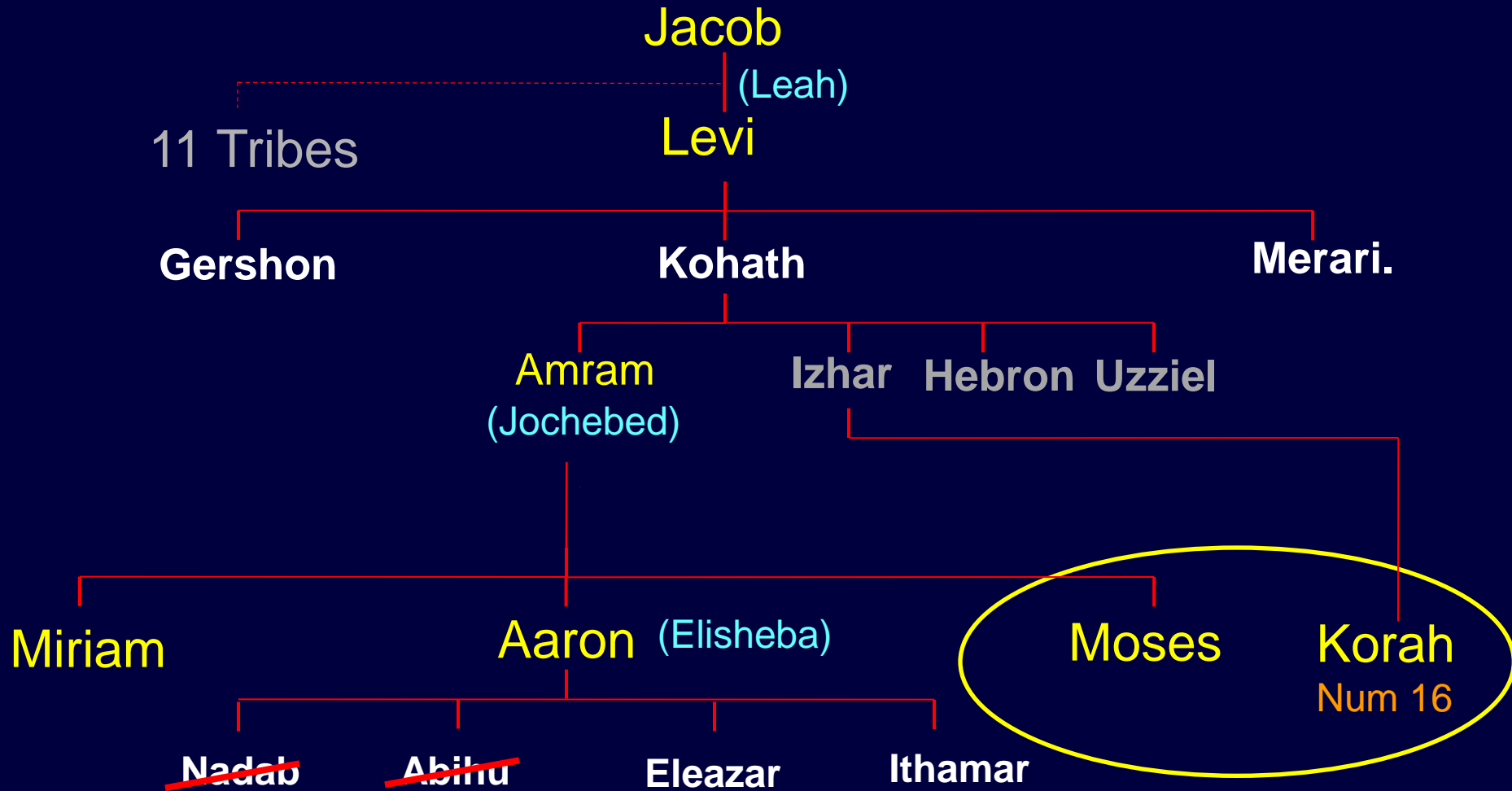
- Our disobedience does not thwart God's plan, but can have profound consequences for us – the issue is our inheritance



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 16

# The Tribe of Levi



<sup>1</sup> Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:  
<sup>2</sup> And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

Numbers 16:1-2

*“Now Korah, son of Yitsar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, HE TOOK even Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, son of Peleth, SON OF REUBEN; and they rose up” - Adam Clarke*



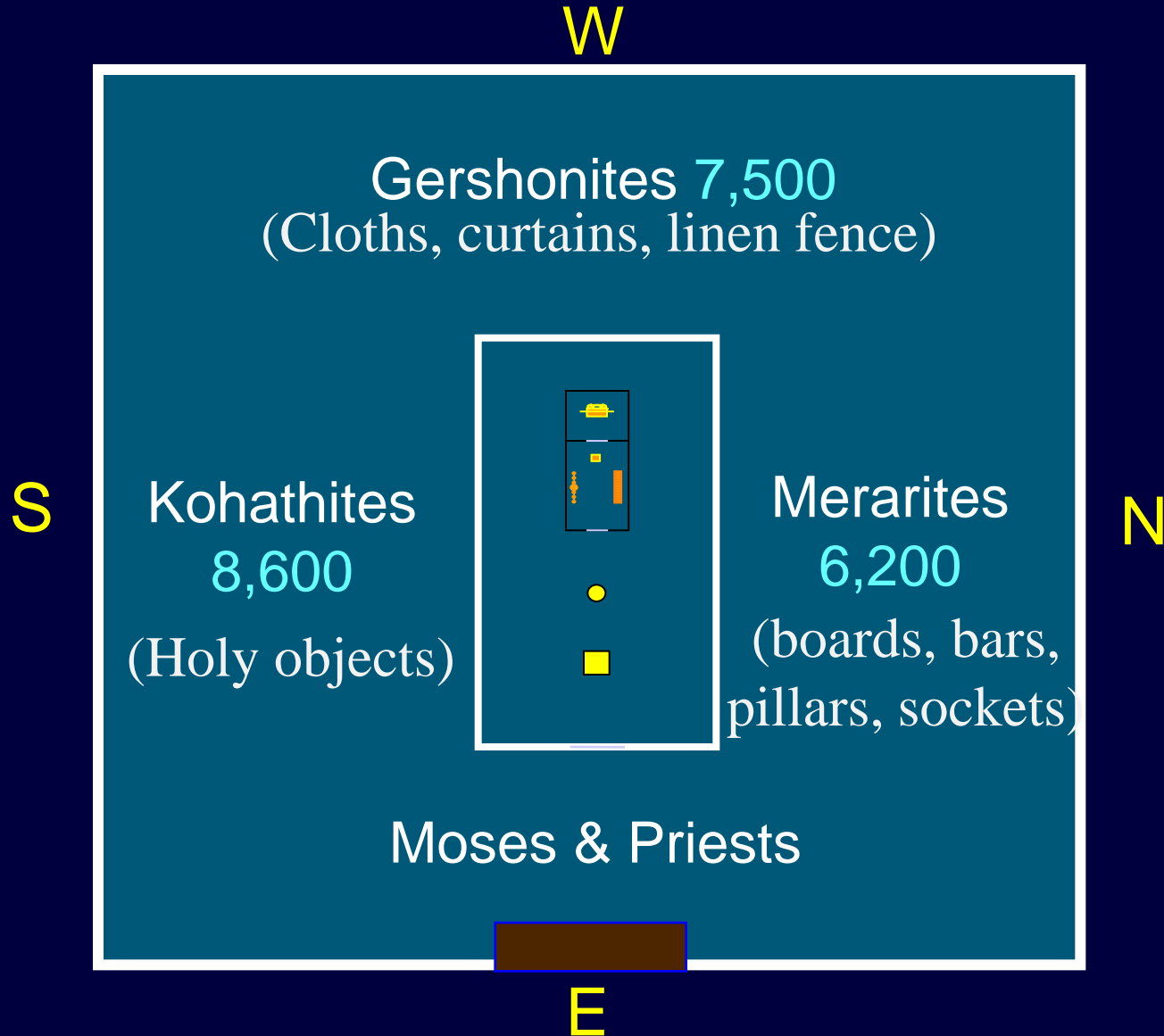
*3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

**Numbers 16:3**

- Who had lifted Moses and Aaron up?
- *'Who gave you authority...?'*
- It is so often those ordained by men...
- Who question those ordained by God!



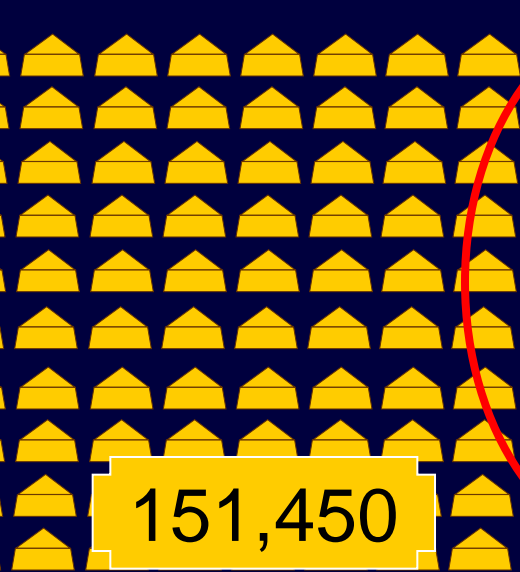
# Arrangement of the Levites



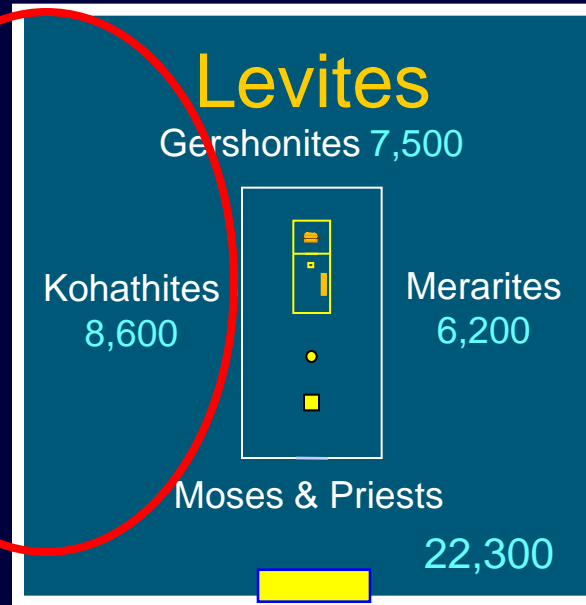
# The Camp of Dan



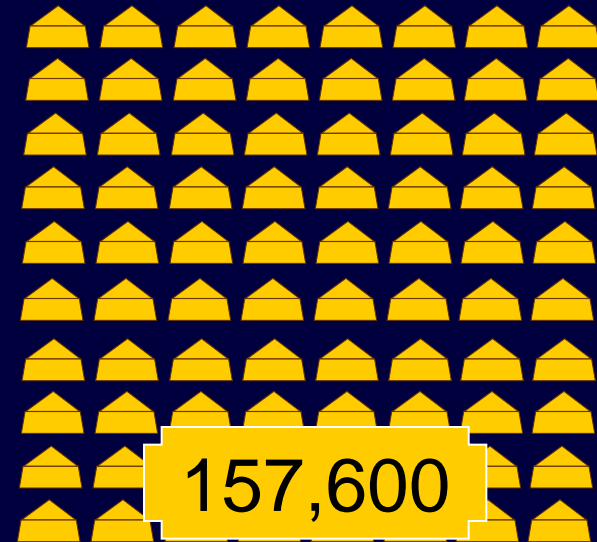
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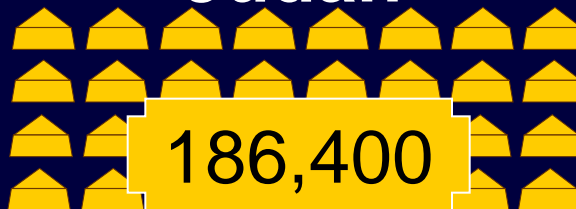
Reuben



Dan



Judah



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*31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:*

*32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.*

*33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.*

**Numbers 16:31-33**

# Sons of Korah

*To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah*

<sup>1</sup> How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

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<sup>10</sup> For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Psalm 84:1-10**



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 17



*1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.*

**Numbers 17:1-2**

- Ch 17 – God causes Aaron's rod to bud



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 18

# God's Representatives

- Aaron and his sons had a great responsibility placed upon them
- They were to represent God to the nation...
- And represent the nation before God
- Korah had not represented God to the people
- God now underlines this vital role

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

Numbers 18:20

- Fulfilment of Jacob re Gen 49:5-7
- As a Royal Priesthood we are to represent our King to the world
- We are to have no inheritance in this world



<sup>29</sup> Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the **increase of the threshingfloor,** and as **the increase of the winepress.**

Numbers 18:28-30

- Bread & Wine – the ultimate offering





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 19

# Water of Purification

- Required the ashes of a Red Heifer
- Only 9 ever in the history of Israel
- In 2002 a red heifer was born...
- Later discovered other colour hairs
- The Jews are still actively seeking in preparation for the next temple







# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 20

*I Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.*

**Numbers 20:1**

*<sup>2</sup> And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.*

*<sup>3</sup> And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!*

**Numbers 20:2-3**



4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

**Numbers 20:4-5**

<sup>6</sup> And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

<sup>8</sup> Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and **speak ye unto the rock before their eyes;** and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; **must we fetch you water** out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he **smote the rock twice:** and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

**12** And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron,  
Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes  
of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring  
this congregation into the land which I have given  
them.

**13** This is the water of Meribah; because the children of  
Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in  
them.

**Numbers 20:12-13**

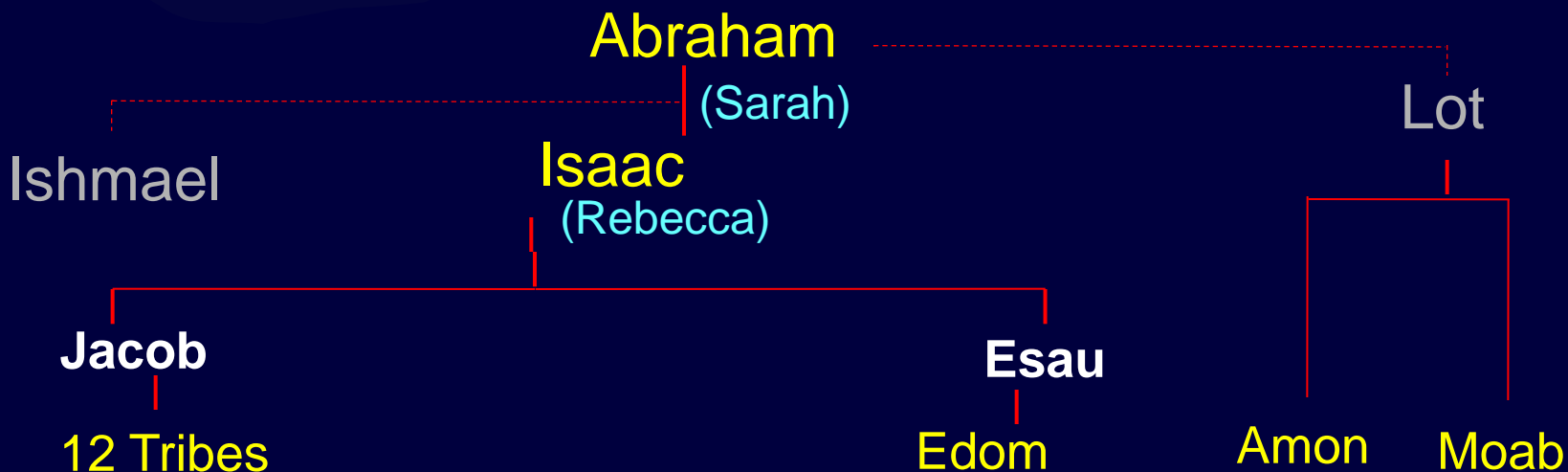
# Water From The Rock

- At Rephidim Ex17
  - Strikes the Rock; water flows
- At Meribah Num 20
  - Directed to “speak to” the Rock
  - Strikes the Rock
  - Denied entry into the Promised Land
- The Model:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time Christ smitten; 2<sup>nd</sup> time, in glory



**14** And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel,

## The Nation of Israel





Syria

Iraq

**Ammon**

**Moab**

**Edom**

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

<sup>21</sup> Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

Numbers 20:21

- God will later judge Edom for their treatment of Israel
- God foretold their judgement for their bitter hatred of Israel
  - Jer 49:7-22 / Lam 4:21-22 / Ezek 25:12-14
  - Joel 3:19 / Amos 9:12 / Obadiah





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup> And when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

<sup>2</sup> And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

**Numbers 21:1-2**



*3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.*

**Numbers 21:3**

- Was this just an act of revenge?
- A God of love?
- Why did God allow Israel to destroy the inhabitants of the land?

*4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.*

*5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.*

**Numbers 21:4-5**

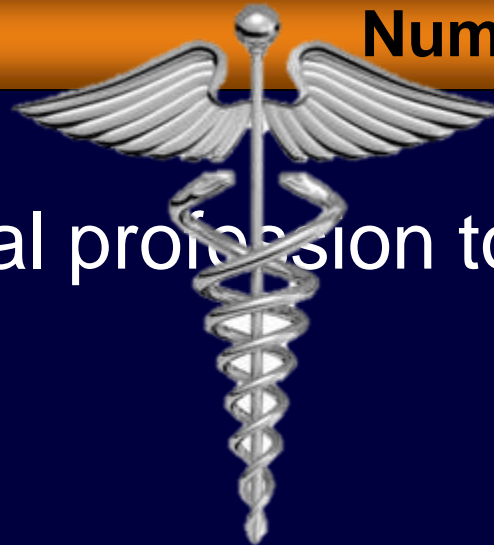
- Manna was still being provided
- Manna did not cease until they had crossed the Jordan – **Joshua 5:12**

*8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.*

*9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*

**Numbers 21:8-9**

- Symbol of medical profession to this day



# The Serpent on the Pole

- Brass = Judgment
- Serpent = Sin
- Sin judged & put on a pole
- What was required to be delivered from the bite?
- Faith in the only remedy God prescribed
- Was God obligated to provide the remedy?
- Grace
- The cure could not be passed on to another
- Each individual had to look for themselves



**14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:

**15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

**John 3:14-15**

- We had all been bitten by sin
- We were all as dead
- Only by faith in the one remedy God prescribed can we be saved
- Each person has to look to the cross themselves
- Entirely by Grace – not of works





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 22

- 1 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.*
- 2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.*
- 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.*

**Numbers 22:1-3**

# Balak & Balaam

- King Balak sends men to hire Balaam
- Balaam disobeys God and goes
- Balaam is unable to curse Israel
- Later he counsels Balak how to bring defeat
- The danger of “what harm can it do?”

# No Deals

- You cannot make deals with the flesh
- It is an appetite that will consume
- Sin will take you further than you wanted to go...
- Keep you longer than you wanted to stay...
- And cost you more than you wanted to pay.

# Balaam – The Enigma

*Did you know that there is more said in Scripture about Balaam than there is about Mary, the mother of Jesus? There is more said about Balaam than about any of the apostles. The New Testament mentions him three times, and each time it is in connection with apostasy. In 2 Peter we are told about the way of Balaam. In Jude we are told about the error of Balaam. In Revelation we are told about the doctrine of Balaam. - J Vernon McGee*





# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 23

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

Numbers 23:7-9

- Prophecy #1

- Dwell alone & not reckoned among the nations

# Dwell Alone

- *The people shall dwell alone* -

“They shall ever be preserved as a distinct nation. This prophecy has been literally fulfilled through a period of 3300 years to the present day. This is truly astonishing”

- Adam Clarke

# Not Reckoned

- Israel only member nation of UN that are not permitted to chair security council
  - Only democracy in the Middle East
- Not recognised by any 'Arab' map

*10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!*

**Numbers 23:10**

- Prophecy #2
  - Israel will be without number (Gen 12)
- Prophecy #3
  - Israel's end will be in blessing



<sup>16</sup> And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

**Numbers 23:16**

*20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.*

*21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.*

*22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.*

**Numbers 23:20-22**

- God is the same yesterday, today, forever
- God regards our standing, not our situation

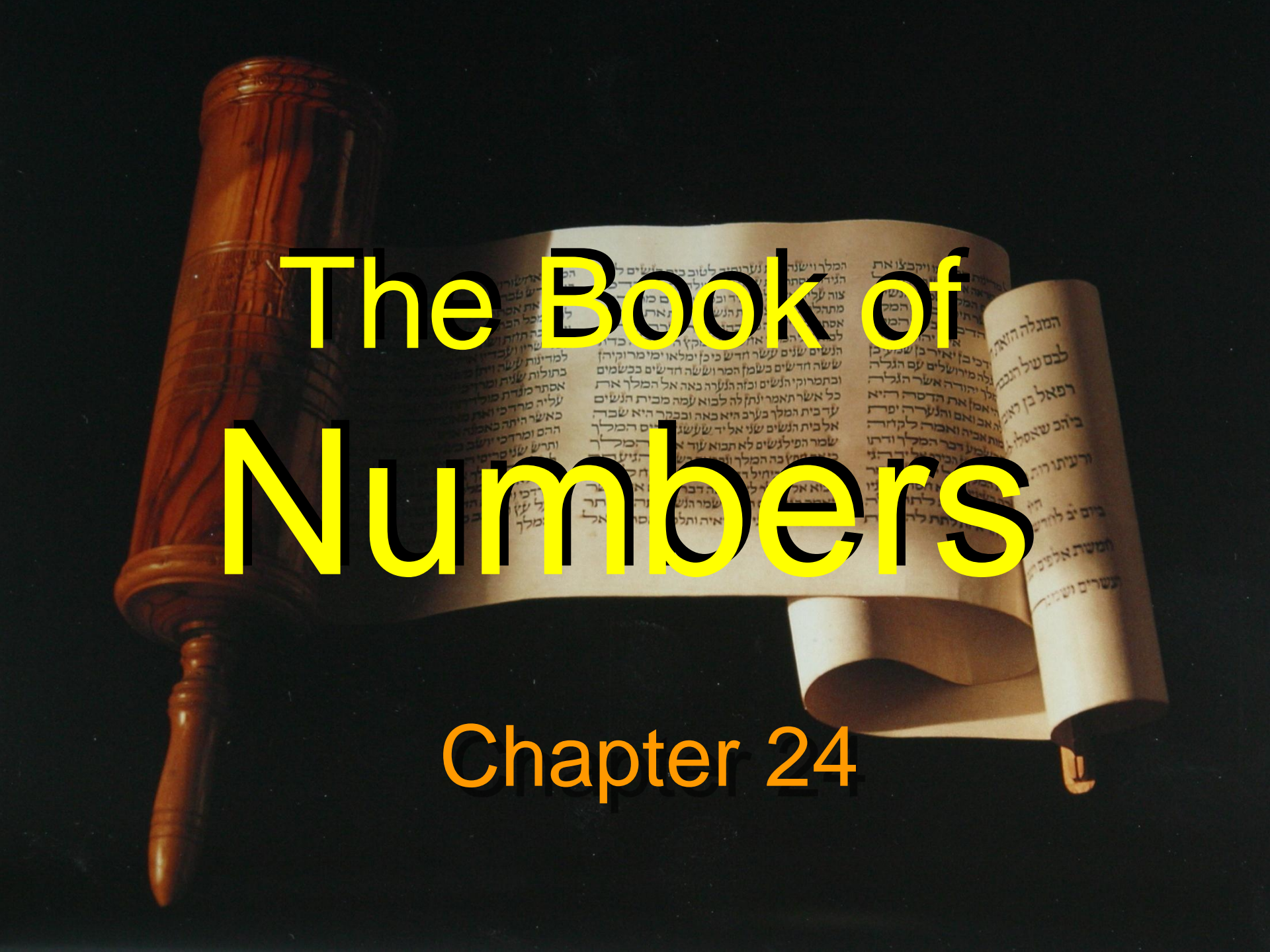
# Iniquity Removed

<sup>6</sup> Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

<sup>7</sup> Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

**Romans 4:6-8**



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 24



*7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.*

**Numbers 24:7**

- Prophecy #4
  - Israel 's descendants will be in many waters
- Prophecy #5
  - Israel are destined to have a king higher than all the nations



*8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.*

*9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.*

**Numbers 24:8-9**

- Prophecy #6
  - Israel will be victorious over their enemies
- Prophecy #7
  - Blessing & Cursing promised to the nations



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup> And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

<sup>2</sup> And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

<sup>3</sup> And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.



*16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them:  
18 For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they  
have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the  
matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian,  
their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague  
for Peor's sake.*

**Numbers 25:16-18**



# The Book of Numbers

Chapter 26 & 27



# The Book of Numbers

- 26 Preparing to enter the Land
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> numbering of the nation
- 27 The Daughters of Zelophehad
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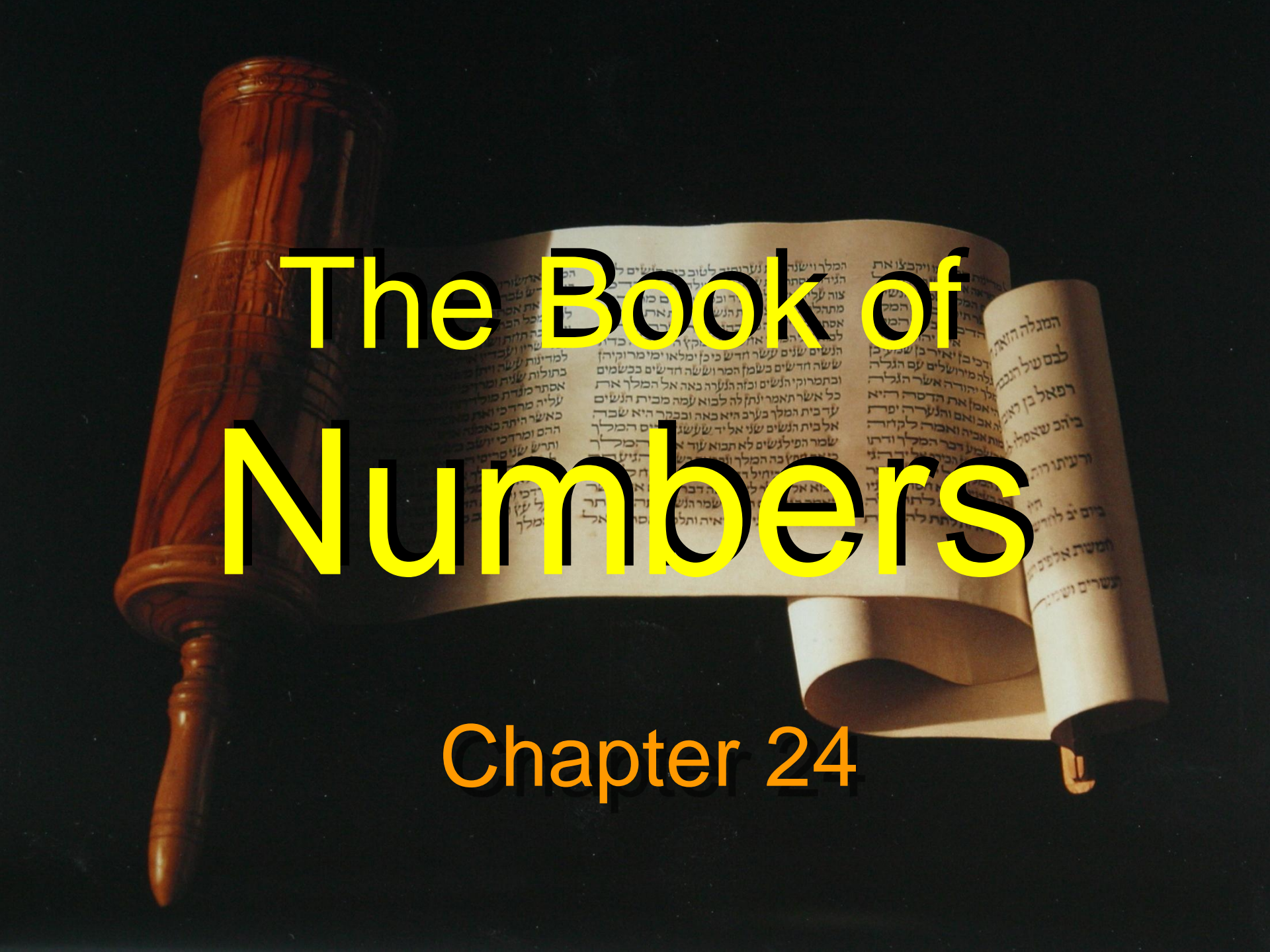


- Plains of Moab
- The Joshua Generation

*51 These were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty. [601,730]*

**Numbers 26:51**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Census Total : 603,550
- **Total Decrease of 1,820**
- In 38 years this nation that were to become as the sand of the sea had gone backward
- There is no 'neutral' in the Spiritual realm
- If you are not going forward, you regress



# The Book of Numbers

## Chapter 27

# Daughters of Zelophehad

- Torah exception on rules of inheritance
  - Requested of Moses Numbers 27:1-11
  - Granted by Joshua Joshua 17:3-6
- Husband *adopted* by father of the bride  
Ezra 2:61=Neh 7:63; Num 32:41, cf. 1 Chr 2:21-23, 34-35
- Anticipates the lineage of Christ
  - Joseph was the *son-in-law* of Heli Luke 3:23

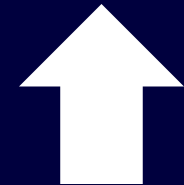


# Daughters of Zelophehad

- Torah exception on rules of inheritance
  - Requested of Moses Numbers 27:1-11
  - Granted by Joshua Joshua 17:3-6
- Husband *adopted* by father of the bride  
Ezra 2:61=Neh 7:63; Num 32:41, cf. 1 Chr 2:21-23, 34-35
- Anticipates the lineage of Christ
  - Joseph was the *son-in-law* of Heli Luke 3:23  
νομίζω, *nomizo*, reckoned as by law

# Outline of The Book of Numbers

FOCUS	THE EGYPT GENERATION	THE TRAGIC TRANSITION					THE JOSHUA GENERATION			
REFERENCE	1:1 -----	5:1 -----	10:11 --	13:1 --	15:1 ----	20:1 --	26:1 -----	28:1 -----	31:1 ----	36:13
DIVISION	ORGANIZATION OF ISRAEL	SANCTIFICATION OF ISRAEL	TO KADESH	AT KADESH	IN WILDERNESS	TO MOAB	REORGANIZATION OF ISRAEL	REGULATIONS OF OFFERINGS AND VOWS	CONQUEST AND DIVISION OF ISRAEL	
TOPIC	ORDER	DISORDER					REORDER			
	PREPARATION	POSTPONEMENT					PREPARATION			
LOCATION	MOUNT SINAI	WILDERNESS					PLAINS OF MOAB			
TIME	20 DAYS	38 YEARS 3 MONTHS AND 10 DAYS					c. 5 MONTHS			



- Plains of Moab
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# Cities of Refuge

Kedesh



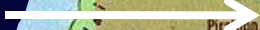
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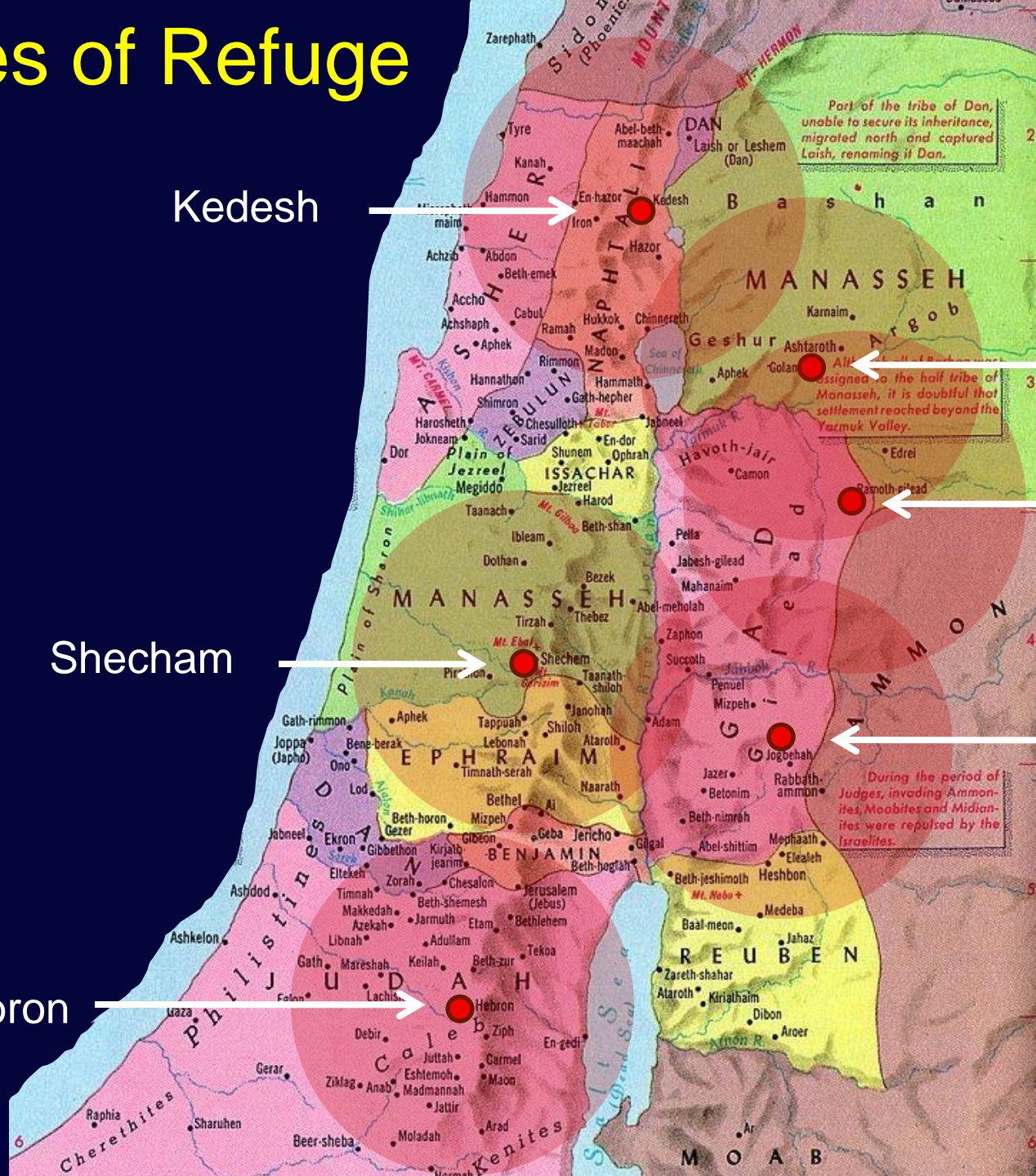
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*Part of the tribe of Dan, unable to secure its inheritance, migrated north and captured Laish, renaming it Dan.*

*All the cities of Golan assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.*

*During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.*

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    - Was the Crucifixion of Christ premeditated or manslaughter?*
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  - As long as abiding in the City of Refuge
    - How secure are we in Christ?*
- Prevailed until the High Priest died
  - Who is our High Priest? When did He die?*

# The Book of Numbers

- The book of sanctification
- God wants us to live in victory in the place He had intended (Promised Land)
- 11 days of 38 years?
- The battle of the flesh (past life)
- Our journeying (staying) 'in the world' will cost us
- 603,550 in ch1, 601,730 in ch26

# Separation Mandate

*There was a great problem with the children of Israel. God had taken them out of Egypt in one night. But it took God forty years to get Egypt out of them. And even now, after they had been tricked into idolatry through the advice of Balaam to the Midianites, they still bring the Midianite women into their camp. That is the problem with worldliness. It is not wrong for us to be in the world—that is where God has placed us—the great issue is whether the world is in us, in our hearts and lives.*

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## Overview

- Chapter 1 – 4
  - Order in the camp
- Chapter 5 – 8
  - You shall be holy...
- Chapter 9 – 10
  - The journey begins (remember where you started)



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- Chapter 11 – A lesson on lust
- Chapter 12 – A lesson on pride
- Chapter 13 – A lesson on trust
- Chapter 14 – A lesson on inheritance
- Essential lessons for the Church!

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- Chapter 19 – A lesson on sanctification
- Chapter 20 – A lesson on obedience

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  - The brazen serpent
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