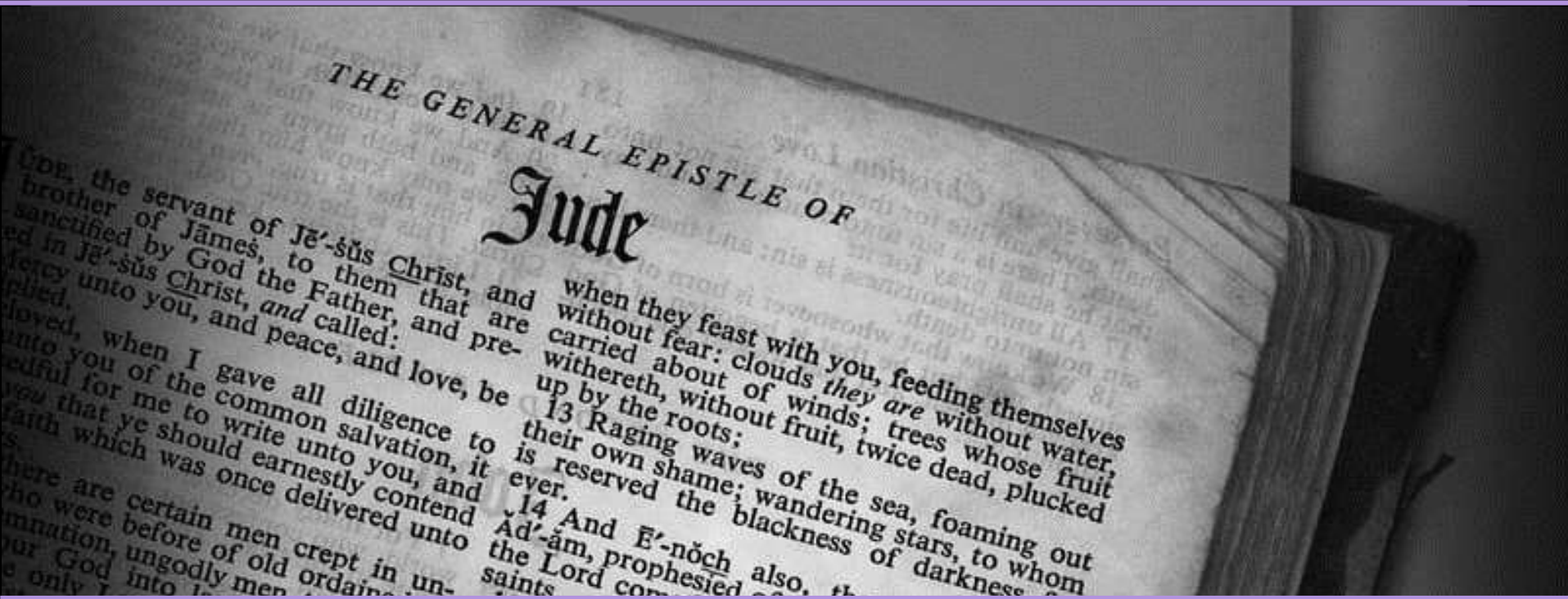




# Jude



...a verse by verse study

# By Their Fruit...

- Jude now begins to list that characteristics of these apostates...

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

**Matthew 7:15-18**

# Character of Apostates

- 1) Filthy dreamers
- 2) Defile the flesh
- 3) Despise dominion
- 4) Speak evil of dignities
- 5) Speak evil of what they don't know
- 6) They act on carnal instincts

# Character of Apostates

- 7) Gone in the way of Cain
- 8) Ran greedily after the error of Balaam
- 9) Destroyed themselves in the gainsaying of Korah

<sup>11</sup> Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

**Jude v11**

- Cain
  - A tiller of the soil (a working man)
- Balaam
  - A prophet (a religious man)
- Korah
  - A prince in Israel (a political man)
- Apostasy is not confined to just one class of people

# The Way of Cain

- Cain did not deny the existence of God
- He did not refuse to worship God
- He simply failed to come to God on the basis of the atoning sacrificial shed blood of a lamb.
- He wanted to come to God on his terms
- He wanted to set the conditions for approaching God
- Ultimately, he rejected God's Word
- All apostacy begins here



# The Error of Balaam

- <sup>1</sup> And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.
- <sup>2</sup> And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
- <sup>3</sup> 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**

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

**Numbers 22:4-5**

- Pethor – on bank of Euphrates
- 360 miles away



<sup>6</sup> Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

<sup>7</sup> And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

**Numbers 22:6-7**

<sup>8</sup> And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

<sup>9</sup> And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

<sup>10</sup> And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying,

<sup>11</sup> Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

<sup>12</sup> And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

<sup>13</sup> And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

<sup>14</sup> And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

**Numbers 22:12-14**

<sup>15</sup> And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.

<sup>16</sup> And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

<sup>17</sup> For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

**Numbers 22:15-17**

<sup>18</sup> And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

**Numbers 22:18-19**



20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

**Numbers 22:20-21**



22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

**Numbers 22:28-30**

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

**Numbers 22:31-32**

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

**Numbers 22:33-34**



<sup>35</sup> And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

<sup>36</sup> And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast.

<sup>37</sup> And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?



38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

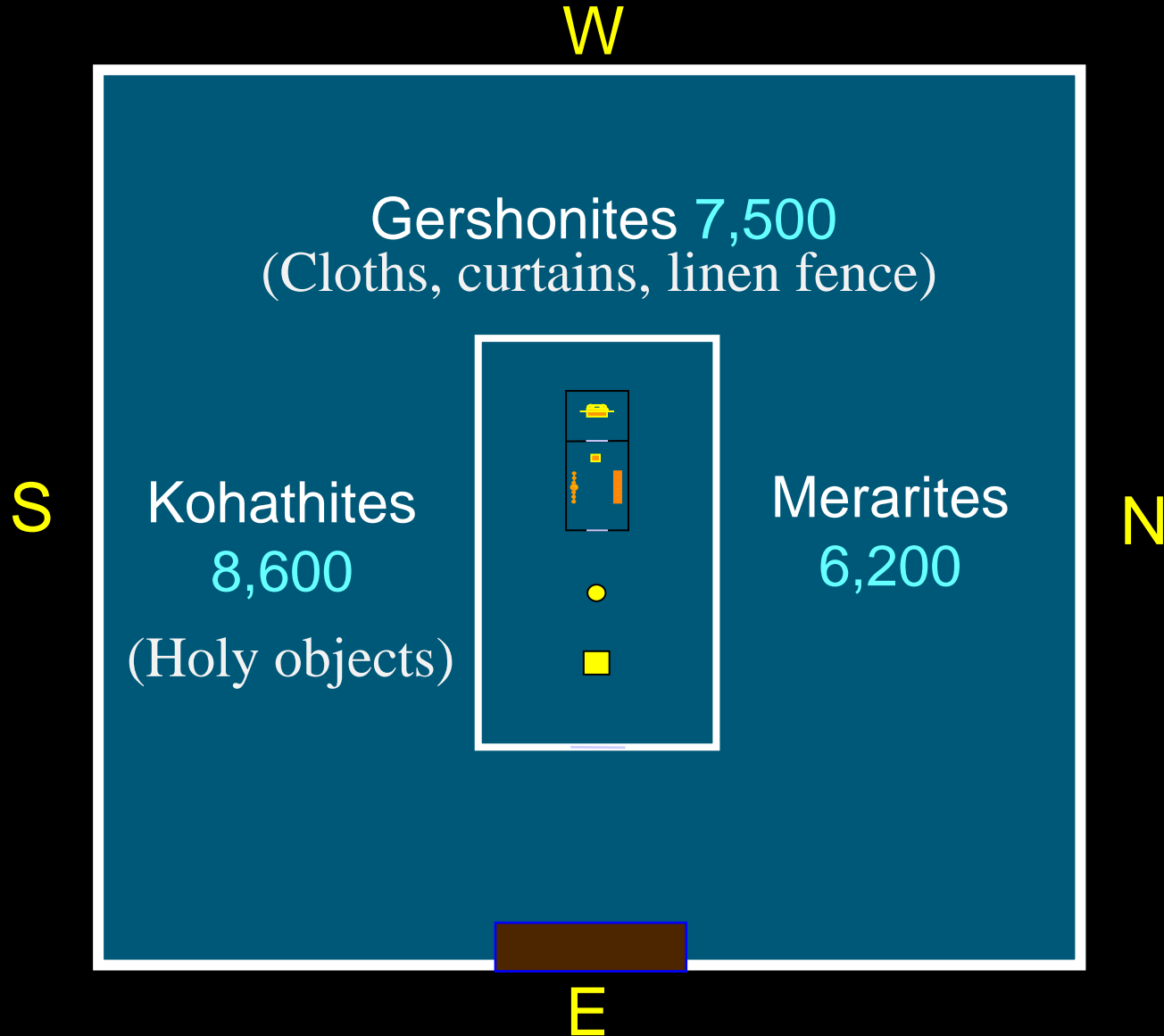
40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

**Numbers 22:38-40**

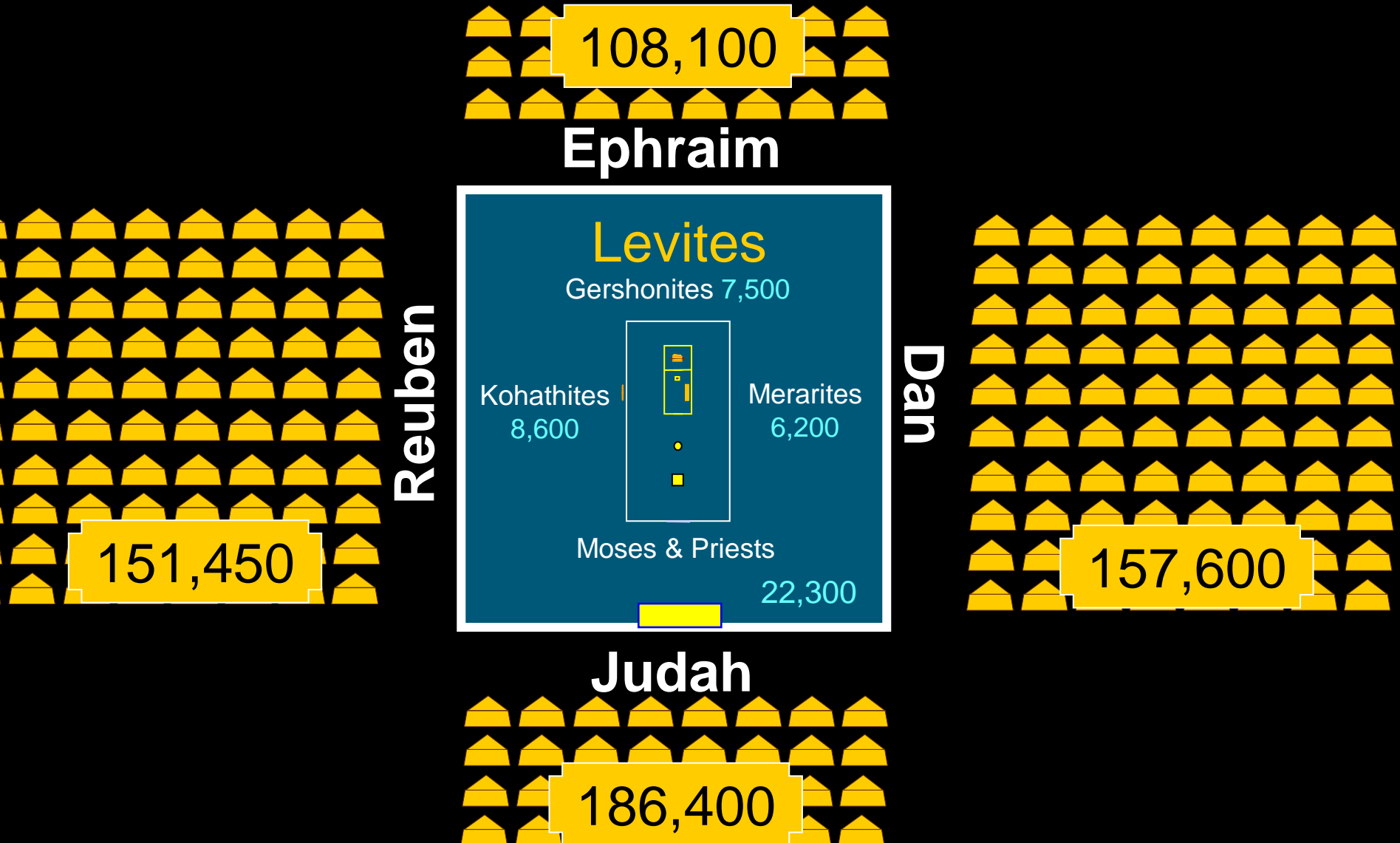
<sup>41</sup> And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

**Numbers 22:41**

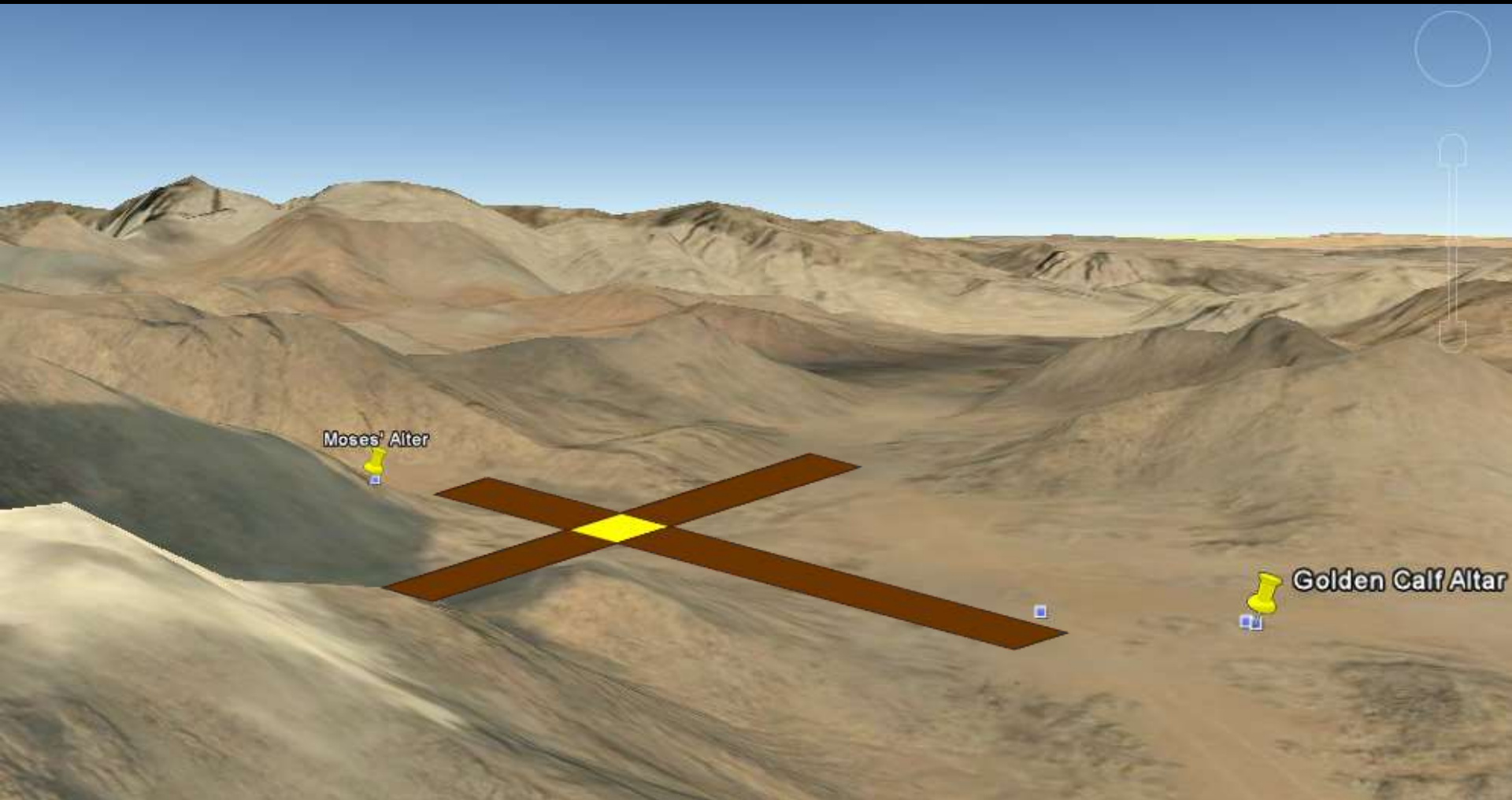
# Arrangement of the Levites



# The Camp of Israel



# The Camp of Israel – Aerial View



# Folly of Balak

## Three Attempts to Curse Israel

- Kirjath-huzoth (high places of Baal)
  - Num 22:39
- Field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah,
  - Num 23:14
- Top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.
  - Num 23:28



# The Error of Balaam

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Revelation 2:14

# The Error of Balaam

- Balaam (intent on collecting his reward) taught Balac that the way to corrupt Israel was by 'intermarriage' with the Moabite/Midianite women.
- Balaam *thought* God would curse Israel because they were sinners.
- God *did* bring judgment on those who sinned (24,000 died), but '*mercy triumphs over judgment*'

# The Error of Balaam

<sup>2</sup> [Moab] hired Balaam against [Israel], that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

**Nehemiah 13:2**

- The Error of Balaam was not understanding God's grace.
- God is not mocked, but God is gracious!

# Balaam's Sevenfold Prophecy

- Prophecy #1
  - Dwell alone & not reckoned among the nations
- Prophecy #2
  - Israel will be without number
- Prophecy #3
  - Israel's end will be in blessing
- Prophecy #4
  - Israel 's descendants will be in many waters

# Balaam's Sevenfold Prophecy

- Prophecy #5
  - Israel are destined to have a king higher than all the nations
- Prophecy #6
  - Israel will be victorious over their enemies
- Prophecy #7
  - Blessing & Cursing promised to the nations

# The Gainsaying of Korah

<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**



<sup>3</sup> 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**

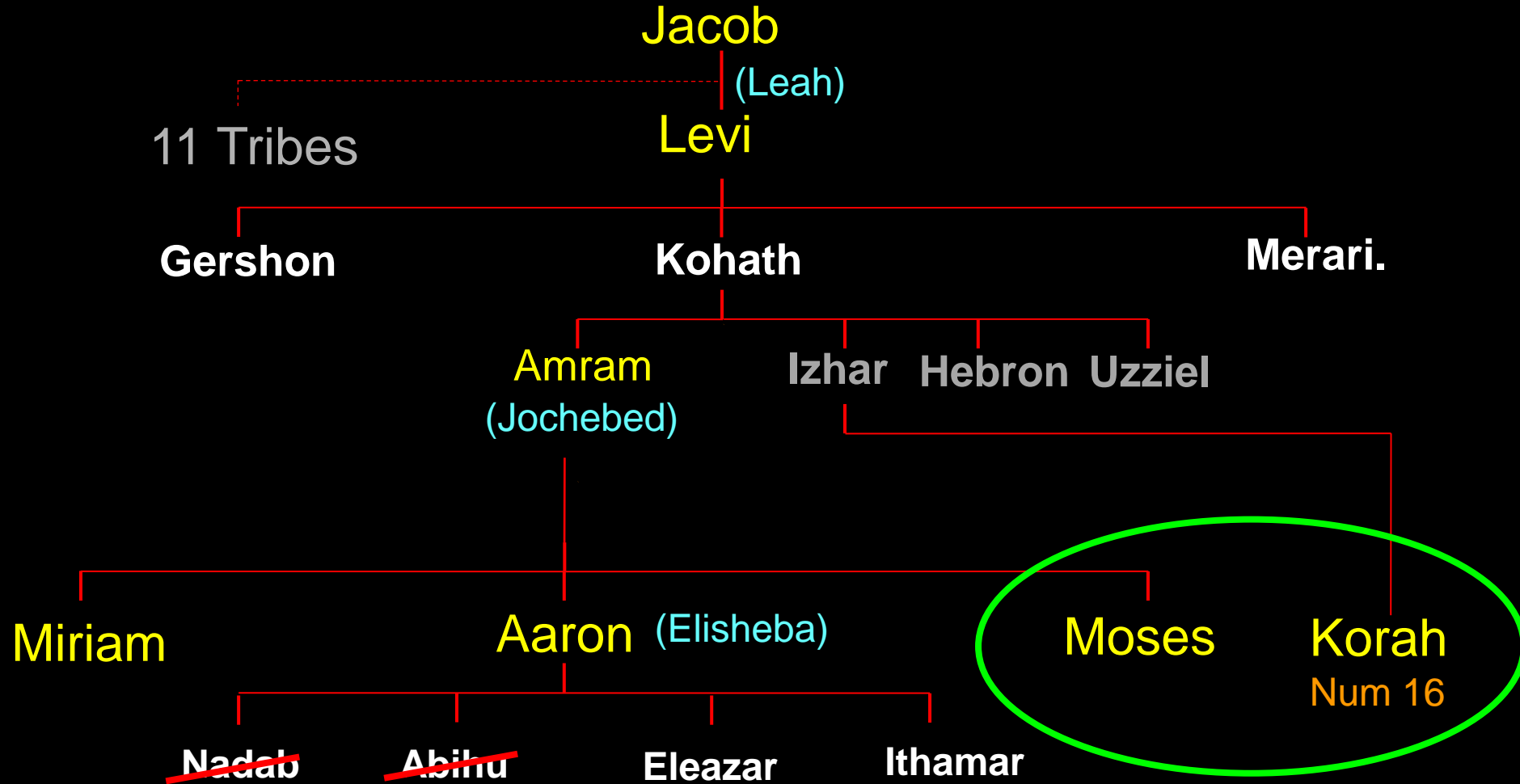
- Who had lifted Moses and Aaron up?
- *‘Who gave you authority...?’*
- It is so often those ordained by men...
- Who question those ordained by God!

# Root of Division

10 Only by pride cometh contention

**Prov 13:10**

# The Tribe of Levi



4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

**Numbers 16:4-5**

<sup>6</sup> This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

<sup>7</sup> And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

**Numbers 16:6-7**

<sup>8</sup> And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

<sup>9</sup> Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

<sup>10</sup> And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

**Numbers 16:8-10**



<sup>11</sup> For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

<sup>12</sup> And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

<sup>13</sup> Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

**Numbers 16:1-3**

<sup>14</sup> Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

**Numbers 16:14**

<sup>15</sup> And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

<sup>16</sup> And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow:

**Numbers 16:15-16**

<sup>17</sup> And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

<sup>18</sup> And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

**Numbers 16:17-18**

<sup>19</sup> And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

<sup>21</sup> Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

**Numbers 16:19-21**

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

**Numbers 16:22-25**



26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

**Numbers 16:26-27**

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

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**

# The Gainsaying of Korah

- Korah did not regard that which was sacred
- Korah was from the line of Kohath (Levi)
- To them pertained the service of the most holy things
- He was not content with what he had been given
- No appreciation for the Spiritual
- Simply looking for worldly gain and position

# Jude's Analysis of Apostates

- Apostates:
  - 1) Reject God's Word
  - 2) Do not understand His Grace
  - 3) Do not appreciate Spiritual things
- They:
  - 1) Want to come to God on their terms
  - 2) Want to enjoy worldly pleasures
  - 3) Want position and recognition

- 1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
- 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

**Matthew 6:1-2**



- 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
- 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**Matthew 6:3-4**

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**Matthew 6:5-6**



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