

BE PREPARED

Numbers

Boy Scouts



Be

Prepared



How would you prepare for a Hurricane?



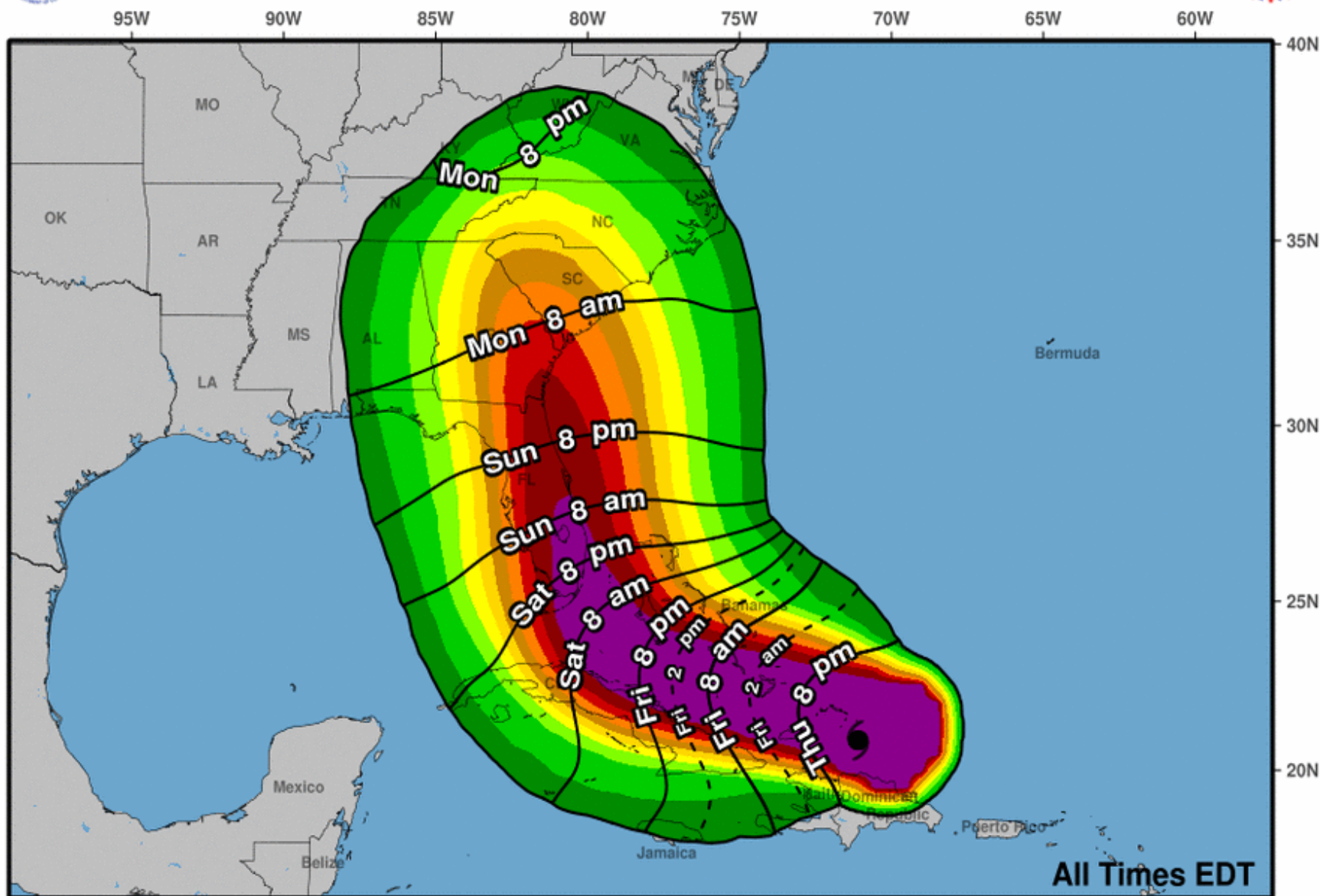


HURRICANE IRMA





Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



Hurricane Irma
Thu. Sep. 7, 2017 5 pm EDT
Advisory 35

Storm Location &
Wind Speed (knots)
○ <34 ◐ 34-63 ◑ ≥64

Five-day chance of receiving sustained 34+ knot (39+ mph) winds



Irma



Irma



Cars sit on a flooded street on the island of Saint-Martin after Irma

Be Prepared



How does God **prepare** us to serve him?



3 ways

Numbers

An aerial photograph of a vast, rugged mountain range. The terrain is characterized by sharp peaks, deep valleys, and a mix of brown, tan, and blue hues, suggesting a dry, rocky environment. A prominent valley runs through the center of the image, leading the eye towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, adding depth to the scene.

Numbers

Preparation to Possess the Land

Time When Numbers Starts

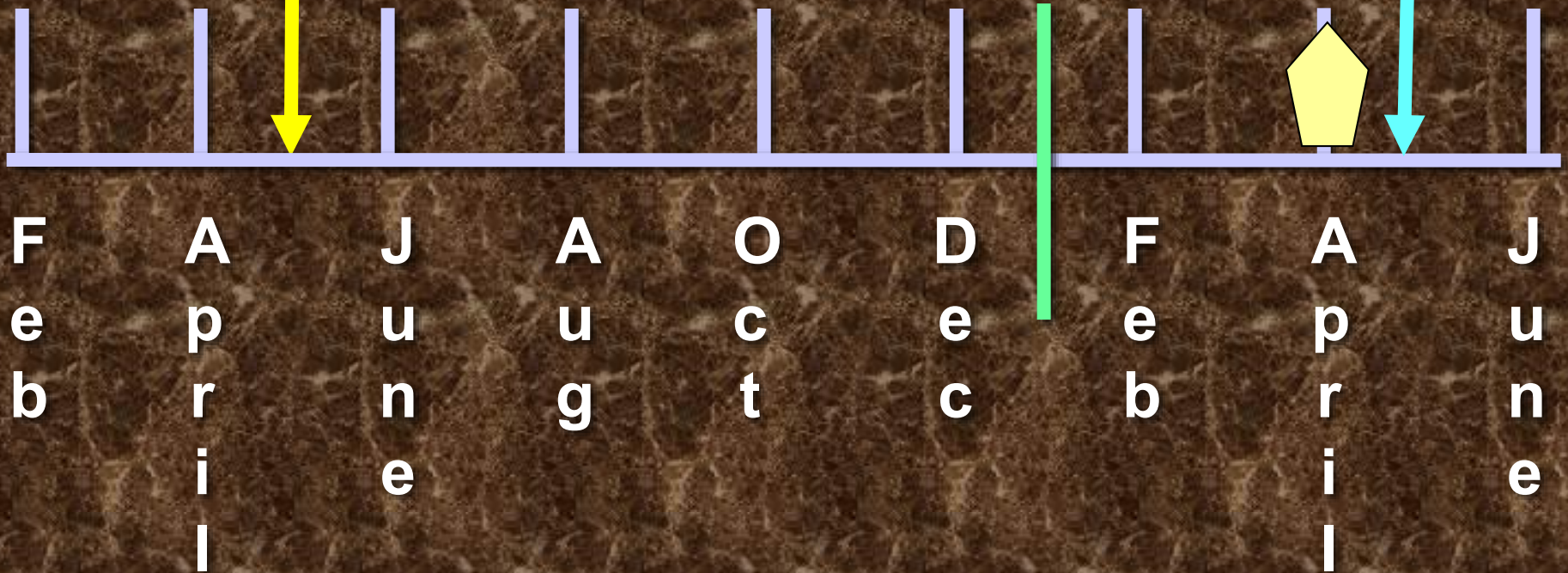
Exodus

**April
1445**



Numbers

**May
1444**



Time When Numbers Ends

May
1444

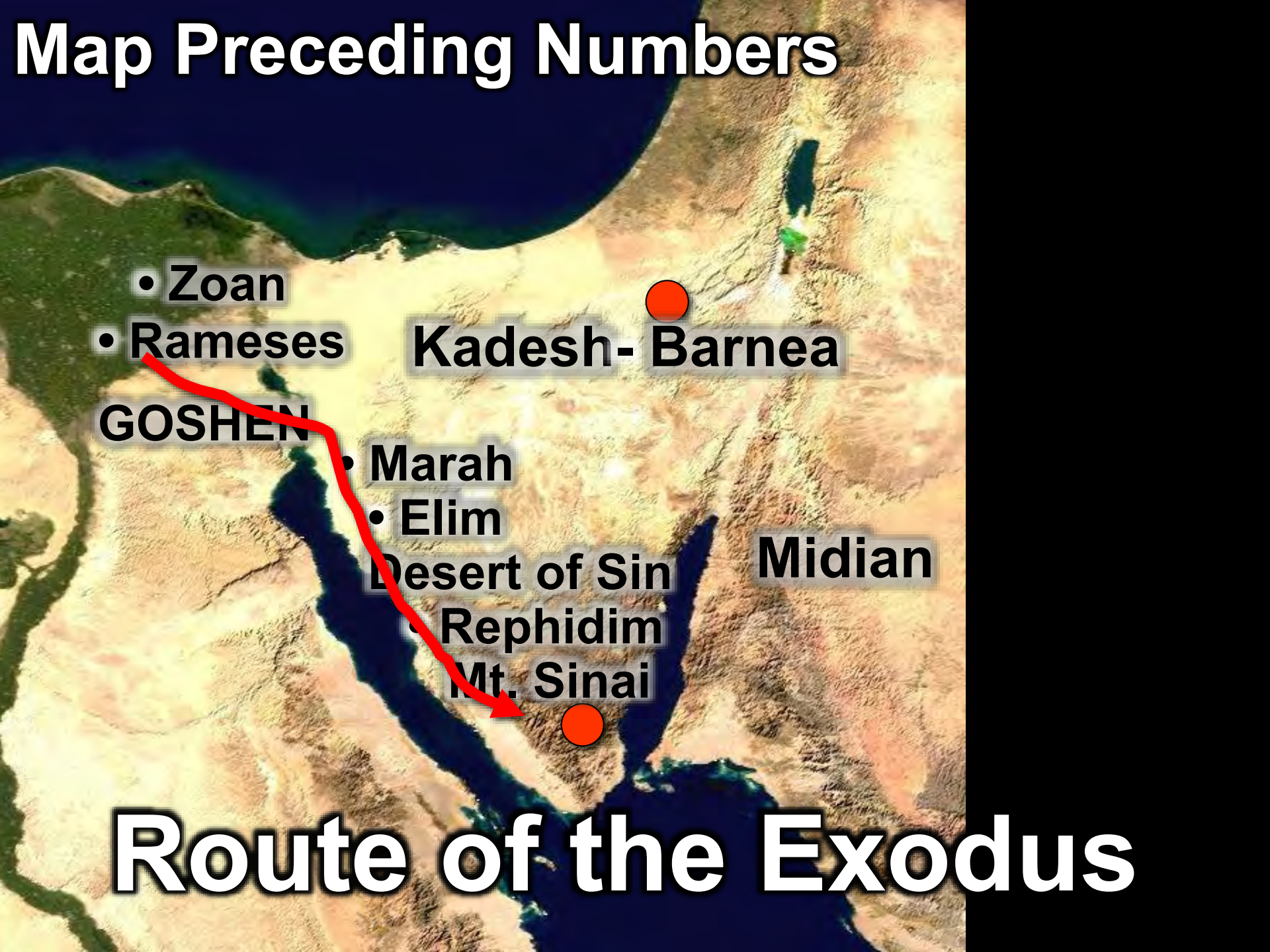
39 years

Sept
1405



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Map Preceding Numbers



• Zoan
• Rameses

Kadesh-Barnea

GOSHEN

• Marah
• Elim

Desert of Sin

Midian

• Rephidim

Mt. Sinai

Route of the Exodus

Geographical Start of Numbers



- Marah
- Elim

Desert of Sin

Midian

- Rephidim

Mt. Sinai



Geographical End of Numbers



Preparation to Occupy the Land

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Key Word

Preparation

Water from a Rock

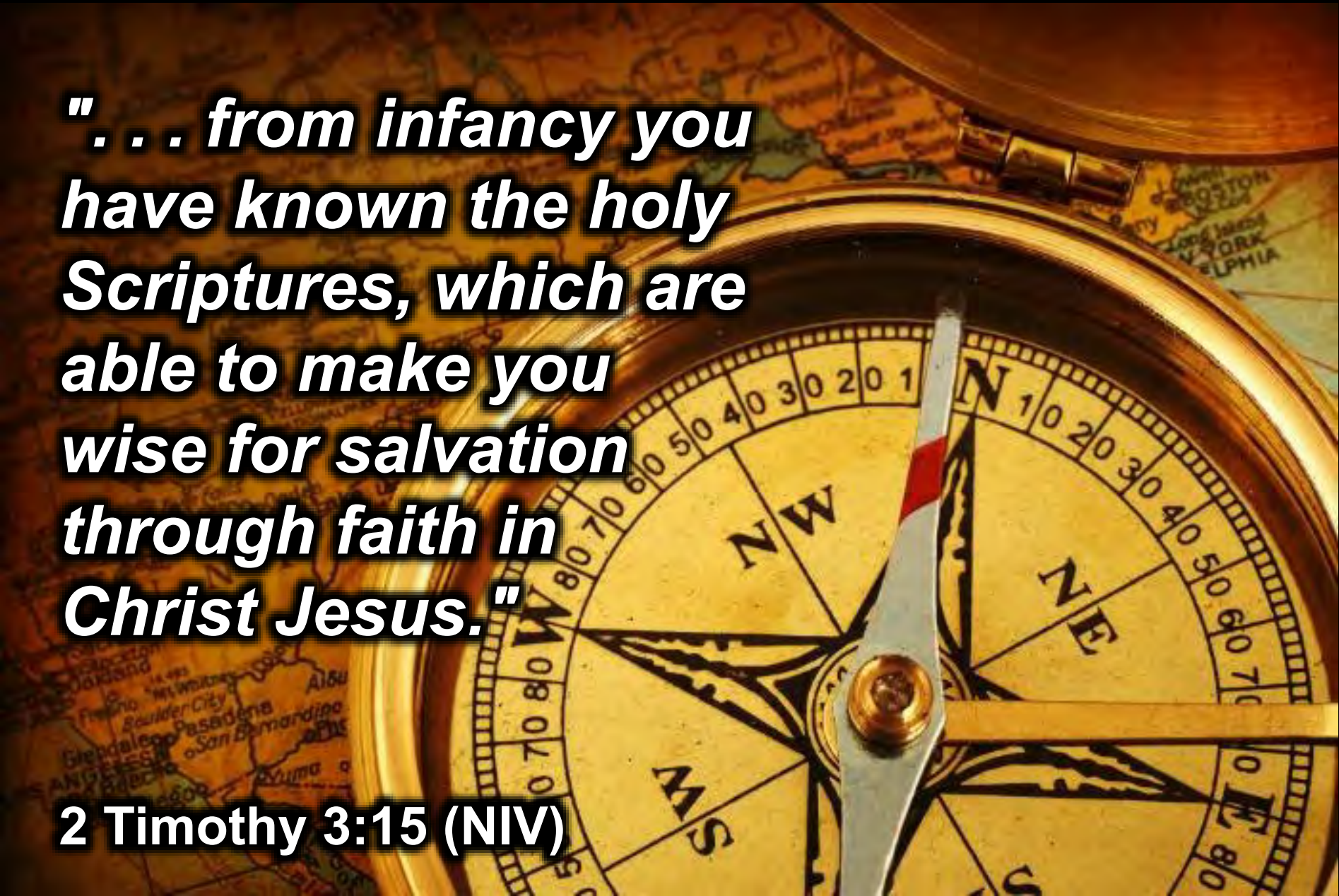


1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

Numbers gives wisdom

"... from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)





Numbers teaches & encourages

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

Birth of a People

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Joshua

Them

Formation Sanctification Preparation Possession

Us

Salvation

Instruction

Walk

Rest



Summary Statement

God's faithful preparation
of His people to enter Canaan
contrasts with
Israel's unbelieving rebelliousness
in the wilderness
to teach the nation His
unconditional commitment
to fulfill His Abrahamic Covenant.

How does God **prepare** us to serve him?



3 ways

Numbers

I. God **organizes** us to be holy.



Numbers 1:1–10:10

Numbers 1

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Numbers 2

Population Changes in the Wilderness

Tribe	Num. 1 (1444 BC) Start of Wanderings	Num. 26 (1406 BC) End of Wanderings	Increase (Decrease)
Reuben	46,500	43,730	(2,770)
Simeon	59,300	22,200	(37,100)
Gad	45,650	40,500	(5,150)
Judah	74,600	76,500	1,900
Isaachar	54,400	64,300	9,900
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	3,100
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	(8,000)
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	20,500
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	10,200
Dan	62,700	64,400	1,700
Asher	41,500	53,400	11,900
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	(8,000)
Total	603,550	601,730	(1,820)
Levi	22,000	23,000	1,000

Where did Israel fit 2 million people?



- Mt. Sinai had the Plain of Rafah to the north which was large enough for all Israel to camp.

Tribes Encircled the Tabernacle

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Numbers 2

Populations

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Ephraim
Manasseh
Benjamin
108,100

Naphtali
Asher
Dan
157,400

Judah
Issachar
Zebulun
186,400



Gad
Simeon
Reuben
151,450

Numbers 2



Ephraim
Manasseh
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108,100

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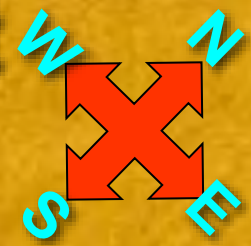
A Cross Formation!

Numbers 3

Gershonites

7,500

Levite & Priest Tents



Tabernacle

Pillars

Linen
Hangings

Laver

Altar of
Burnt Offering

Court

Gate

Merarites

6,200

Kohathites

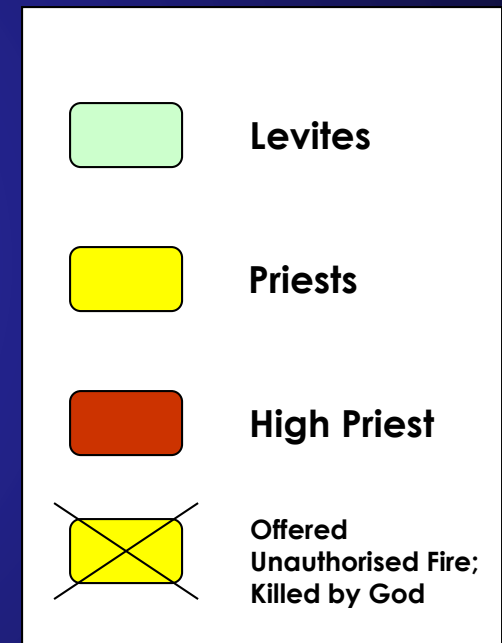
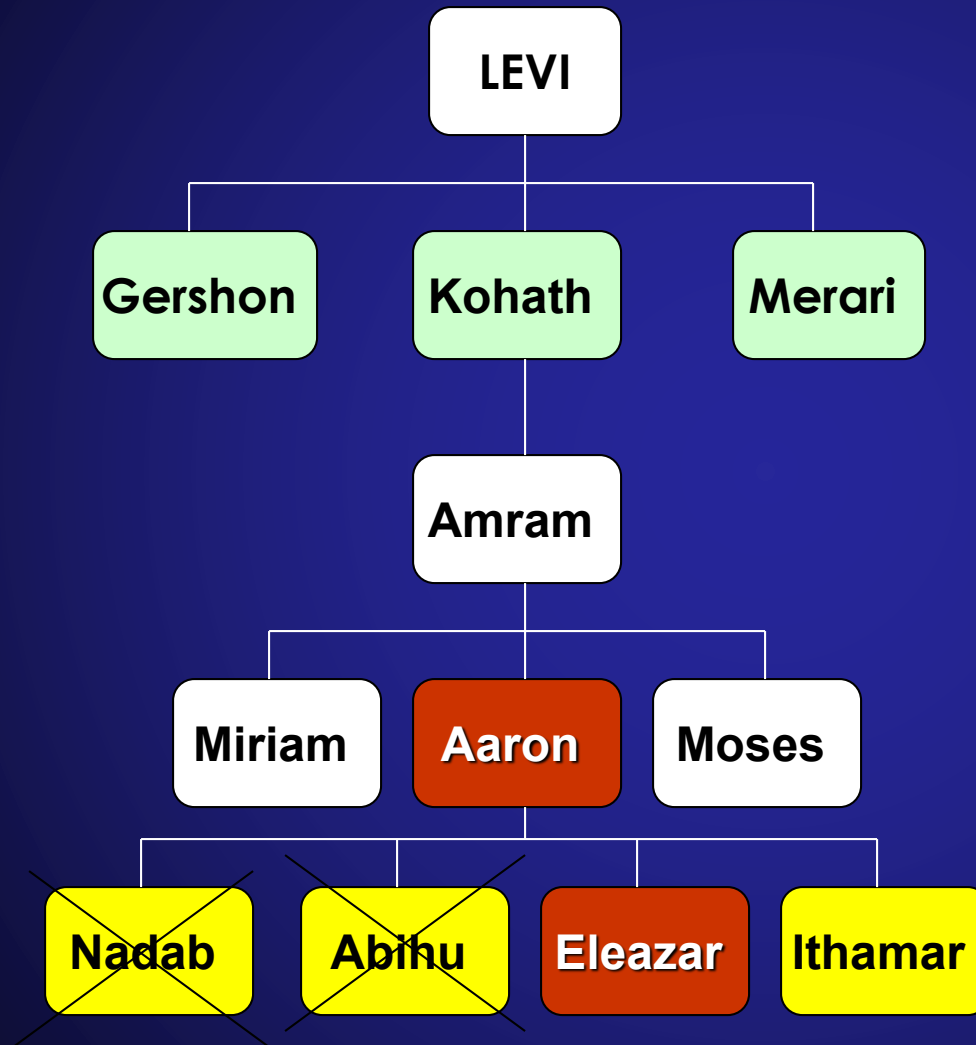
8,600

**Moses &
Aaron and
sons**

Numbers 3



Levi's Family Tree



Numbers 4



Numbers 4

Putting it together...

Numbers 5

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Numbers 6



**The
LORD**

Bless

and keep you

**The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;**

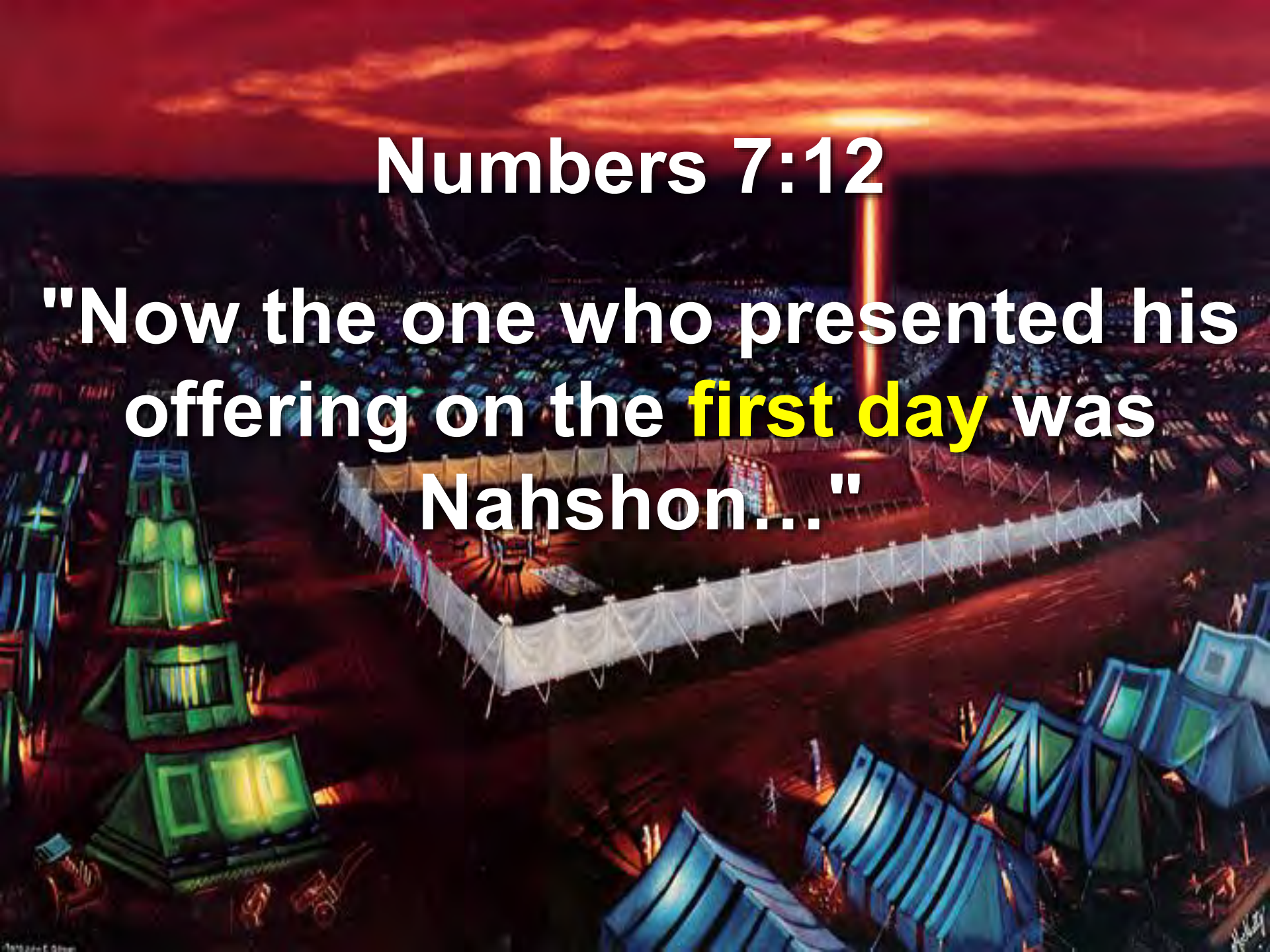
**The LORD lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Numbers 7

Numbers 7:12

"Now the one who presented his offering on the **first day** was Nahshon..."



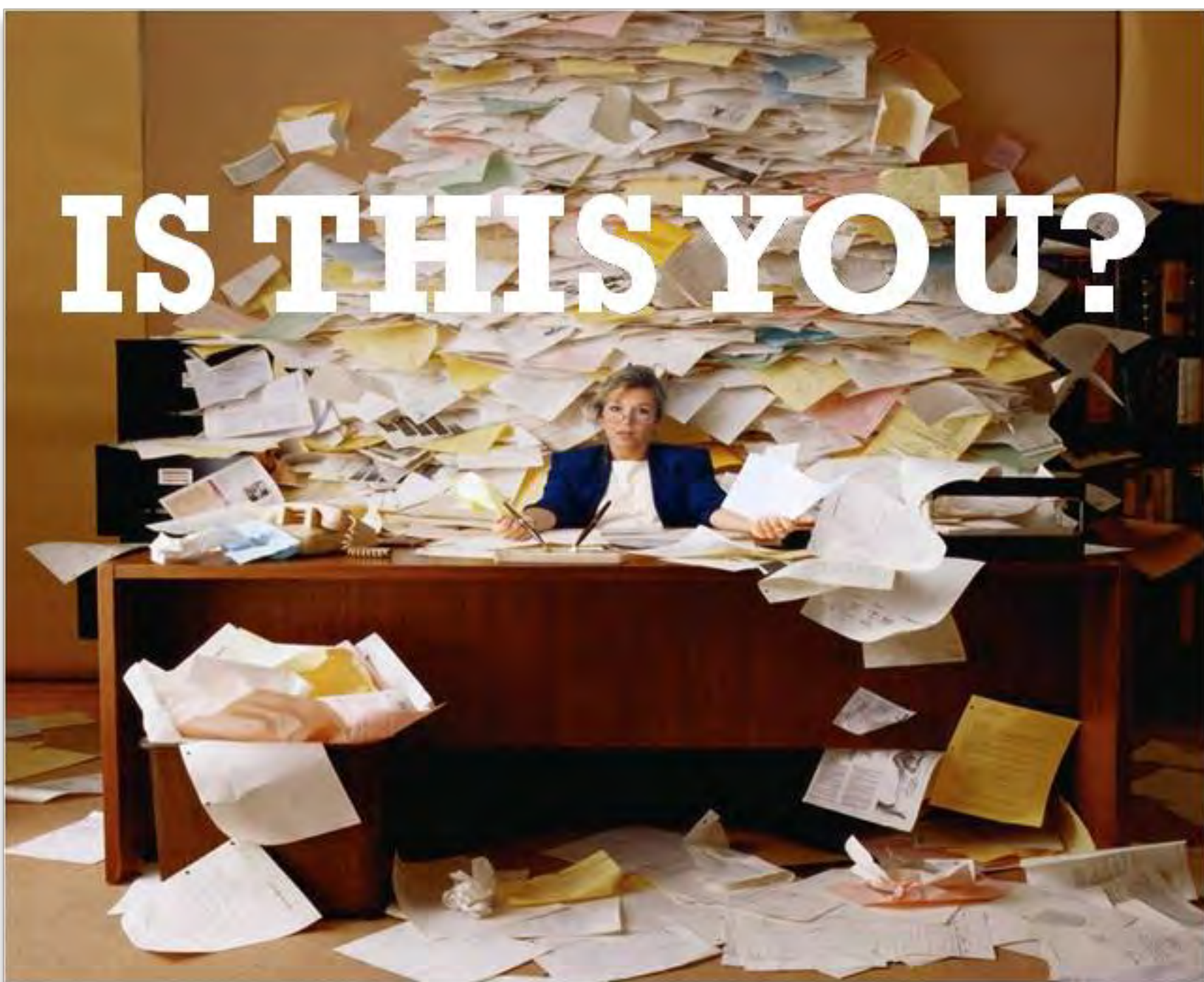
Numbers 8

Numbers 9

**Follow God's directions
instead of your own way to
order your life.**



IS THIS YOU?




Be organized.



**God has given you all you need
to serve him.**



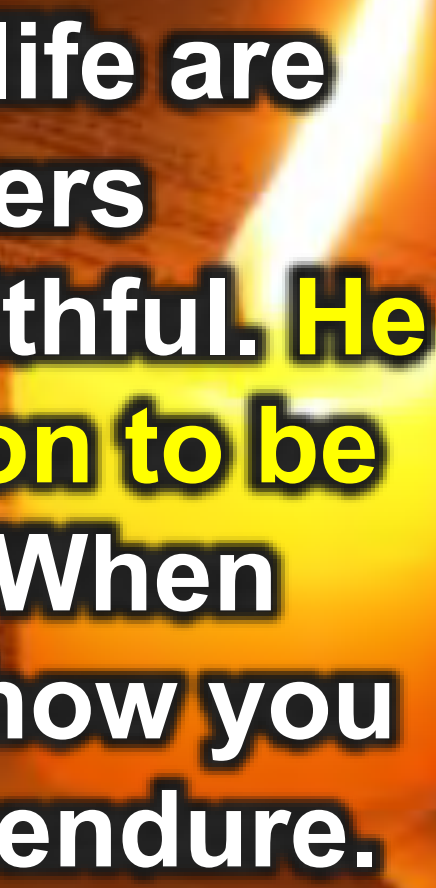
**Let God work through you
(Phil 2:13 NLT)**

A hand is shown reaching out from a bright, fiery, and glowing background. The hand is dark and appears to be emerging from a mass of intense light and fire. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and red hues, suggesting a powerful, divine presence.

**"For God is working in you, giving
you the **desire** and the **power** to do
what pleases him."**

1 Cor. 10:13 (NLT)

¹³The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

A lit candle with a bright yellow flame sits on a dark wooden surface. The candle is partially melted, and its glow illuminates the surrounding area, creating a warm, orange-toned background for the text.

Philippians 4:13

I can do
EVERYTHING
through HIM
who gives me
STRENGTH

Numbers 10

How does God **prepare** us
to serve him?



I. God **organizes** us to be holy.



Numbers 1:1–10:10

**II. God warns us of
the cost of unbelief.**



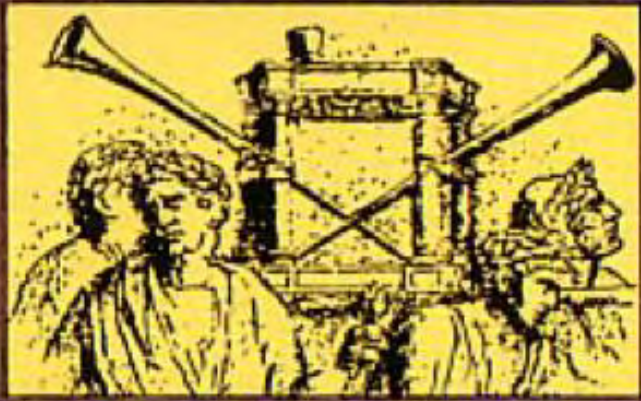
**Plan
For Disaster
Now**

Numbers 10:11–25:18

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The Silver Trumpets (10:1-10)



Marching Orders



Numbers 2, 10

The Marching Line

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Furniture

Tabernacle

Dan	Ephraim	Kohathites	Reuben	Merarites	Gershonites	Judah	ARK
Asher	Manasseh		Simeon			Issachar	
Naphtali	Benjamin		Gad			Zebulun	

Numbers 2; 10:11-28



Photo: Barry Beitzel

The Wilderness of Paran (10:12)

Numbers 11

Complaining!

"Soon the people began to complain about their hardship, and the LORD heard everything they said. Then the LORD's anger blazed against them, and he sent a fire to rage among them, and he destroyed some of the people in the outskirts of the camp.

²Then the people screamed to Moses for help, and when he prayed to the LORD, the fire stopped. ³After that, the area was known as Taberah (which means 'the place of burning'), because fire from the LORD had burned among them there" (Num 11:1-3 NLT).

Numbers 12

Numbers 1–12 Map



Route of the Journey

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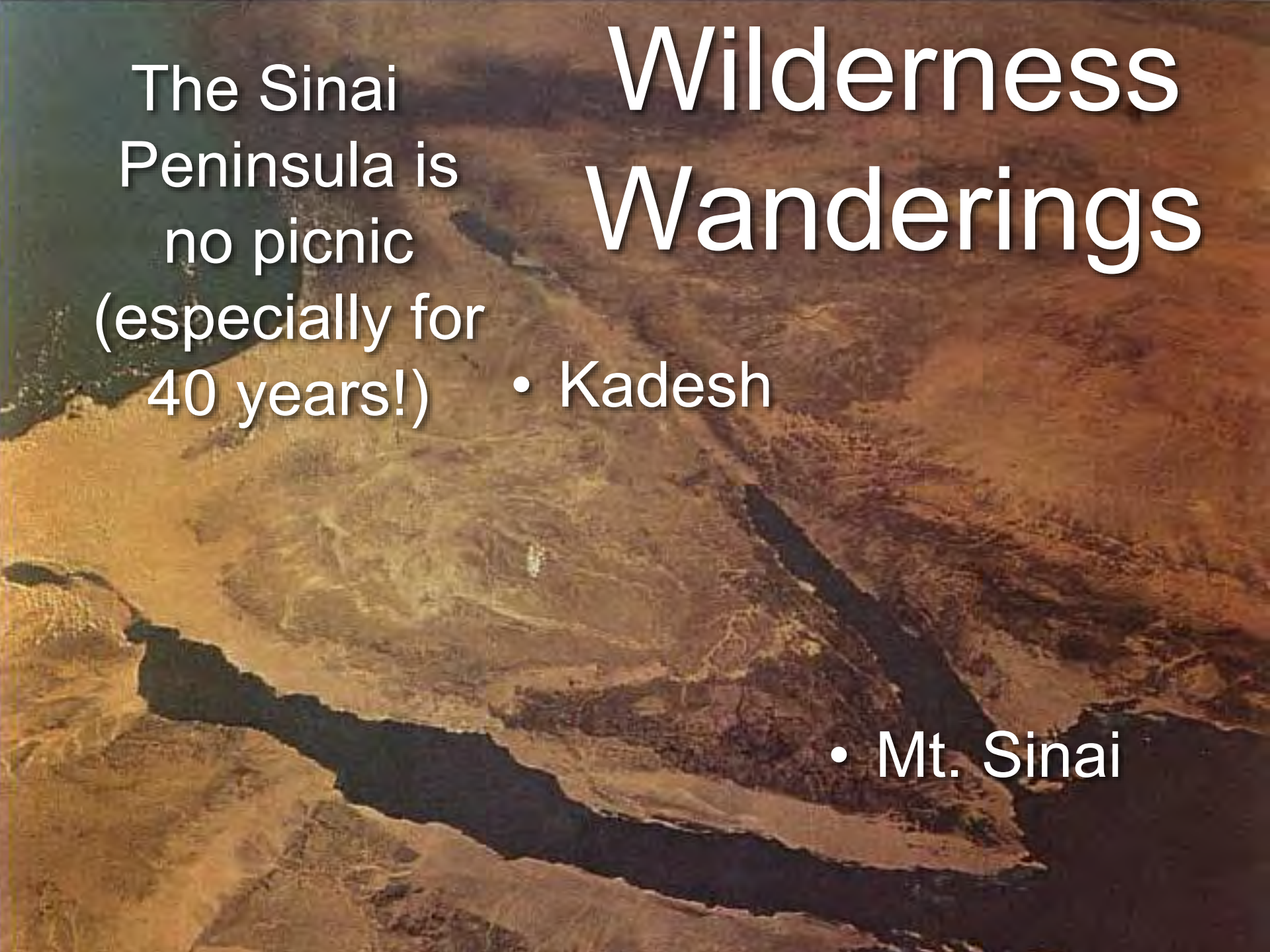
Numbers 13

The Sinai
Peninsula is
no picnic
(especially for
40 years!)

Wilderness Wanderings

- Kadesh

- Mt. Sinai





Kadesh Barnea (13:26)



Journey of the Spies

Num. 13:21-24

Barry Beitzel,
The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 93

The Spies Return



Numbers 13



Good Giants Grasshoppers

The Majority Report

Numbers 13:26-33

Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights, Alaska



GOD

The Minority Report

Numbers 13:26-33

Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights, Alaska

Numbers 14

DRESSING THE STAGE



MOSES
Exodus
Sinai
M - C - C
Kadesh Barnea

God's Report

Handbook pg. 26-29

7.5.03c.21

Key Verses

Discipline—"Not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me these ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers..." (God to Israel in Num. 14:22-23)



Photo: Barry Beitzel

Wilderness of Zin

***This way!
Follow me!***



**After 39 1/2
years of
wandering in
the desert,
Mrs. Moses
secretly
asks for
directions.**



**YOU MEAN...
40 YEARS?
OUT HERE?**

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

40

Divine Discipline

Handbook pg. 26-29

7.5.03c.24

Numbers 15

OT Discipline



The Man Picking Up Sticks on the Sabbath (Numbers 15:30-36)



"For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses" (Hebrews 10:28; cf. Num. 15:30-36 NLT).



Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View



Final Destiny

*The Future Reign of the
Servant Kings*

Joseph Dillow



Inheritance in the OT



Inheritance in the OT

- 1. A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.**
- 2. While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.**

Inheritance in the OT

- 3. The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.**
- 4. Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.**

Inheritance in the OT

5. Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint-heirs with Christ, unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.

Inheritance in the OT

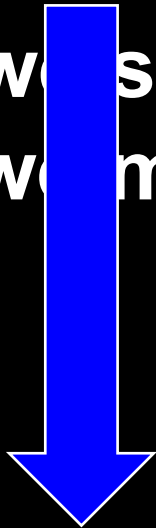
- 6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.**

Inheritance in the NT

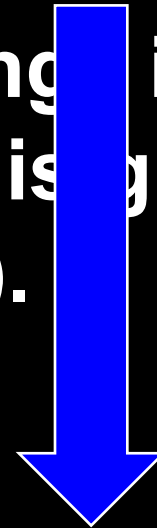


Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—
heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**, if
indeed we share in his suffering in order that
we may also share in his glory"
(Rom. 8:17 NIV).



= Salvation



= Reward

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Numbers 16

Korah's Rebellion



Korah, Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:31-34)

More Complaining



"Then fire blazed forth from the LORD and burned up the 250 men who were offering incense" (Num 16:35 NLT).

Is Grumbling OK?

**(After all, aren't most psalms
"Lament Psalms"?)**



Grumbling in the Wilderness

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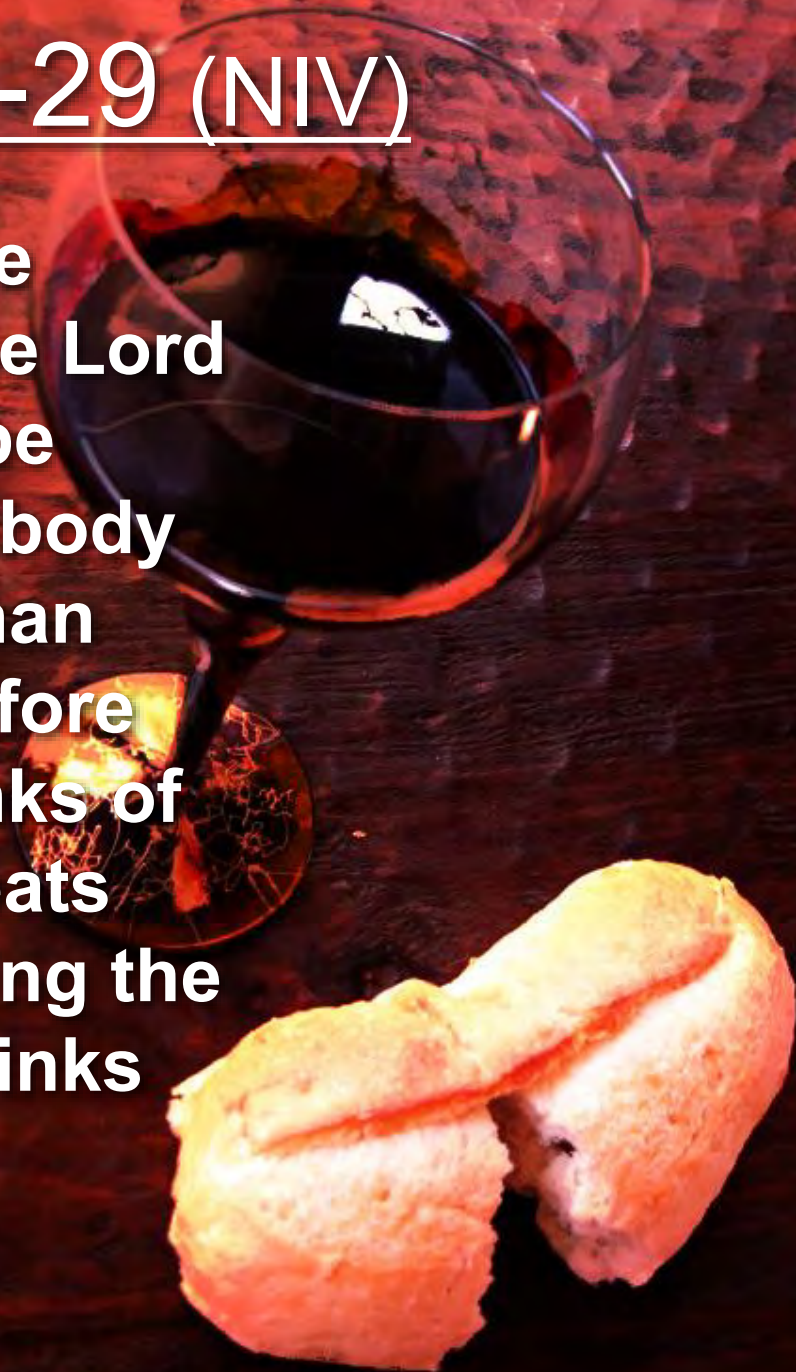
Paul N. Benware, *Survey of the Old Testament*, 68

SCRIPTURE	ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT	MOSES' RESPONSE	GOD'S RESPONSE
Exod. 14:11	Pharaoh's army	Encouraged Israel to trust God	Delivered Israel
Exod. 15:24	Bitter water	Cried out to God	"Healed" the water
Exod. 16:2	Lack of food	Rebuked Israel	Supplied manna
Exod. 17:2	Lack of water	Prayed to the Lord	Water from the rock
Num. 11:1	God providing food	Anger & prayer	Judgment
Num. 14:2	Moses' leadership	Pled with Israel, prayed to God	Judgment
Num. 16:2	Moses' leadership	Rebuked & prayed	Judgment
Num. 16:41	Moses	Prayed	Judgment
Num. 20:2	Moses & lack of water	Rebuked Israel Struck rock	Supplied water
Num. 21:4	Moses & manna	No response	Judgment

Numbers 17

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.



1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

³⁰ **That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.** ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.



Numbers 18

Numbers 19

The title card features a background with a horizontal gradient from gold at the top and bottom to a deep red in the center. The text 'THE RED HEIFER' is rendered in a stylized, serif font. 'THE' is in small, white, all-caps. 'RED' is in large, white, all-caps. 'HEIFER' is in large, gold, all-caps. A large, gold, lowercase 'h' is positioned between 'RED' and 'HEIFER', with its left side overlapping the 'R' in 'RED'.

THE RED HEIFER

Pure Female for Purification (Numbers 19:1-5)

The Red Heifer

A photograph of a red heifer standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The heifer is facing left, looking slightly towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus field of similar grass.

Holy cow!

Pure Female for Purification (Numbers 19:1-5)

Numbers 20

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**Water
from a
Rock
(Num.
20:8)**

Numbers 21

Wandering Map

Kadesh-
barnea

Mt. Hor

Mt.
Sinai

Route of the Journey



More Complaining

Kadesh-
barnea

Mt. Hor

"Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient with the long journey, ⁵and they began to speak against God and Moses. 'Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?' they complained. 'There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!'" (Num 21:4-5 NLT).

"So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died.

⁷Then the people came to Moses and cried out, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take away the snakes.' So Moses prayed for the people" (Numbers 21:6-7 NLT).





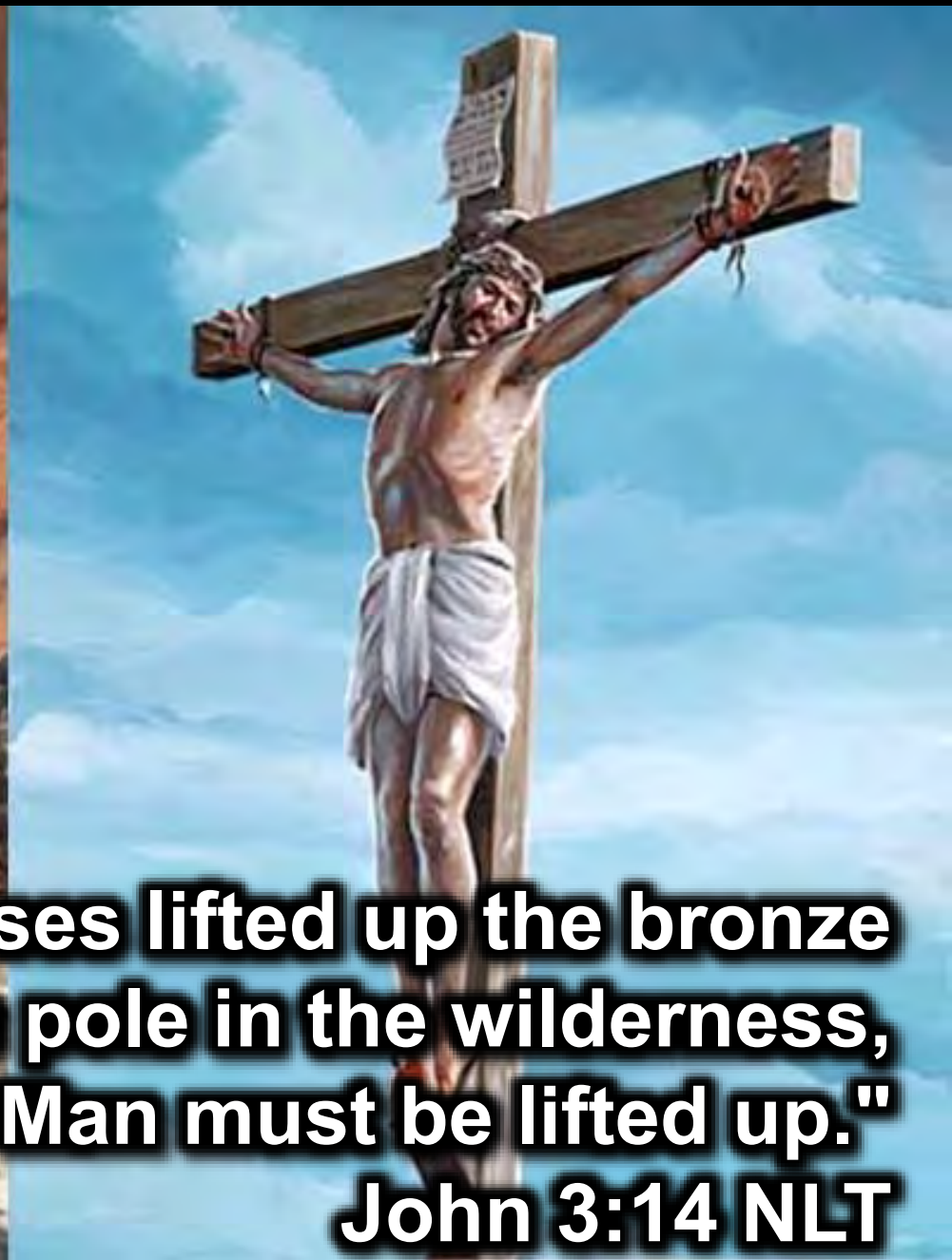
The Bronze Serpent

Numbers 21:8-9

The Bronze Serpent



Numbers 21:8-9



"And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up."

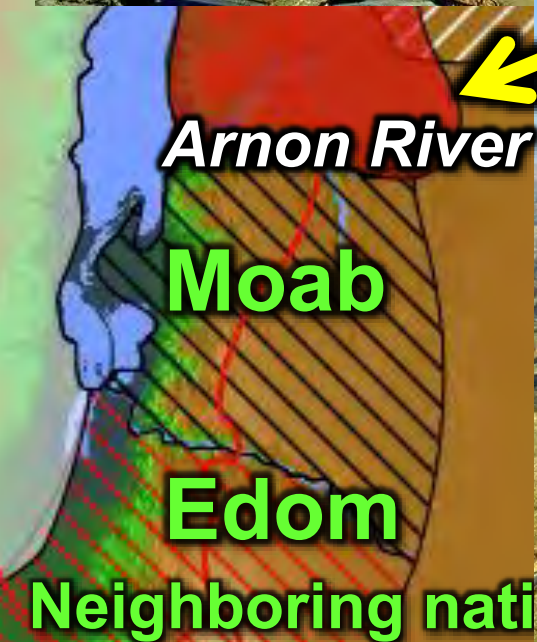
John 3:14 NLT

Transjordan Rivers

Looking North



The Arnon Gorge separated Moab from northern nations



Looking South



Nahal Arnon (Arnon River)



**An arial view from the west
above the Dead Sea**



Transjordan Events

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35)

Neighboring nations related by blood

Numbers 22

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Ammon

Moab

Edom

Balak (king of Moab) feels threatened by the huge nation of Israel at his border

Neighboring nations related by blood

The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24)¹⁴⁰

Balak
King of Moab



Balaam
Pagan Prophet





Balak hires the pagan prophet Balaam to curse Israel

Ammon

Balaam blesses Israel instead (Num. 22–24)!

Moab

Balak (king of Moab) feels threatened by the huge nation of Israel at his border

Edom

Neighboring nations related by blood



Transjordan Events

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35)
- Balak fails to turn God against Israel—blessing by Balaam (Num. 22-24)

Neighboring nations related by blood



Balaam
Numbers 22:20-35

Numbers 23

The Balaam Narrative



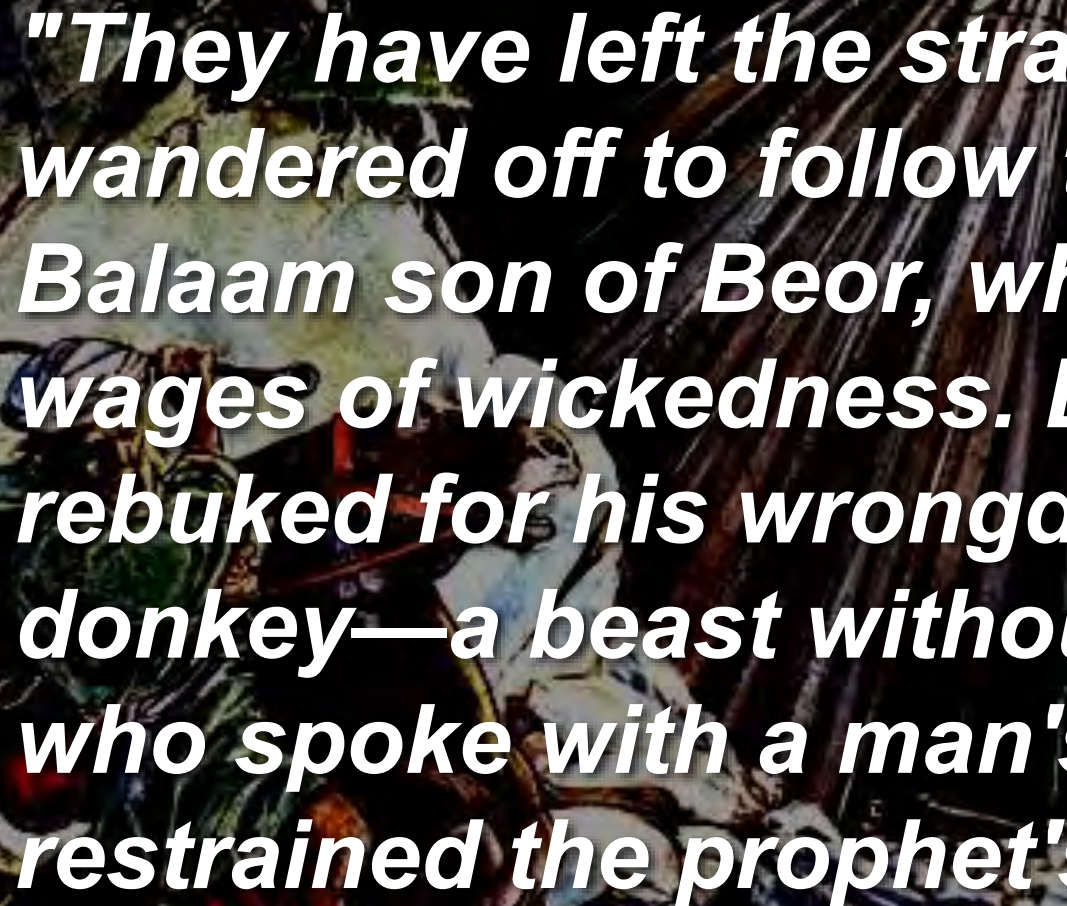
- **Balak fails to turn God against Israel—blessing by Balaam (Num. 22–24)**

Key Verses

Discipline—"Not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me these ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers..." (God to Israel in Num. 14:22-23)

Blessing—"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it" (Balaam to Balak in Num. 23:19-20)

Numbers 24



"They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness."

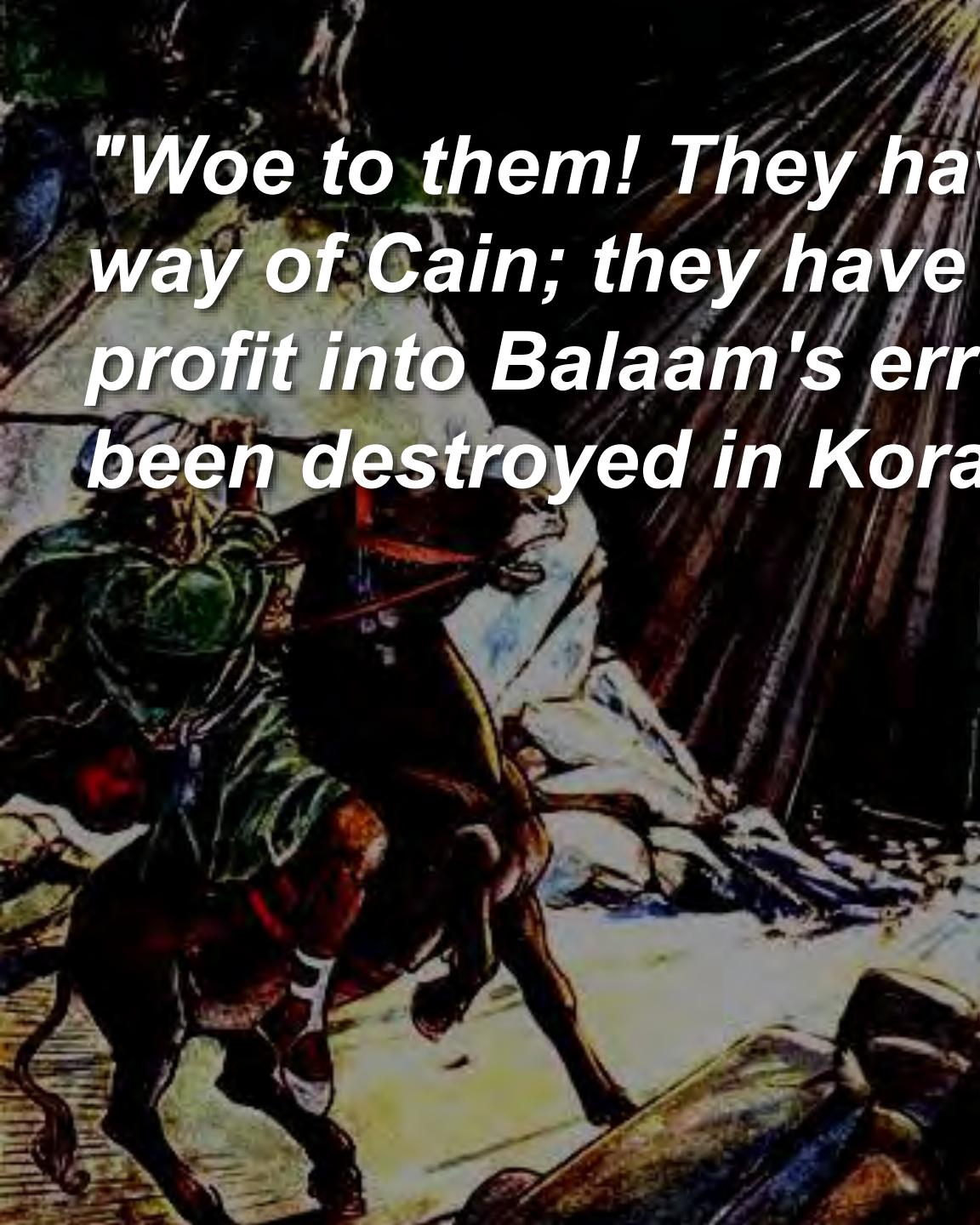
2 Peter 2:15-16 (NIV)

Numbers 25

Transjordan Events

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35)
- Balak fails to turn God against Israel—blessing by Balaam (Num. 22–24)
- Balak succeeds to turn Israel against God—immorality at Beth-peor (Num. 25)





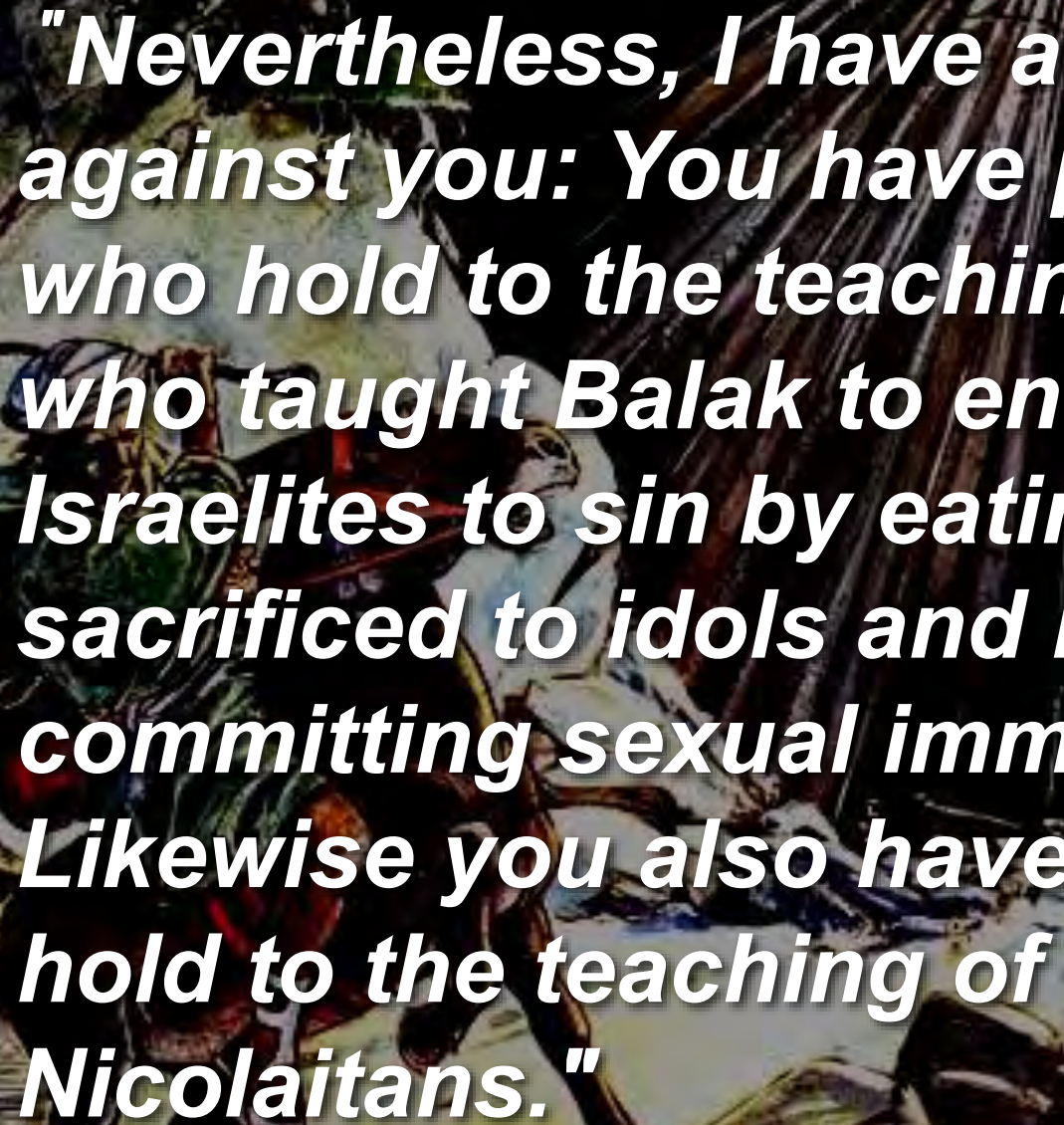
"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion."

Jude 11 (NIV)

The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) ¹⁴⁰

**Balak turned Israel
against God via
immorality at Beth-
peor (Num. 25)**

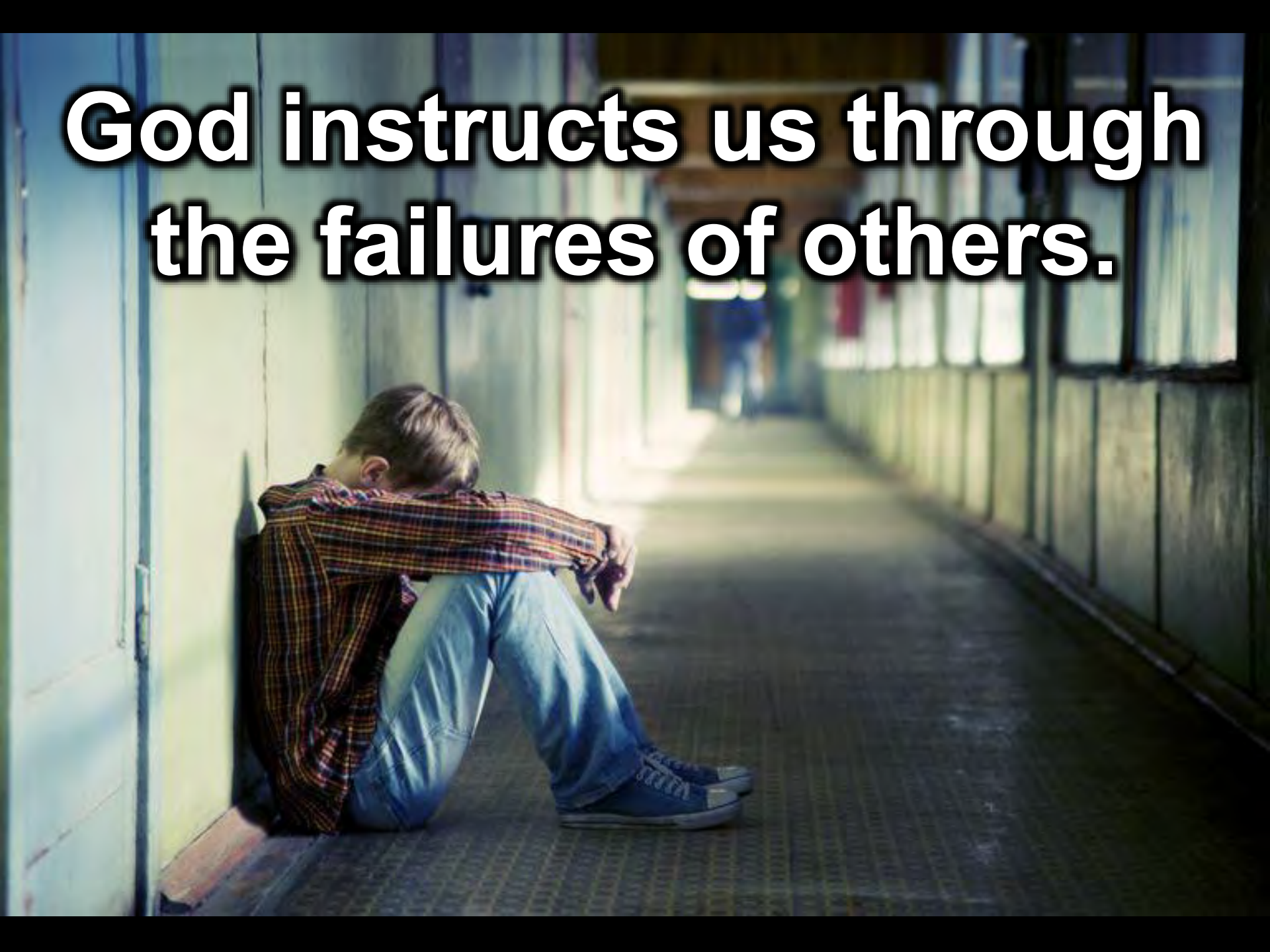




"Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans."

Revelation 2:14-15

**God instructs us through
the failures of others.**



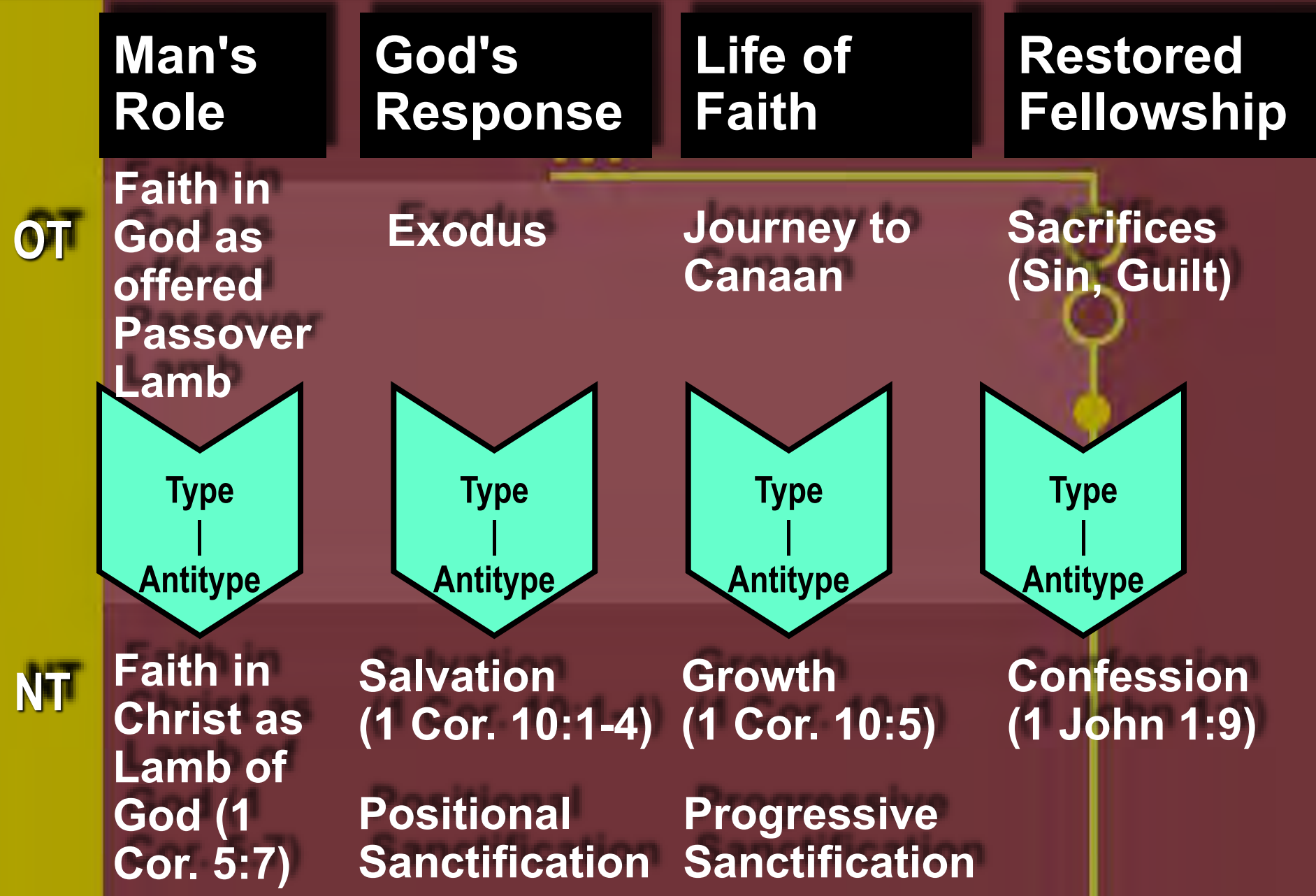
Sometimes marriages fail so...



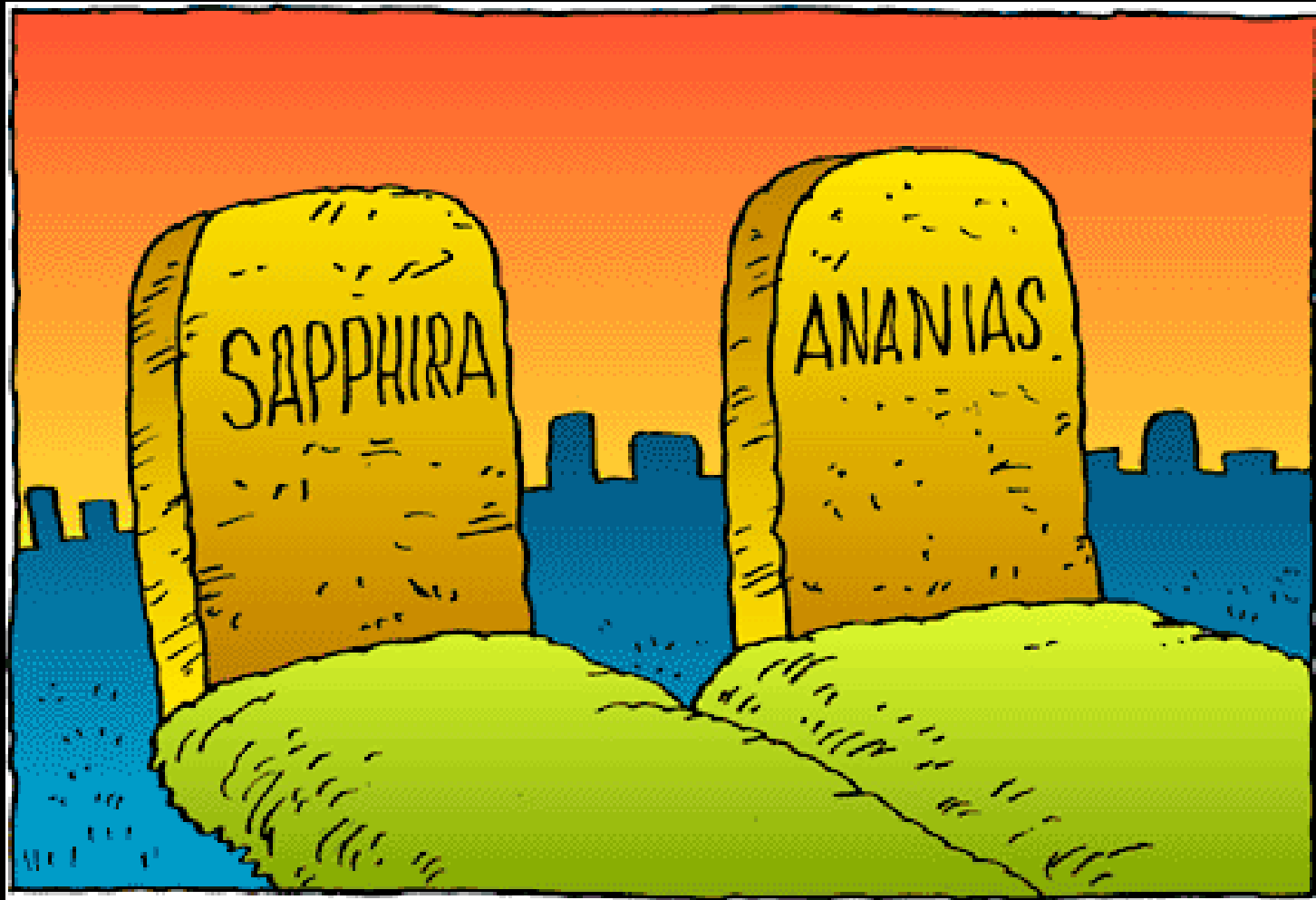
... grandparents are parents again



Salvation & Sanctification



**However, there is still
divine discipline...**



Ananias & Sapphira



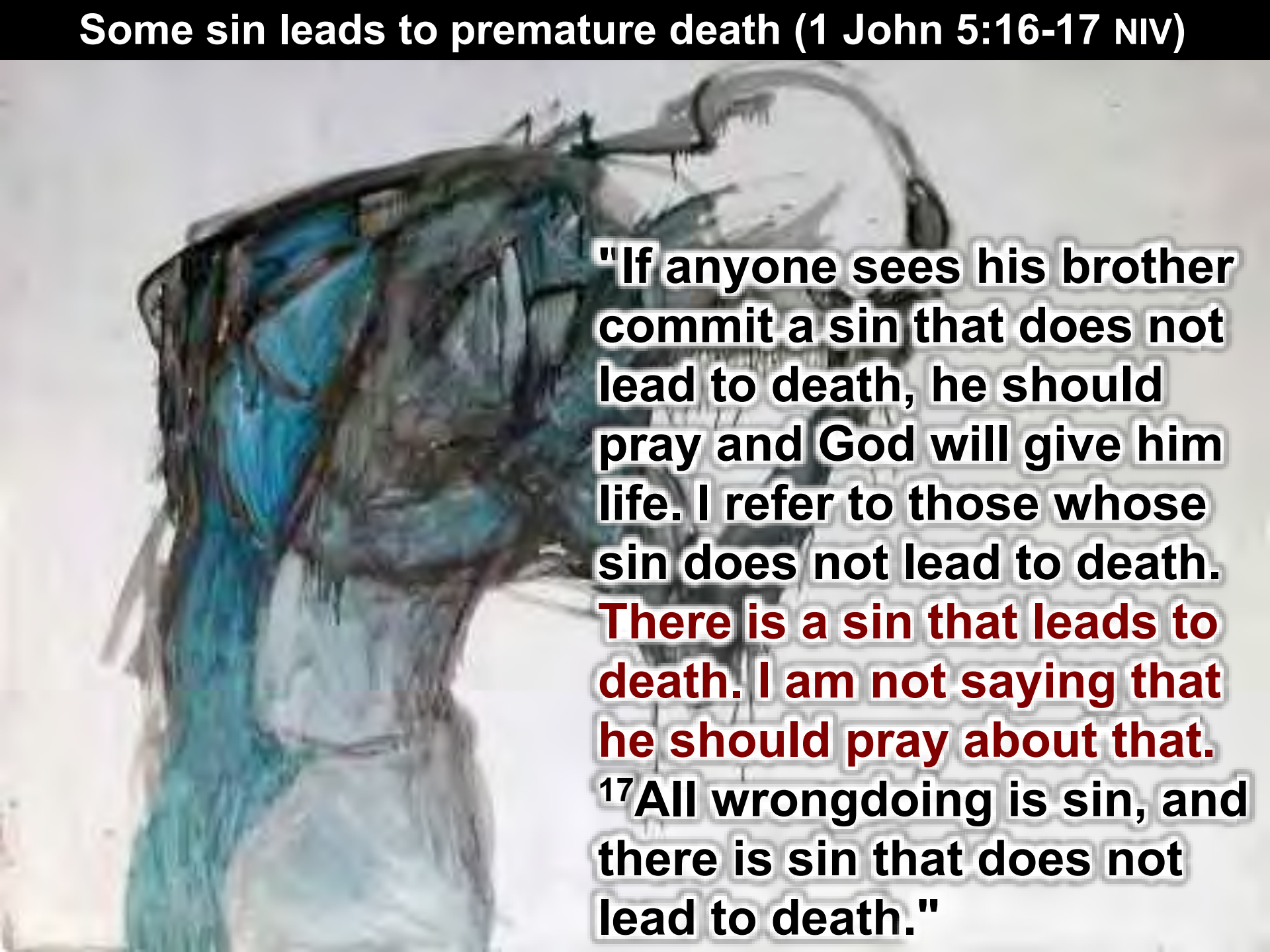
Acts 5

Rewards can be lost!

"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT)



Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)



"If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death."

Numbers 26

How does God **prepare** us
to serve him?



I. God **organizes** us to be holy.



Numbers 1:1–10:10

**II. God warns us of
the cost of unbelief.**



**Plan
For Disaster
Now**

Numbers 10:11–25:18

III. God **rewards** our faithfulness.



Numbers 26–36

Argument

**While Leviticus relates to the nation's worship,
Numbers records the nation's walk.**

**God prepared Israel
to walk with Him in a
covenant relationship
(1:1–10:10).**

**God is faithful to His covenants,
so He prepared a new generation
to enter the land
(chs. 26–36).**

**Yet the nation postponed
entrance into the land by
unbelief (10:11–25:18).**

**The narrative continually contrasts God's
faithfulness with Israel's faithlessness.**

Theme

Preparation to Occupy the Land

Numbers

Preparation to Occupy the Land

Preparing the Old Generation		Postponement for Unbelief					Preparing the New Generation		
1:1–10:10		10:11–25:18					26–36		
God's Faithfulness		Israel's Faithlessness					God's Faithfulness		
God's Blessings		God's Discipline					God's Blessings		
Israel's Commitment		Israel's Complaining					Israel's Commitment		
Order		Disorder					Reorder		
Mount Sinai		Wilderness					Moab		
20 Days		38 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days					ca. 5 Months		
Organization (1–4)	Sanctification (5:1–10:10)	To Kadesh (10:11–12:16)	Kadesh Sin (13–14)	Wilderness (15–19)	To Moab (20–21)	Moab Sin (22–25)	Provision for Land (26–27)	Offerings & Vows (28–30)	Final Preparations (31–36)

Population Changes in the Wilderness

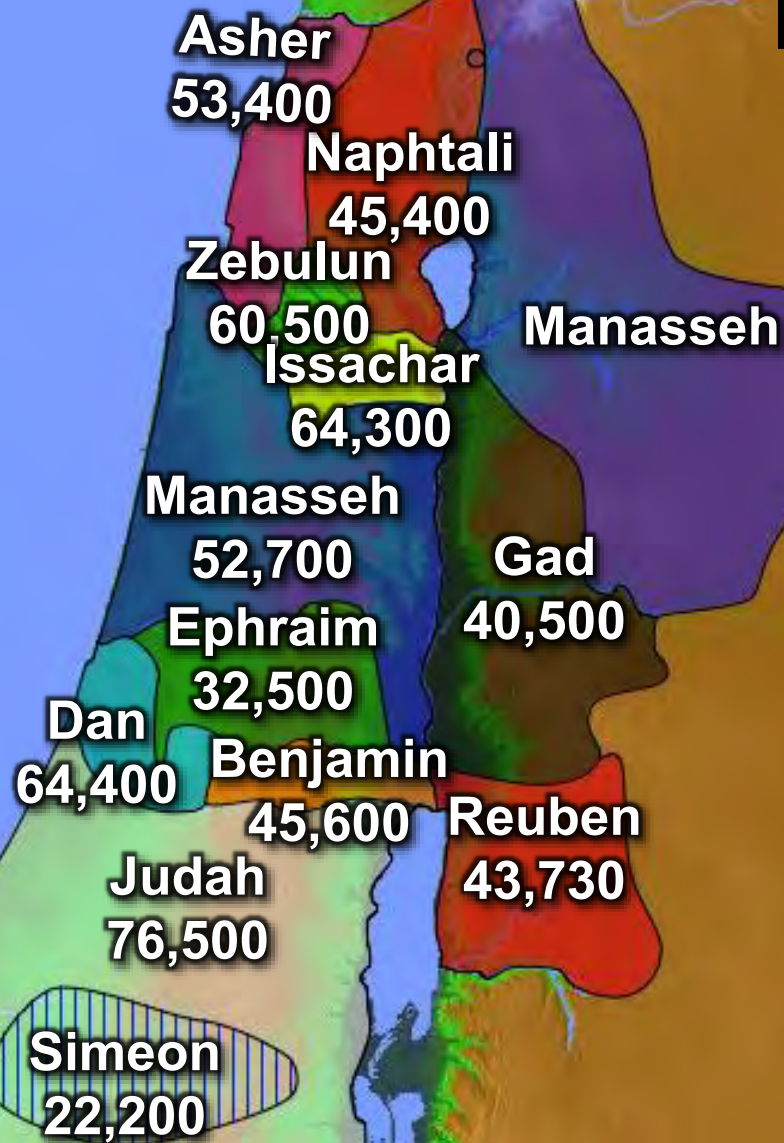
Tribe	Num. 1 (1444 BC) Start of Wanderings	Num. 26 (1406 BC) End of Wanderings	Increase (Decrease)
Reuben	46,500	43,730	(2,770)
Simeon	59,300	22,200	(37,100)
Gad	45,650	40,500	(5,150)
Judah	74,600	76,500	1,900
Isaachar	54,400	64,300	9,900
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	3,100
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	(8,000)
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	20,500
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	10,200
Dan	62,700	64,400	1,700
Asher	41,500	53,400	11,900
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	(8,000)
Total	603,550	601,730	(1,820)
Levi	22,000	23,000	1,000

Populations by Tribe

171

Numbers 26
Joshua 13:1–19:48

Levi
23,000
Spread
Throughout
Israel



Numbers 27

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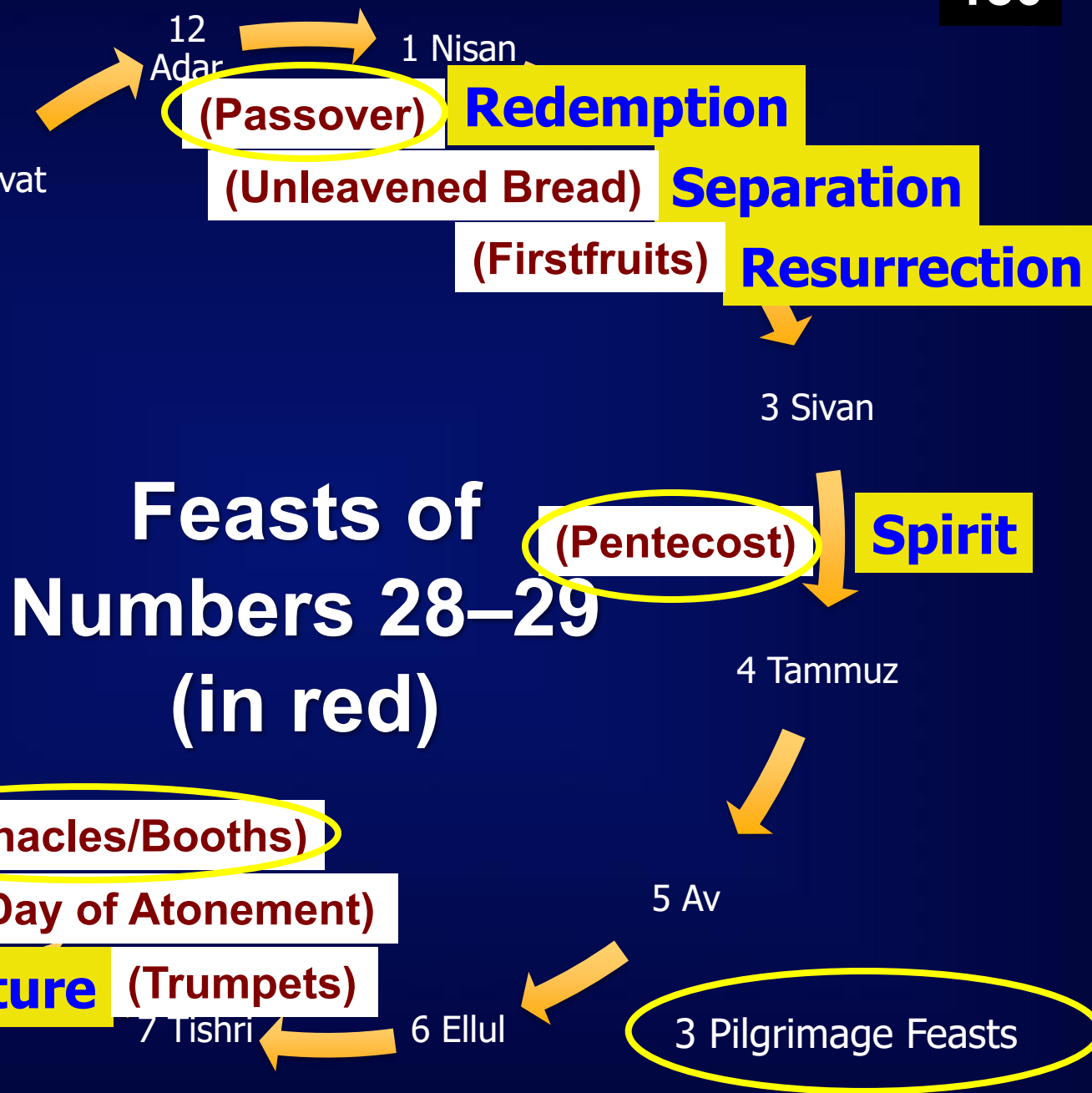
Numbers 28

Special Offerings (Num. 28:1-15)



- **Introduction (1-2)**
- **Daily (3-8)**
- **Sabbath (9-10)**
- **Monthly (11-15)**

Numbers 29



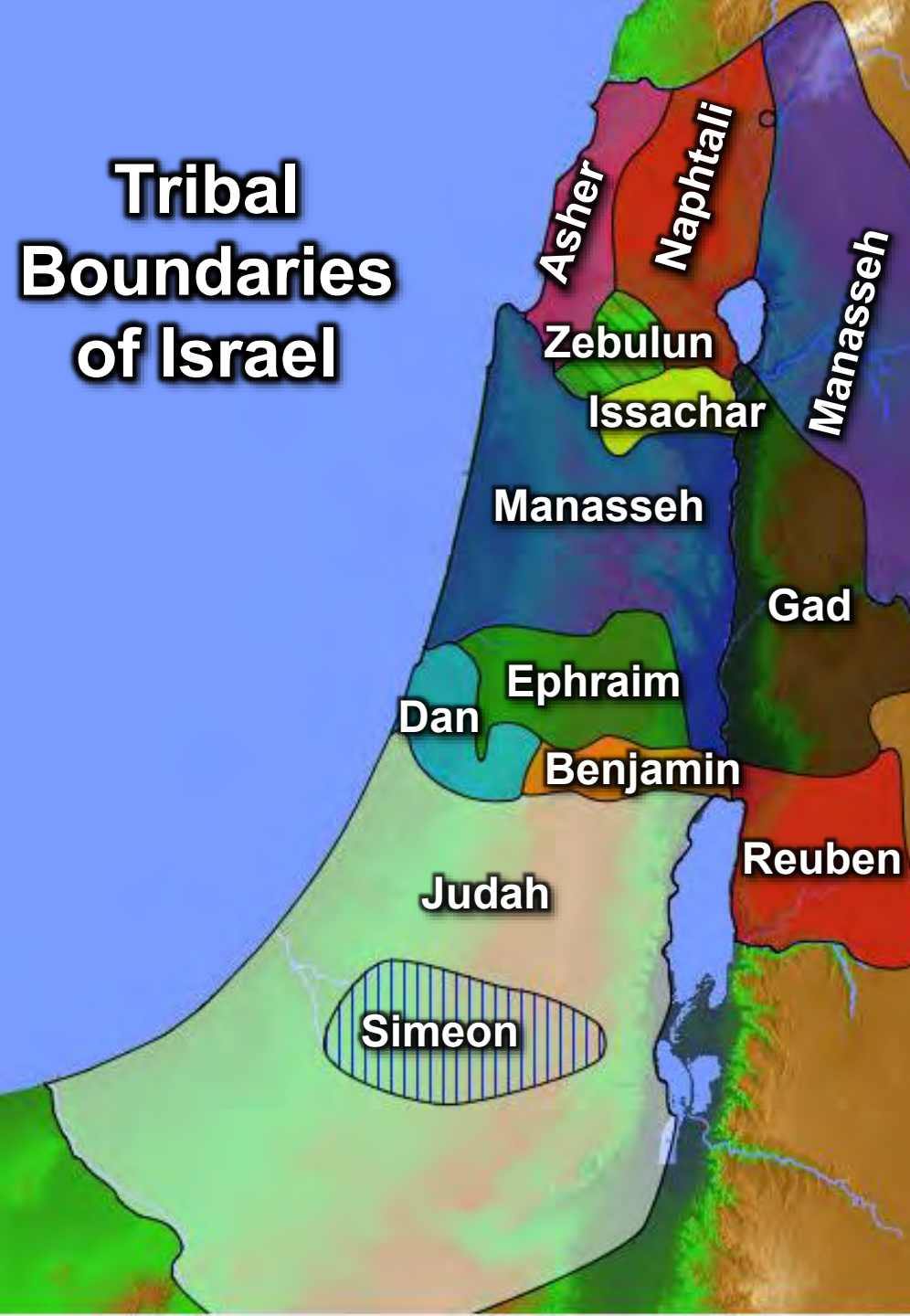
Numbers 30

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Numbers 31

Tribal Boundaries of Israel

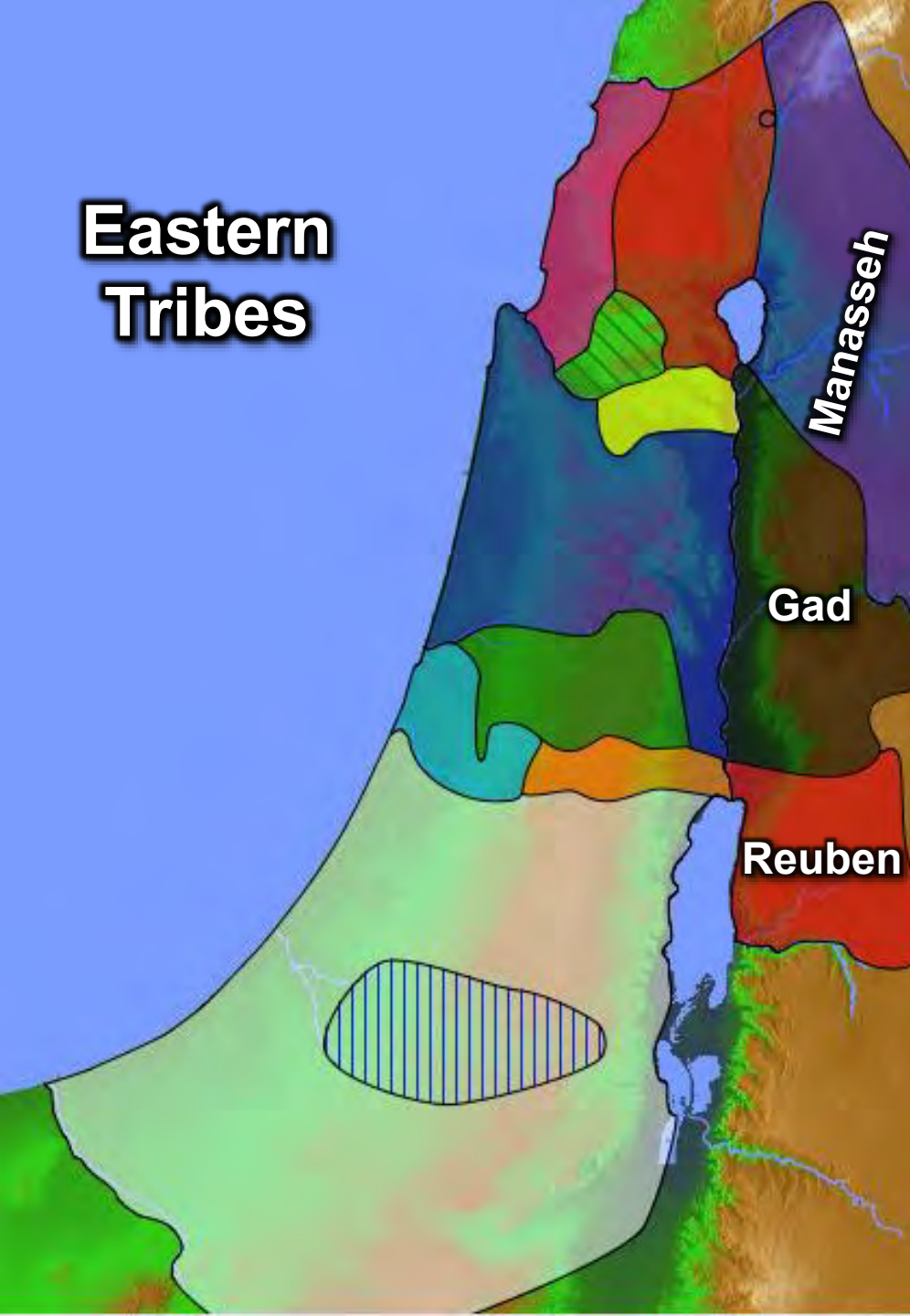


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 - Midianites (31)

Numbers 32

Eastern Tribes

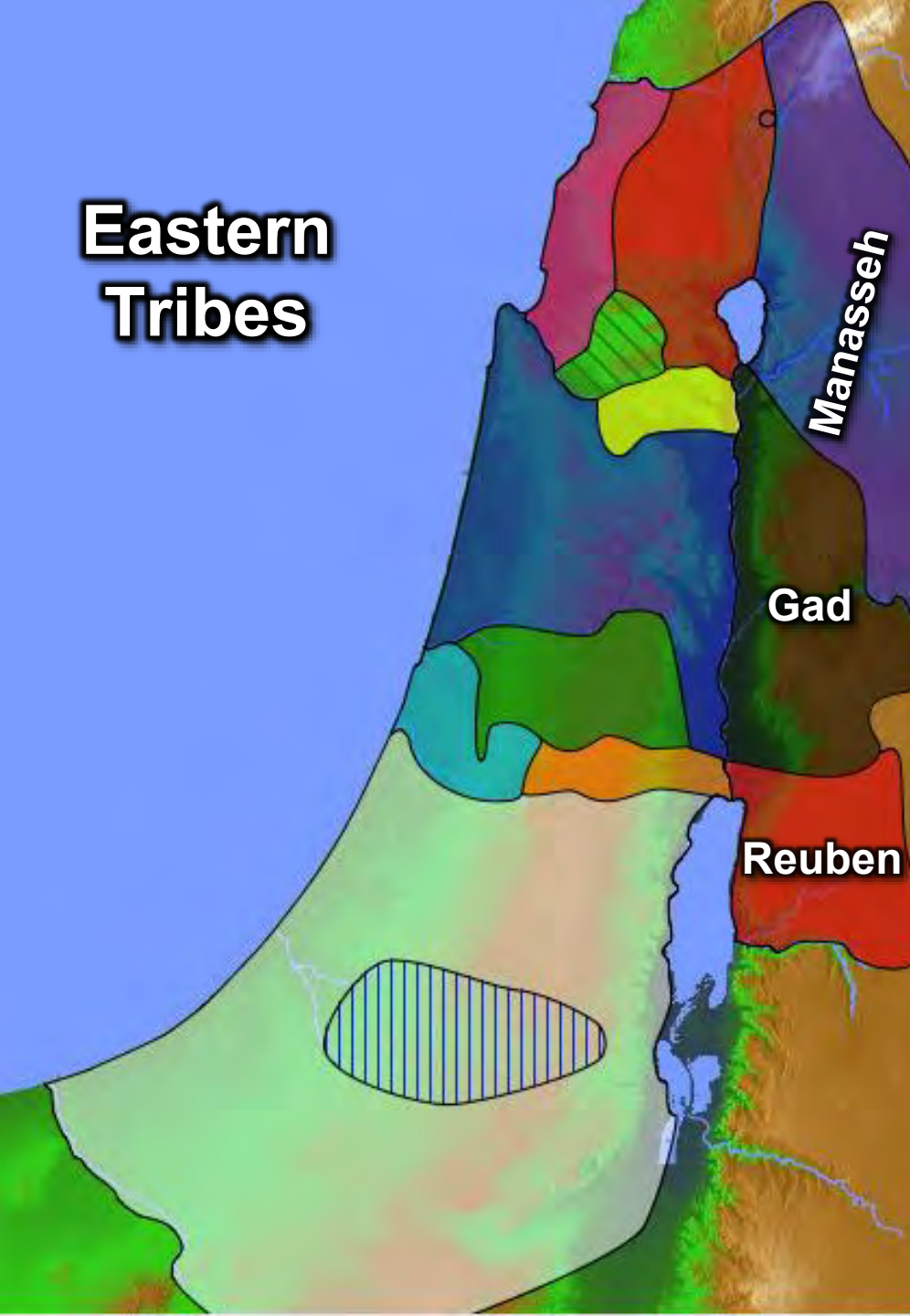


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Numbers 33

Eastern Tribes



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- Canaan Defined (33:50–36:13)
 - Inheritance (33:50–34:29)

Numbers 34

Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham



Syria

Lebanon

Israel

Jordan

Egypt

Genesis 15:18

"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'" (ESV)

Promised Land Borders to Moses (Num 34)



A map of the Eastern Tribes territory, outlined in white. The territory is located east of the Jordan River and includes the tribes of Manasse, Gad, Reuben, Moab, and Edom. The map shows the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and the surrounding land. The text 'Eastern Tribes' is written in white with a black outline in the upper left. The names of the tribes and regions are written in white with black outlines: 'Manasse' (vertical), 'Gad', 'Reuben', 'Moab', and 'Edom' (horizontal).

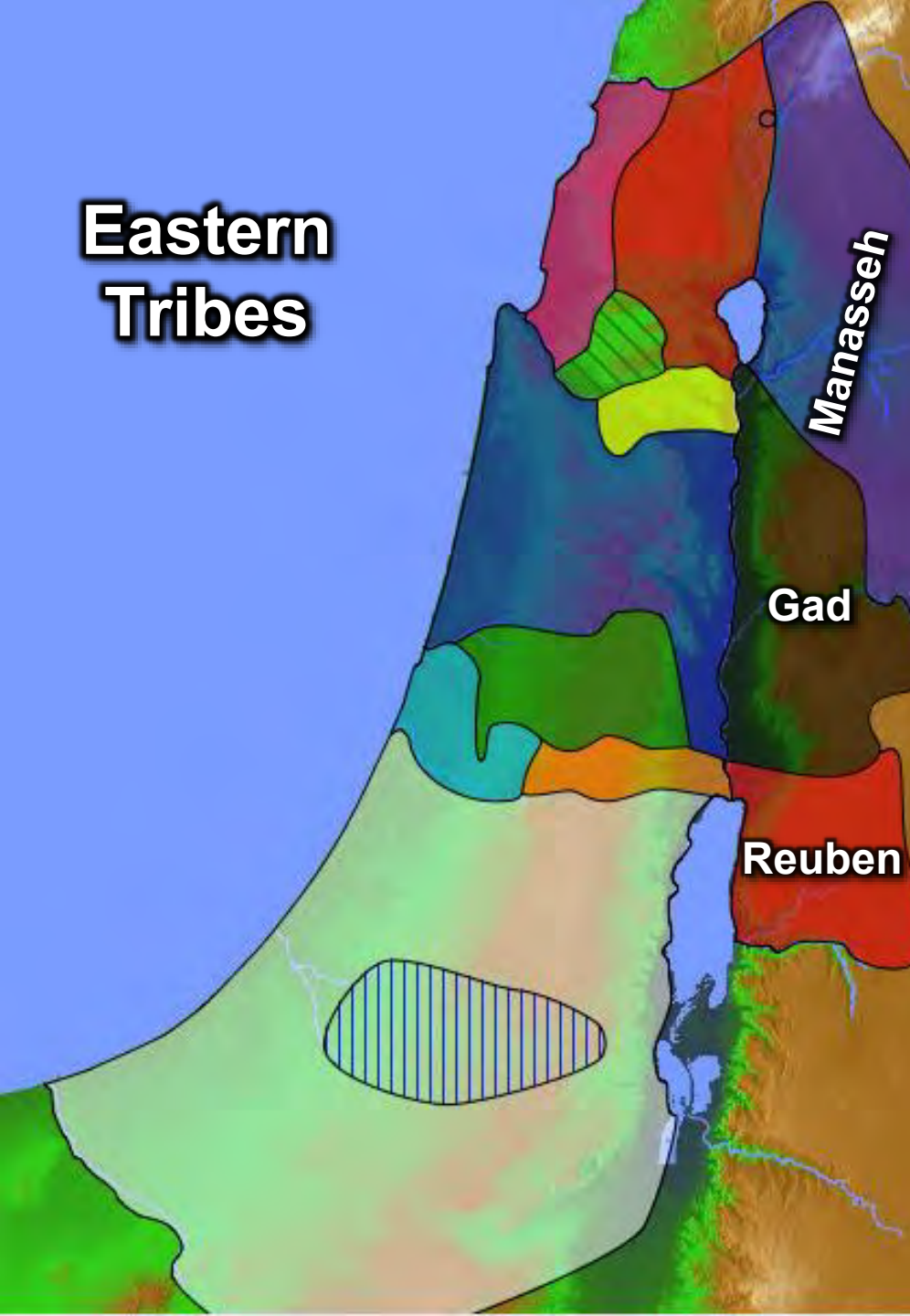
**Eastern
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Numbers 35

Eastern Tribes

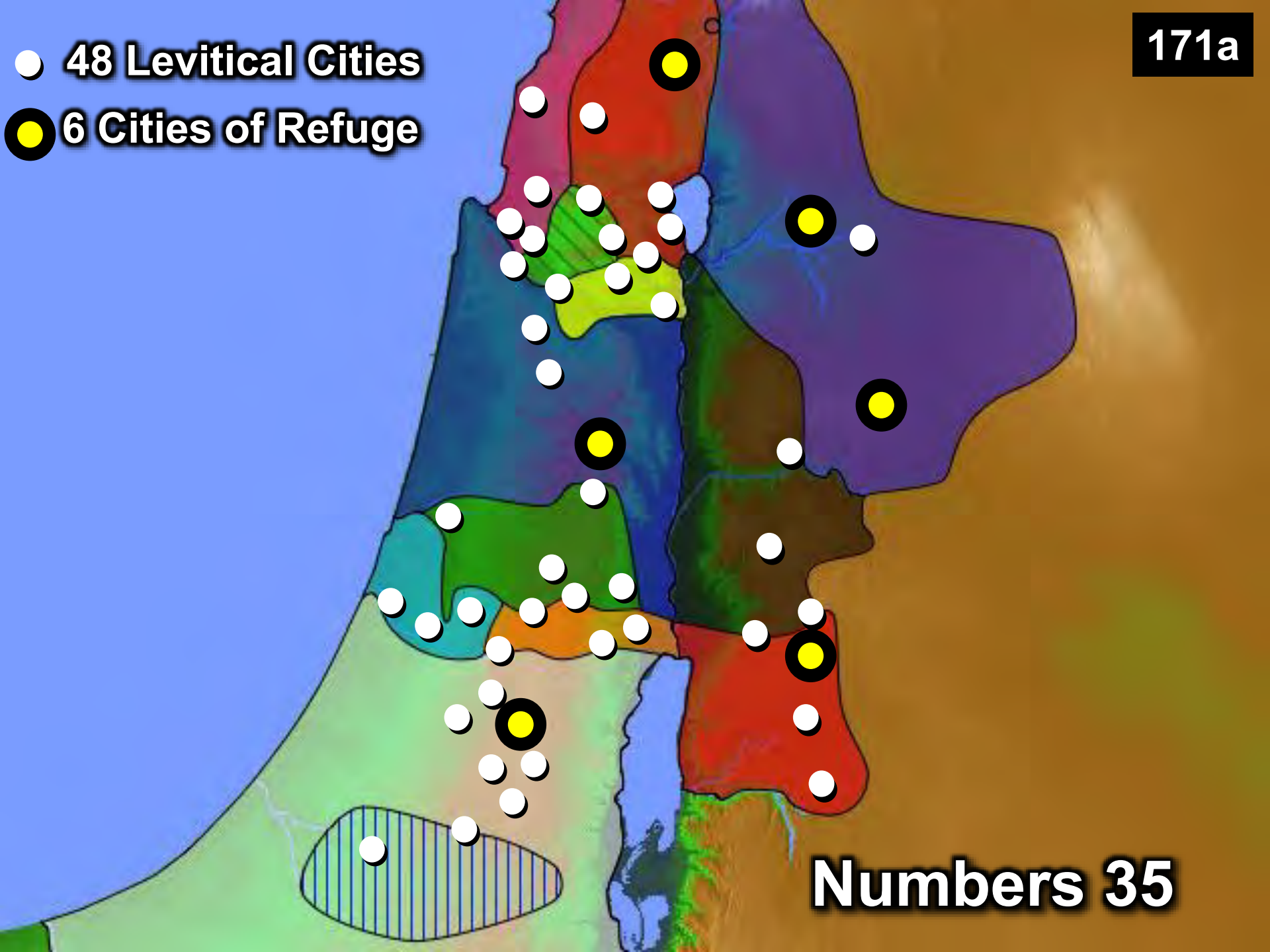


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 - Levitical Cities (35)

● 48 Levitical Cities

● 6 Cities of Refuge

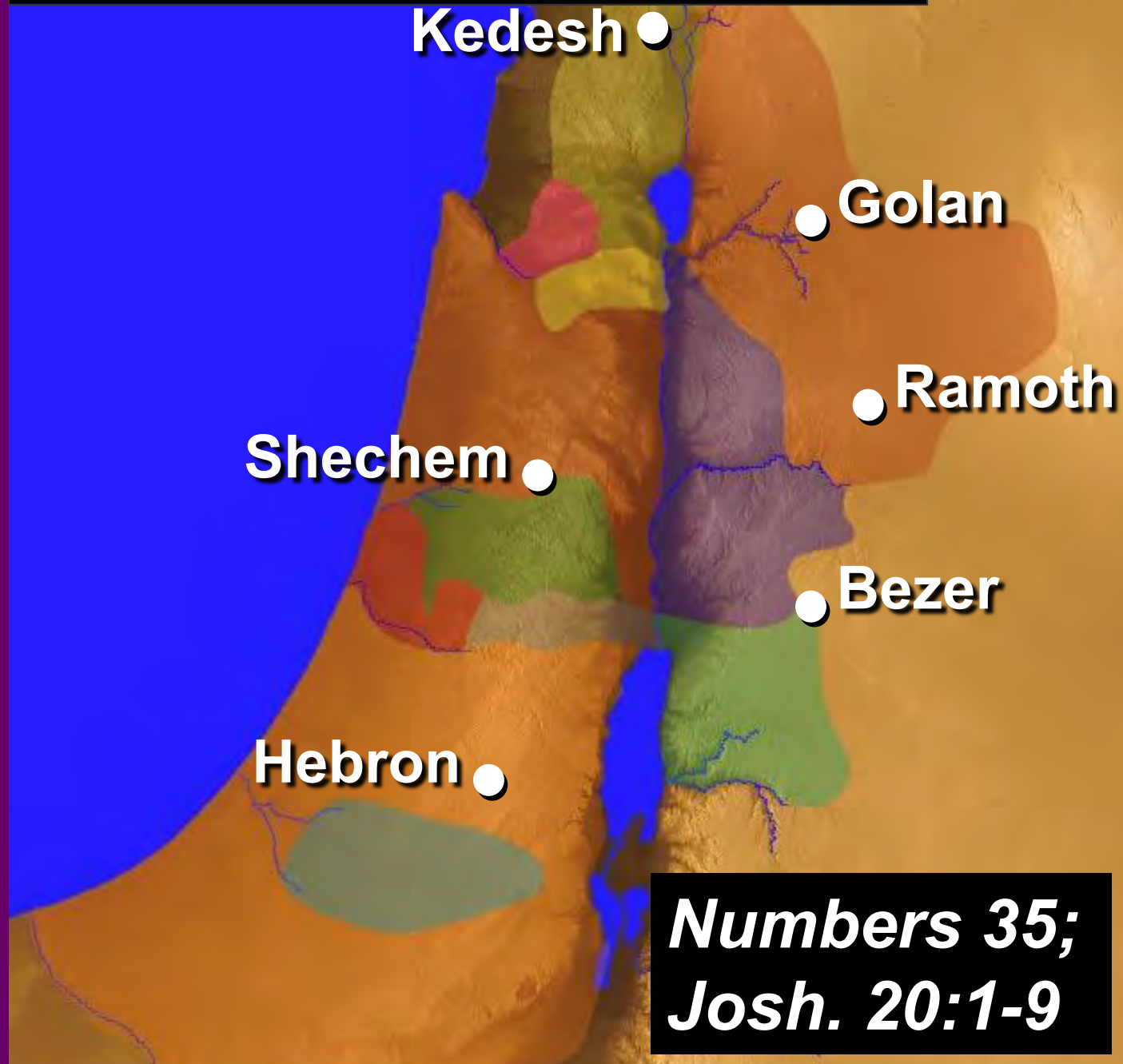


Cities of Refuge

Israel lived in a nomadic culture of personal vengeance by family members against the offending family (blood feuds).

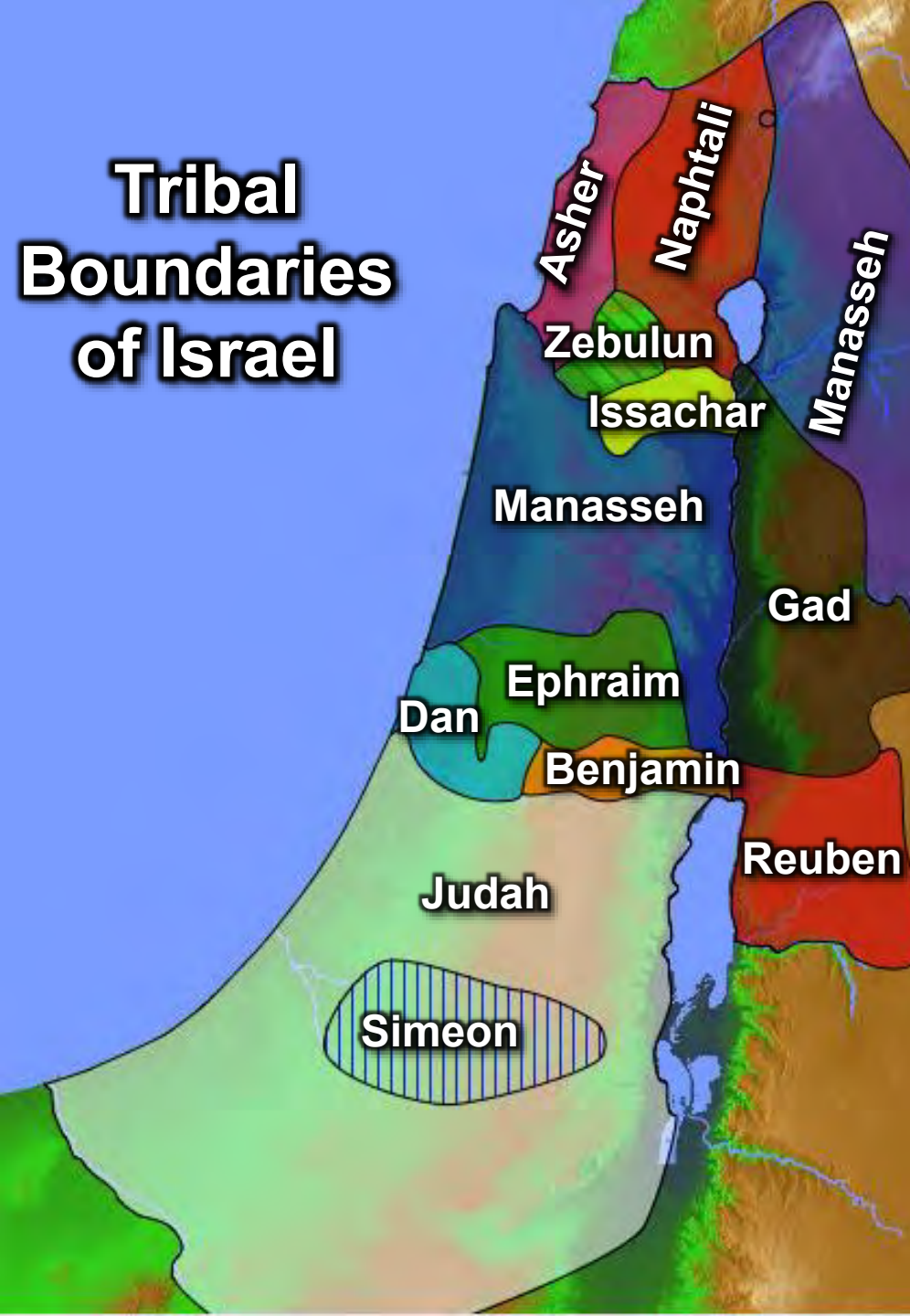
Yet the nation was not ready for legal procedures by an objective village assembly (civil law).

Therefore, God instituted an intermediate step of six nearby cities where one who accidentally killed someone could flee.



***Numbers 35;
Josh. 20:1-9***

Tribal Boundaries of Israel



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 - Daughters (36)

Numbers 36

Daughters of Zelophehad (Num. 36)



Mahlah

Noah

Hoglah

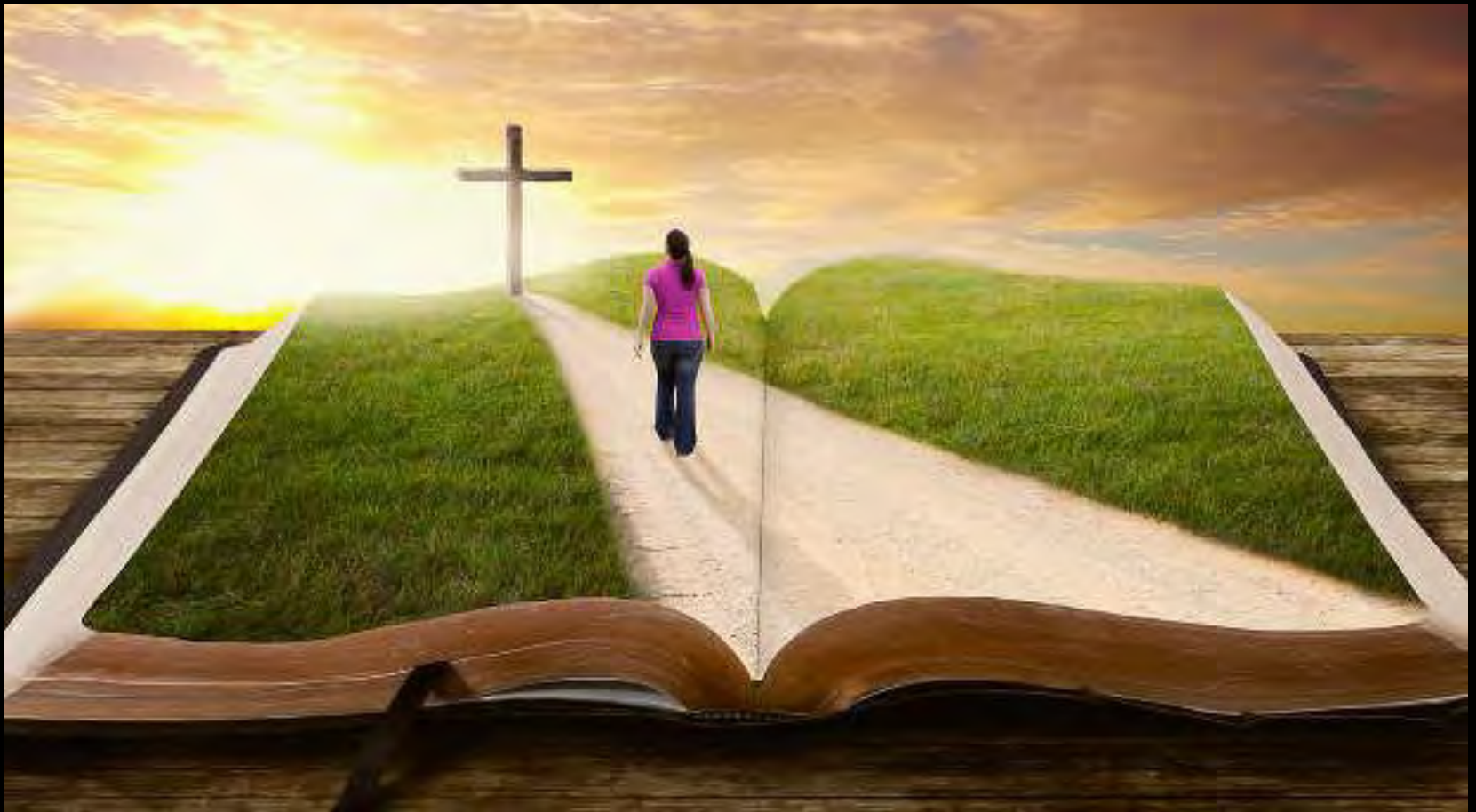
Milcah

Tirzah

Geographical End of Numbers



**God will continue leading you
when you are obedient.**



**Do you really doubt that God will
forget to reward you?**



Crowns in the NT

Incorruptible

1 Cor. 9:25



Hope

1 Thess. 2:19

Righteousness

2 Tim. 4:8



Life

Jas 1:12;

Rev 2:10



Glory

1 Pet. 5:4

Christ promises rewards for perseverance (Rev. 3:11b).



"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown" (NLT).

How does God **prepare** us to serve him?



3 ways

Numbers



Numbers

Summary Statement

God's faithful **preparation of His people to enter Canaan contrasts with Israel's unbelieving rebelliousness in the wilderness to teach the nation His unconditional commitment to fulfill His Abrahamic Covenant.**

Main Idea

**God organizes, warns, and
rewards us to be prepared for
service**

Numbers

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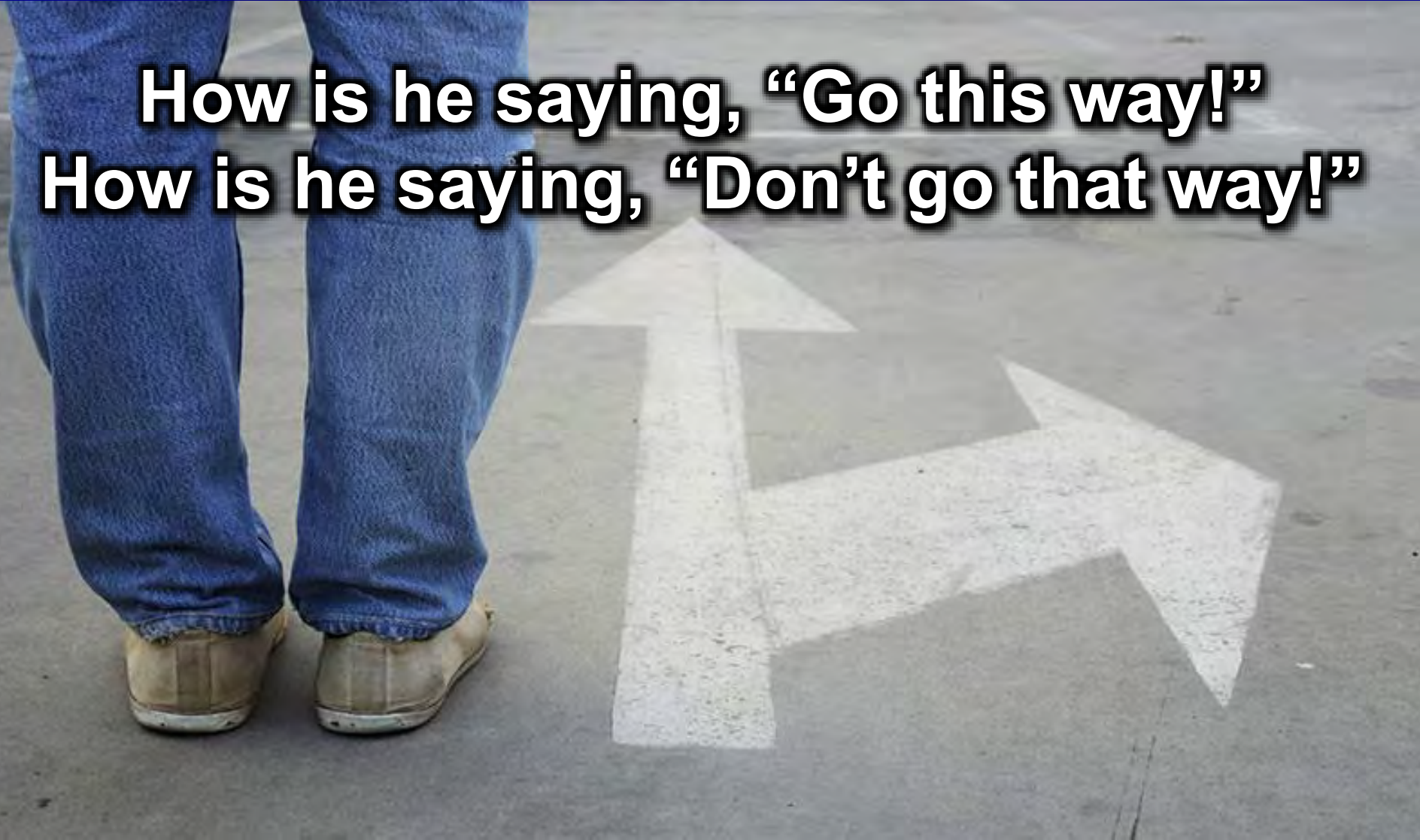
How to Be Prepared

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- Realize that God has given you everything you need to do His will, but disobedience deserves discipline.
- God will get His will done either through you or in spite of you.
- Are you characterized by commitment or complaining?

**Be Prepared! How is God directing
or warning you right now?**

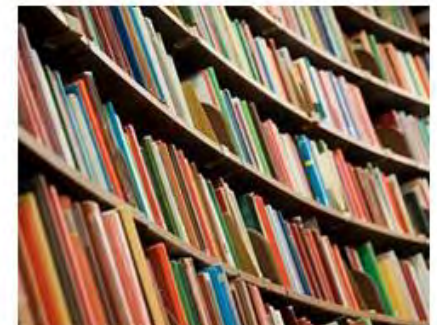
**How is he saying, “Go this way!”
How is he saying, “Don’t go that way!”**



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