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# **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 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 23:19-20)

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## **Kingdom Statement**

God prepared Israel to possess Canaan as her kingdom (1:1–10:10) and postponed it due to her unbelief (10:11–25:18), then poised a believing generation (26–36).

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## **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.

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## Covenant

God showed Israel how to be blessed due to the Abrahamic Covenant (1:1–10:10) but also noted that covenant blessing comes by faith (10:11–25:18), claimed only by the new generation (26–36).

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### Redemption

The pilgrimage of the redeemed Israelites towards Canaan typifies the redeemed believer today in his journey to full reward (1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 13:13).

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## Messiah

As Moses led Israel to Canaan by faith in the God of the bronze serpent (21:4-9), so Christ leads the believer today towards full reward by his faith in Christ's death on the cross (John 3:14).

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## **Preparation to Possess the Land**

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- 1 Tallying Israel by tribes
- 2 Host organized for marching
- 3 Exchanging Levites for first-born
- 4 Work of the Levites
- 5 Instructions for judging adulterers
- 6 Law of the Nazirites
- 7 Description of leaders' offerings
- Emphasis on Levitical cleansing 8
- 9 Record of second Passover
- 10 Nation leaves Mount Sinai
- 11 Elders and quails given
- 12 Sin of Miriam's murmuring
- 13 Spies sent from Kadesh-barnea

- 14 Judgment on Israel's unbelief
- 15 Offerings for the land
- 16 Uprising led by Korah
- 17 Rod of Aaron buds
- 18 Necessity of priestly service
- 19 Eleazar and red heifer
- 20 Years of wandering end
- 21 Overthrow of the Amorites
- 22 Fear of Balaam's donkey

- 23 Inspiration of Balaam's prophecies
- 24 Scope of Balaam's prophecies
- 25 Reward for Phinehas's zeal
- 26 Audit of Israel's tribes
- 27 Endorsement of Joshua's leading
- 28 Law of offerings reviewed
- 29 Teachings for seventh month
- 30 Oath and yow laws
- 31 Conquest of the Midianites
- 32 Abode of Reuben, Gad
- 33 Numbering of Israel's journeys
- 34 Assigning of land borders
- 35 Appointing cities of refuge
- 36 Necessity of tribal marriage

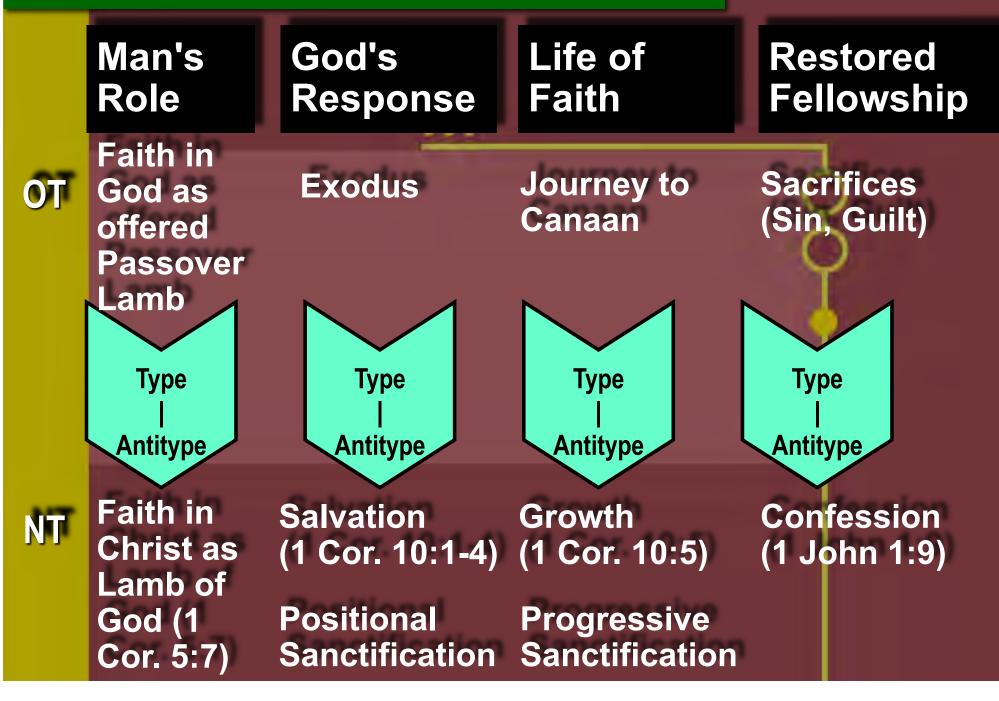
Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)



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## **Salvation & Sanctification**

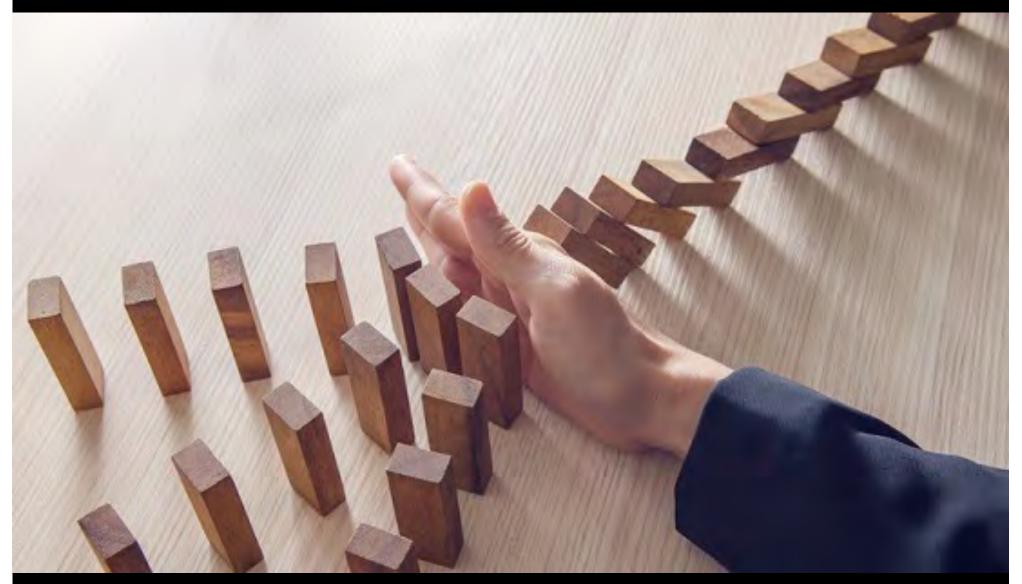
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# How does God prepare us to serve him?



# 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**

## Main Idea

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

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## 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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## **REVIEW QUIZ ON LEVITICUS**

**Two topics covered in Leviticus** 

Sacrifice

Separation

## **BONUS QUESTION:**

## What is the key word of Leviticus? Sanctification

## Hint: You shall be <u>holy</u>, for I am holy ."

## "Wanders"

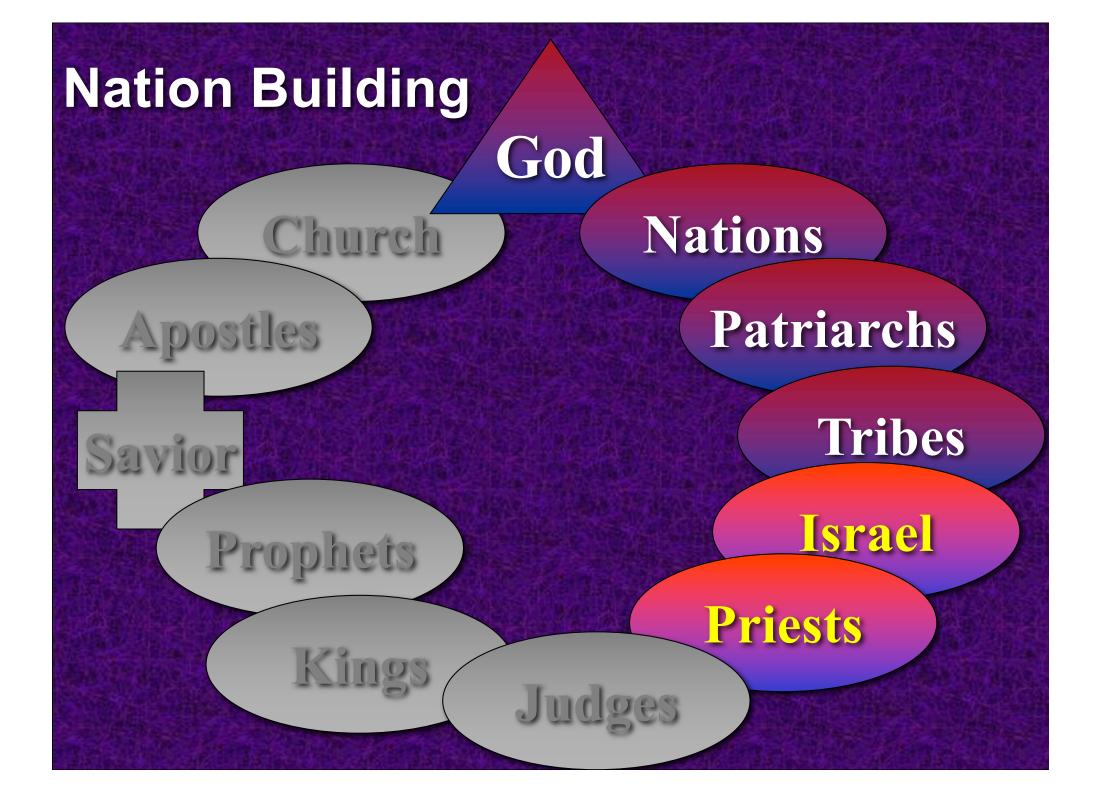


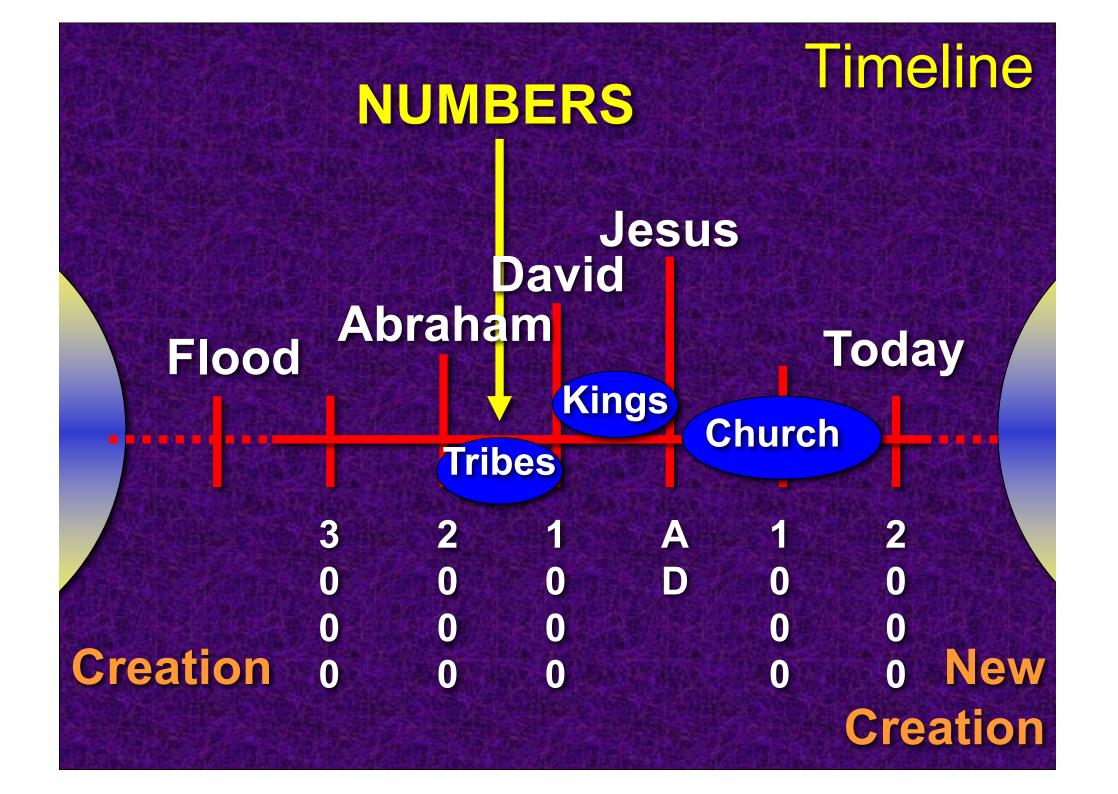
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# **Flow of Numbers**

God's guidance and provision
Rebellion
Wandering







## Which is the Most Accurate?

#### Salvation by...

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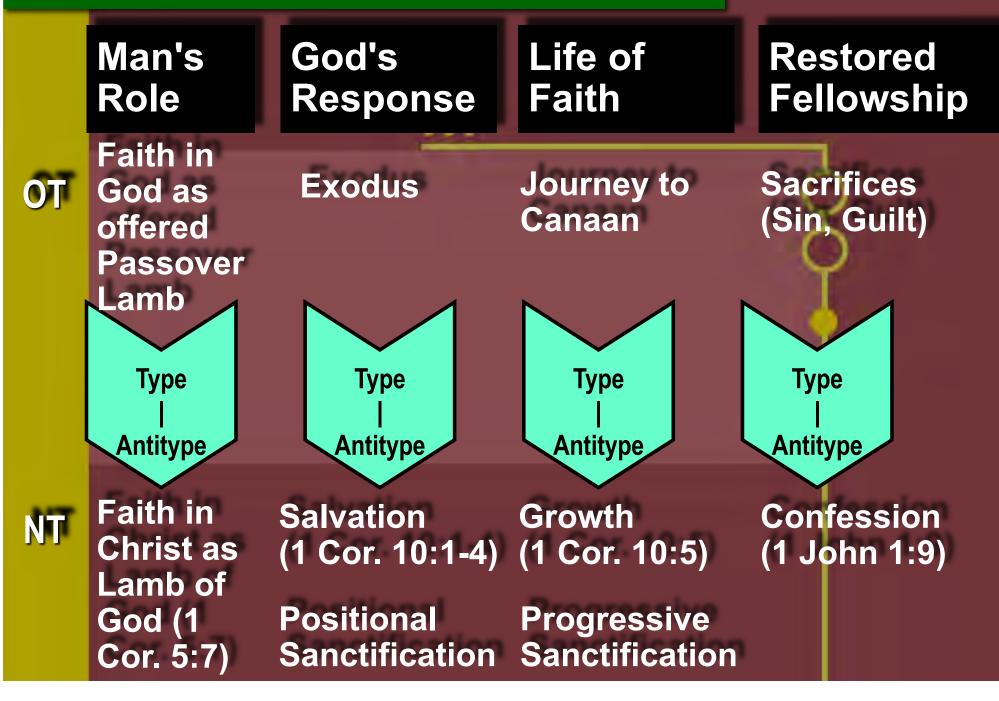
• Which verses in the Bible support your answer?

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cf. OTS 119e

## **Salvation & Sanctification**

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## **OT Forgiveness of Sin**

Pipe = Relationship with God (never changing)

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Sin

Sacrifices = Confession of Sin (sin forgiven to restore fellowship but relationship was never threatened)

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## **NT Forgiveness of Sin**

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Sin

**Pipe** "If we confess our sins, (nev He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9 NAU)

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Christ's Sacrifice = The Basis for Confession of Sin (sin is forgiven to restore fellowship but relationship has never been never threatened)

## Title

- Numbers is named from two censuses of Israel about 38 years apart.
  - The 1st census was of the Exodus generation at Mount Sinai (ch. 1)
  - The 2nd was of the new generation in Moab that was born in the wilderness & later conquered Canaan (ch. 26).
- The Hebrew title is "And He Said," taken from the 1st word of the book (וַיְרַבְּר).
- However, Jewish writings generally refer to the writing as "In the Wilderness," derived from the 5th word of 1:1 (קַבָּרָבָר).

## Authorship

#### External Evidence

Ancient Jewish, Samaritan, and Christian testimony uniformly claims that Moses authored Numbers.

#### **Internal Evidence**

**"The LORD spoke to** Moses" occurs more than 80 times, the 1st being in 1:1. "Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD" (33:2; cf. 36:13). **The book also has a** consistency of style characteristic of a single author.

## Circumstances

#### Date

 Mosaic authorship places the writing in his lifetime (1525-1405 BC).

The tabernacle was set up exactly one year after the Exodus (Exod. 40:17) and the Book of Numbers picks up the story one month later (Num. 1:1).

Therefore, the time covered by Numbers begins one year after the Exodus (in 1444 BC) & covers the 38 year and 9 month (Num. 10:11; Deut. 1:3) wilderness wandering until just before the conquest of Canaan (beginning ca. 1405 BC).

 Moses probably kept a journal of the wanderings and compiled them shortly before his death in ca. 1405 BC.

## Circumstances

#### **Recipients**

Moses did not enter Canaan so the first readers were the Jews in the wilderness.

#### **Occasion**

- The nation had left Egypt, built the tabernacle (Exodus), and been taught holy living (Leviticus).
- But God knew that Israel was not ready (cf. Exod. 13:17) without additional preparation, so He organized the people for conquest (1:1–10:10).
- Sadly, their unbelief prevented them from entering Canaan (10:11-25:18).

## Argument

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

God <u>prepared</u> Israel to walk with Him in a covenant relationship (1:1–10:10). God is faithful to His covenants, so He <u>prepared</u> a new generation to enter the land (Num 26–36).

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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.

#### **Synthesis**

Preparation to possess the land (God's faithfulness vs. Israel's faithlessness)

1:1–10:10 Preparing the old generation

10:11-25:18

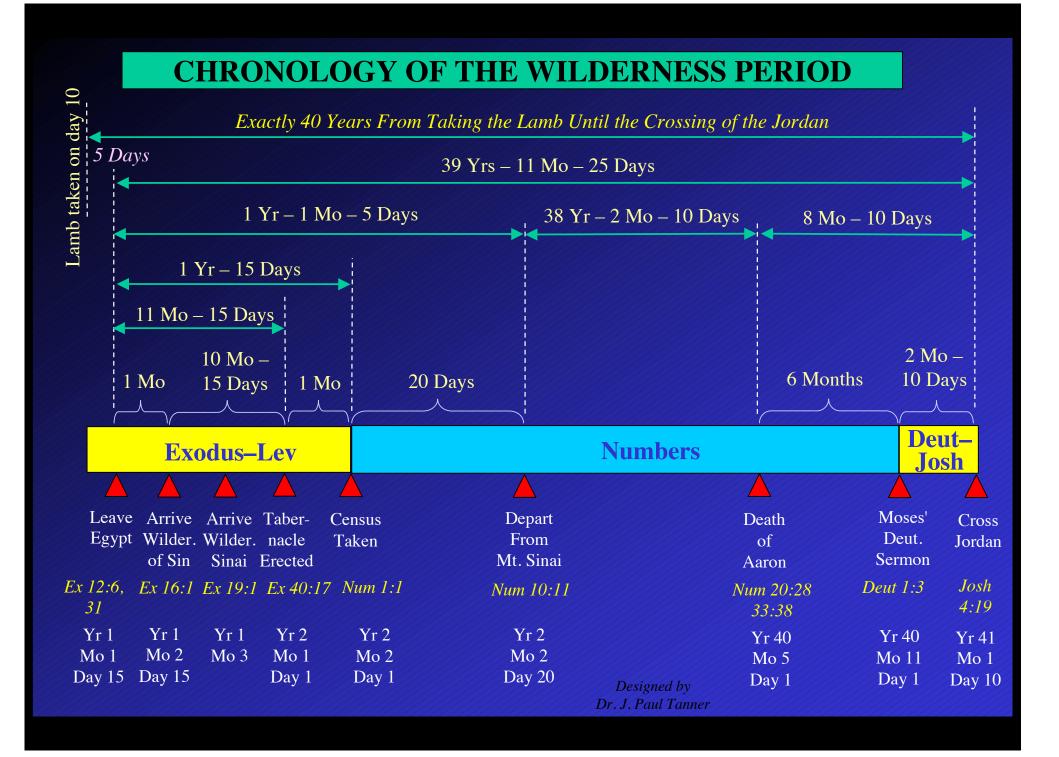
Postponement for unbelief

26–36 Preparing the new generation

### Outline

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- I. (1:1–10:10) God prepares the camp of the old generation to enter Canaan as an orderly and sanctified nation to teach Israel His faithfulness to His Abrahamic Covenant (20 days at Mount Sinai).
- II. (10:11–25:18) God judges unbelief in the old generation by forbidding entrance into the land to rid the nation of the rebellious while still faithfully leading it to Canaan (38 years, 3 months, 10 days in the wilderness).
- III. (Chs. 26–36) God prepares the believing new generation to enter Canaan through a reorganization, sanctification by reviewing the offerings and vows, and definition of the boundaries of Canaan (5 months on the plains of Moab).



**NUMBERS** 

#### Israel's Rebellion In The Wilderness

**Preparation For** Disobedience And Unbelief of Preparation of The New The Journey Generation To Enter The Land The Exodus Generation God From Final Cultic Priestly The Census & Provision The From Defeat Anticipation Precautions Sinai To Unbelief Organiza-Concerns For The Directs Balaam Prepara-Matters of of the To Keep Zin tion of the The Camp Tabernacle His Kadesh At То Oracles tions Midian Conquest Kadesh People Tribes Holy Moab Regulation for Inheritance by Marriage Levites Numbered for Redemp. First Cross Jordan on 10th Day, 1st Mo., 41st Yr. (cf. Josh 4:19) Yahweh's Leading by Cloud / Fire Instruction for Possessing the Land From Camp Inheritance for the Eastern Tribes Dedication Offerings for Tabern. God's Clarification for Passover  $\bigstar$ Numbering the New Generation Presentation of Levites to Lord Levites Numbered for Service Levites Separated for Service Provision of Cities of Refuge Suppl. 16. The Sin Census of Israel's Warrior God Iribes Sacrifices of Feast Days Zelophehad's Daughter Reaffirms Appointment of Joshua That Laws Regarding Vows Record of the Journeys Removal of Unclean ] The Trumpet Signals The Law of Jealousy His Kept the Nazirite Dedication **Restitution for Sin** Regular Sacrifices Covenant Them Arrangement of From and Love Lampstand For Israel The Promised Land! 15:1-19:22 22:1-25:18 26:1-27:23 28:1-30:16 31:1-54 1:1-4:49 7:1-8:26 9:1-10:10 10:11-12:1613:1-14:45 20 - 2132:1-36:13 5:1-6:27 AT SINAI TO KADESH IN WILDERNESS IN THE PLAINS OF MOAB 20 Days 28; Few Months Nearly 38 Yrs. Less Than 6 Months Num 10:11 Ś Num 20 33:38 Deut 1:3, Num 1:1 38 Yrs – 2 Months – 10 Days Appr. 38 Years – 9 Months 8 Months - 10 Days

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# **Boy Scouts**



# Be Prepared

# How would you prepare for a Hurricane?

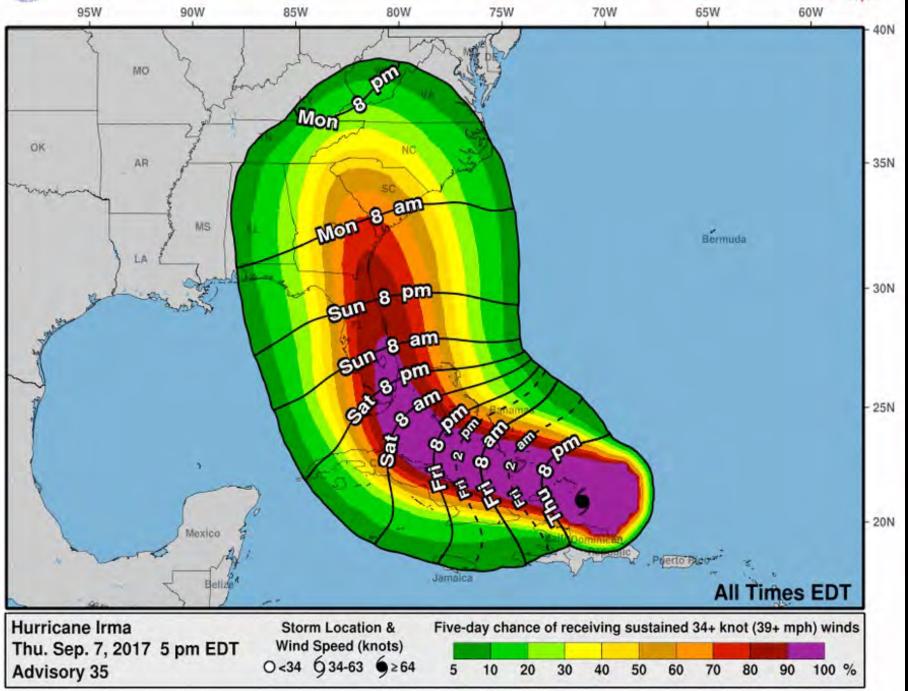






#### Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds









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

## **Be Prepared**



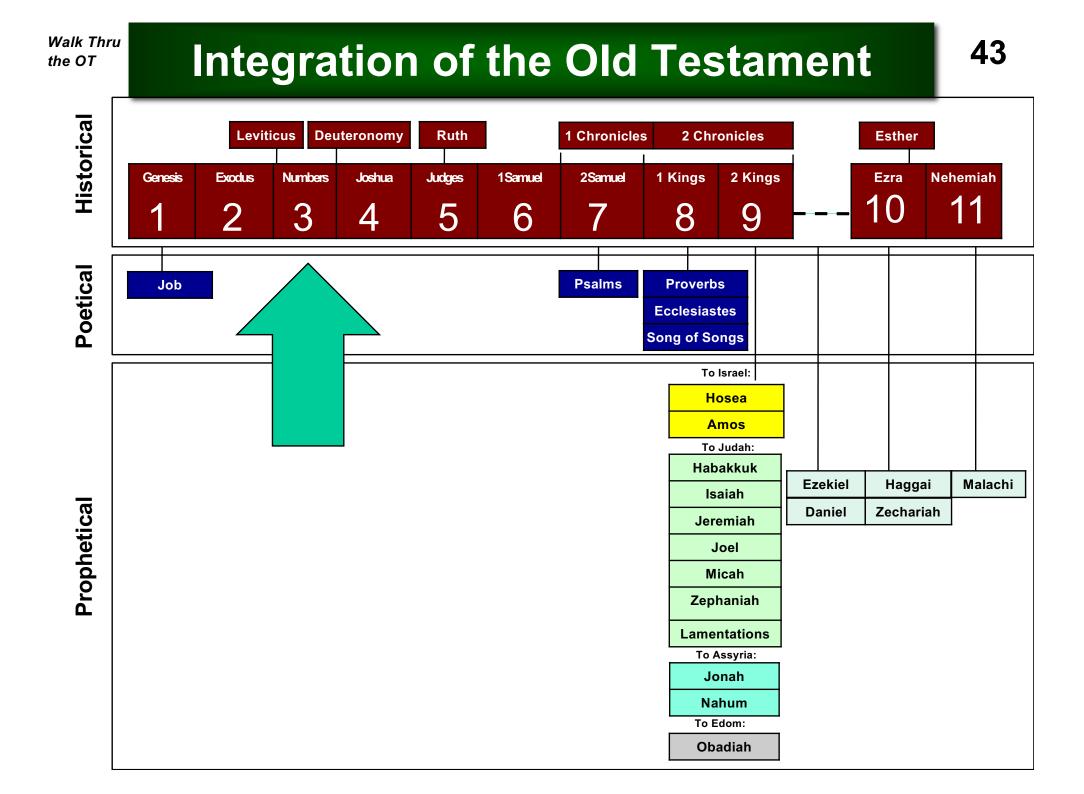
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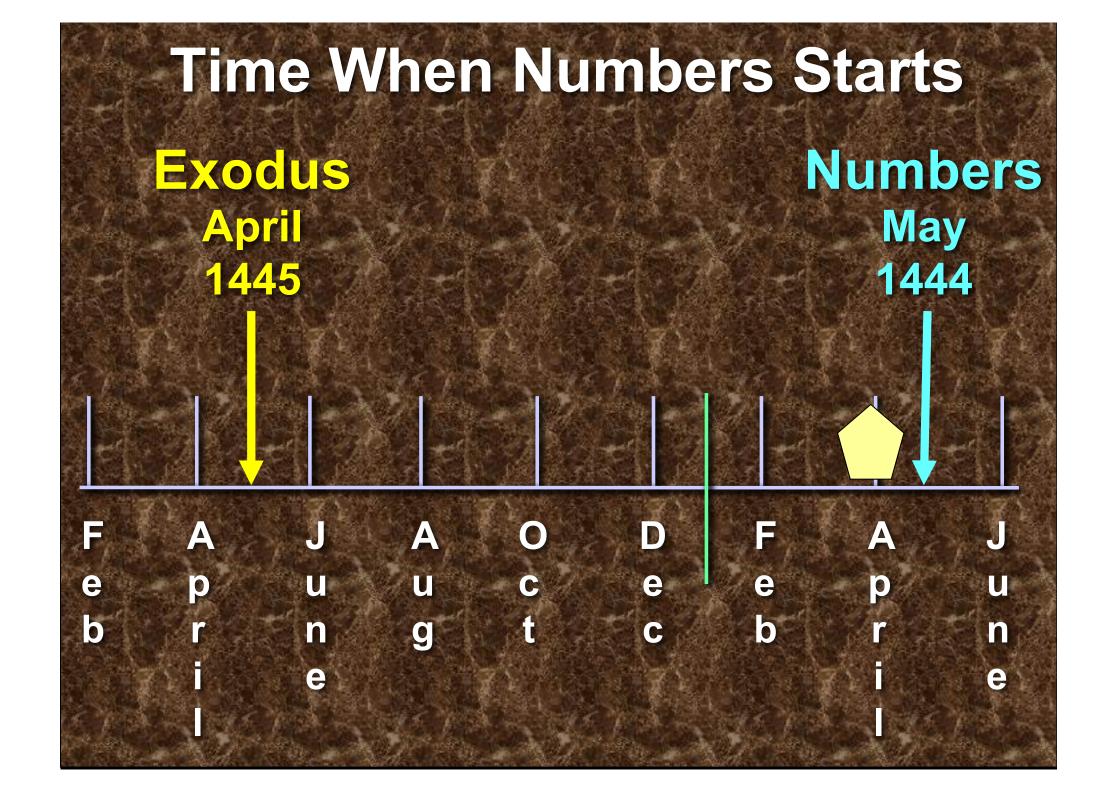


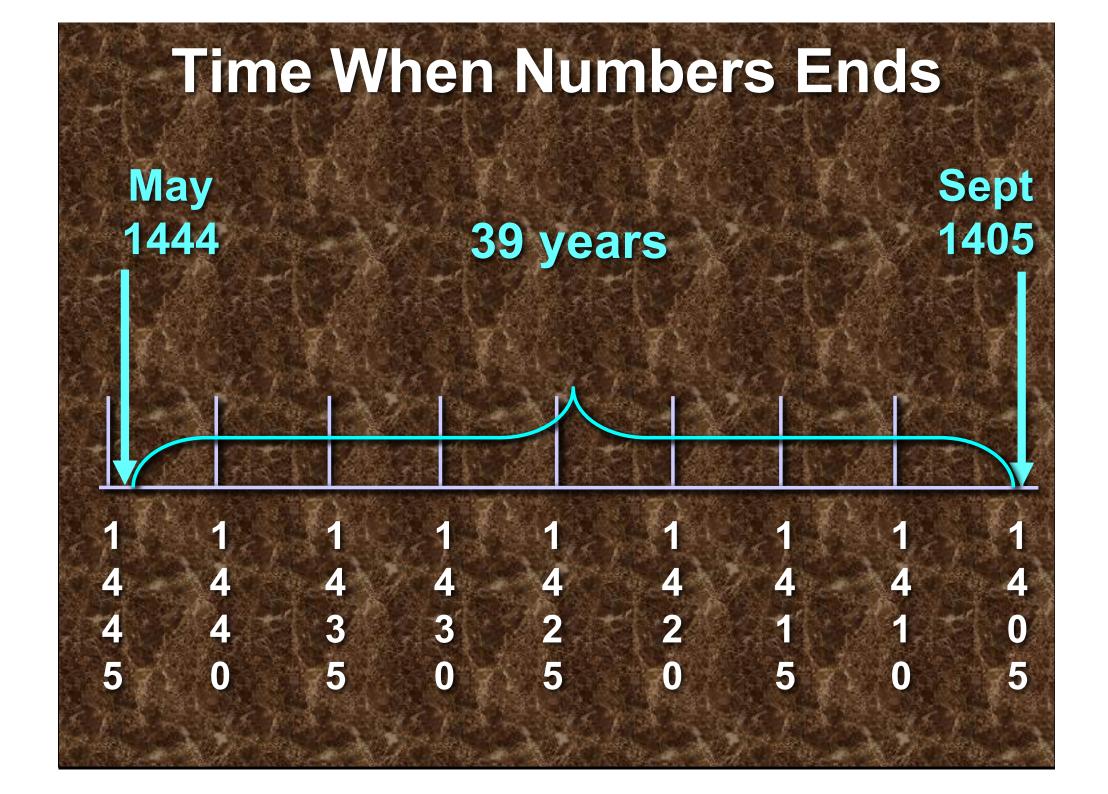
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### **Geographical Start of Numbers**

**Midian** 

• Elim

#### **Desert of Sin**

Rephidim

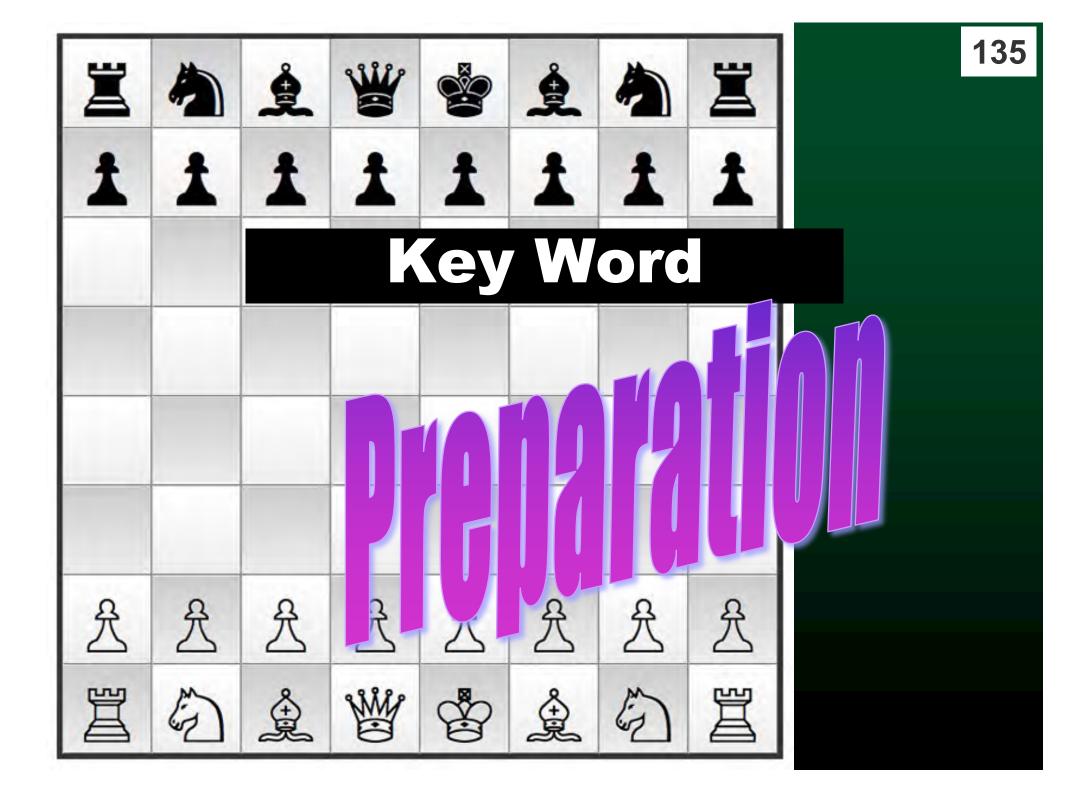
Mt. Sinai

# Moab Geographical **End of Numbers** Mt. Hor Kadeshbarnea Mt. Sinai

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# Water from a Rock

#### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

#### **1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. <sup>2</sup>In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. <sup>3</sup>All of them ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.

### 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

**Formation Sanctification Preparation Occupation** 

#### Salvation Instruction

Walk

Rest

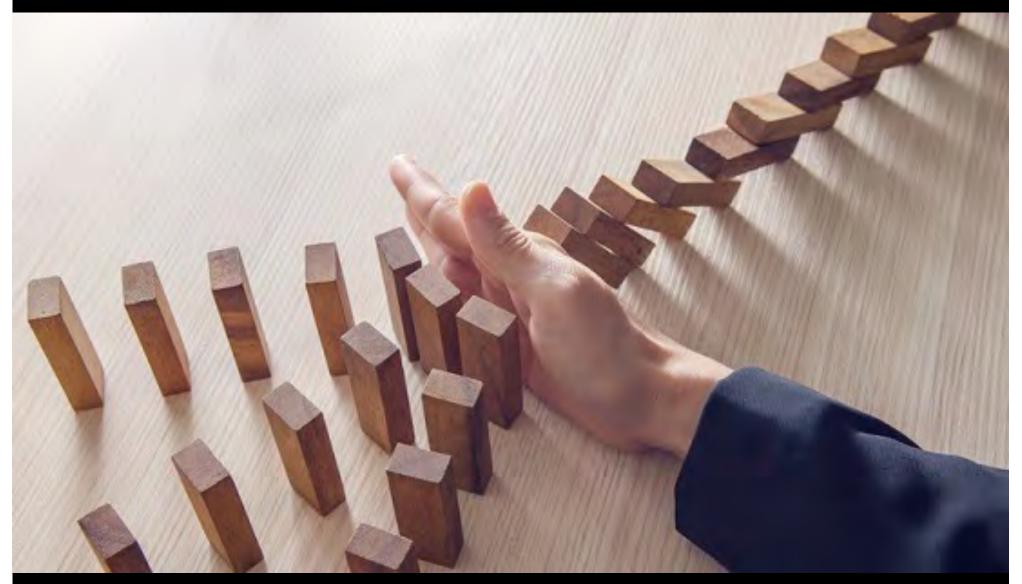
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#### Numbers 1:1–10:10

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#### **Population Changes in the Wilderness**

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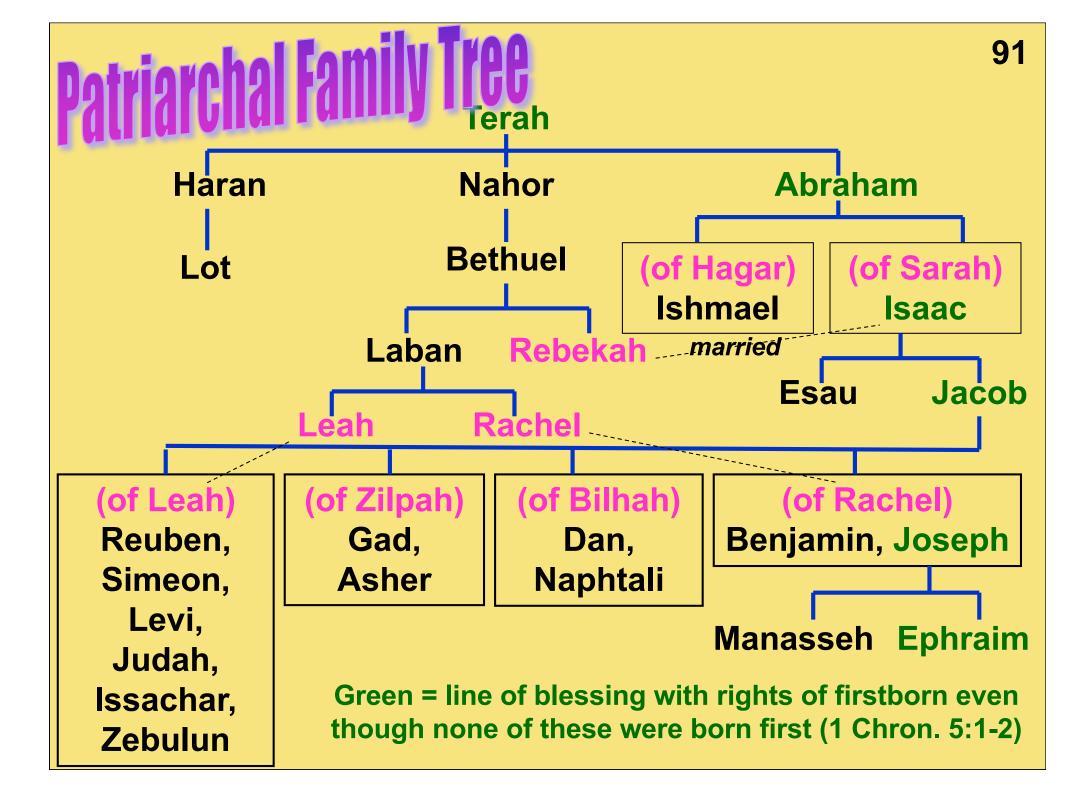
Tribe	Num. 1 (1444 BC) Start of Wanderings	Num. 26 (1406 BC) End of Wanderings	Increase (Decrease)
Reuben	46,500	43,730	(2,770)
Simeon	59,300	22,200	(37,100)
Gad	45,650	40,500	(5,150)
Judah	74,600	76,500	1,900
Isaachar	54,400	64,300	9,900
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	3,100
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	(8,000)
Manasseh	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

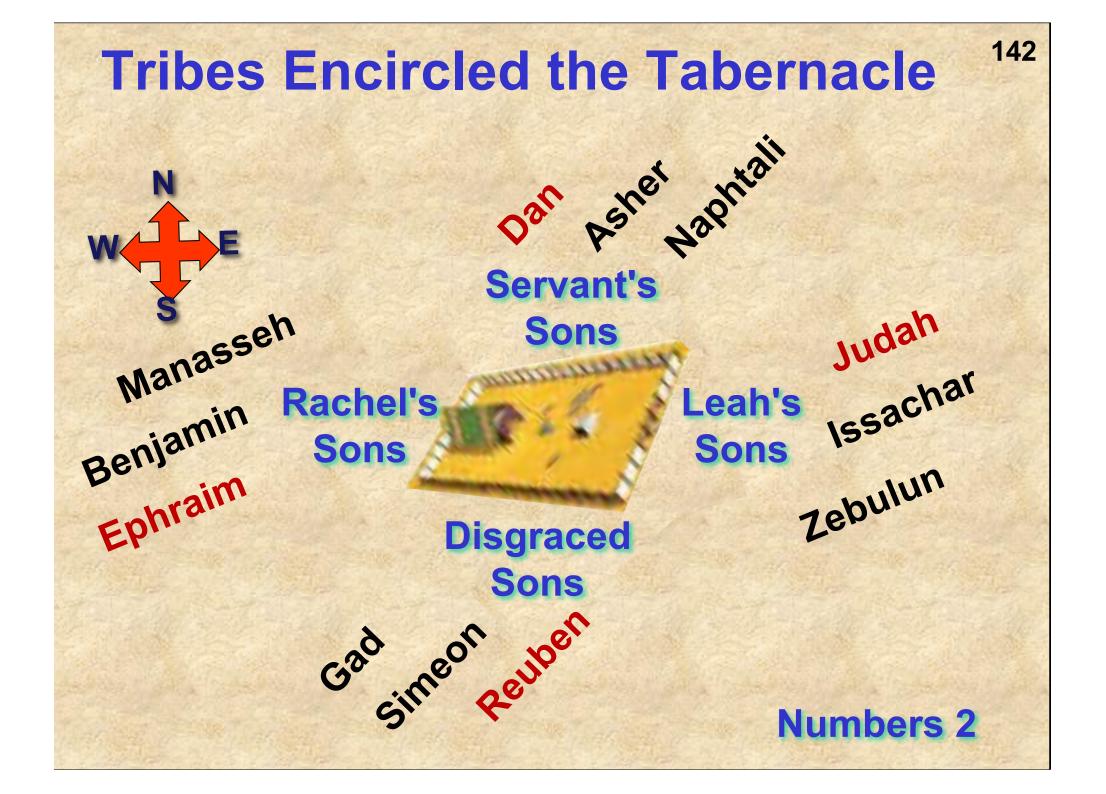
#### Numbers 2 versus 2 Samuel 24

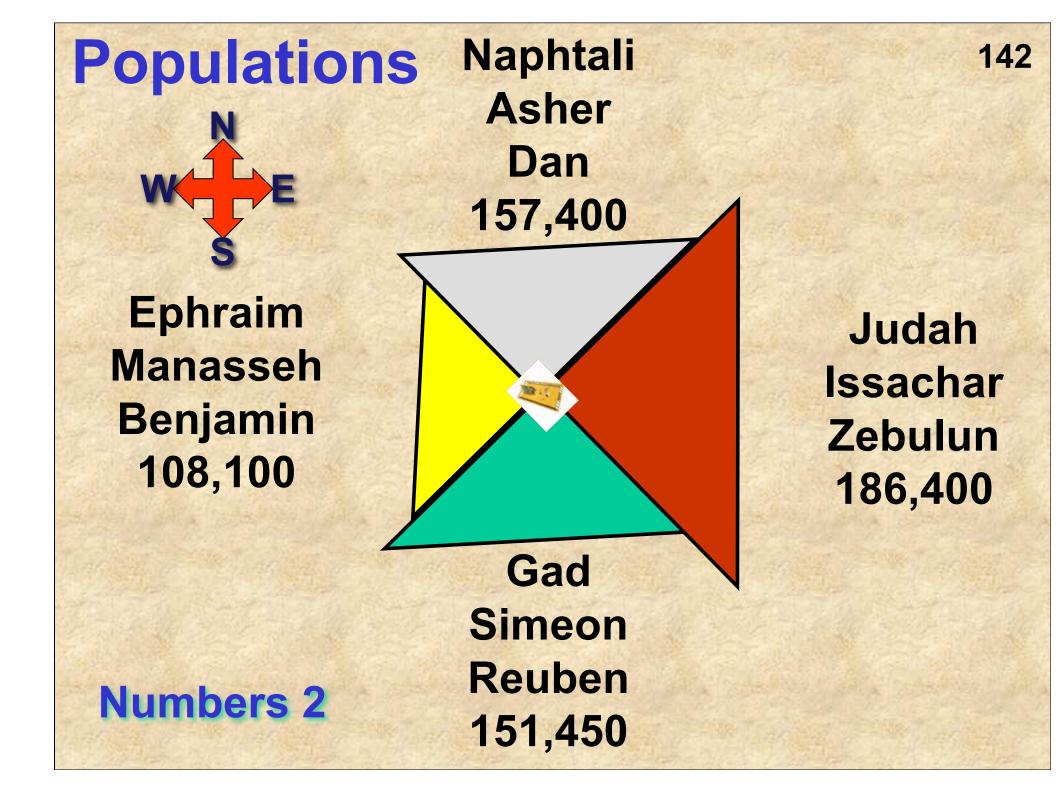
Why was this census OK while the census years later under David brought God's judgment?

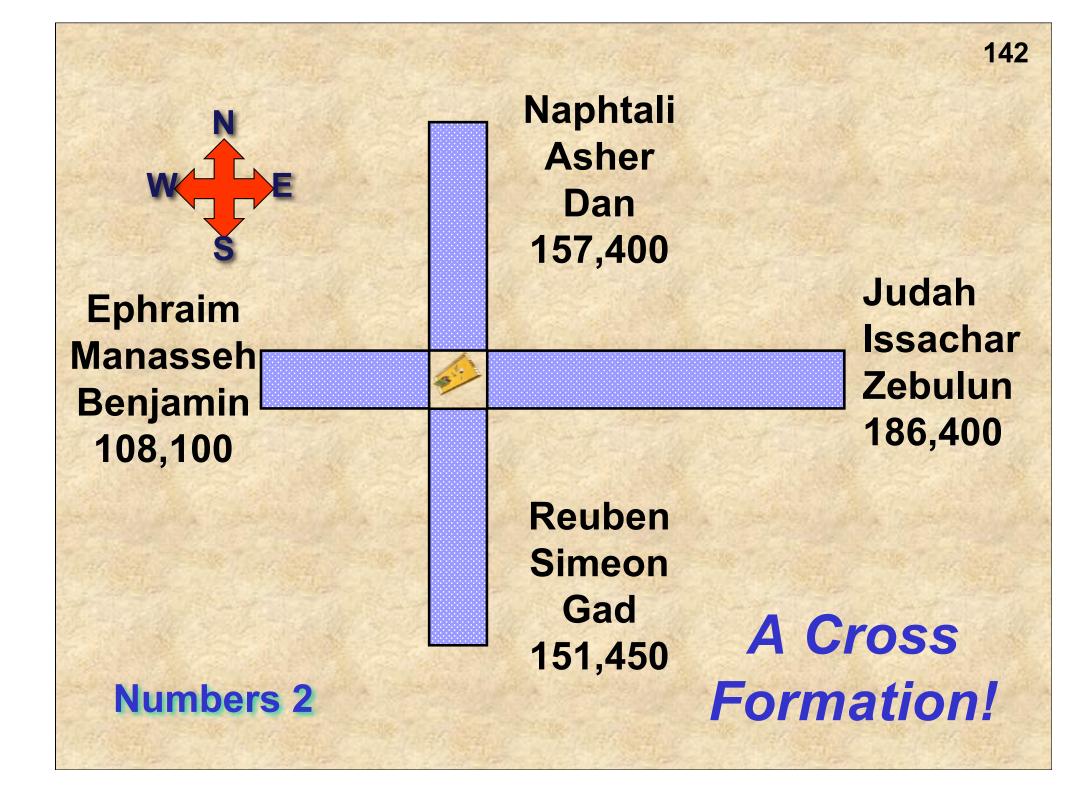
## Where did Israel fit 2 million people?

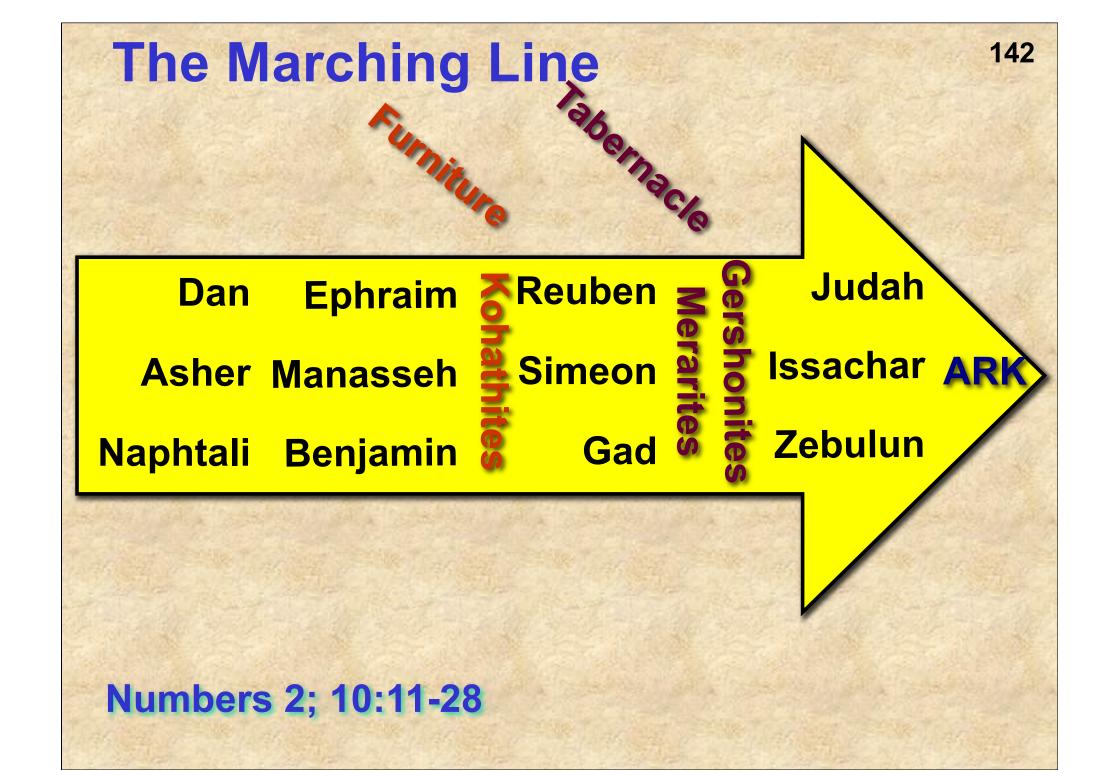
Mt. Sinai had the Plain of Rafah to the north which was large enough for all Israel to camp.

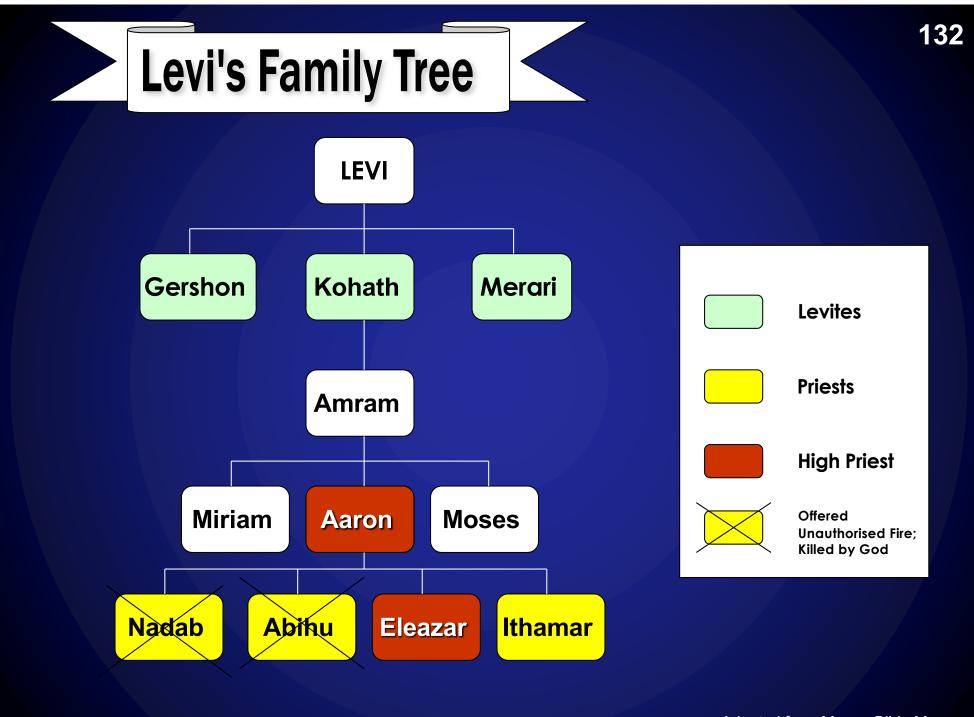




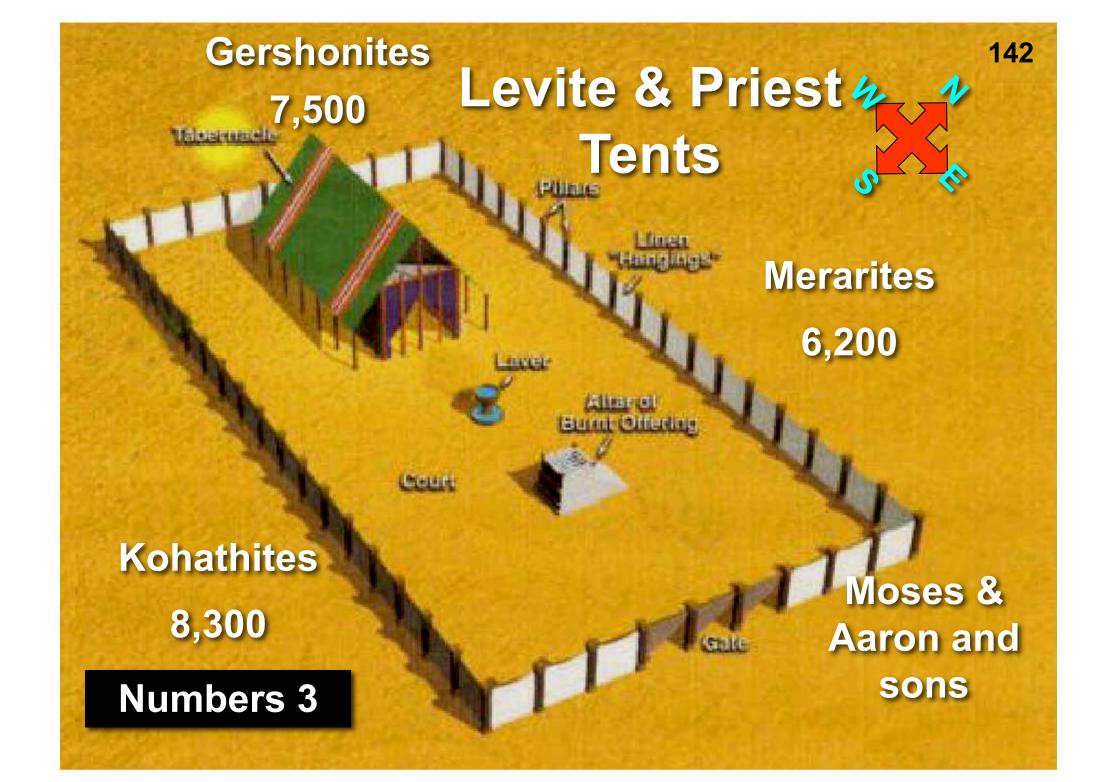


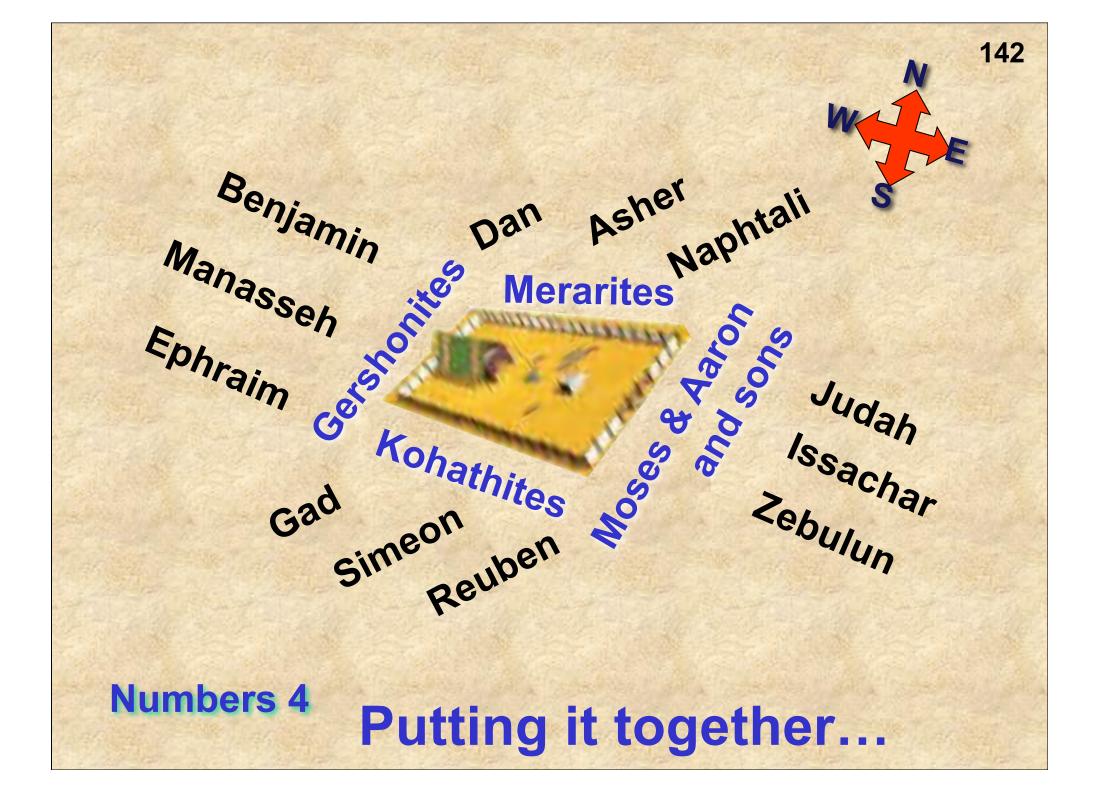


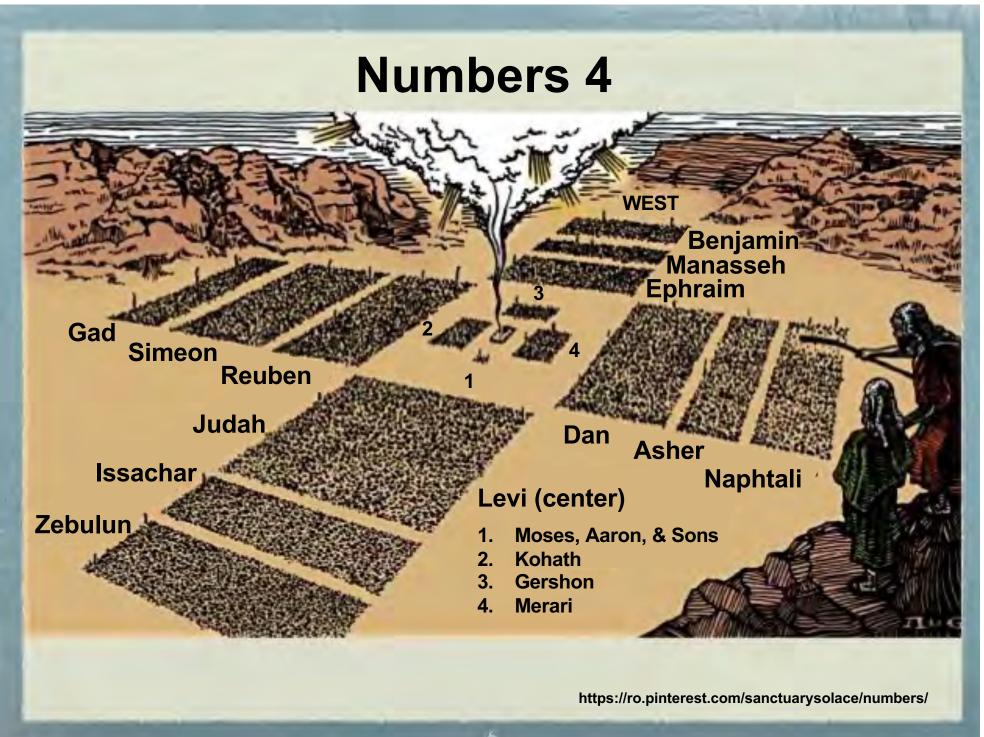




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A woman suspected of adultery had to drink holy water with dust to protect marital faithfulness.

## Most scholars see the punishment for marital unfaithfulness as miscarriage or sterility.



#### **Book of Numbers—versus—the Ancient Near East**

The "bitter water" only endangered the guilty party

She was innocent until proven guilty

The penalty was the outcome of the ritual itself The agent (water, poison, etc.) was dangerous to the guilty and innocent alike

She had to survive what was inherently harmful guilty until proven innocent

Her penalty was normally pronounced separately by the court.

Michael A. Grisanti, "The Book of Numbers," in The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2011), 238.

### "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Give the following instructions to the people of Israel.

<sup>2</sup>"If any of the people, either men or women, take the special vow of a Nazirite, setting themselves apart to the Lord in a special way, <sup>3</sup>they must give up wine and other alcoholic drinks. They must not use vinegar made from wine or from other alcoholic drinks, they must not drink fresh grape juice, and they must not eat grapes or raisins"" (Num 6:1-3 NLT).

"As long as they are bound by their Nazirite vow, they are not allowed to eat or drink anything that comes from a grapevine—not even the grape seeds or skins" (Num 6:4 NLT).

"They must never cut their hair throughout the time of their vow, for they are holy and set apart to the LORD. Until the time of their vow has been fulfilled, they must let their hair grow long. <sup>6</sup>And they must not go near a dead body during the entire period of their vow to the LORD'" (Num 6:5-6 NLT).

# The LORD Bless you

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

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them." (Numbers 6:22-27

## #8 Silver Scroll Amulet

Ketef Hinnom, near Jerusalem
650-400 BC
Earliest inscription of a biblical text

## Numbers 7:12

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

142 Dan Asher 70 77 72 Naphtali Benjamin Manasseh Ephraim 9 1 ' Judah Issachar Zebulun 7 2 Gad 5 Gad 5 Simeon 7 Reuben Reuben 3 **Numbers 7 Offerings order...** 

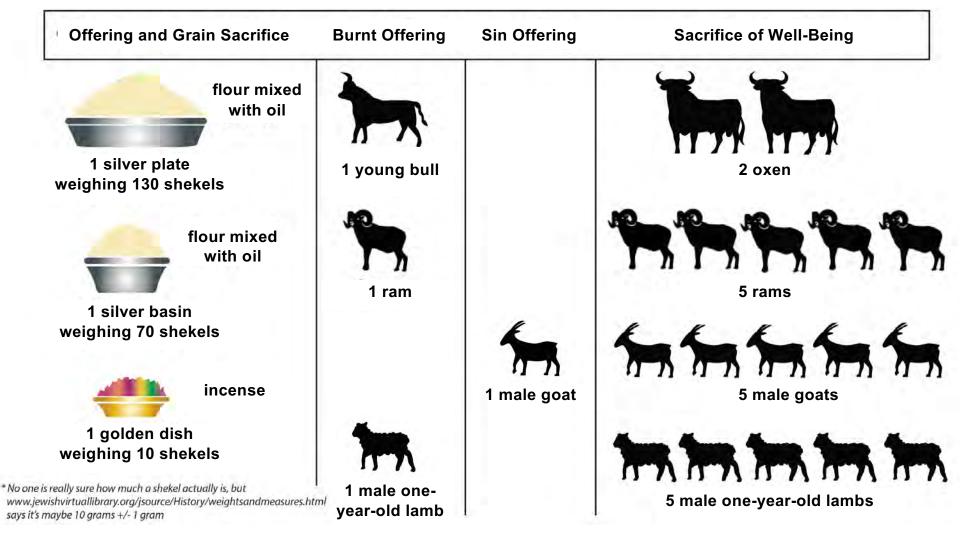
### **Altar Offerings in Numbers 7**



1 ark 12 oxen 6 carts

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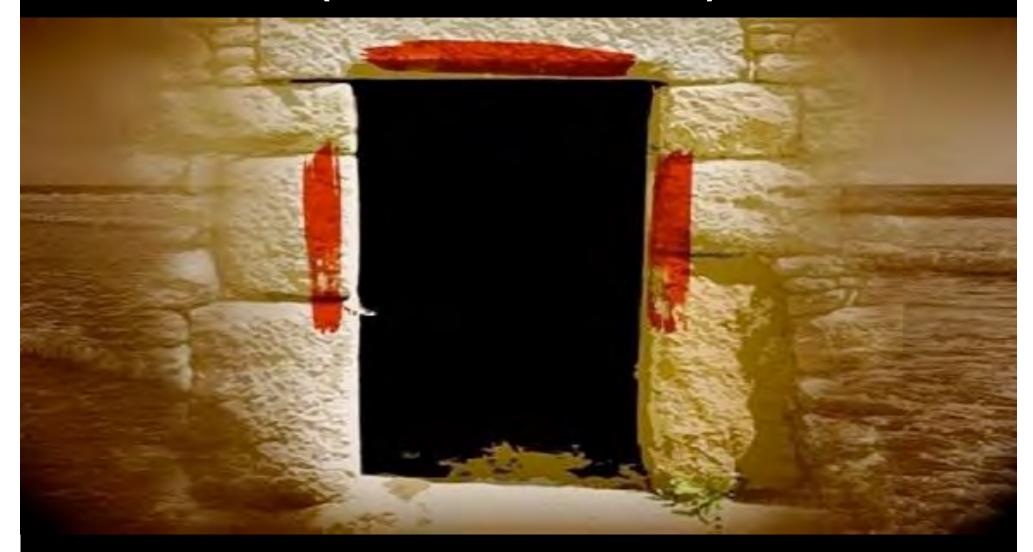
<u>Numbers 7:11</u> The LORD said to Moses, "They shall present their offerings, one leader each day, to dedicate the altar." <u>Numbers 7:12-88</u> Each leader presents the exact same offering as the others, showing equality and unity in the tribes. For 12 days in a row, one leader presents at the tabernacle altar the following identical gifts for his tribe:



### The Lampstand Set Up (Num 8:2 NLT)

"Give Aaron the following instructions: When you set up the seven lamps in the lampstand, place them so their light shines forward in front of the lampstand."

## First Passover Remembrance (Numbers 9:1-14)



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

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# IS THIS YOU?



### Be organized.



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

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

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

### <u>1 Cor. 10:13 (NLT)</u>

<sup>13</sup>The 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.

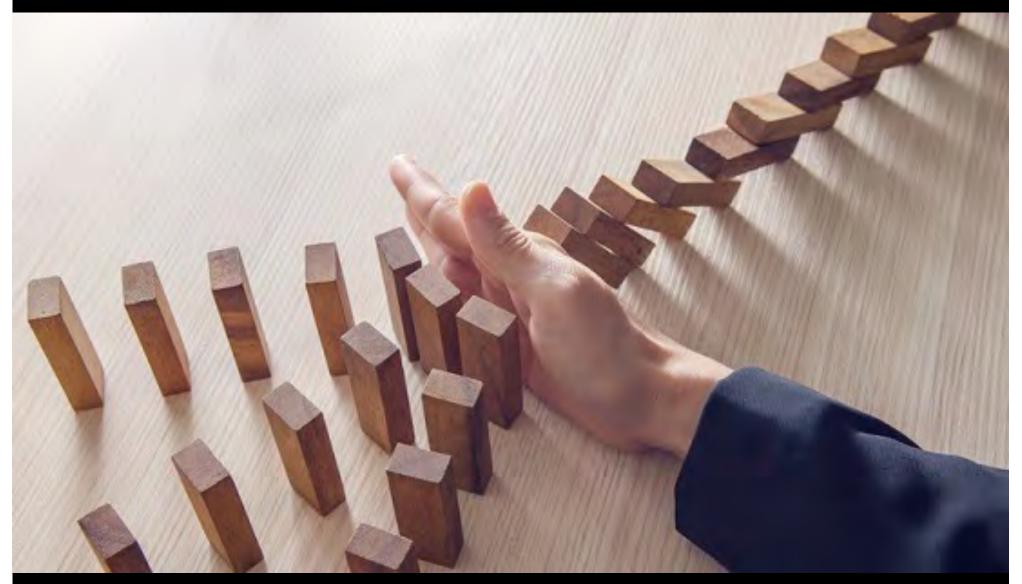
### I can do EVERYTHING through him who gives me STRENGTH

### **Philippians 4:13**

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#### Numbers 1:1–10:10

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

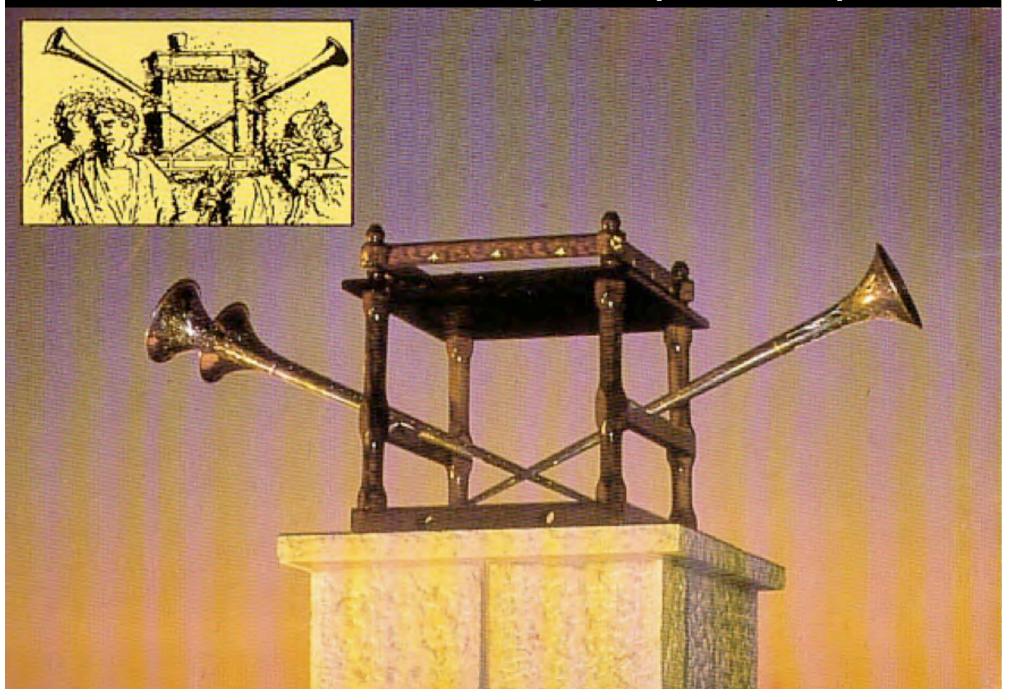
### Plan For Disaster Now

Numbers 10:11-25:18

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### The Silver Trumpets (10:1-10)



### The Silver Trumpets (Num 10:1-10)



### Numbers 1–12, 33 Map

#### • Zoan • Rameses Kadesh-barnea

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Desert of Sin
Rephidim Mt. Sinai

### Route of the Journey

### Some Don't Leave Sinai

St. Catherine's monastery has housed Greek monks at the foot of Mt. Sinai since the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD

### **The Codex Sinaiticus**



Constantin Tischendorf, 1815-74.

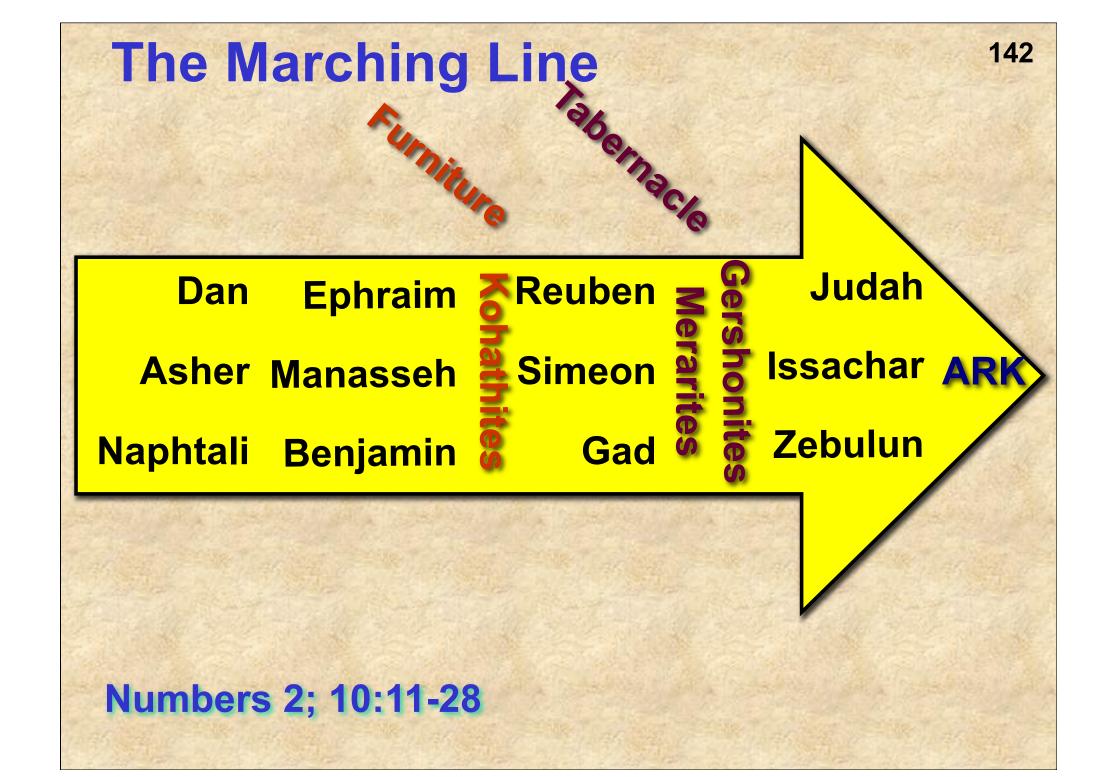
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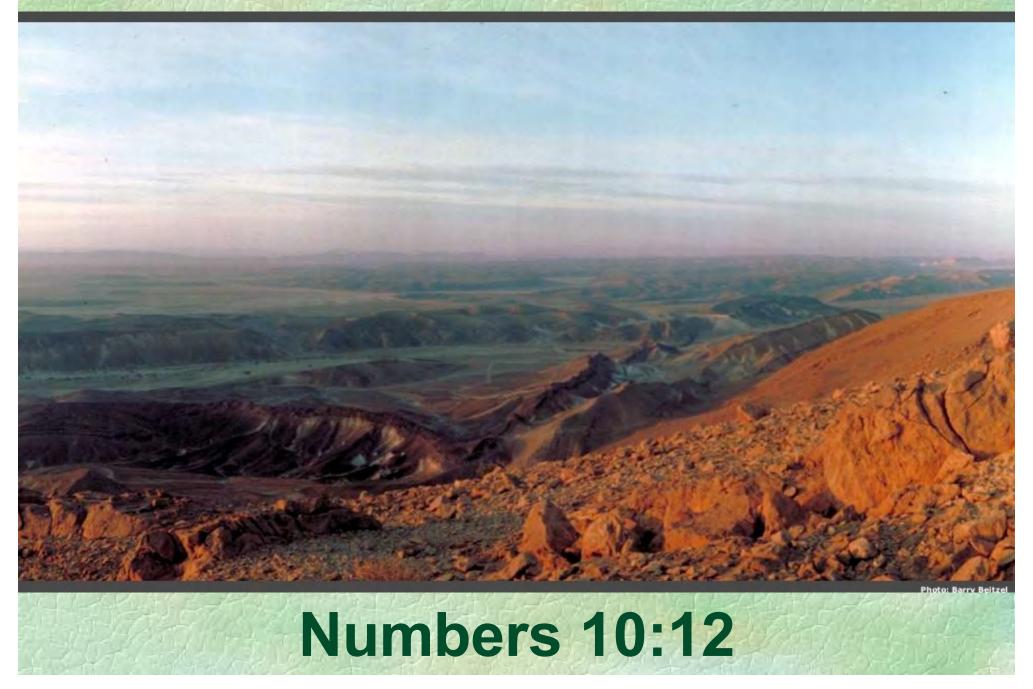


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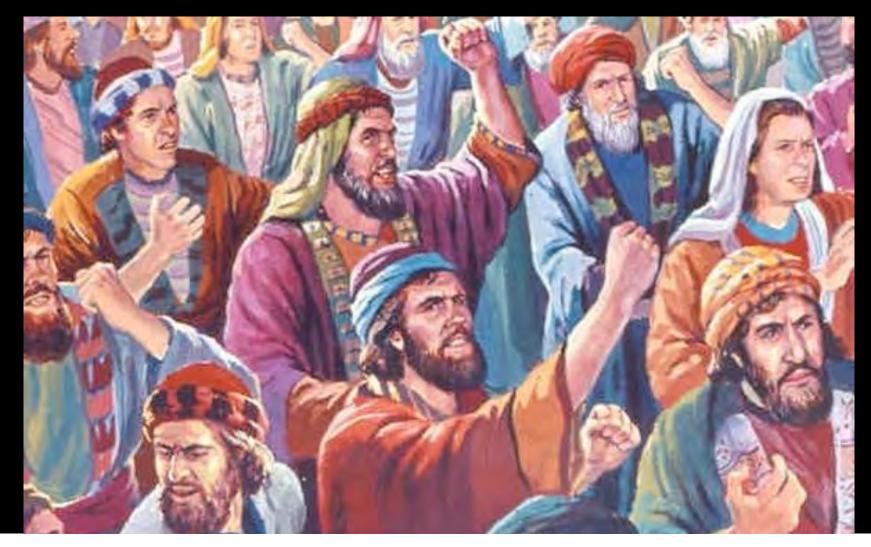


### **The Wilderness of Paran**



### **Complaining!**

"Soon the people began to complain about their hardship, and the LORD heard everything they said" (Num 11:1a NLT).



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

### Fire!



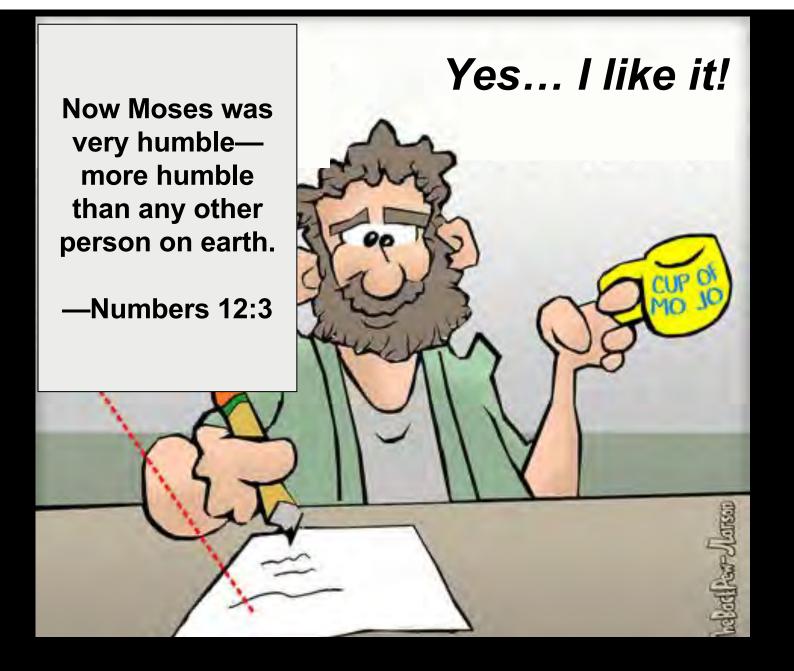
#### Were the Exodus Jews Saved?

What evidence may support some of them being unsaved?

What supports them being regenerated?

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After writing best sellers Genesis, Exodus, & Leviticus, Moses's confidence was obvious as he penned the book of Numbers.

### **Unlikely Statements**

Numbers 12:3 has an interesting parenthesis:

"(Now Moses was very humble more humble than any other person on earth.)"

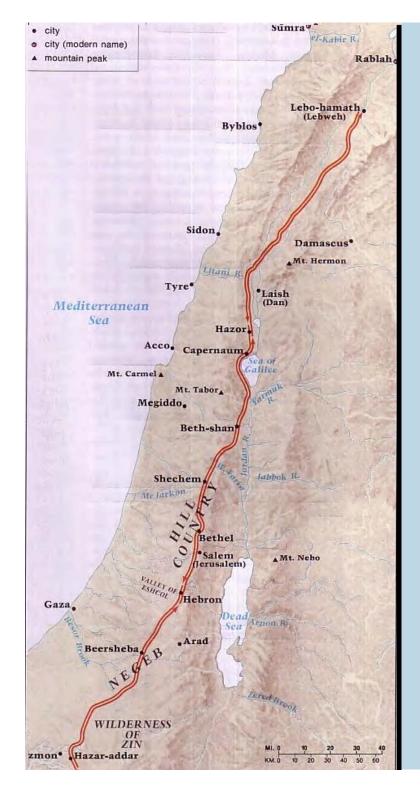
#### How would you explain this as written by Moses?

This seems to be an addition since for Moses to say it would be self-contradictory.

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





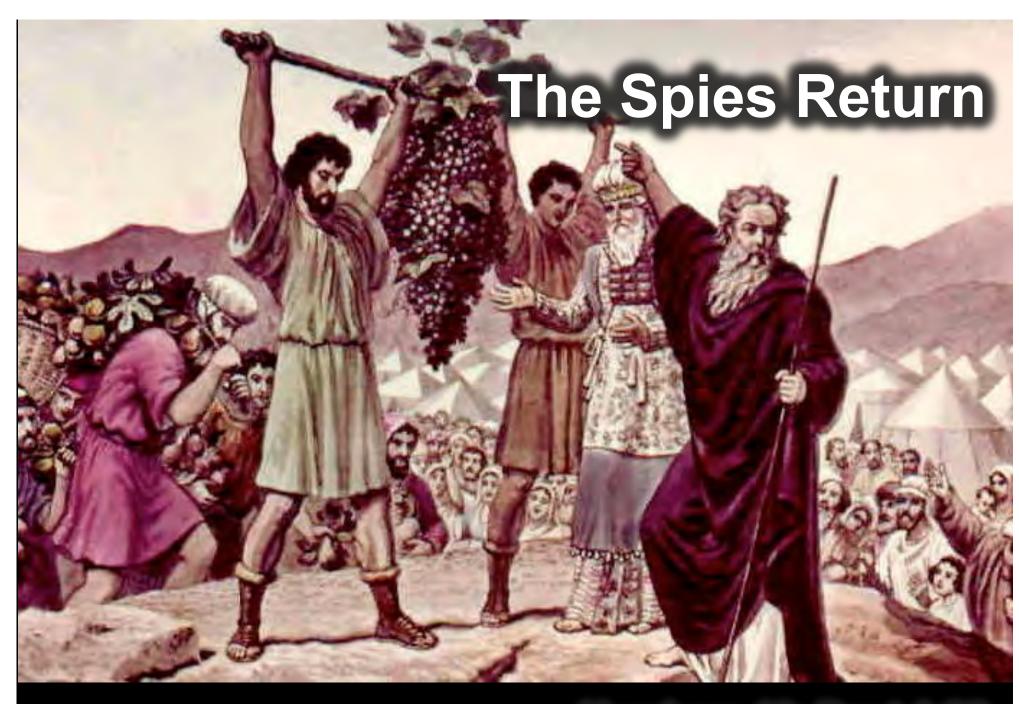


# Journey of the Spies

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Numbers 13:21-24 Deuteronomy 1:22-25

Barry Beitzel, The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 93



#### Numbers 13; Deut 1:25

# **G ood iants rasshoppers**

### The Majority Report

#### Numbers 13:26-33; Deut 1:26-28

### The Minority Report

#### Numbers 13:26-33 ; Deut 1:29-31



### **Key Verses**

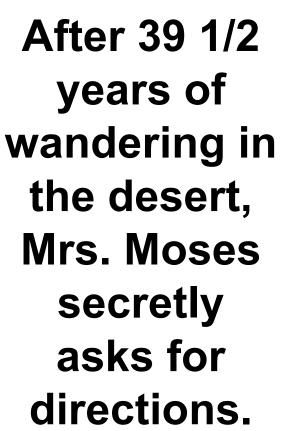
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**Discipline**—"Not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me these ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers..." (God to Israel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

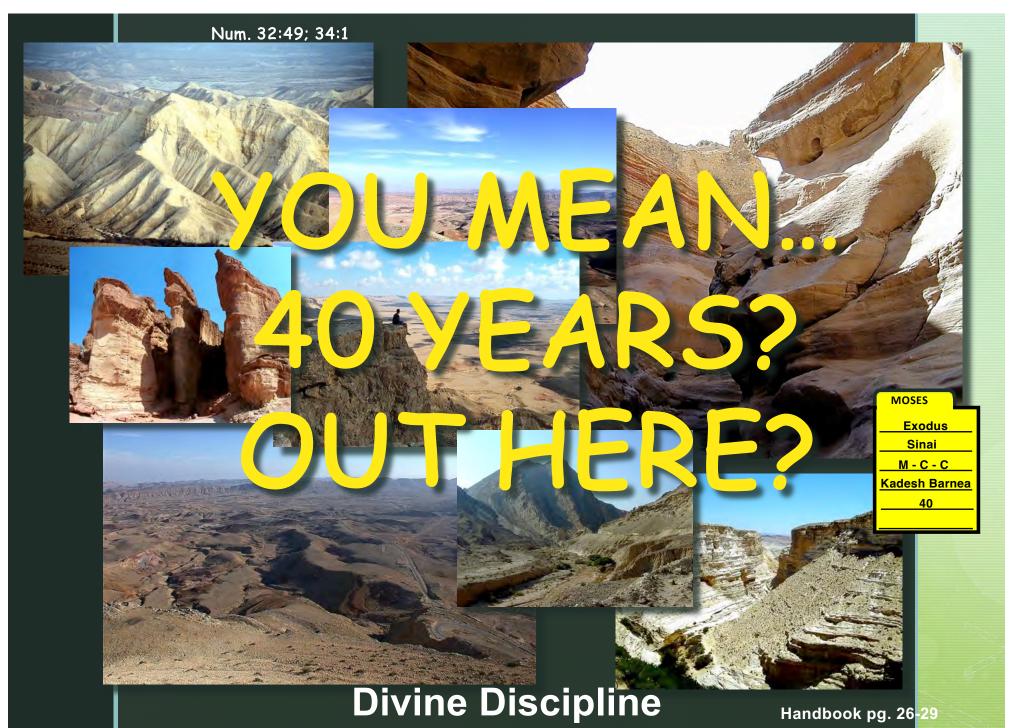




# Wilderness of Zin







#### The Age of Accountability

At what age does God hold us accountable for our actions, including belief in Jesus?

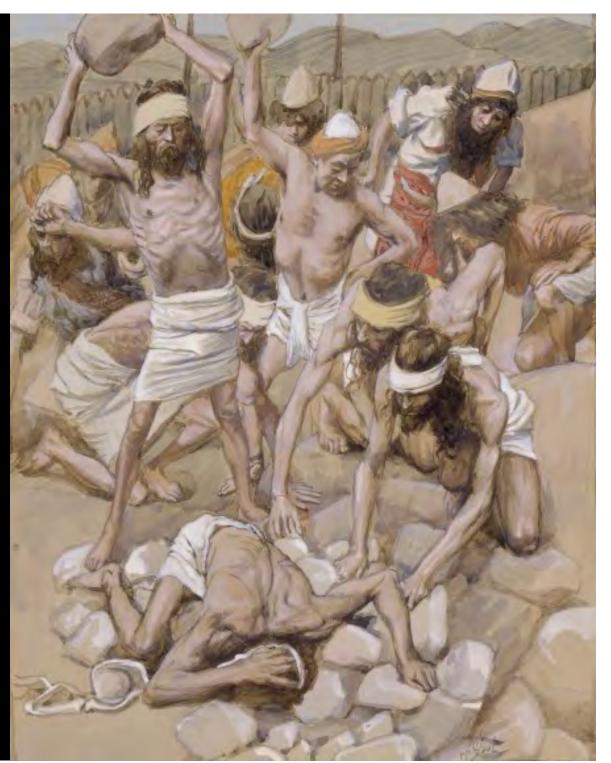
## **OT Discipline**



# 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** 





- 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.

- 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.

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.

Joseph Dillow, Final Destiny, 56

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.

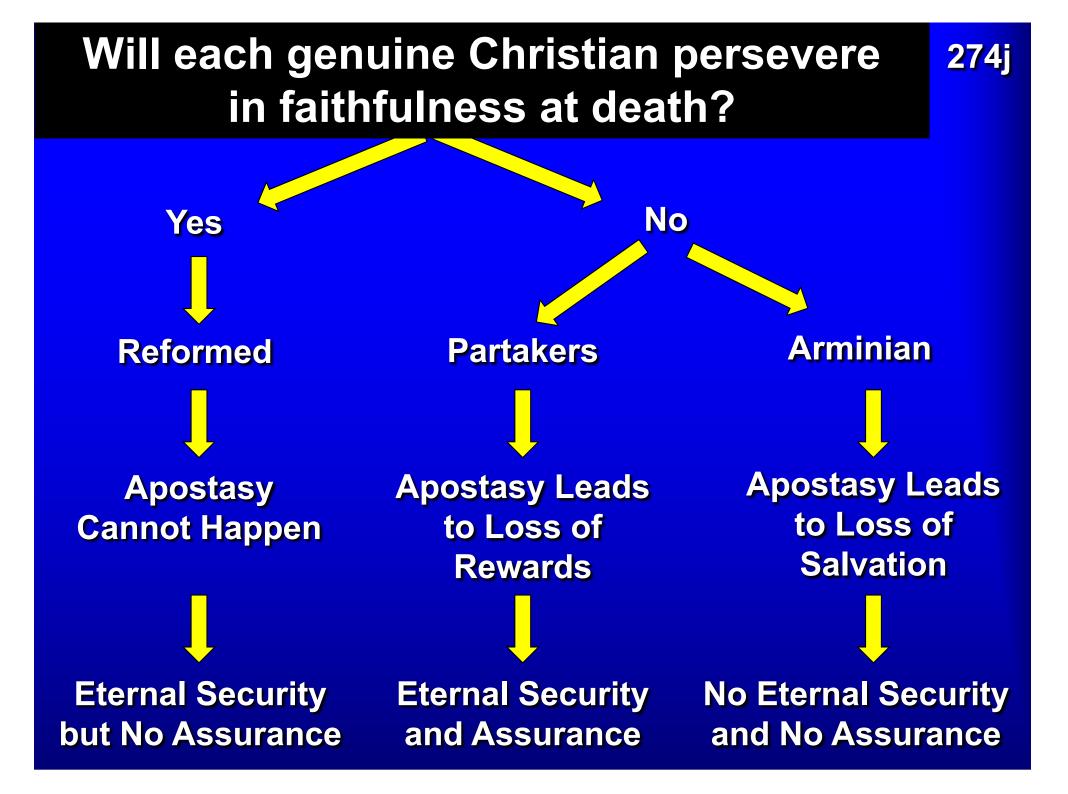


#### **Two Types of Inheritance**

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







### Numbers

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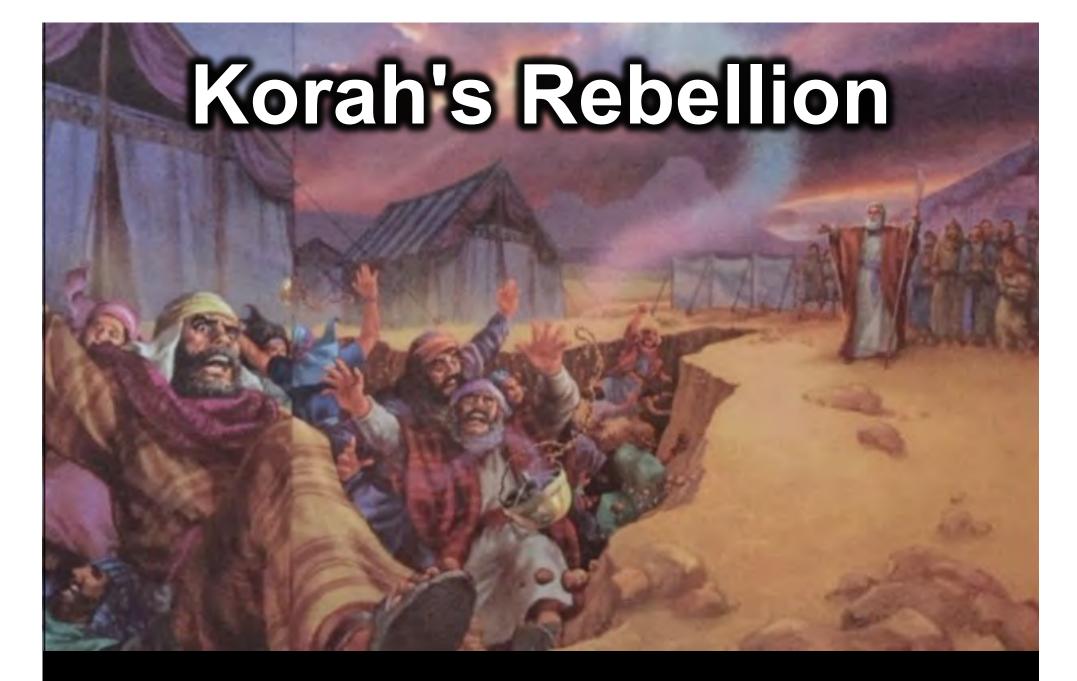
#### Kadesh Decisions Today

Which believer have you known who made a pivotal decision to reject Jesus?

How did that person disbelieve?

What did God do in response?





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

Why it took Moses 40 years to lead his people out of the wilderness



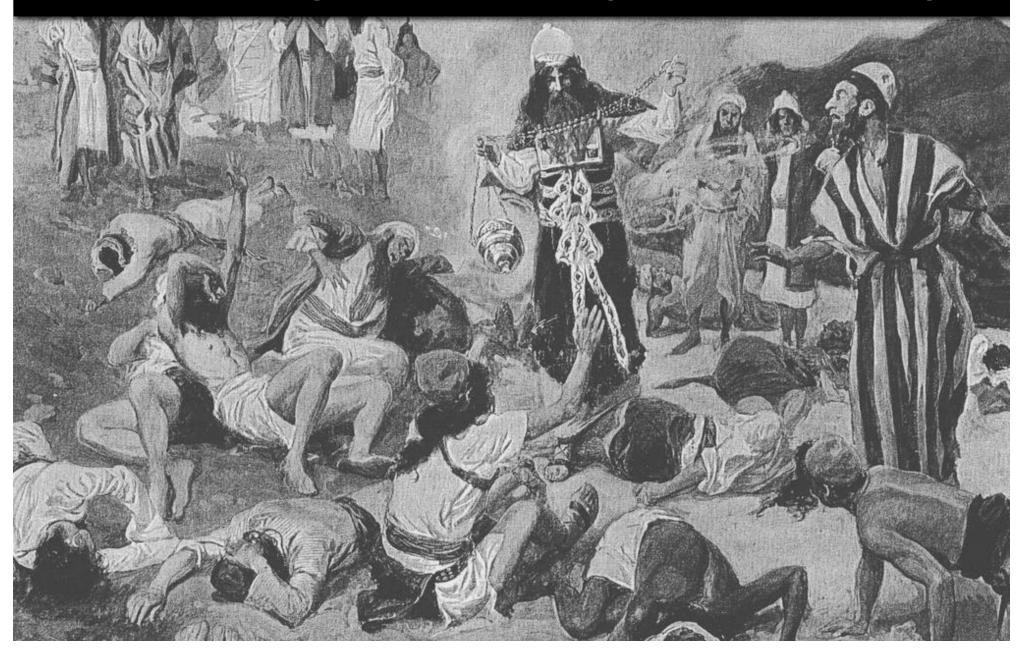
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SCRIPTURE	ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT	MOSES' RESPONSE	GOD'S RESPONSE
Exod. 14:11	Pharaoh's army	Encouraged Israel to trust God	Delivered Israel
Exod. 15:24	Bitter water	Cried out to God	"Healed" the water
Exod. 16:2	Lack of food	Rebuked Israel	Supplied manna
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

#### "He stood between the dead and the living, and the plague stopped" (Num 16:48 NLT).



"Tell the people of Israel to bring you twelve wooden staffs, one from each leader of Israel's ancestral tribes, and inscribe each leader's name on his staff" (Num 17:2 NLT).



"When he went into the Tabernacle of the Covenant the next day, he found that Aaron's staff, representing the tribe of Levi, had sprouted, budded, blossomed, and produced ripe almonds!" (Num 17:8 NLT).



"And the LORD said to Moses: 'Place Aaron's staff permanently before the Ark of the Covenant to serve as a warning to rebels. This should put an end to their complaints against me and prevent any further deaths.' <sup>11</sup> So Moses did as the LORD commanded him" (Num 17:10-11 NLT).



### 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>28</sup>A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

### 1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

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

# **Duties of Priests**



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

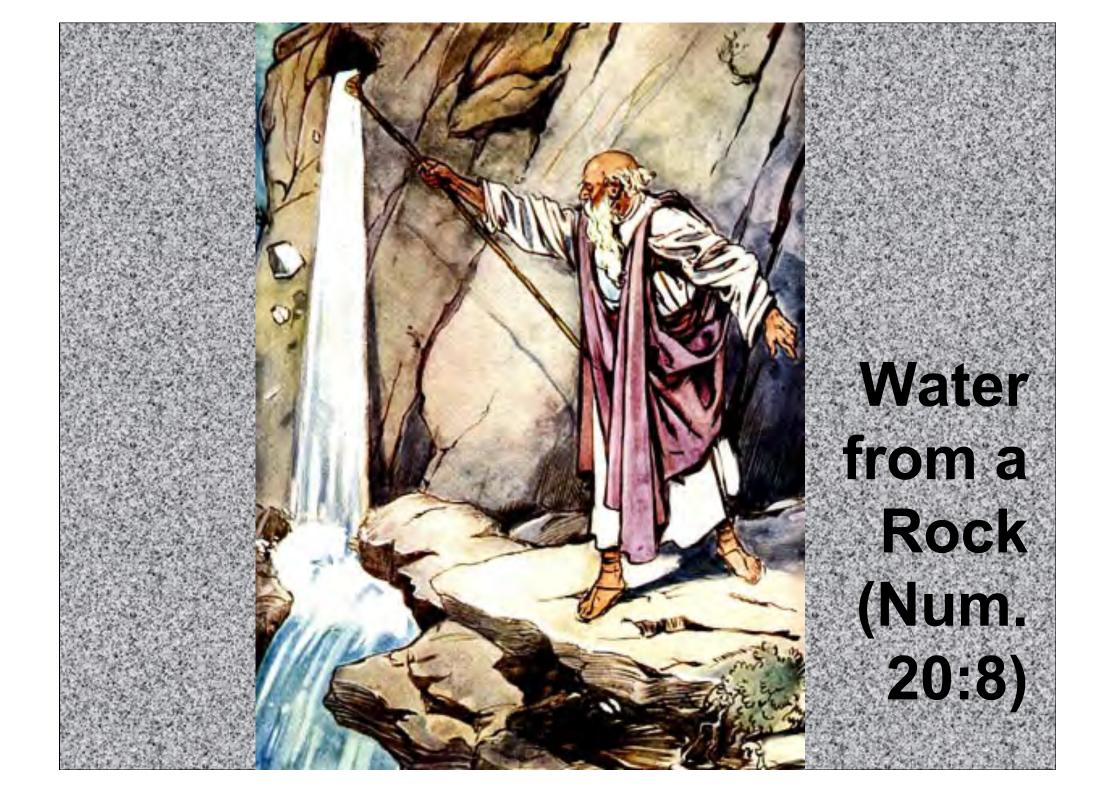
## The Red Heffer

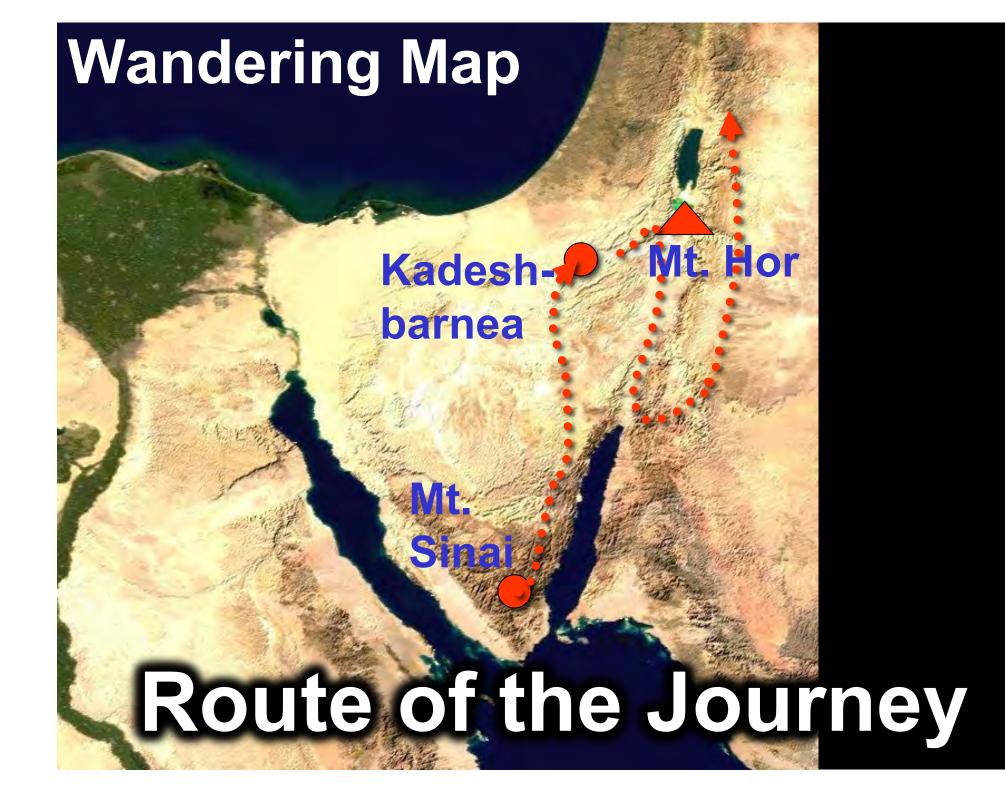
### Holy cow!

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#### **More Complaining**

#### Kadesh- Mt. Hor barnea

"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, <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>7</sup>Then 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**



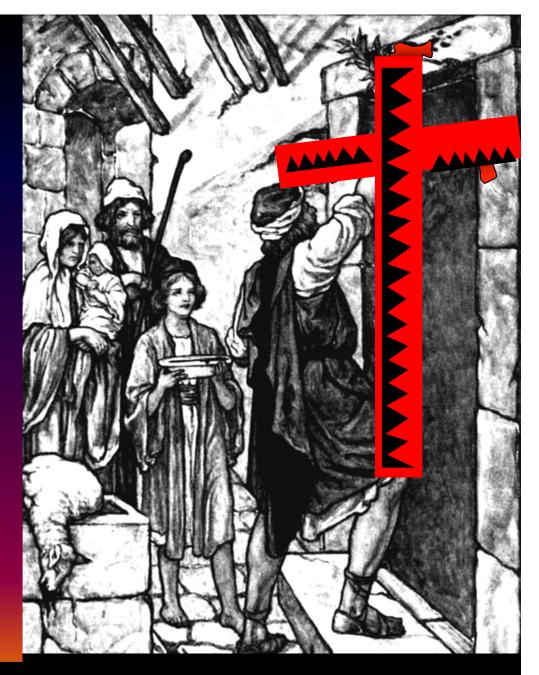
#### World Health Organization

## The Bronze Serpent

#### American Medical Association

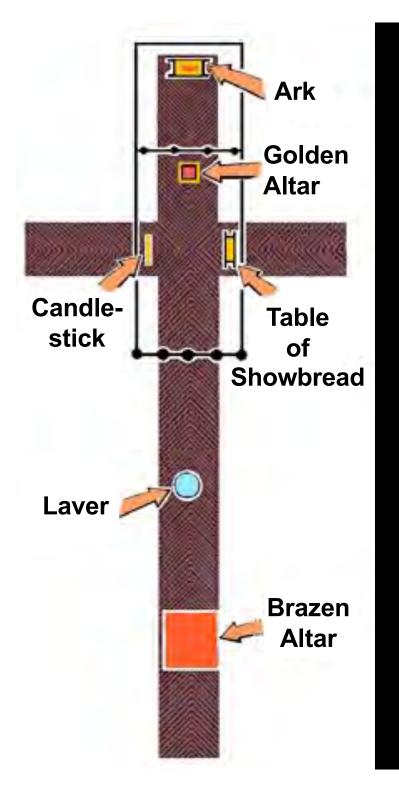
#### **Numbers 21:8-9**

"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 *"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."* 

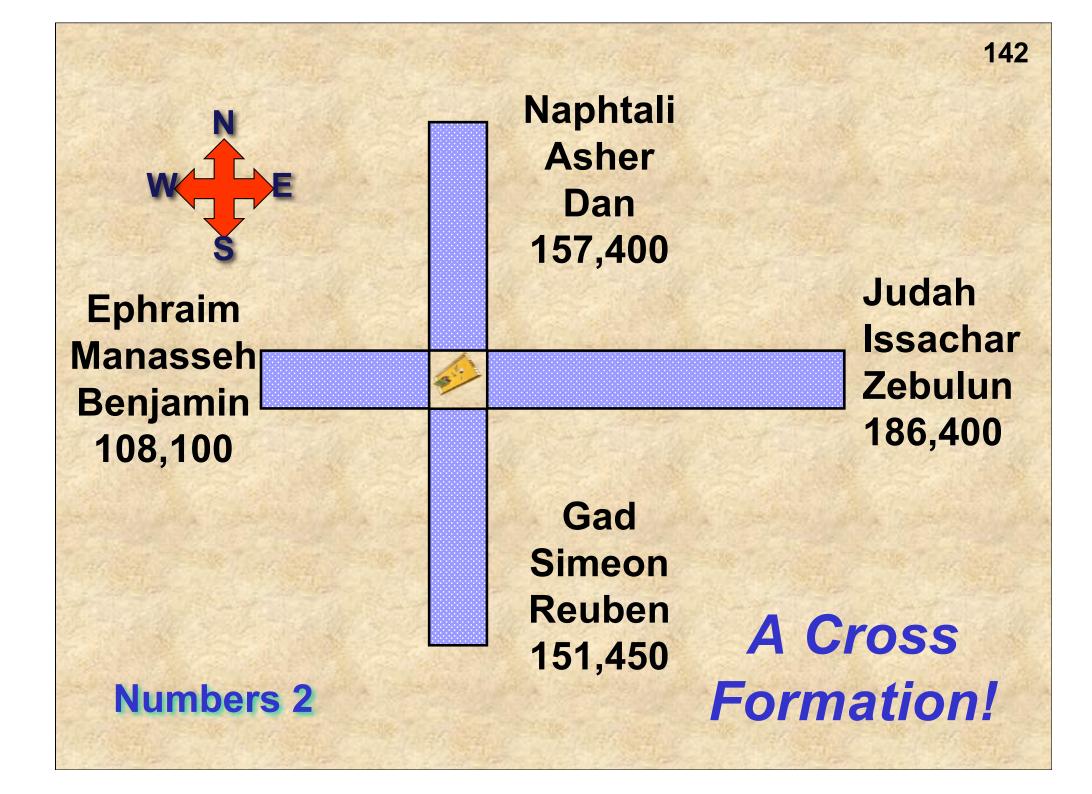


#### 1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

#### **The Cross Pictured**



# The Tabernacle prefigured the Cross



#### **Transjordan Rivers**

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#### **Looking North**

#### The Arnon Gorge separated Moab from northern nations

Arnon River

**Looking South** 

Edom Neighboring nati

Moab

## Nahal Arnon (Arnon River)



North

#### South

Moabite

An arial view from the west above the Dead Sea Kingdon of Og Jabbok River Ammon Kingdom of Sihon

**Edrei** 

Arnon River

Moab

Edom

**Transiordan Events** 

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Ammon

#### The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) <sup>140</sup>

#### Balak King of Moab

#### Balaam Pagan Prophet



#### Balak hires the pagan prophet Balaam to curse Israel

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

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Am/non

Kingdom of Og Ammon Kingdom of Sihon Jahaz

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#### **Transiordan Events**

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35)
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#### **The Balaam Narrative**



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

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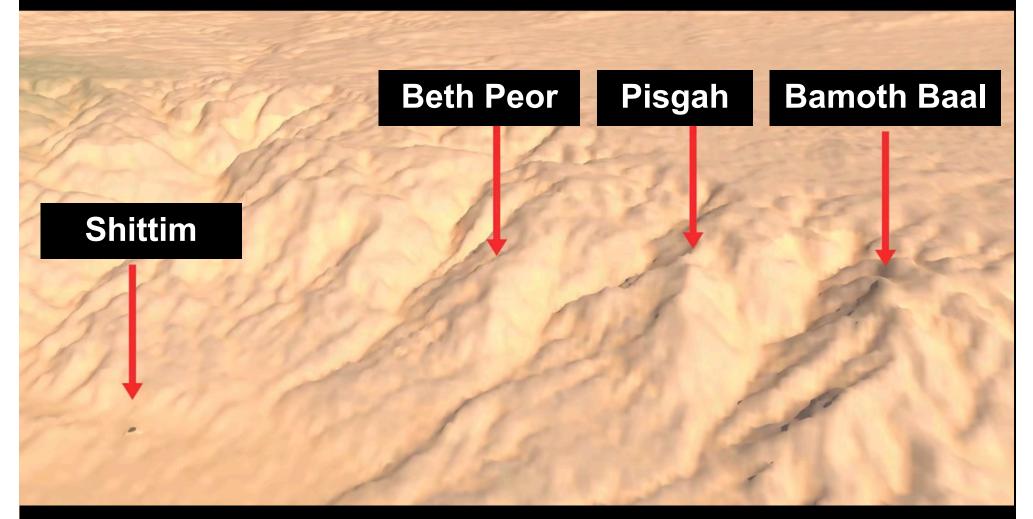
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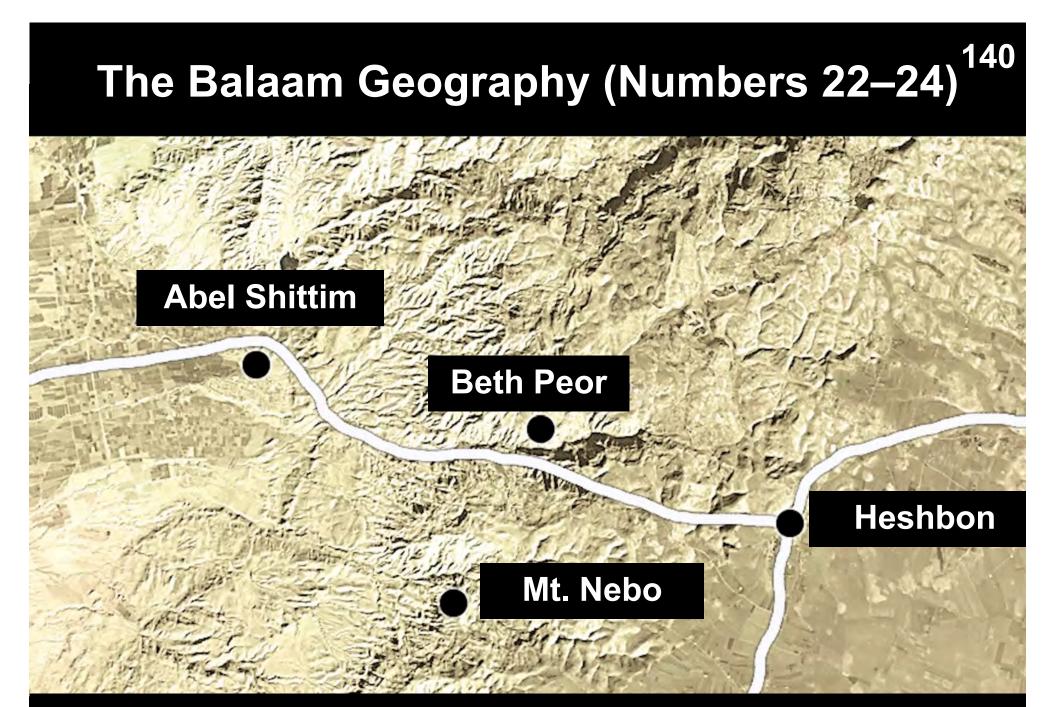
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**Blessing**—"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it" (Balaam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

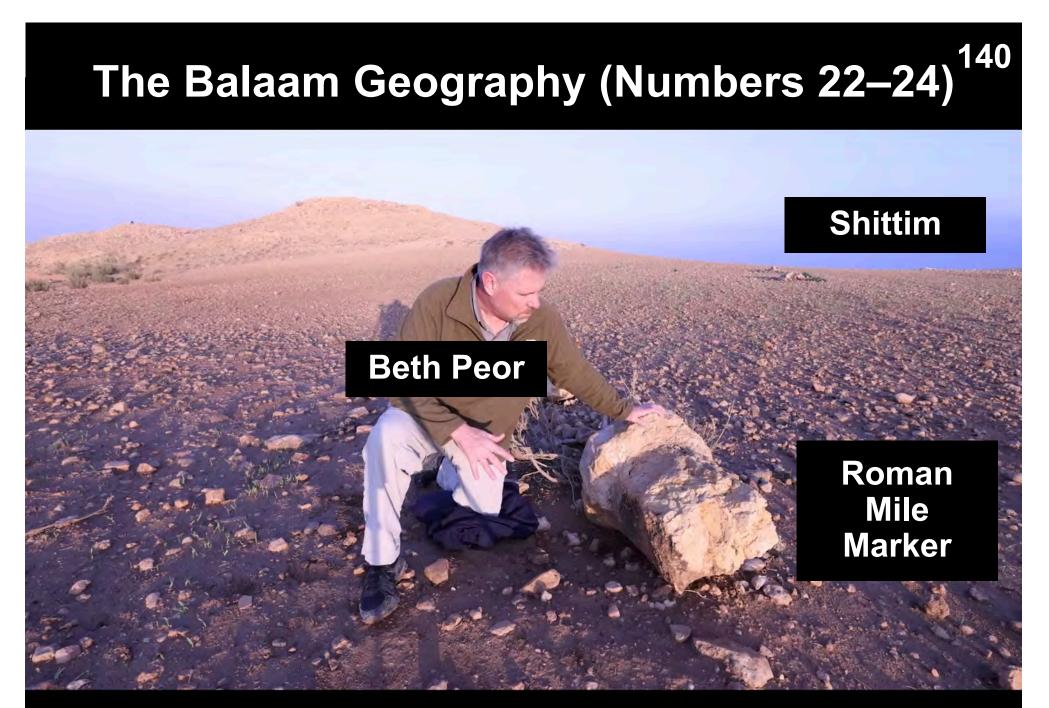
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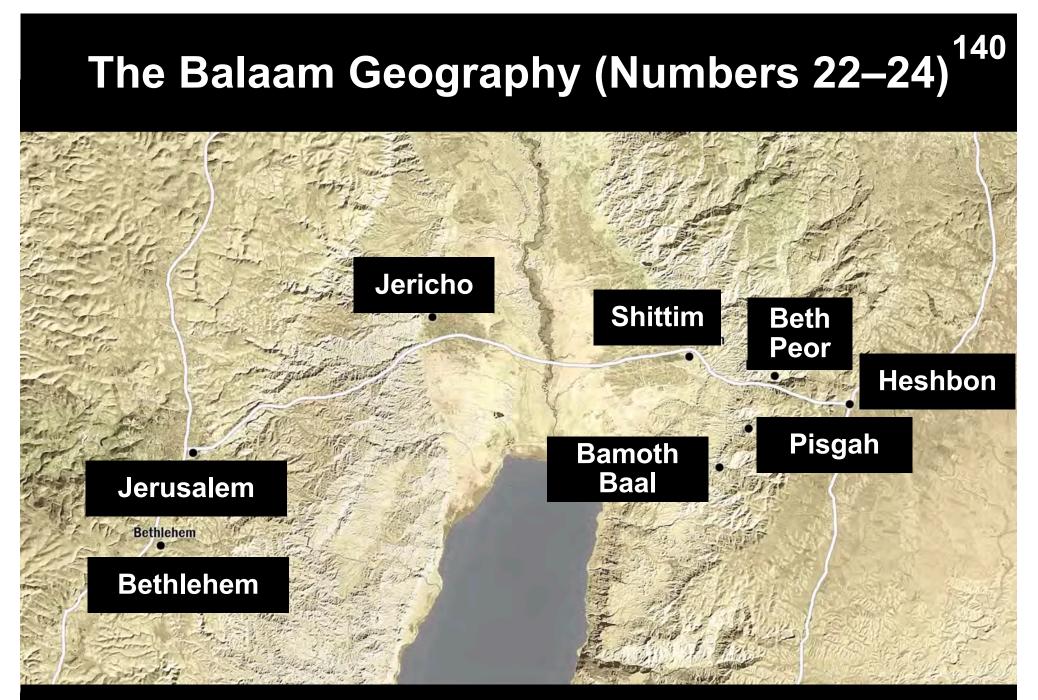


## The Balaam Geography (Numbers 22–24)<sup>140</sup> Shittim **Beth Peor**



#### The Star Prophecy (Num 24:17-19 NLT)

"I see him, but not here and now. I perceive him, but far in the distant future. A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel. It will crush the heads of Moab's people, cracking the skulls of the people of Sheth. <sup>18</sup> Edom will be taken over, and Seir, its enemy, will be conquered, while Israel marches on in triumph. <sup>19</sup> A ruler will rise in Jacob who will destroy the survivors of Ir."



#### **Beth-Peor**

## 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 Godimmorality 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."



## The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) <sup>140</sup>

Balak turned Israel against God via immorality at Bethpeor (Num. 25)

"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)

"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...

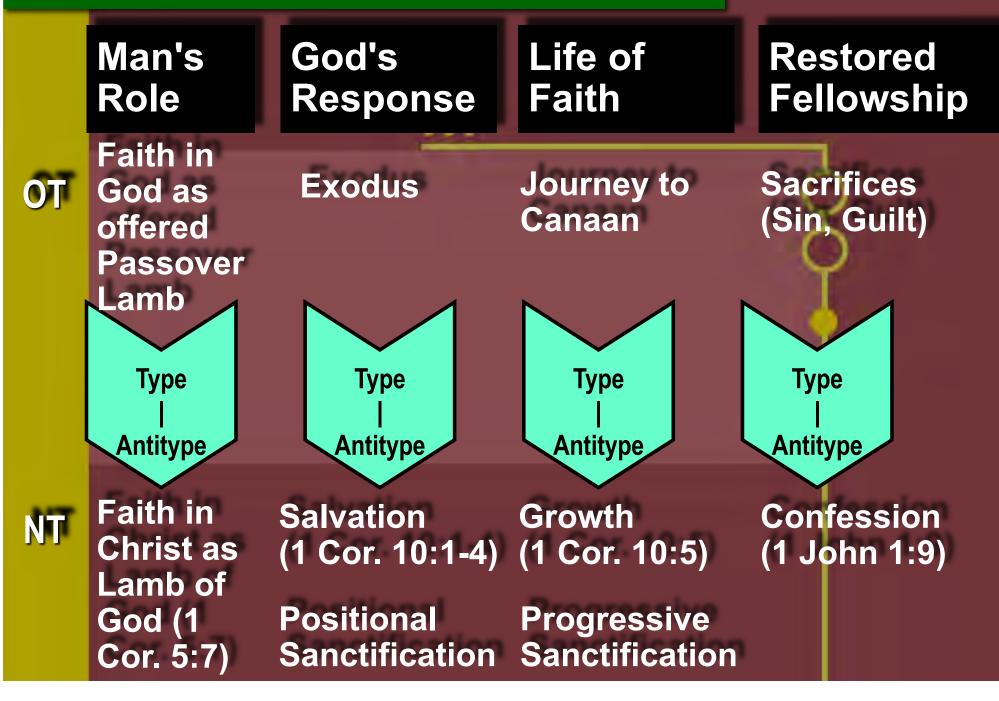


## ... grandparents are parents again

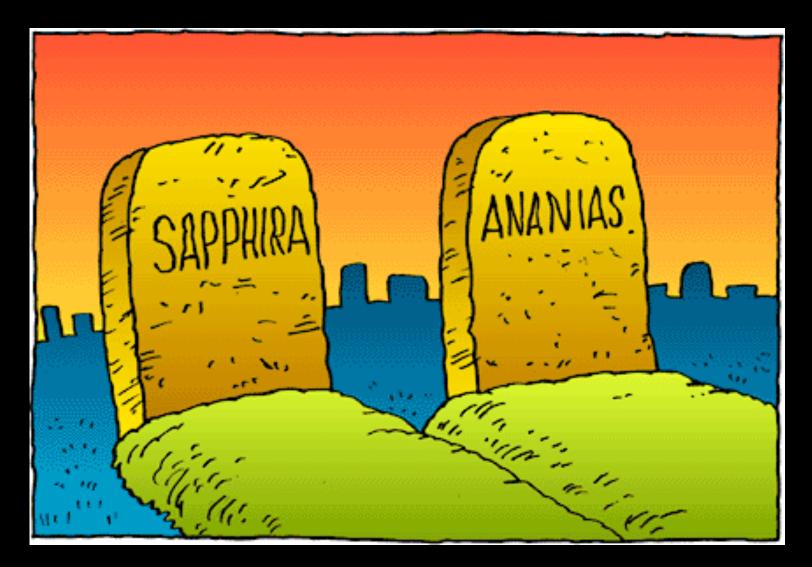


### **Salvation & Sanctification**

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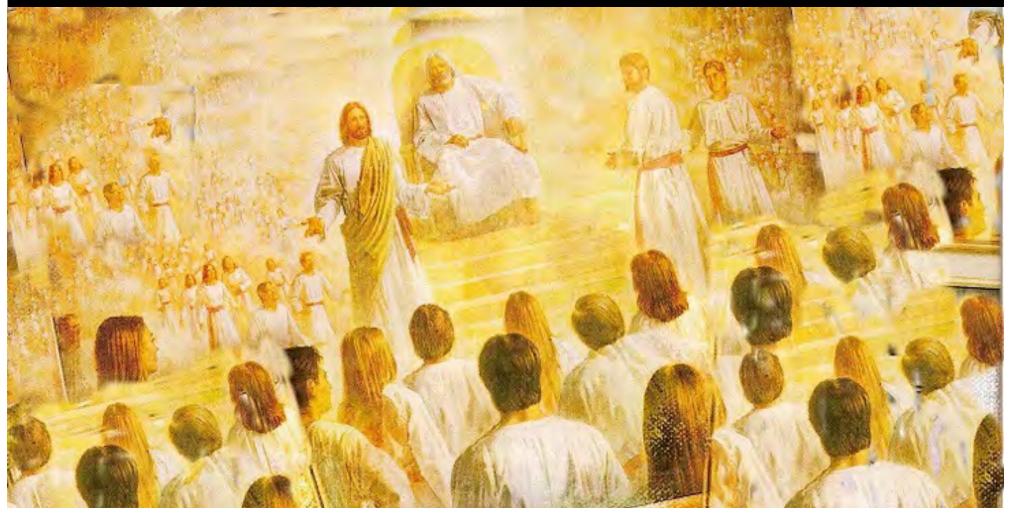
# However, there is still divine discipline...



## Ananias & Sapphira



## 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)



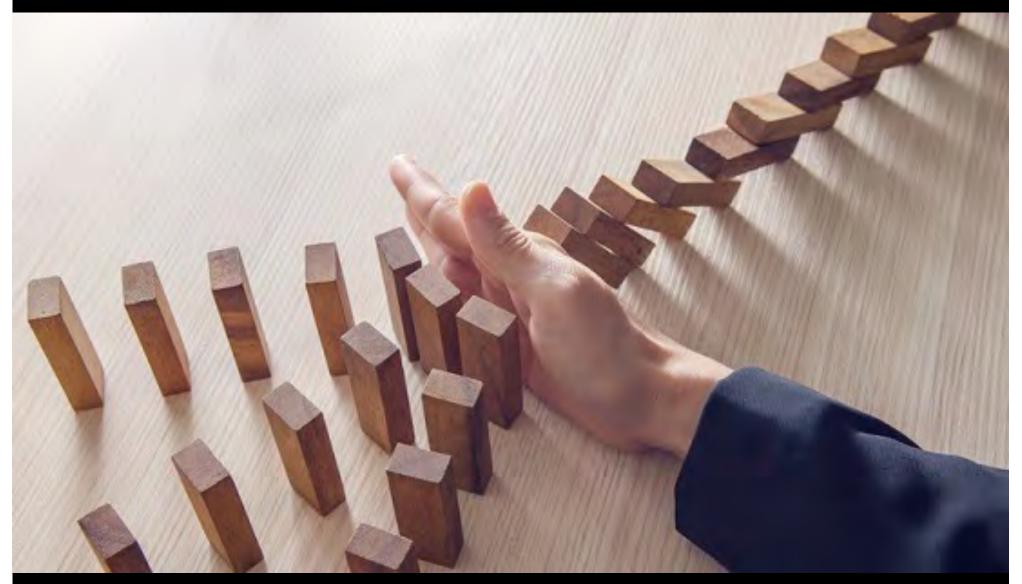
#### Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)

"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. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death."

# 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 <u>prepared</u> Israel to walk with Him in a covenant relationship (1:1–10:10). God is faithful to His covenants, so He <u>prepared</u> a new generation to enter the land (chs. 26–36).

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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.



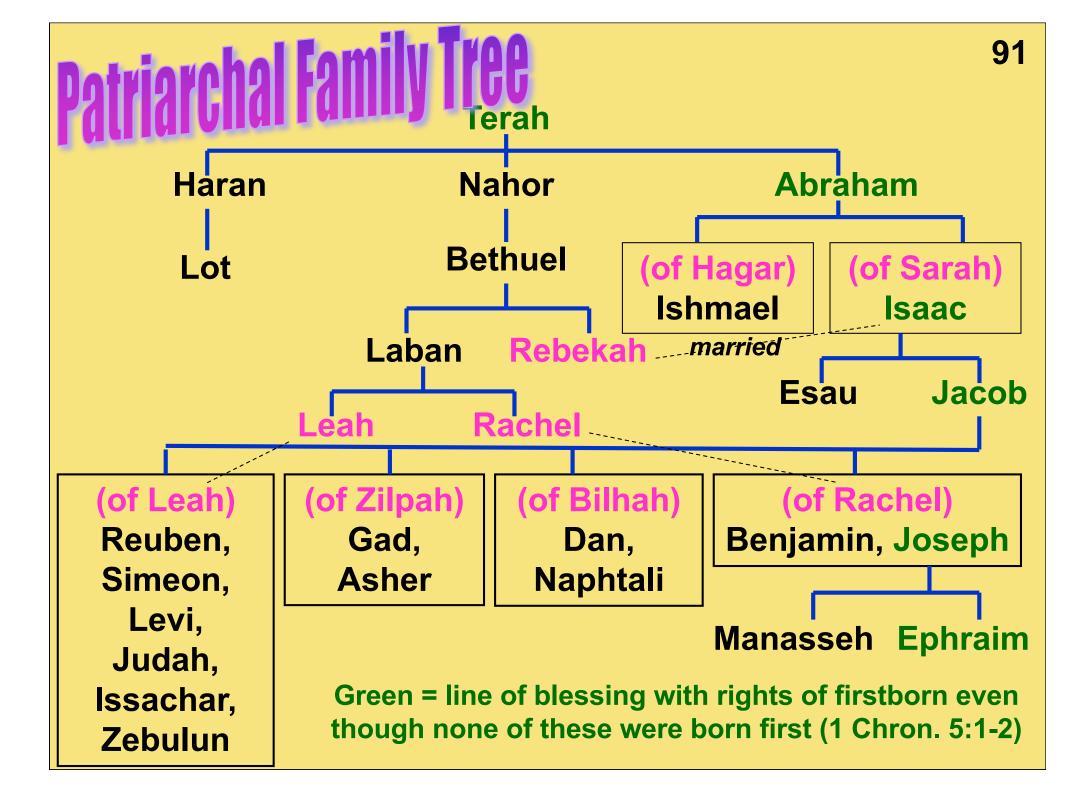
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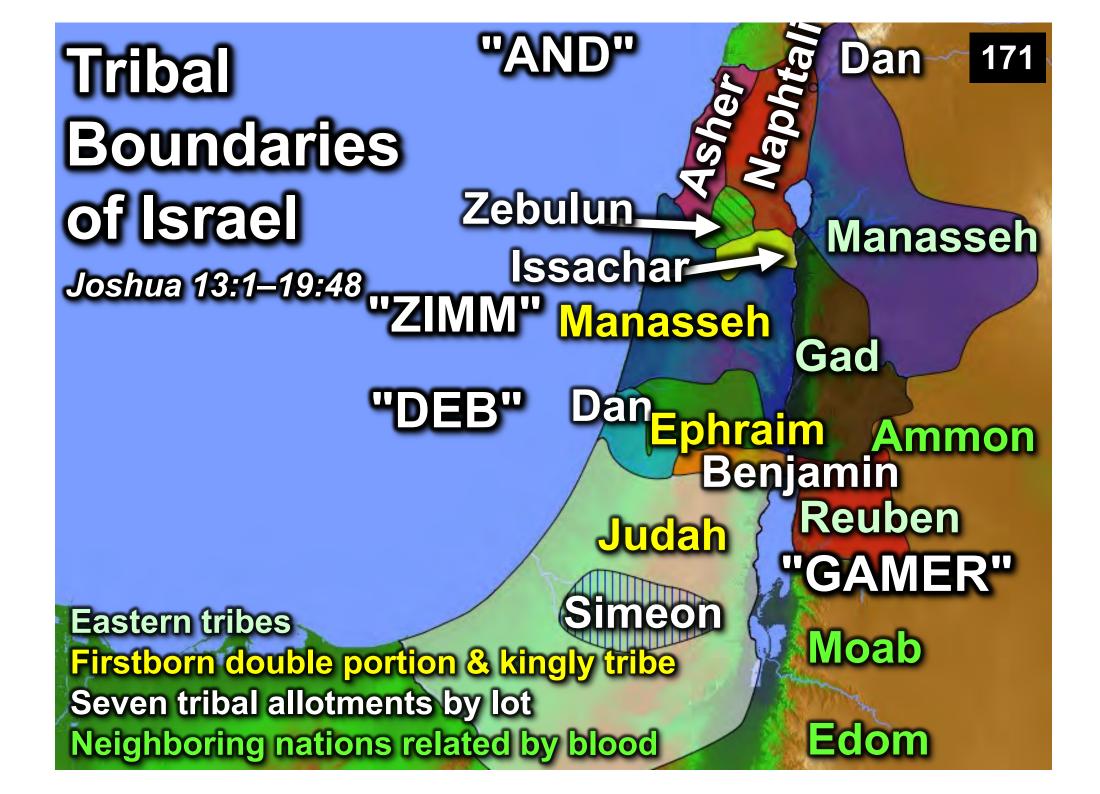
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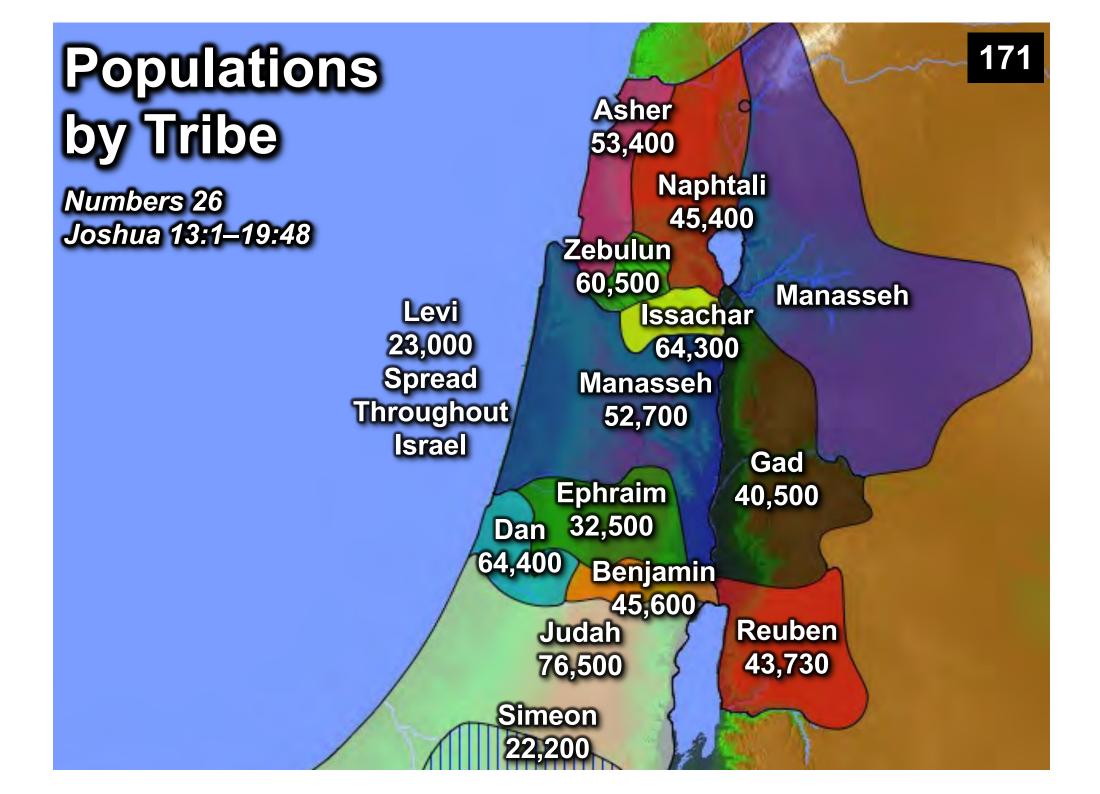




#### **Population Changes in the Wilderness**

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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



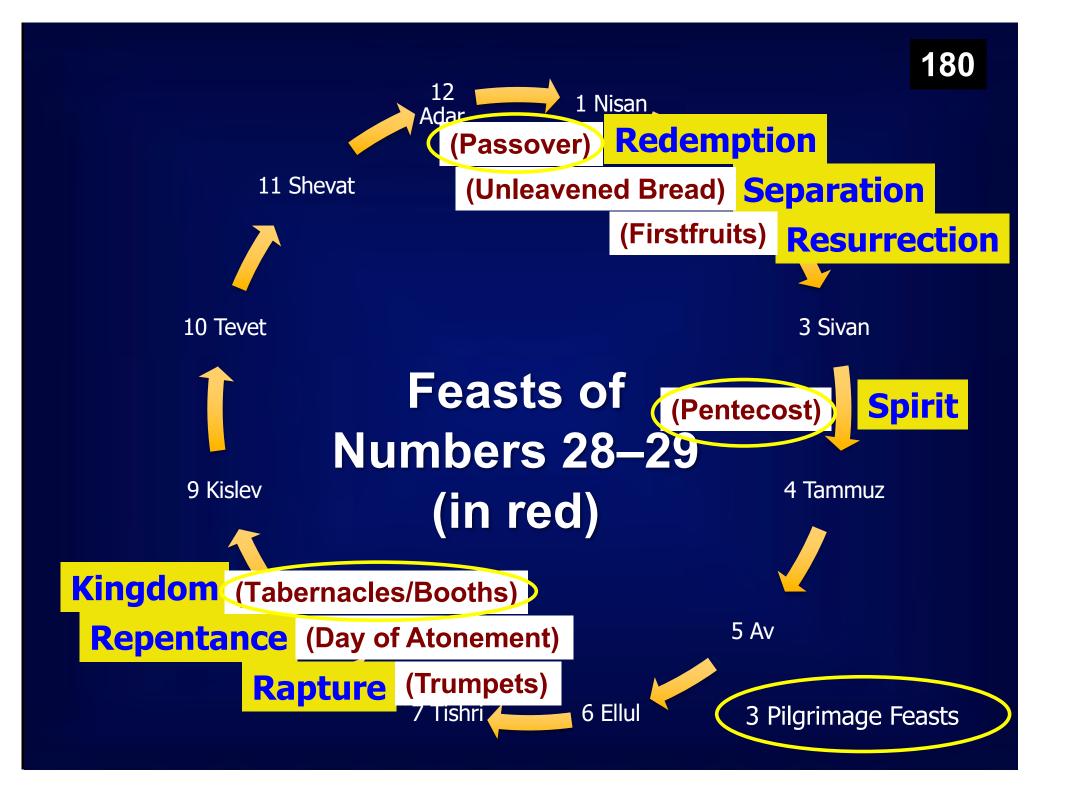
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## Special Offerings (Num. 28:1-15)

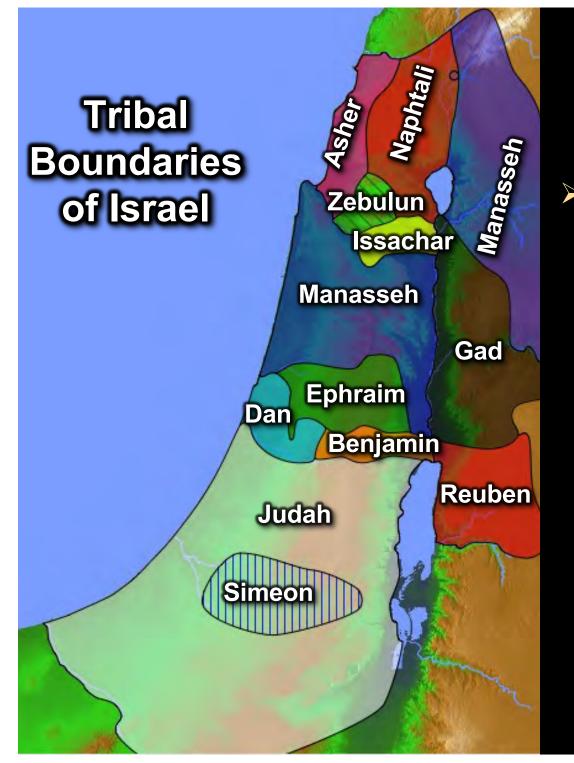
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#### 183 **Harvests Lasted Apr-Nov** Harvesting & Ingathering Based on Modern Agricultural Practices in Israel Mar Apr June July Sep May Aug Oct Nov **Wheat** X The olive **Barley** X harvest was the final Oats X harvest. No XX Peas wonder why the olive tree **Chickpeas** X represents XX Lentils **Israel being Vetch** X X restored and fruitful in last Sesame days X Flax (Jeremiah Millet XX 11:16; Hosea 14:6; Romans X X X X Grapes 11:16-21) Χ Figs X X X **Pomegranates** Olives X X X http://www.wcg.org/lit/law/festivals/harvest.htm



#### **Preparation to Possess the Land**

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#### Final Preparations (31−36) > Transjordan Settled (31−32) > Midianites (31)

"Why have you let all the women live?" [Moses] demanded. <sup>16</sup>"These are the very ones who followed Balaam's advice and caused the people of Israel to rebel against the LORD at Mount Peor. They are the ones who caused the plague to strike the LORD's people. <sup>17</sup>So kill all the boys and all the women who have had intercourse with a man. <sup>18</sup>Only the young girls who are virgins may live; you may keep them for yourselves" (Num. 31:15-18 NLT)



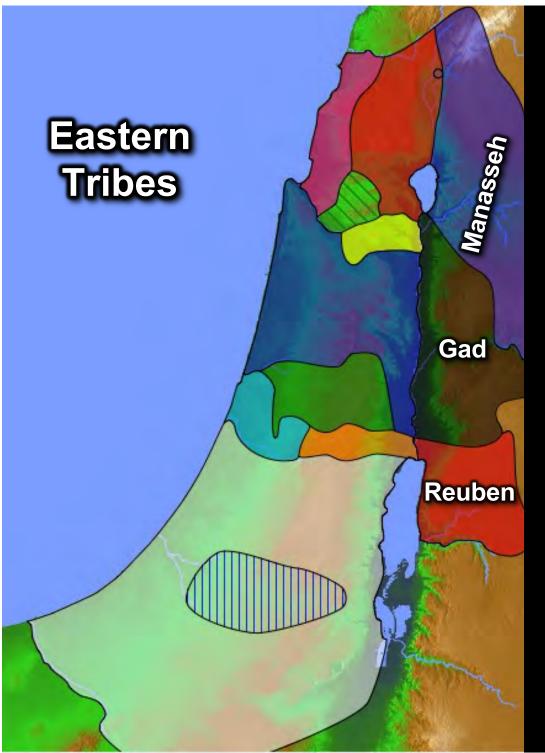
### An Atheist Rant

No Thanks. **I** respect women too much to like your religion.

Just do your homework. Christianity has benefited women far more than atheism!



# Numbers 32





Transjordan Settled (31–32)

> Midianites (31)

> Inheritances (32)

# Numbers 33

### Numbers 1–12, 33 Map

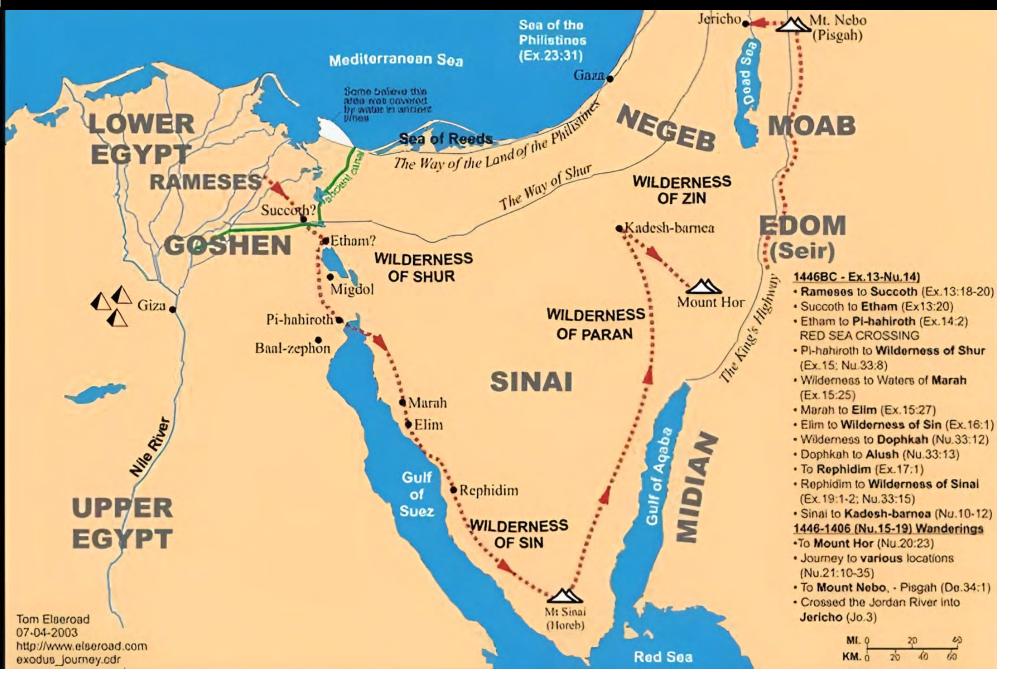
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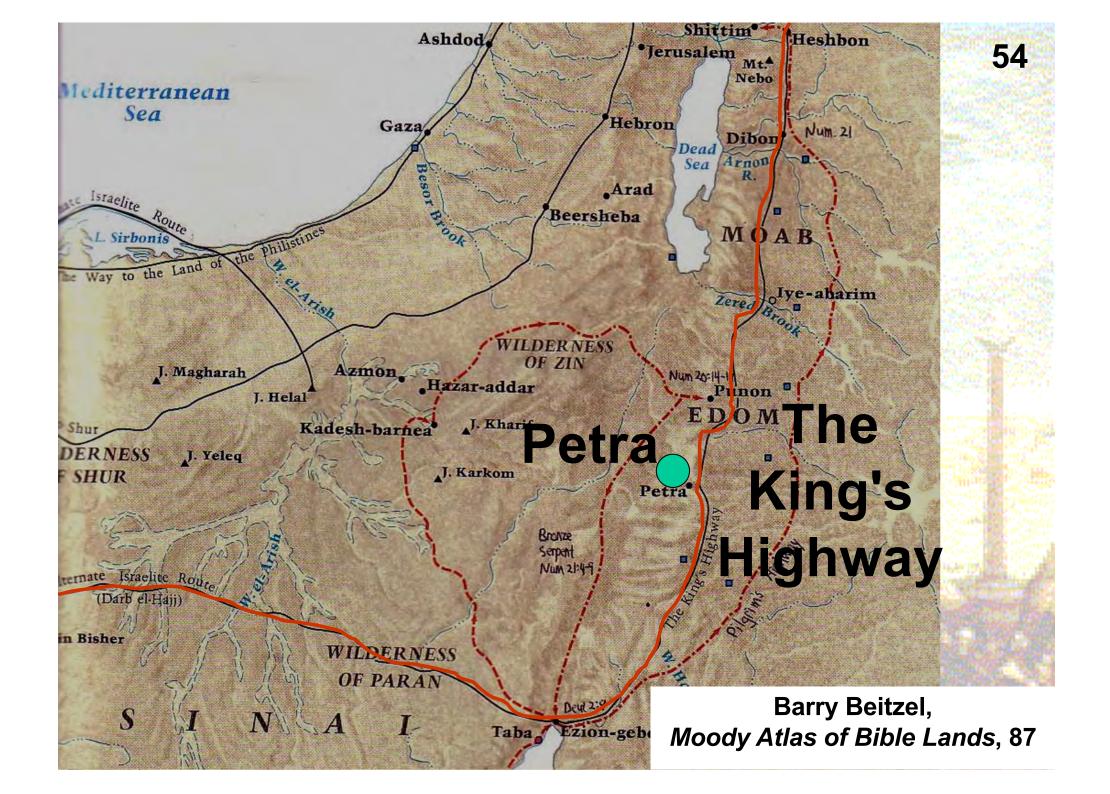
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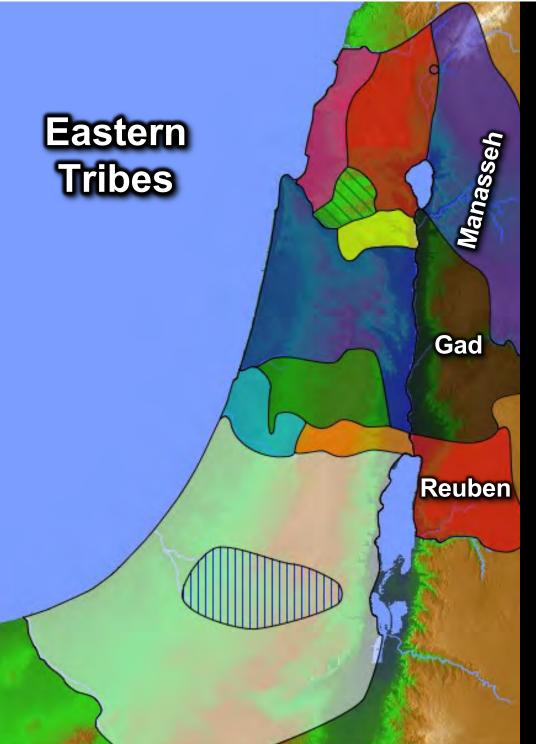
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## **Route of the Journey**

#### Wilderness Wanderings (Num 33)





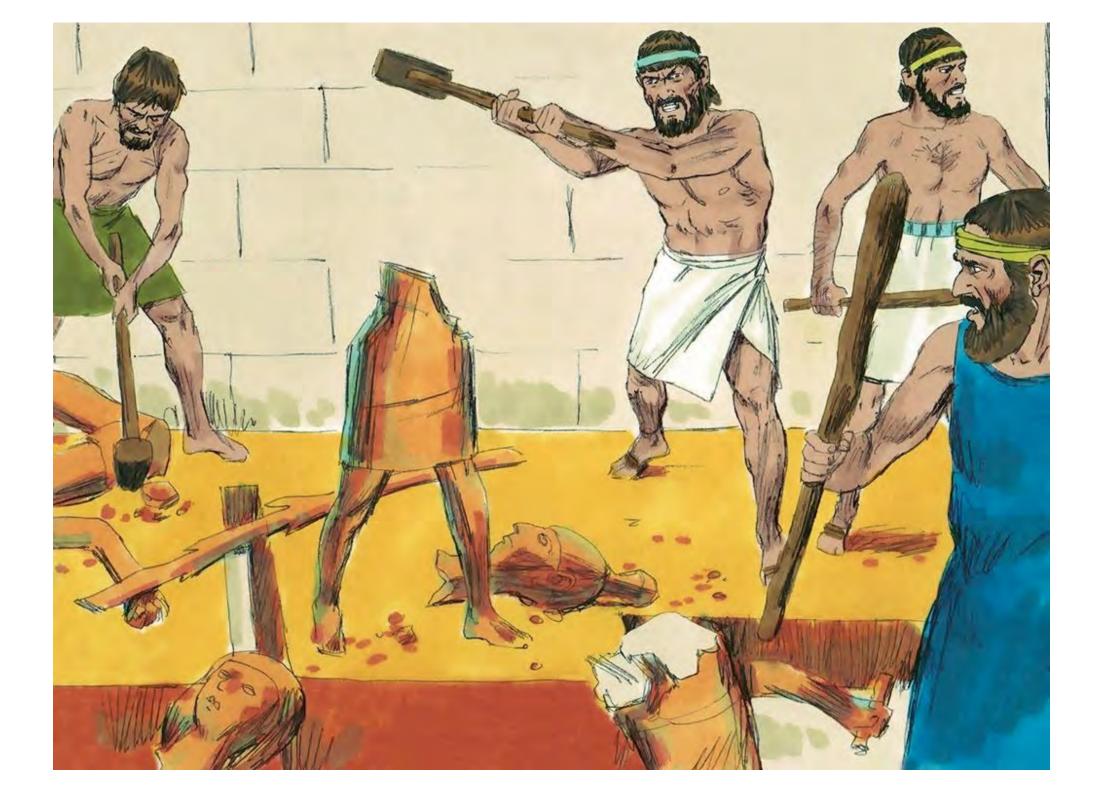


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  - Inheritance (33:50-34:29)

#### Numbers 33:50-52 NLT

While they were camped near the Jordan **River on the plains of Moab opposite** Jericho, the LORD said to Moses, <sup>51</sup> "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel: When you cross the Jordan River into the land of Canaan, <sup>52</sup> you must drive out all the people living there. You must destroy all their carved and molten images and demolish all their pagan shrines.



#### Numbers 33:53-54 NLT

Take possession of the land and settle in it, because I have given it to you to occupy. <sup>54</sup> You must distribute the land among the clans by sacred lot and in proportion to their size. A larger portion of land will be allotted to each of the larger clans, and a smaller portion will be allotted to each of the smaller clans. The decision of the sacred lot is final. In this way, the portions of land will be divided among your ancestral tribes.

# Numbers 34

#### **Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham**

#### /ria ebanon srael Jordan Genesis 15:18 Egypt "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)

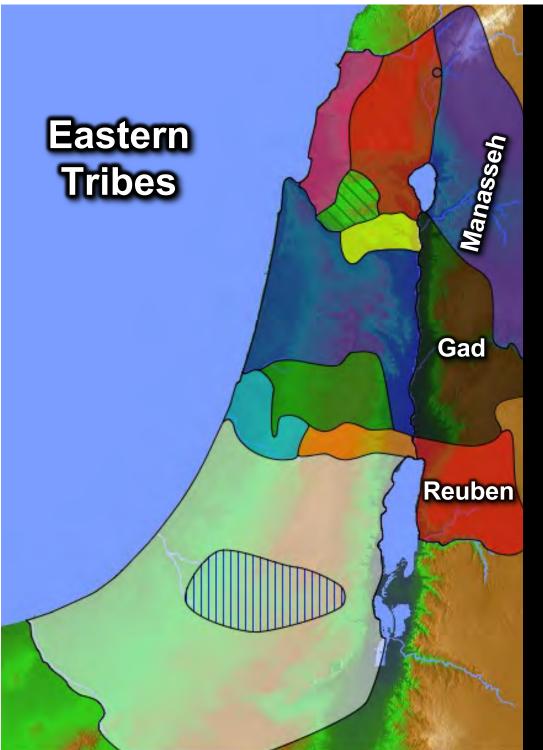




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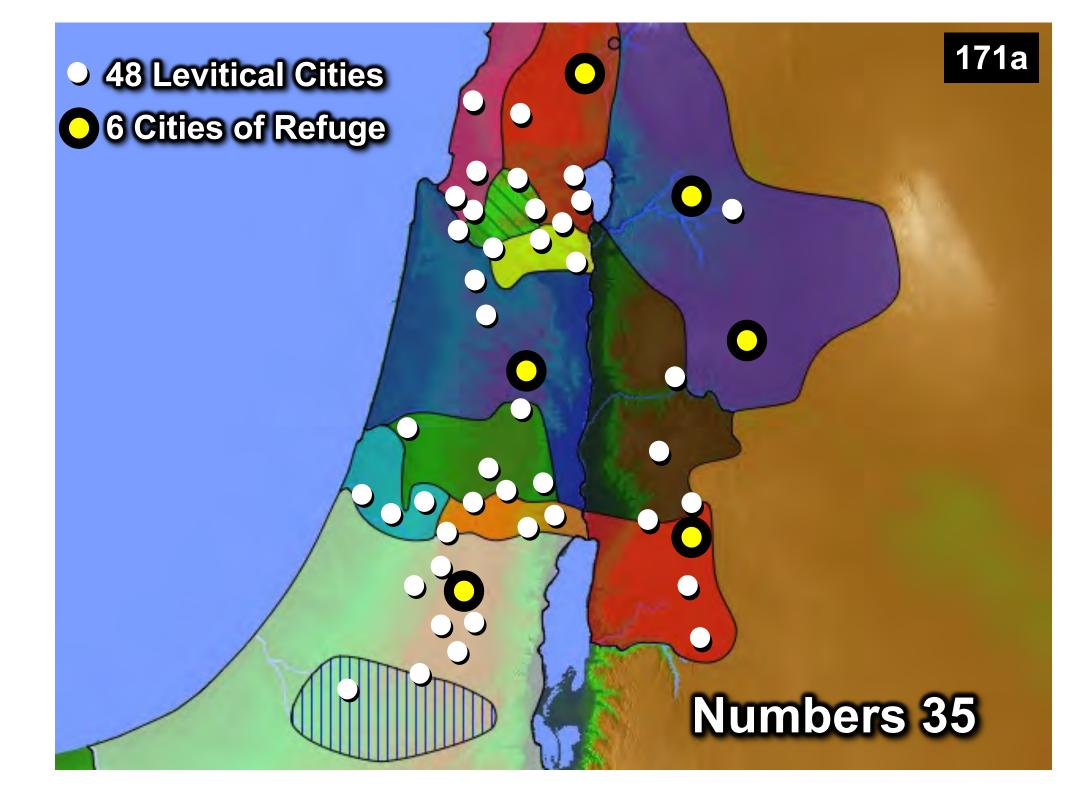
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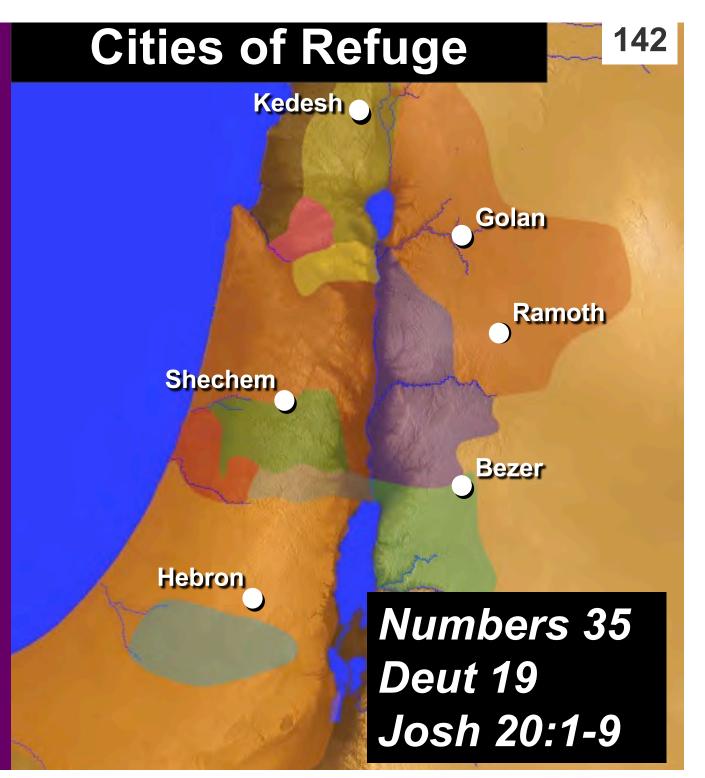
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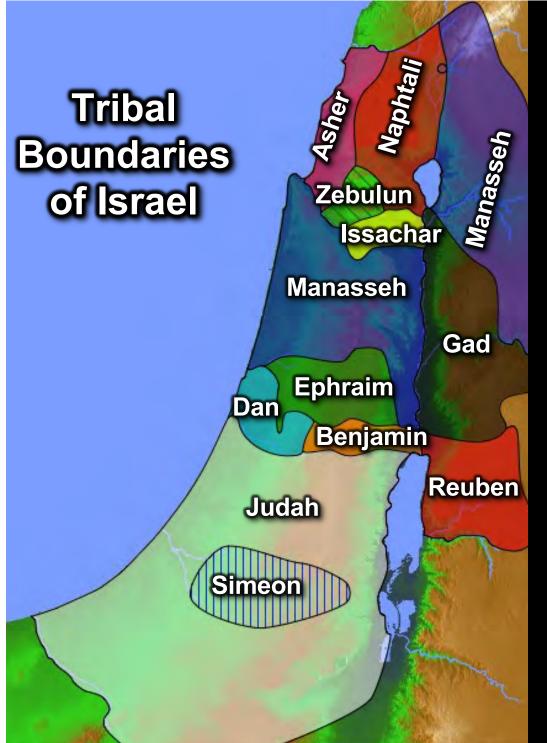


"Israel lived in a nomadic culture of personal vengeance by family members against the offending family (blood feuds).

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 accidently killed someone could flee."





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# Numbers 36

#### Daughters of Zelophehad (Num. 36)

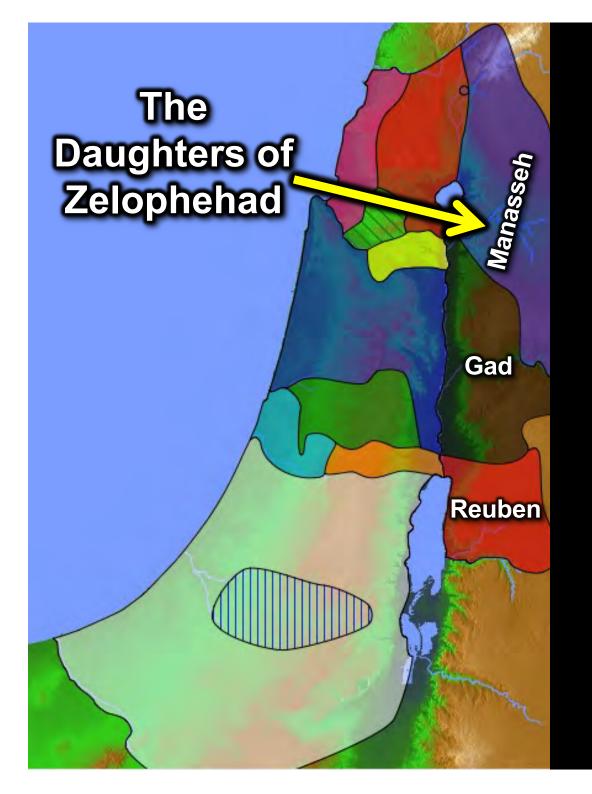


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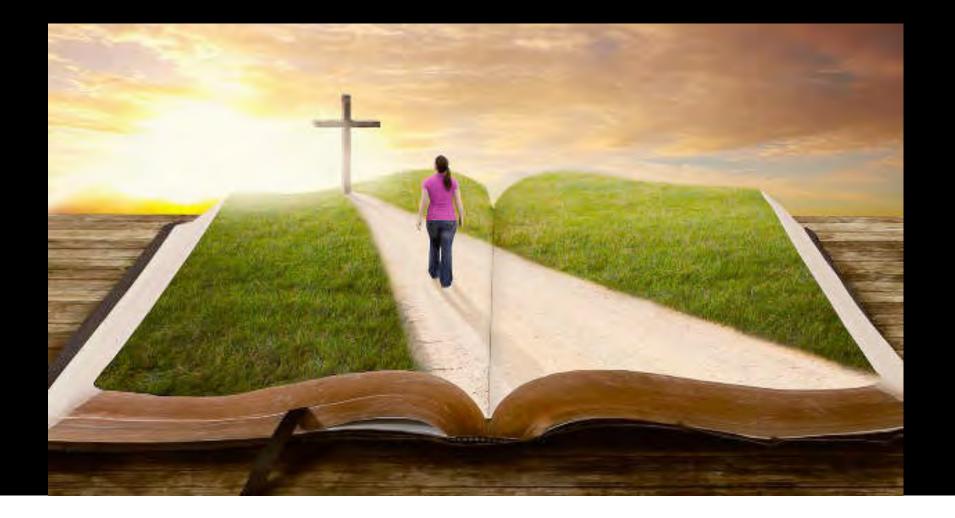
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#### 1 Chronicles 7:15-19

## Moab Geographical **End of Numbers** Mt. Hor Kadeshbarnea Mt. Sinai

# God will continue leading you when you are obedient.

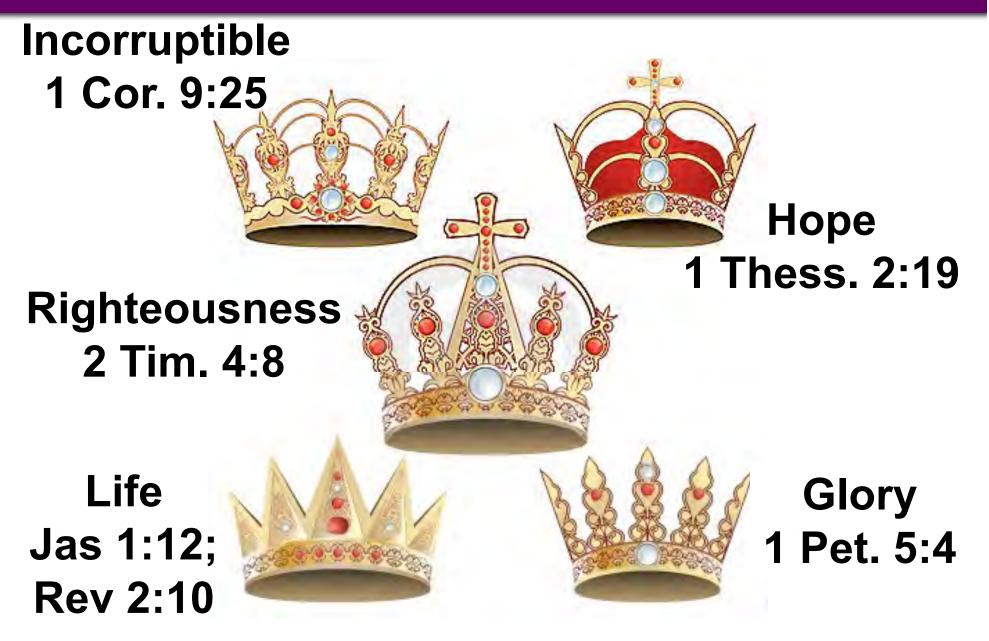


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# Do you really doubt that God will forget to reward you?

### **Crowns in the NT**



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

"lam coming Heavenly Crowns soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your © discerningthe crown" (NLT).

# How does God prepare us to serve him?





#### Numbers Summary Statement

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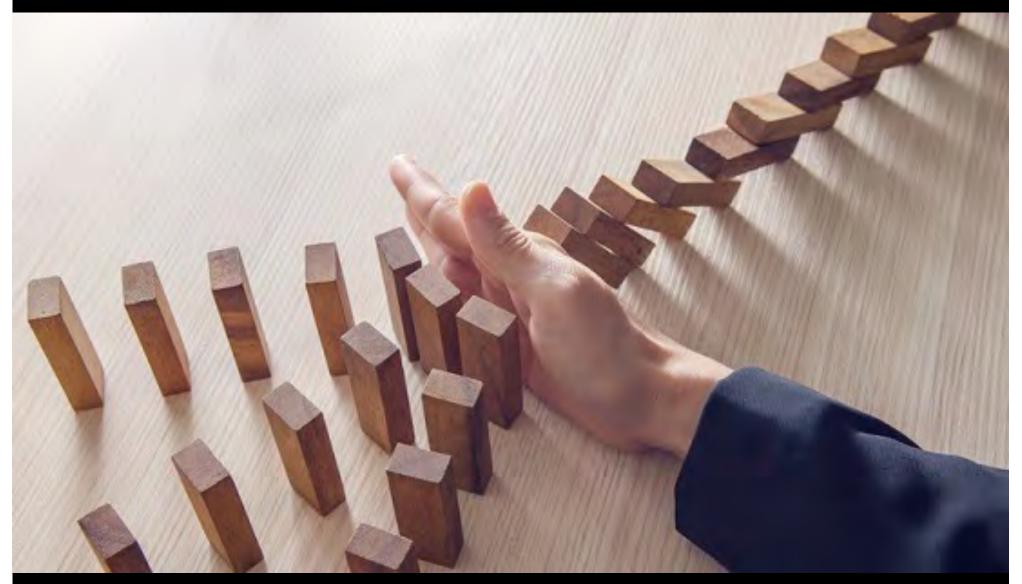
God's faithful preparation of His people to enter Canaan contrasts with Israel's unbelieving rebelliousness in the wilderness to teach the nation His unconditional commitment to fulfill His Abrahamic Covenant.

### Main Idea

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

#### Numbers

### 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**

## How to Be Prepared

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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Period	EDOM	MOAB	AMMON	AMALEK
FATHER	Esau: son of Isaac	Moab: son of Lot and his eldest daughter	Ben-Ammi: son of Lot and his second daughter	Amalek: son of Eliphaz, who was a son of Esau
EXODUS	Controlled to some degree by Amorites. Refused passage to the Israelites (Num. 20:14-21).	Conquered by Sihon & Amorites (Num. 21:26). King Balak feared Israel and sought Balaam to curse them (Num. 22).		Defeated by the Israel (Exod. 17). Defeated Israel after spies report (Num. 14:45).

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JUDGES	Continued under partial Amorite control (1350 BC; Jud. 1:35-36).	Eglon hurt Israel 18 yrs until Ehud (1350 BC; Jud. 3:12-30)	Ally of Eglon of Moab (1350 BC); Hurt Israel until Jephthah (1100 BC; Jud. 10-12).	Ally of Eglon of Moab (1350 BC)
UNITED MONARCHY	Saul took some cities from Edom (1030 BC; 1 Sam. 14:47). Conquered and subjugated by David (1000 BC; 1 (1000 BC; 1 Chron. 18:12).	Saul took some cities from Moabite territory (1030 BC; 1 Sam. 14:47). Conquered and subjugated by David (1000 BC; 2 Sam. 8:2).	Saul defeated Nahash (1050 BC; 1 Sam. 11:1-11) & took some Ammonite cities (1030 BC; 1 Sam. 14:47); David defeated Hanun (990 BC; 2 Sam. 12:26-31)	Sam. 15:1-9); Destroyed David's camp at Ziklag but David wiped them out. This is last mention of them

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	PHOENICIA	PHILISTIA
ORIGINS	Semitic Amorites	Aegean Sea people
PRE- JUDGES	c. 1500 Territory was divided between Hittite & Egyptian domination	Not yet in Palestine
JUDGES	1400–Began slow rebellion, first against Egypt 1380-1287–Mostly controlled by Hittites; control diminished until 1190 1190–Invasion by sea peoples. Independent city-states established 1100–Some control exercised by Tiglath-Pileser I	1190–Defeated Hittites, destroyed capital. Defeated by Rameses III, settled on coast of Palestine. 5 major cities: Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gath, Gaza, Ekron (A-A-G-G-E). 11th cent–Controlled parts of at least Dan & Judah (Jud. 14:4; 15:11). Samson held somewhat in control. 1060–Captured Israel's ark (1 Sam. 4) 1050–Israel subdued Philistia at Ebenezer (1 Sam. 7:7-14)

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	PHOENICIA	PHILISTIA
SAUL	Political independence; cultural development	Philistines held in check through most of this period. They were defeated at Michmash by Jonathan & at Elah through David. Overran country at end after defeating and killing Saul at Mt. Gilboa
1000–900 BC	Golden Age 981-942–Hiram I of Tyre; alliance with Israel. Expansion of sea trade & exploration; colonies in N. Africa, Spain, Asia Minor, & Mediterranean	David defeated & subdued the Philistines (2 Sam. 5:17-25)

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#### **PHOENICIA**

#### **PHILISTIA**

890–High Priest Ethbaal gains throne. Alliance with Israel continues with marriage of his daughter Jezebel to Ahab 865–Tribute to Assyria's Ashurnasirpal II 853–Joined 12-nation alliance against Shalmaneser III at Qarqar 841–Shalmaneser III takes some cities. Assyrian tributary through end of period 725–During reign of Shalmaneser V, Luli of Sidon tried to unite Phoenicia in revolt 701–Sennacherib responded by invasion– many cities taken, deportation, puppet ruler 677–Revolt crushed by Esarhaddon–Sidon destroyed 665-Baalit of Tyre revolted-suppressed by Assurbanipal

584-571–Nebuchadnezzar siege--took Tyre

Paid tribute to Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 17:11) Raided Judah during the reign of Jehoram (2 Chron. 21:16-17) 805–Assyrian Adad-nirari III collected tribute; subjugated by Uzziah but invaded Judah during reign of Ahaz (2 Chron. 28:18); subdued by Tiglath-pileser III of Assyria

722–570 BC

900–722 BC

Country subjugated & Gaza captured by Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:8) People captured & deported by Nebuchadnezzar

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
Keep people at arms length	Risk getting close to others/willing to take the risks of loving intimately
Quick to blame others	Accept personal responsibility – can see where <i>they</i> were wrong
Unapproachable	"Easy to be entreated"
Defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with a humble, open heart
Concerned with being "respectable"	Concerned with being real
Concerned about what others think	All that matters is what God knows
Work to maintain image/protect reputation	Die to own reputation
Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others	Willing to be open / transparent with others
Want to be sure nobody finds out about their sin.	Willing to be exposed (Once broken, you don't care who knows – nothing to lose!)

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	<b>BROKEN PEOPLE</b>
Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"	Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness
When confessing sin, deal in generalities	Deal in specifics
Concerned about the consequences of their sins	Grieved over the cause / root of their sins
Remorseful over their sin— got caught / found out	Repentant over sin (forsake it)
When there is a misunderstanding or conflict, wait for the other to come & ask forgiveness	Take the initiative to be reconciled; see if they can get to the cross first!
Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor	Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need for mercy
Blind to their true heart condition	Walk in the light
Don't think they have anything to repent of	Continual heart attitude of repentance
Don't think they need revival (think everybody else does!)	Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with the filling of His Spirit

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	<b>BROKEN PEOPLE</b>
Focus on the failures of others	Overwhelmed with sense of their own spiritual need
Self-righteous; have a critical, fault-finding spirit; look at own life/faults through a telescope but others with a microscope	Compassionate; forgiving; look for the best in others
Look down on others	Esteem all others better than self
Independent/self-sufficient spirit	Dependent spirit/recognize need for others
Maintain control; must be <i>my</i> way	Surrender control
Have to prove that they are right	Willing to yield the right to be right!
Claim rights	Yield rights
Demanding spirit	Giving spirit
Self-protective of time, rights, reputation	Self-denying

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	<b>BROKEN PEOPLE</b>
Desire to be served	Motivated to serve others
Desire to be a success	Desire to be faithful to make others a success
Desire for self-advancement	Desire to promote others
Driven to be recognized/appreciated	Sense of unworthiness; thrilled to be used at all; eager for others to get credit
Wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked	Rejoice when others are lifted up
"The ministry is privileged to have me!"	"I don't deserve to serve in this ministry!"
Think of what they can do for God	Know that they have nothing to offer God
Feel confident in how much they know	Humbled by how much they have to learn
Self-conscious	Not concerned with self at all

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