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-grey hues, suggesting a semi-arid or high-altitude environment. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. In the upper right corner, there is a solid black rectangular box containing the word "Numbers" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Numbers

**Preparation
to Possess
the Land**

Key Word

135
39

Preparation

Numbers

Theme

135

**Preparation
to Possess the Land**

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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

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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

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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

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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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Numbers



- 1 **T**allying Israel by tribes
- 2 **H**ost organized for marching
- 3 **E**xchanging Levites for first-born

- 4 **W**ork of the Levites
- 5 **I**nstructions for judging adulterers
- 6 **L**aw of the Nazirites
- 7 **D**escription of leaders' offerings
- 8 **E**mphasis on Levitical cleansing
- 9 **R**ecord of second Passover
- 10 **N**ation leaves Mount Sinai
- 11 **E**lders and quails given
- 12 **S**in of Miriam's murmuring
- 13 **S**pies sent from Kadesh-barnea

- 14 **J**udgment on Israel's unbelief
- 15 **O**fferings for the land
- 16 **U**prising led by Korah
- 17 **R**od of Aaron buds
- 18 **N**ecessity of priestly service
- 19 **E**leazar and red heifer
- 20 **Y**ears of wandering end

- 21 **O**verthrow of the Amorites
- 22 **F**ear of Balaam's donkey

- 23 **I**nspiration of Balaam's prophecies
- 24 **S**cope of Balaam's prophecies
- 25 **R**eward for Phinehas's zeal
- 26 **A**udit of Israel's tribes
- 27 **E**ndorsement of Joshua's leading
- 28 **L**aw of offerings reviewed

- 29 **T**eachings for seventh month
- 30 **O**ath and vow laws

- 31 **C**onquest of the Midianites
- 32 **A**bode of Reuben, Gad
- 33 **N**umbering of Israel's journeys
- 34 **A**ssigning of land borders
- 35 **A**ppointing cities of refuge
- 36 **N**ecessity of tribal marriage



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Salvation & Sanctification

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Man's Role

God's Response

Life of Faith

Restored Fellowship

OT

Faith in God as offered Passover Lamb

Exodus

Journey to Canaan

Sacrifices (Sin, Guilt)

Type

Antitype

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NT

Faith in Christ as Lamb of God (1 Cor. 5:7)

Salvation (1 Cor. 10:1-4)

Growth (1 Cor. 10:5)

Confession (1 John 1:9)

Positional Sanctification

Progressive Sanctification

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

3 ways



Numbers

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



Numbers 1:1–10:10

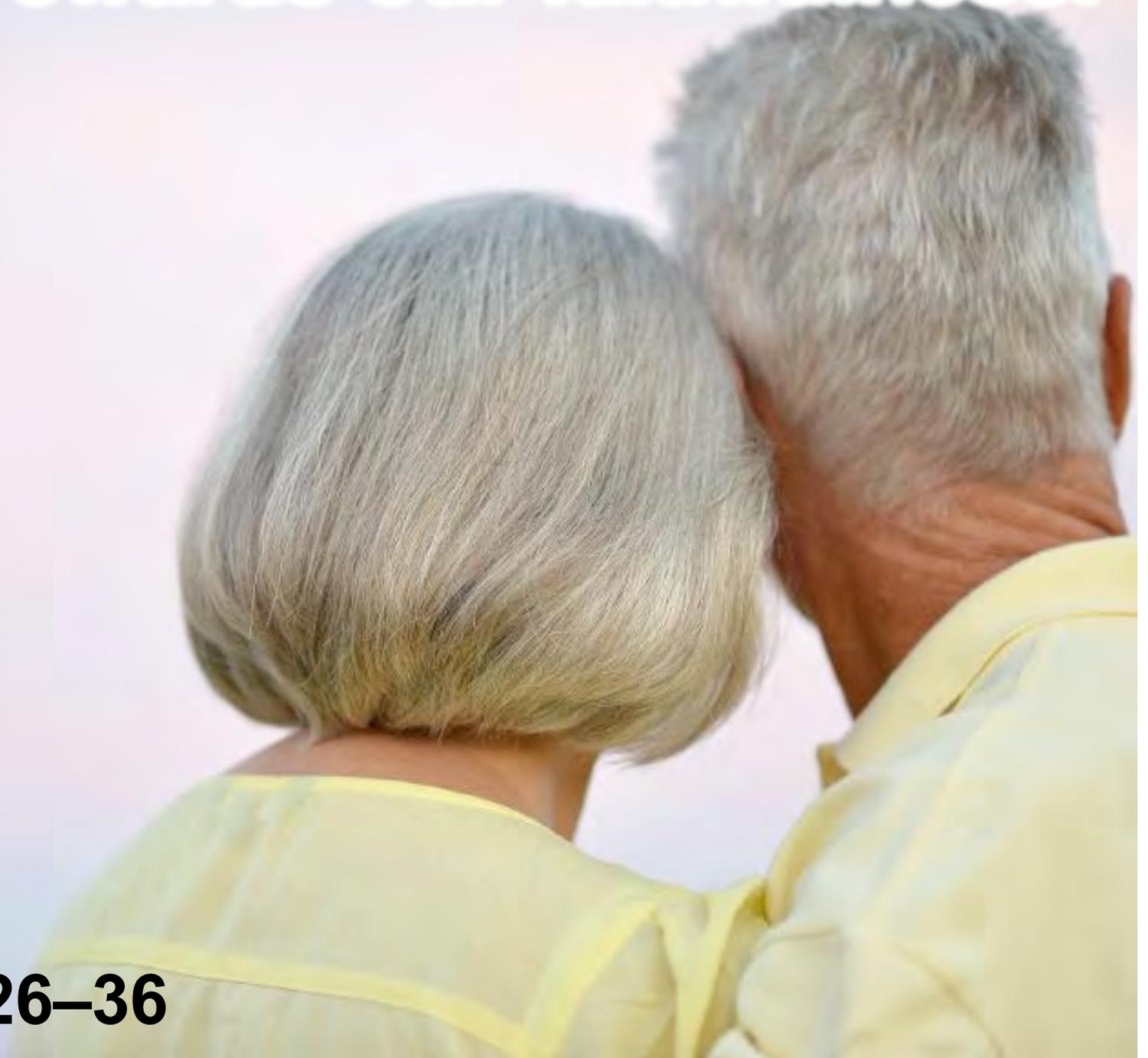
**II. God warns us of
the cost of unbelief.**



**Plan
For Disaster
Now**

Numbers 10:11–25:18

III. God **rewards** our faithfulness.



Numbers 26–36

Main Idea

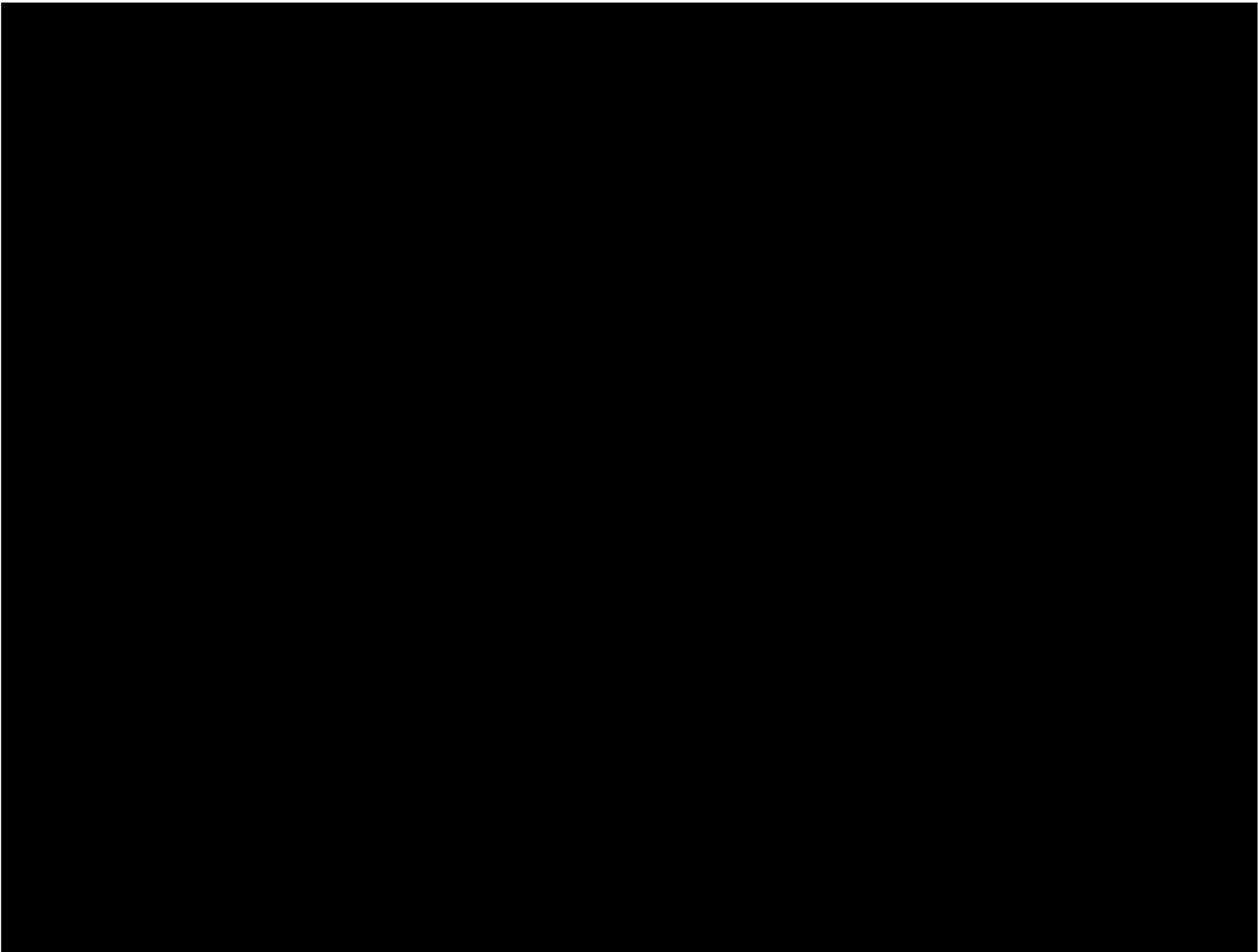
**God organizes, warns, and
rewards us to be prepared for
service**

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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”?**

Numbers



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 holy, for I am holy."

"Wanders"



Flow of Numbers

- God's guidance and provision
- Rebellion
- Wandering
- Laws

Nation Building

God

Church

Nations

Apostles

Patriarchs

Savior

Tribes

Prophets

Israel

Kings

Priests

Judges

Timeline

NUMBERS



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New

Creation

Which is the Most Accurate?

Salvation by...

OT	Works	Faith + Works	Faith Alone	Faith + Works
NT	Faith	Faith Alone	Faith Alone	Faith + Works

- *Which verses in the Bible support your answer?*

Salvation & Sanctification

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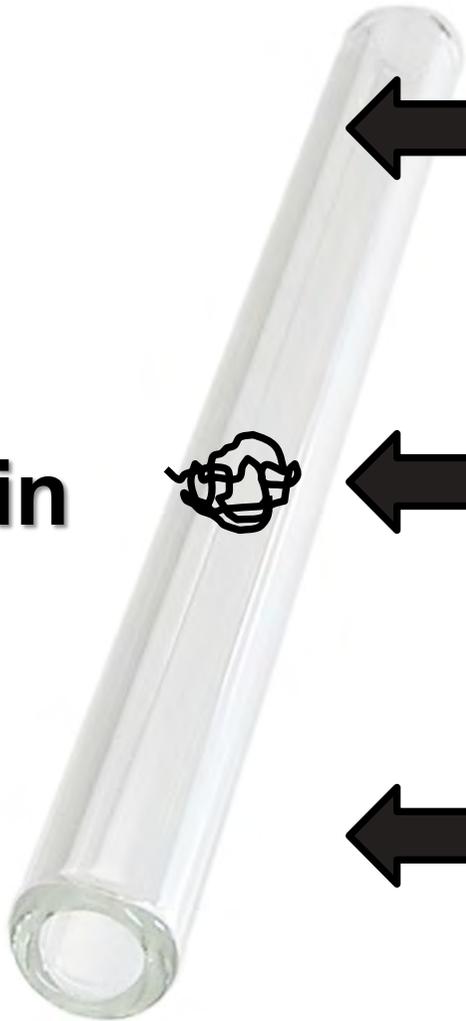
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OT Forgiveness of Sin

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Sin



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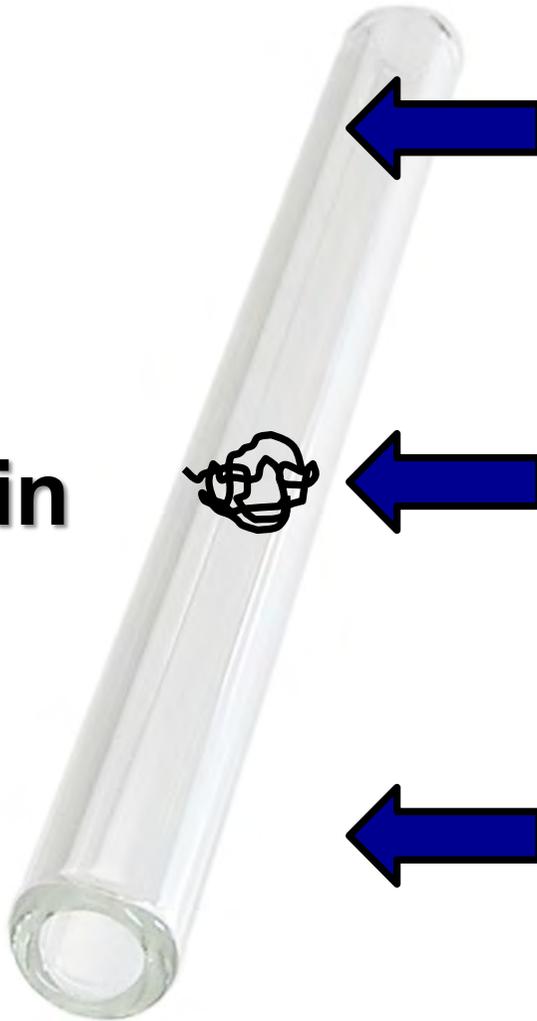
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Sacrifices = **Confession** of Sin
(sin forgiven to restore
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was never threatened)

NT Forgiveness of Sin

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Sin



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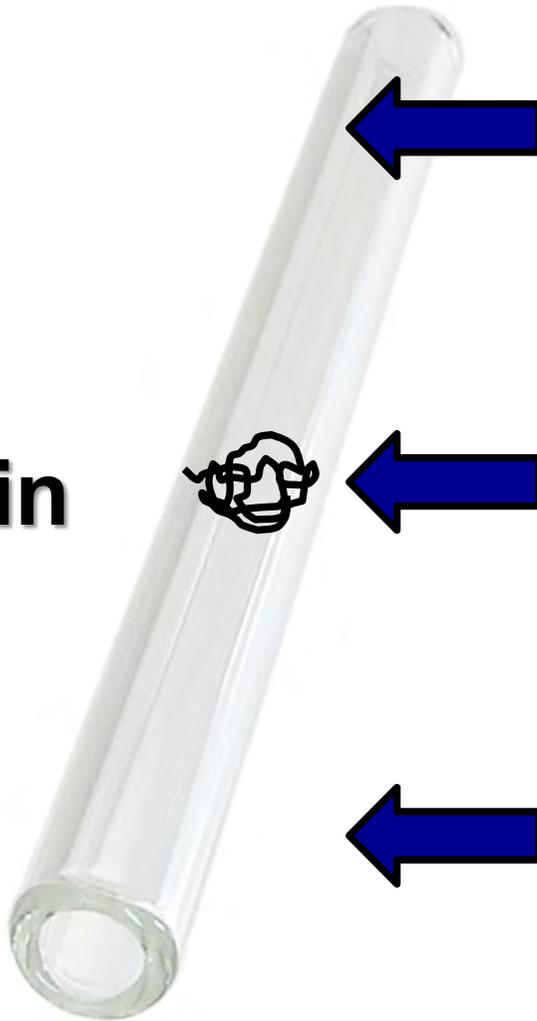
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NT Forgiveness of Sin

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Sin



Pipe
(new)

"If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness"

Clog
(hindrance)

(1 John 1:9 NAU)

Christ's Sacrifice = The Basis
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been never threatened)

- **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 (וַיִּדְבֶּר).**
- **However, Jewish writings generally refer to the writing as "In the Wilderness," derived from the 5th word of 1:1 (בְּמִדְבָּר *Bemidbar*).**

Authorship

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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

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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.**

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 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
(Num 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.

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**

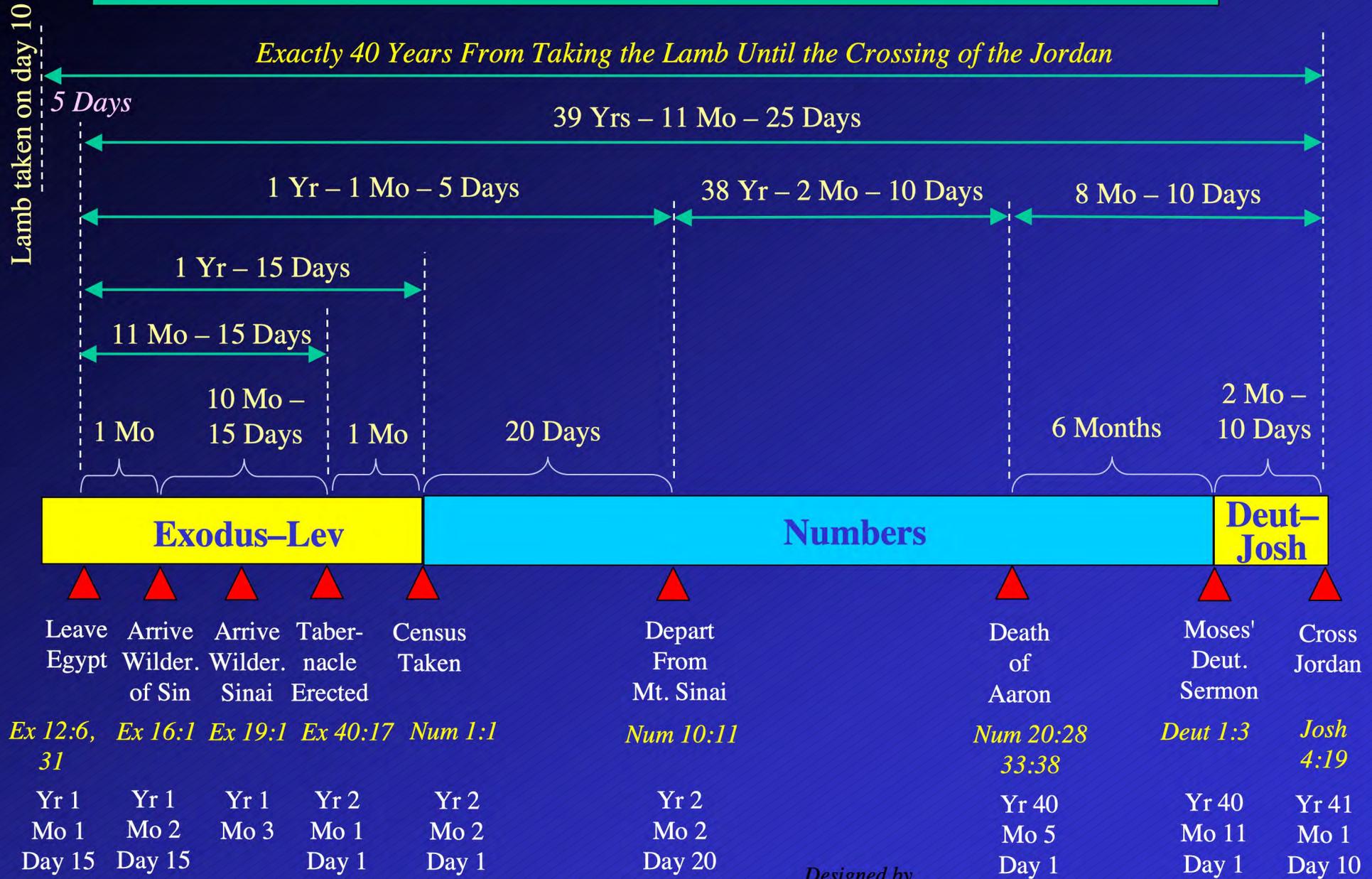
**26–36
Preparing the new
generation**

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).

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WILDERNESS PERIOD



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Israel's Rebellion In The Wilderness

Preparation For The Journey				Disobedience And Unbelief of The Exodus Generation				Preparation of The New Generation To Enter The Land					
Census & Organization of the Tribes	Precautions To Keep The Camp Holy	Provision For The Tabernacle	God Directs His People	From Sinai To Kadesh	The Unbelief At Kadesh	Priestly Concerns	From Zin To Moab	The Balaam Oracles	Final Preparations	Cultic Matters	Defeat of Midian	Anticipation of the Conquest	
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1:1-4:49	5:1-6:27	7:1-8:26	9:1-10:10	10:11-12:16	13:1-14:45	15:1-19:22	20-21	22:1-25:18	26:1-27:23	28:1-30:16	31:1-54	32:1-36:13	
AT SINAI				TO KADESH		IN WILDERNESS		IN THE PLAINS OF MOAB					
20 Days				Few Months		Nearly 38 Yrs.		Less Than 6 Months					
Num 1:1				Num 10:11		Num 20:28; 33:38		Deut 1:3,5					
38 Yrs - 2 Months - 10 Days				Apr. 38 Years - 9 Months		8 Months - 10 Days							
— Cross Jordan on 10 th Day, 1 st Mo., 41 st Yr. (cf. Josh 4:19)													

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How would you prepare for a Hurricane?



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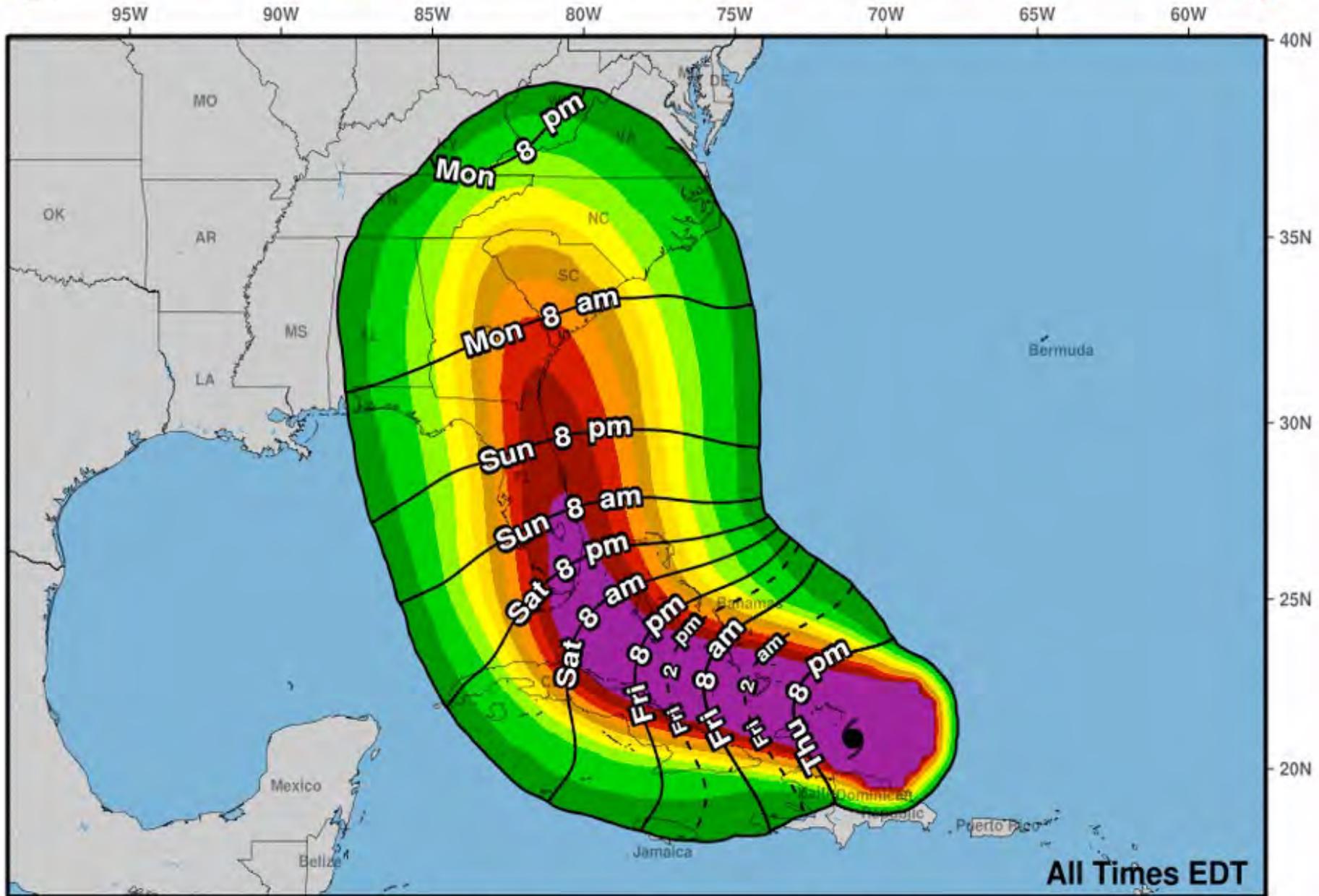
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Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



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

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Irma



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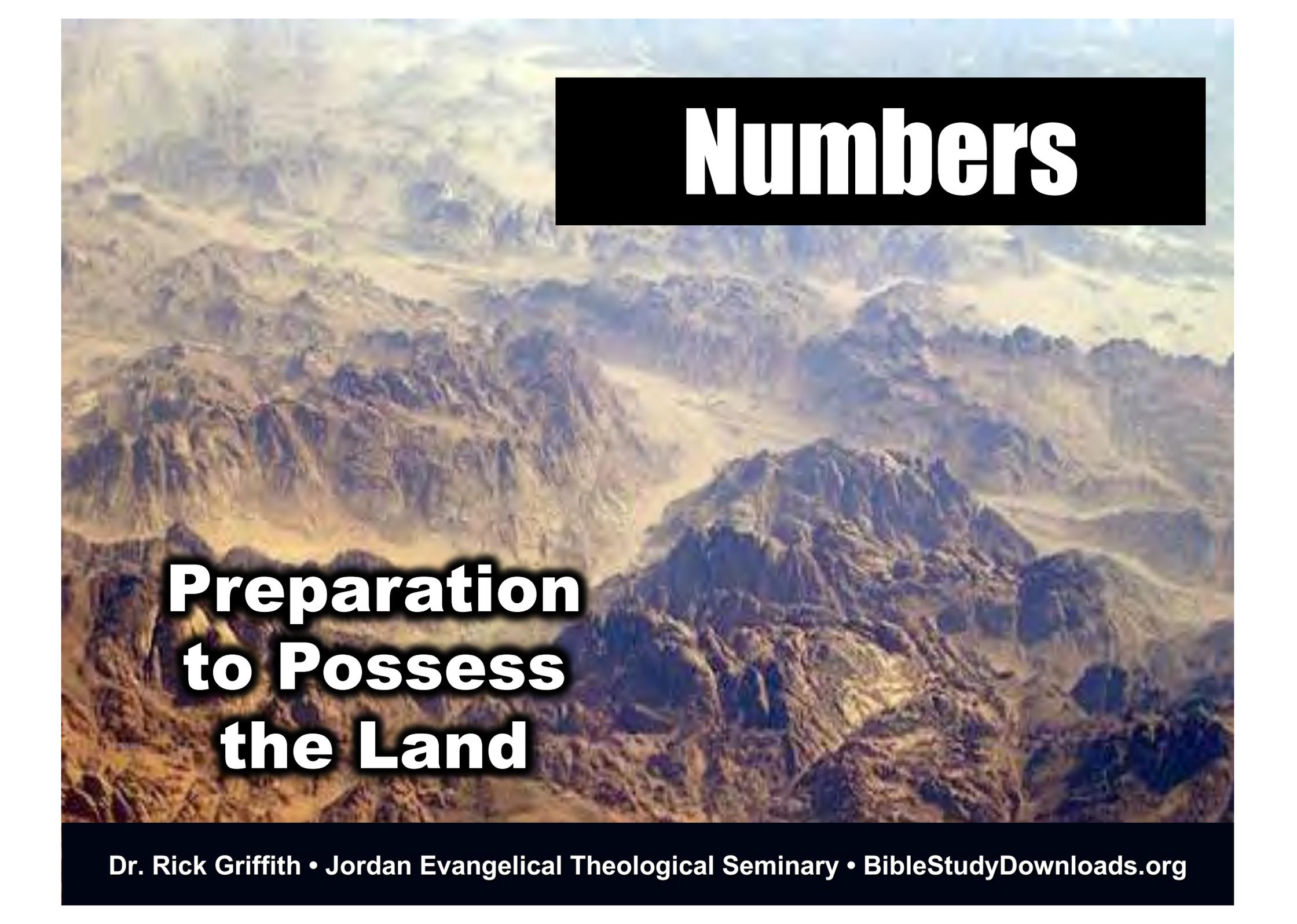
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Time When Numbers Starts

Exodus

**April
1445**



Numbers

**May
1444**



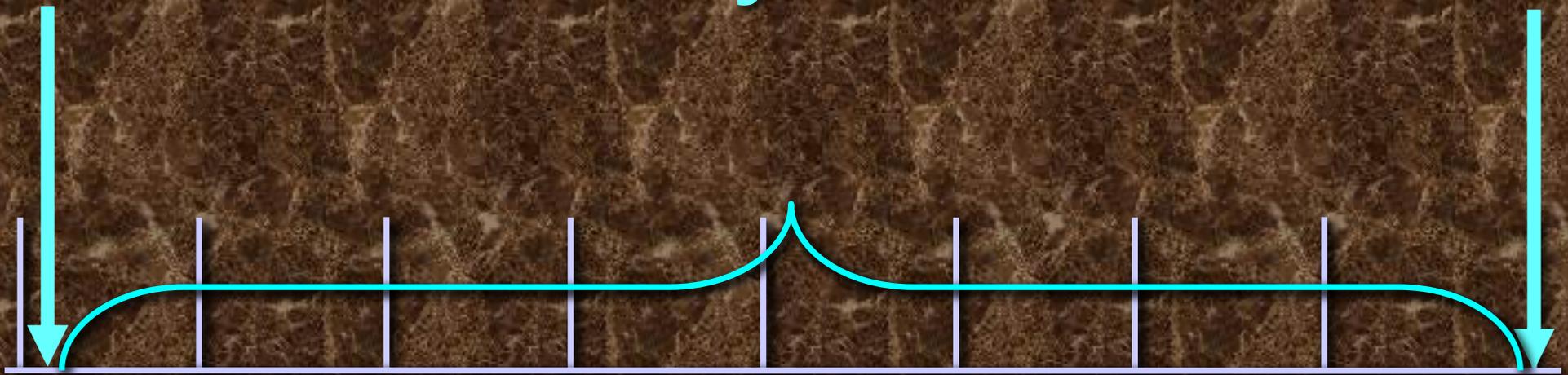
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Time When Numbers Ends

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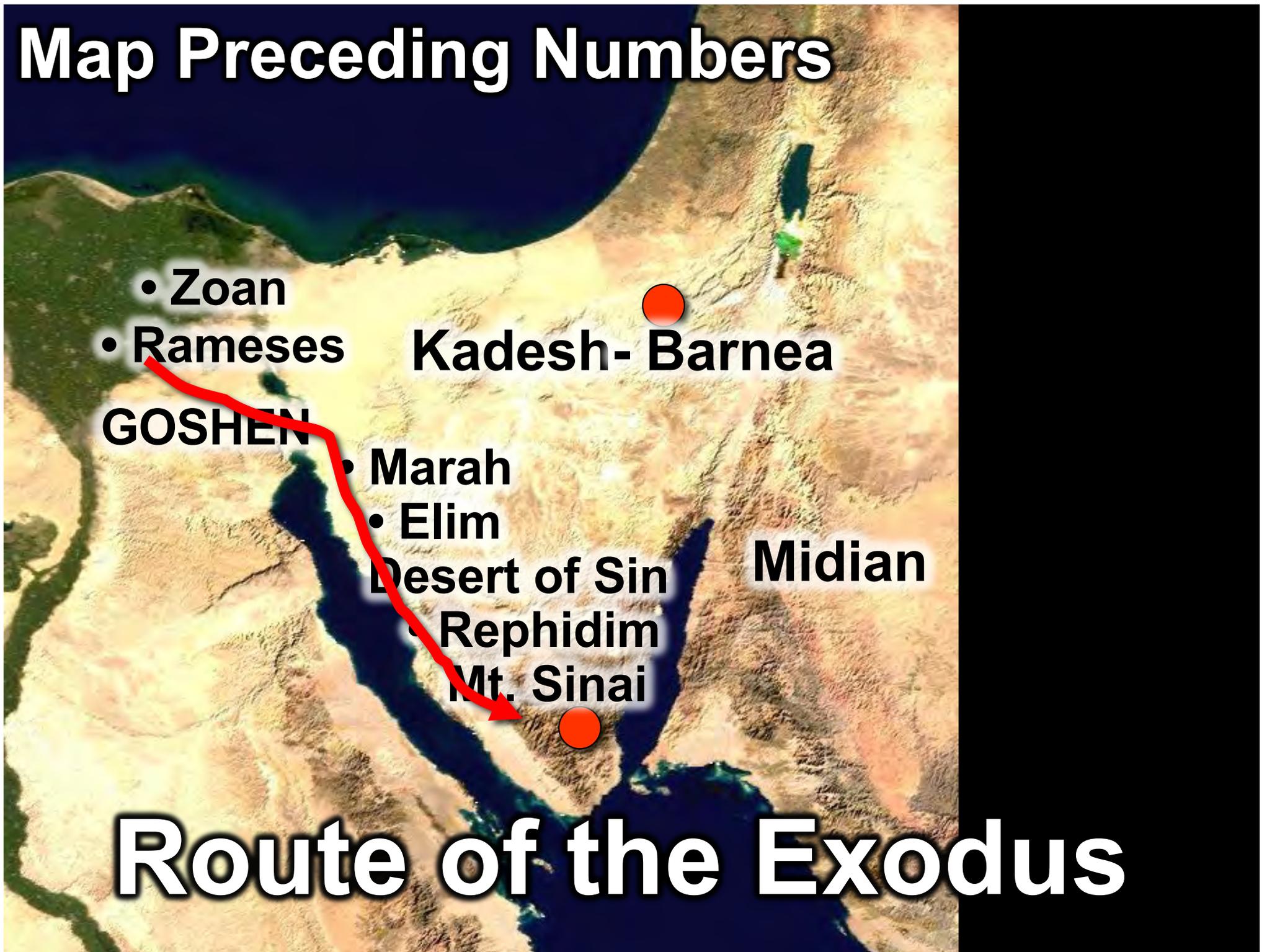
39 years

Sept
1405



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Map Preceding Numbers

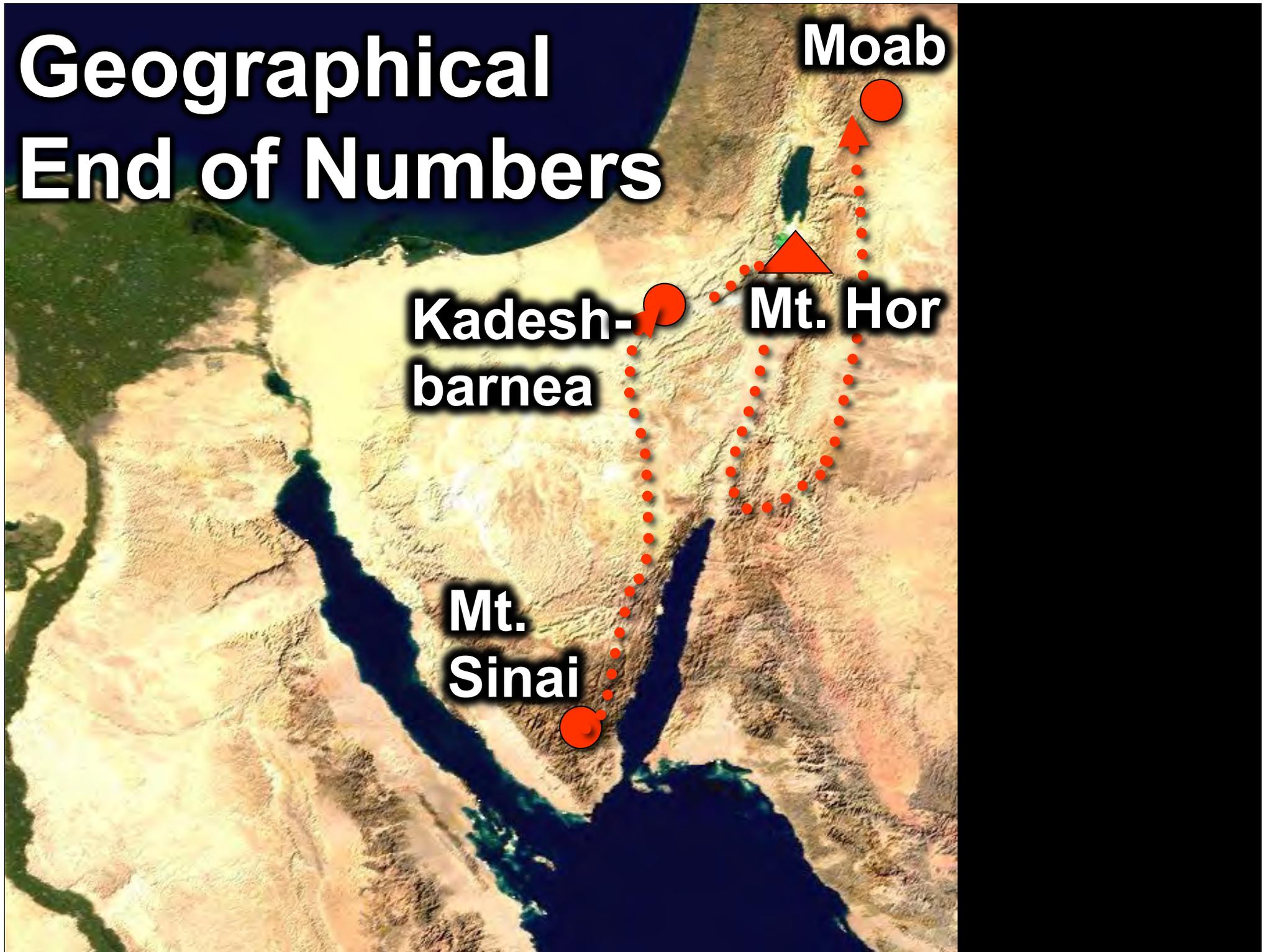


Route of the Exodus

Geographical Start of Numbers

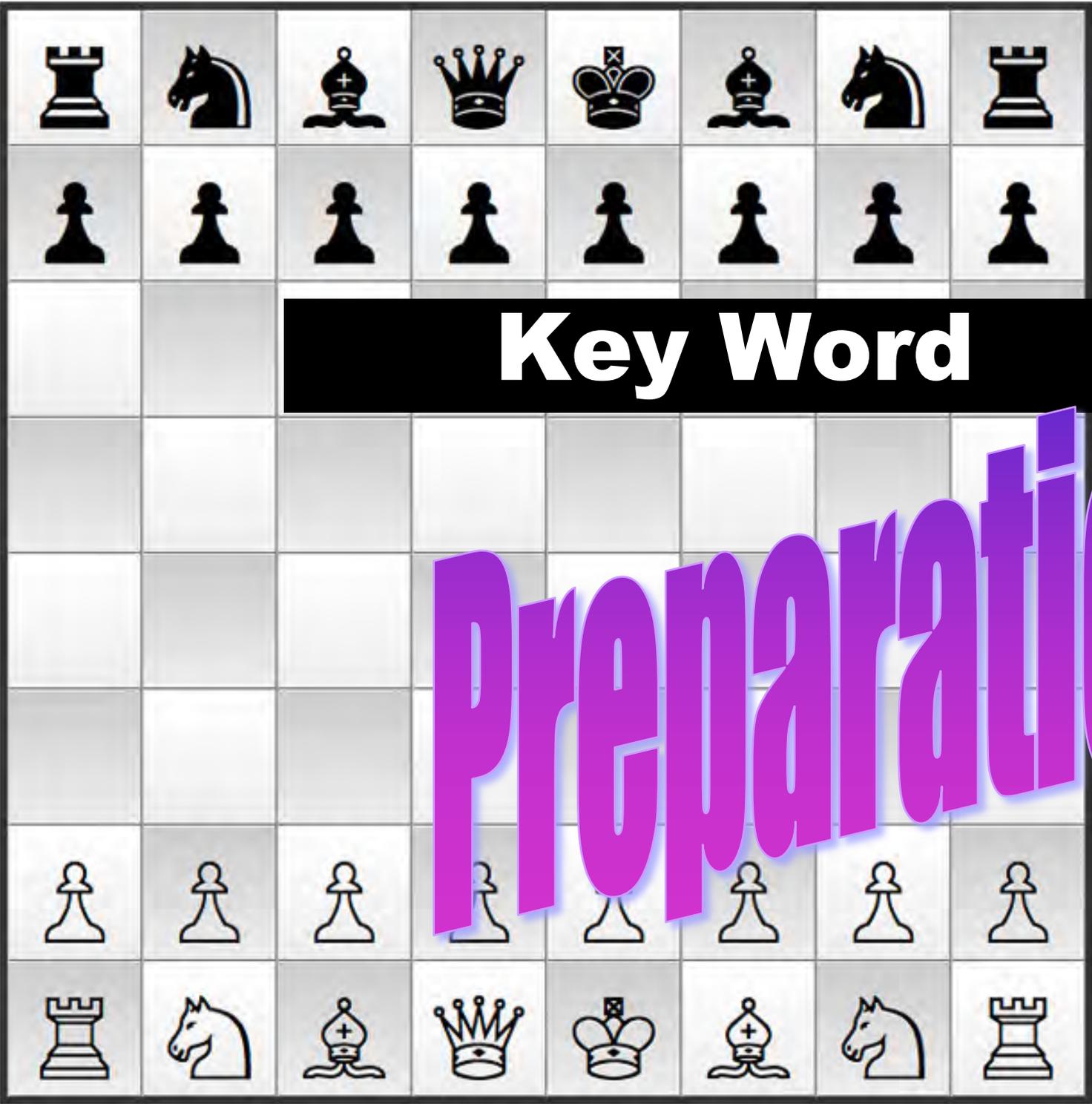


Geographical End of Numbers



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Key Word

Preparation

Water from a Rock



1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

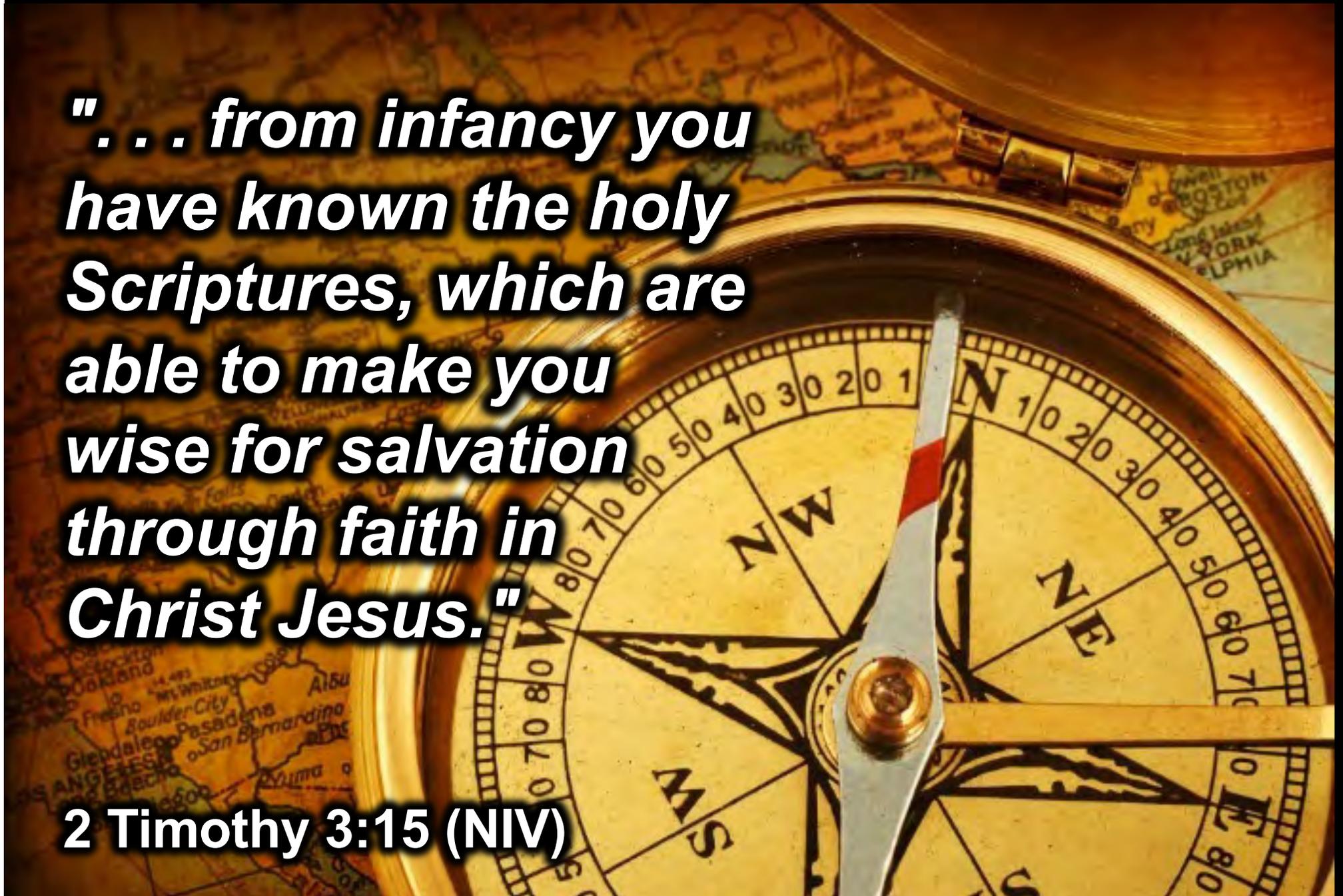
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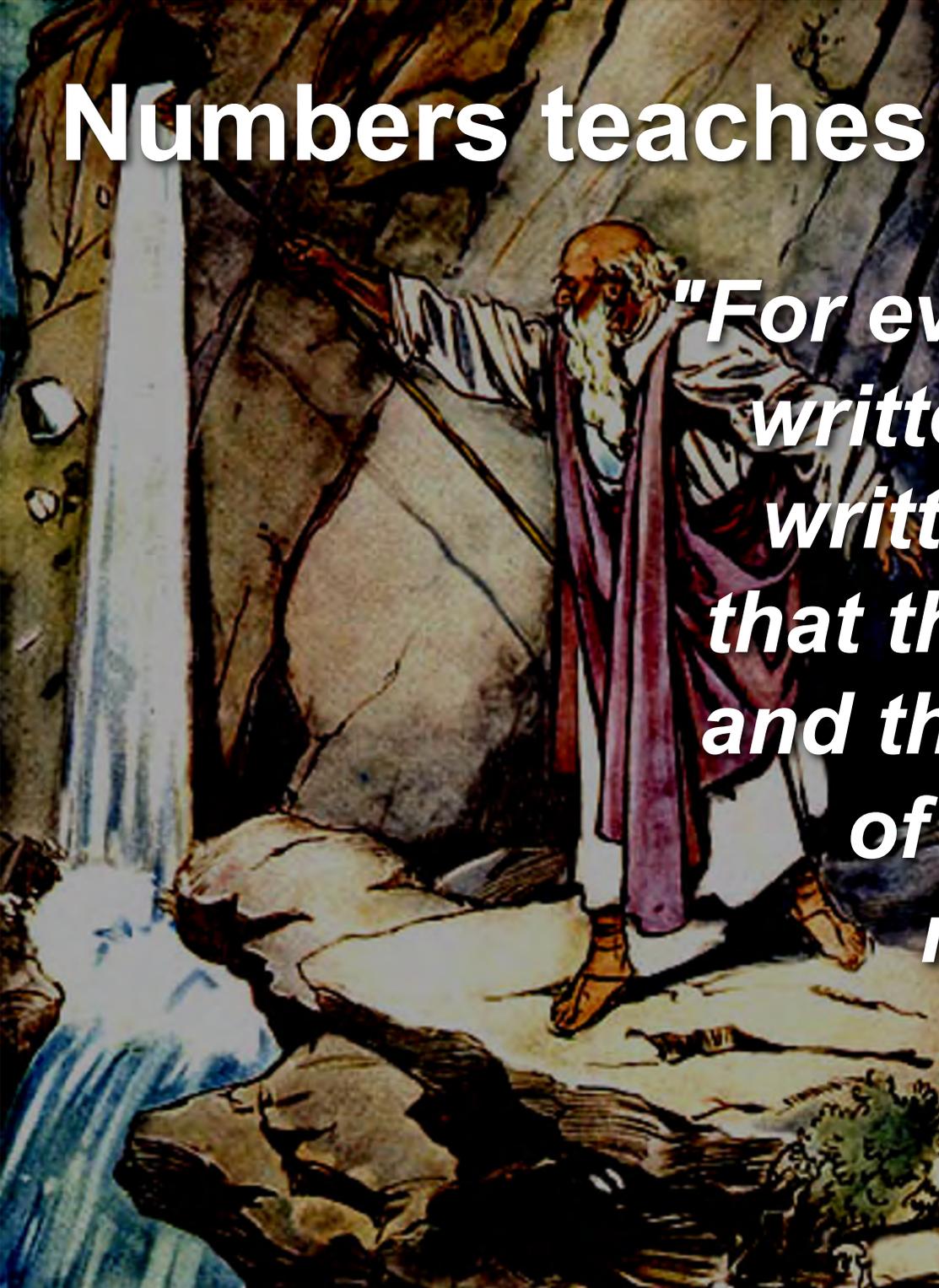
¹I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. **All** of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and **all** of them walked through the sea on dry ground. ²In the cloud and in the sea, **all** of them were baptized as followers of Moses. ³**All** of them ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and **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

Them

Formation

Sanctification

Preparation

Occupation

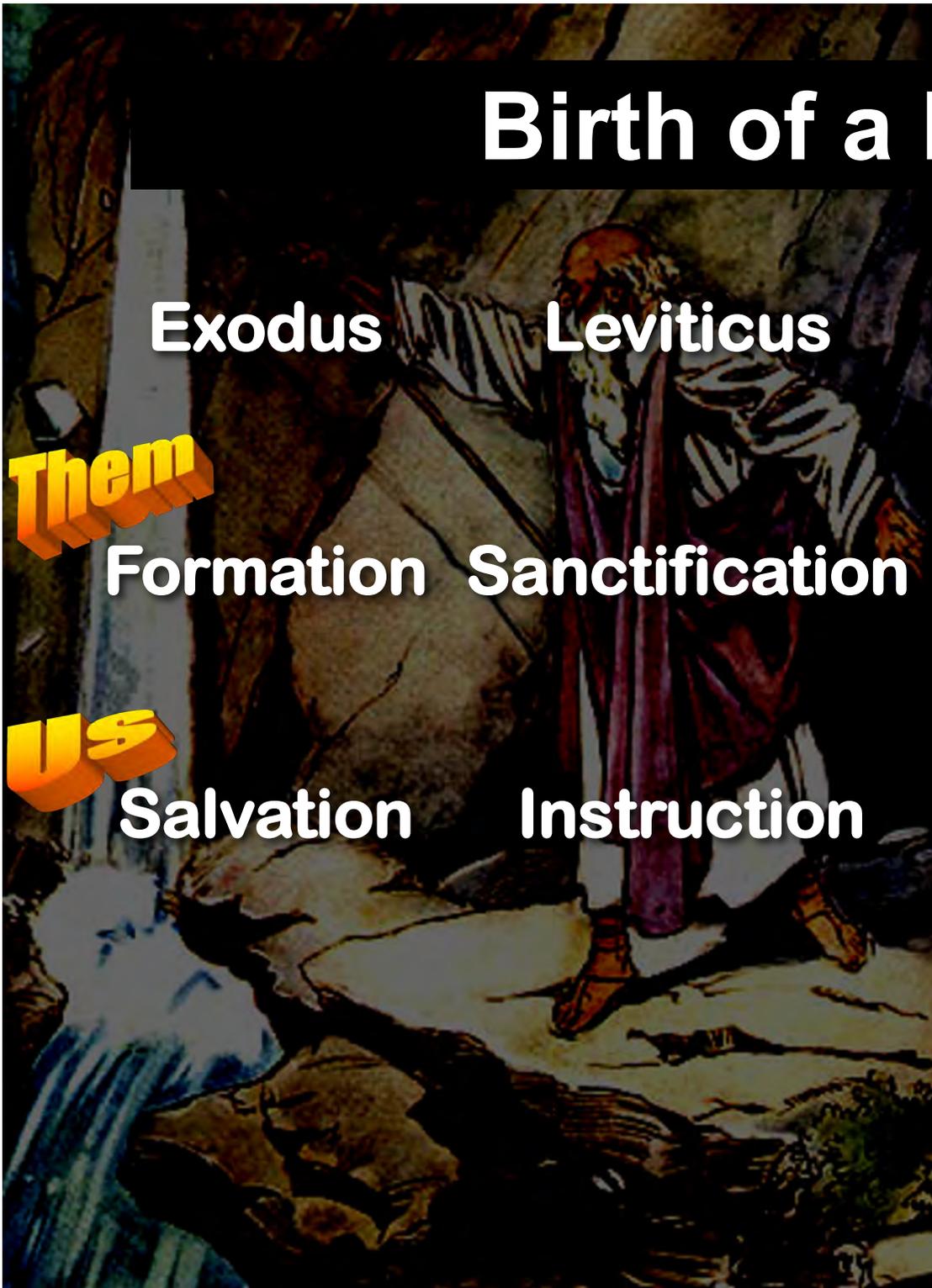
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Salvation

Instruction

Walk

Rest



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Numbers 1

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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

Numbers 2 versus 2 Samuel 24

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



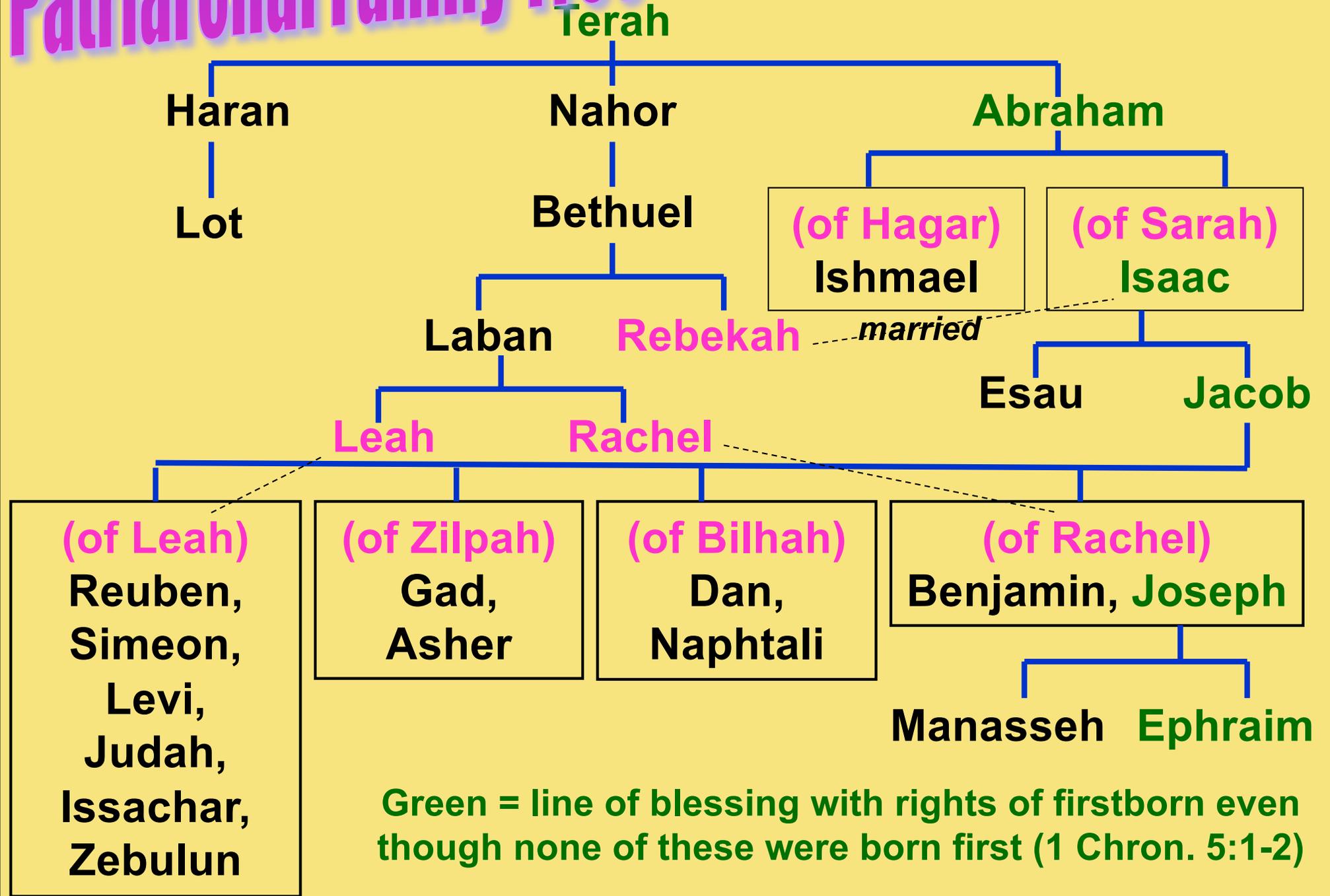
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Where did Israel fit 2 million people?



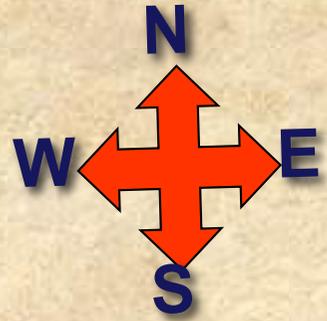
- Mt. Sinai had the Plain of Raha to the north which was large enough for all Israel to camp.

Patriarchal Family Tree



Green = line of blessing with rights of firstborn even though none of these were born first (1 Chron. 5:1-2)

Tribes Encircled the Tabernacle



Manasseh
Benjamin
Ephraim

Rachel's
Sons



Servant's
Sons

Disgraced
Sons

Gad
Simeon
Reuben

Dan
Asher
Naphtali

Leah's
Sons
Issachar
Zebulun
Judah

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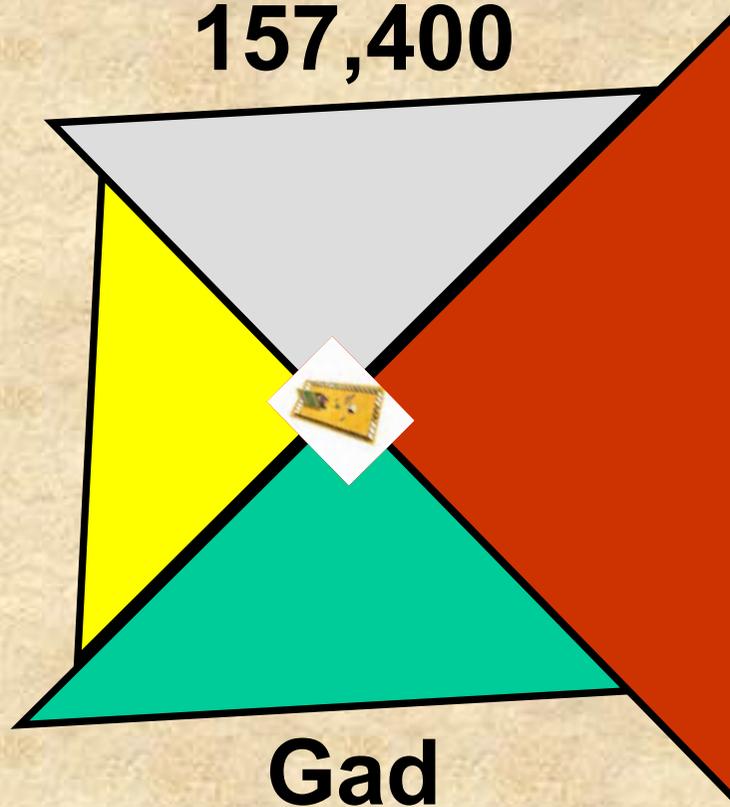
Populations

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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

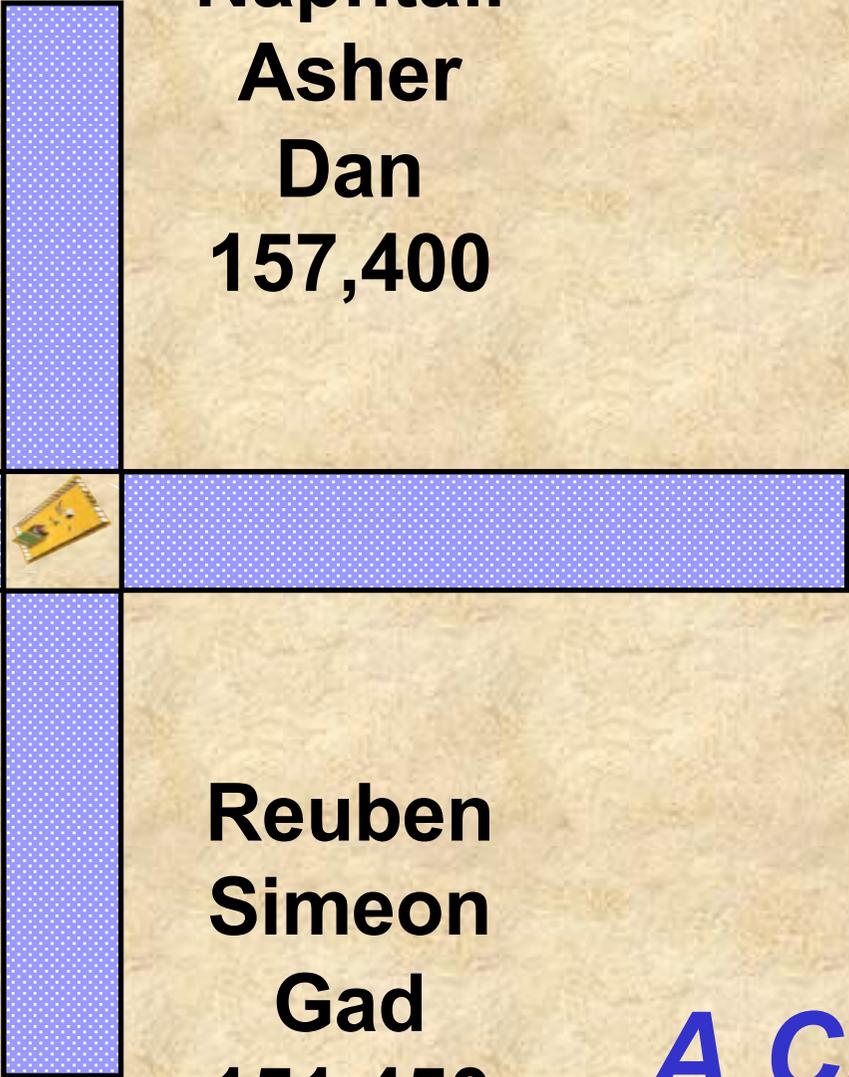


Ephraim
Manasseh
Benjamin
108,100

Naphtali
Asher
Dan
157,400

Judah
Issachar
Zebulun
186,400

Reuben
Simeon
Gad
151,450



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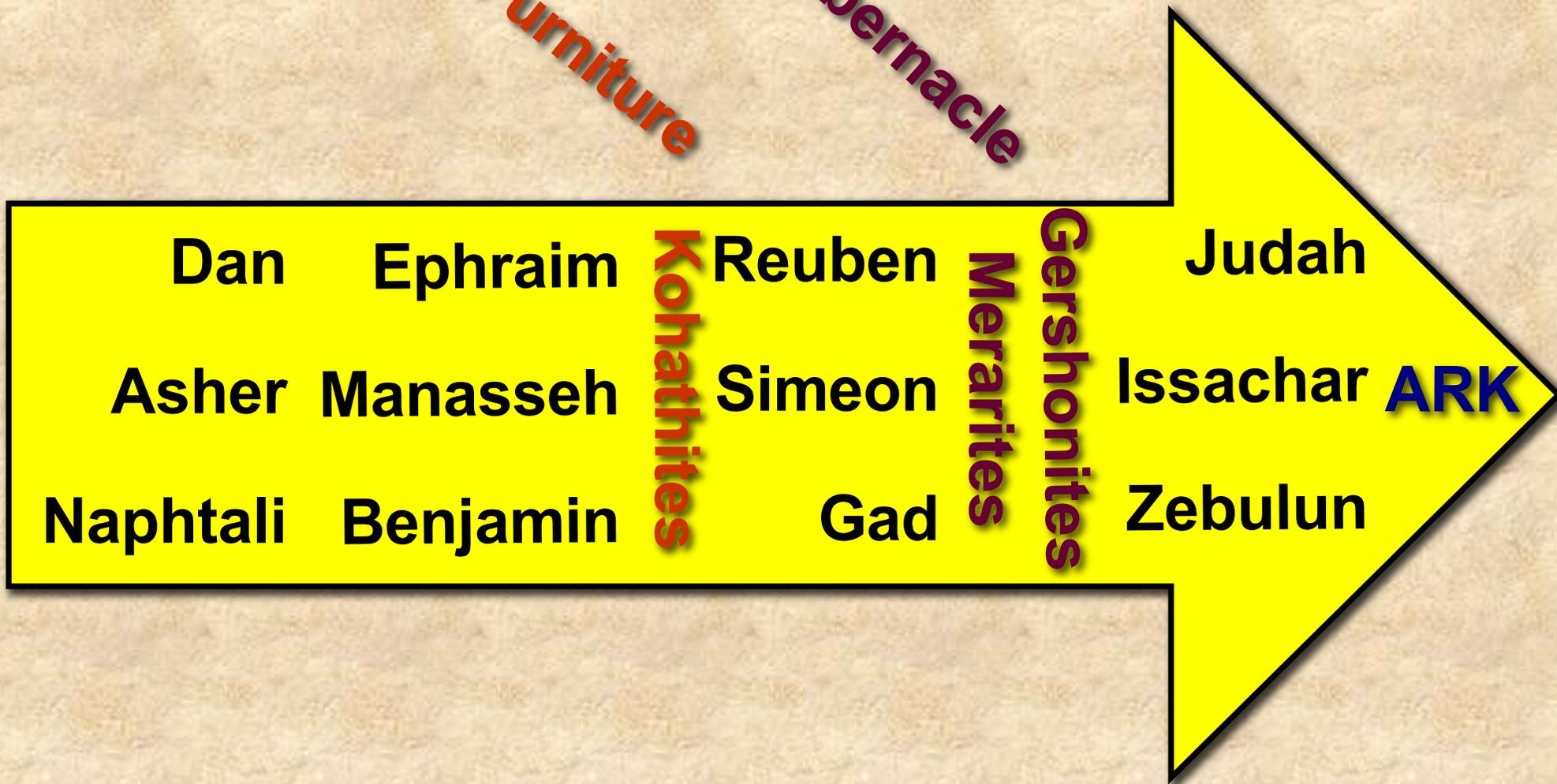
A Cross Formation!

The Marching Line

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Furniture

Tabernacle

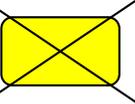


Numbers 2; 10:11-28

Numbers 3

Levi's Family Tree



	Levites
	Priests
	High Priest
	Offered Unauthorised Fire; Killed by God

Gershonites

7,500

Levite & Priest Tents



Merarites

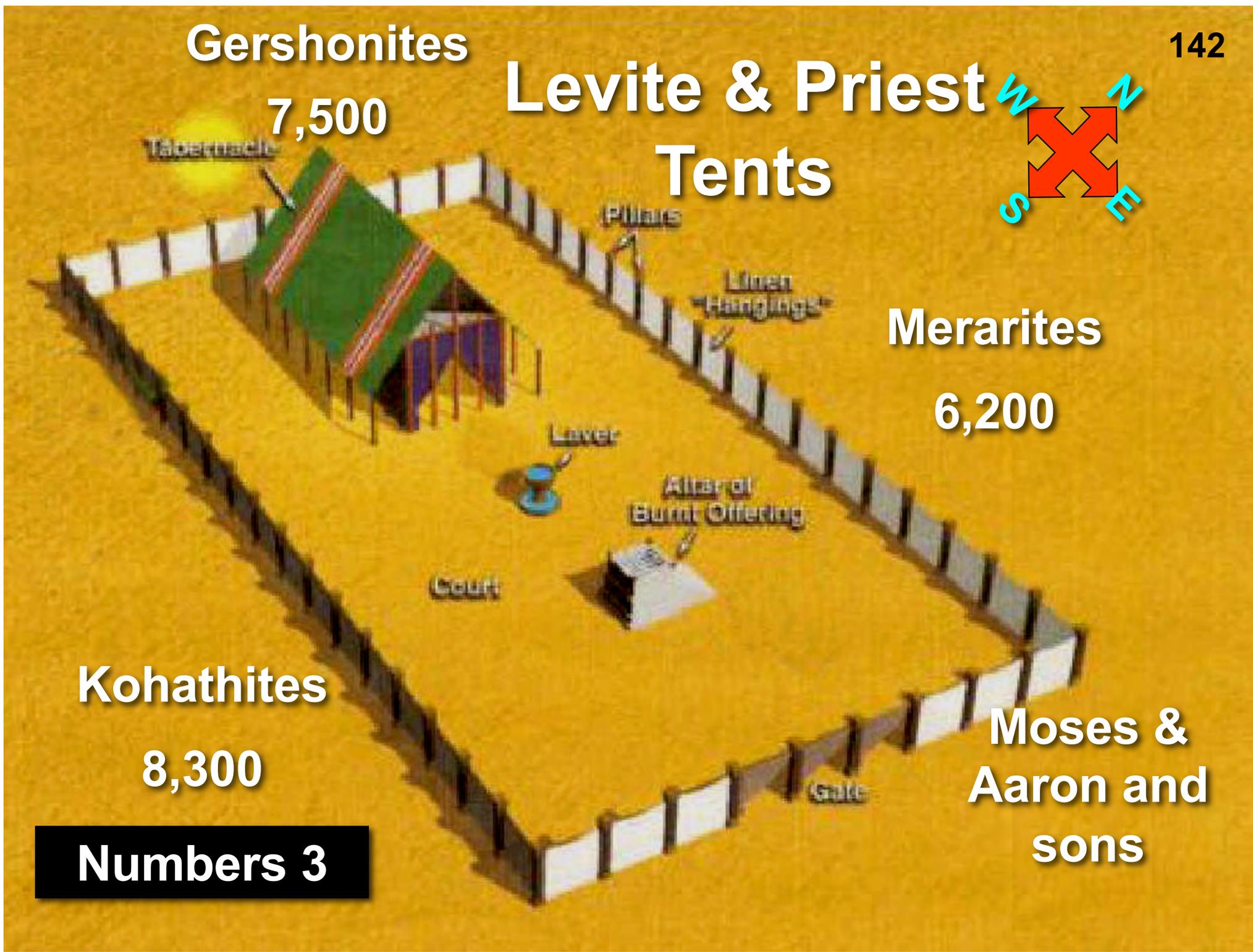
6,200

Kohathites

8,300

Moses & Aaron and sons

Numbers 3



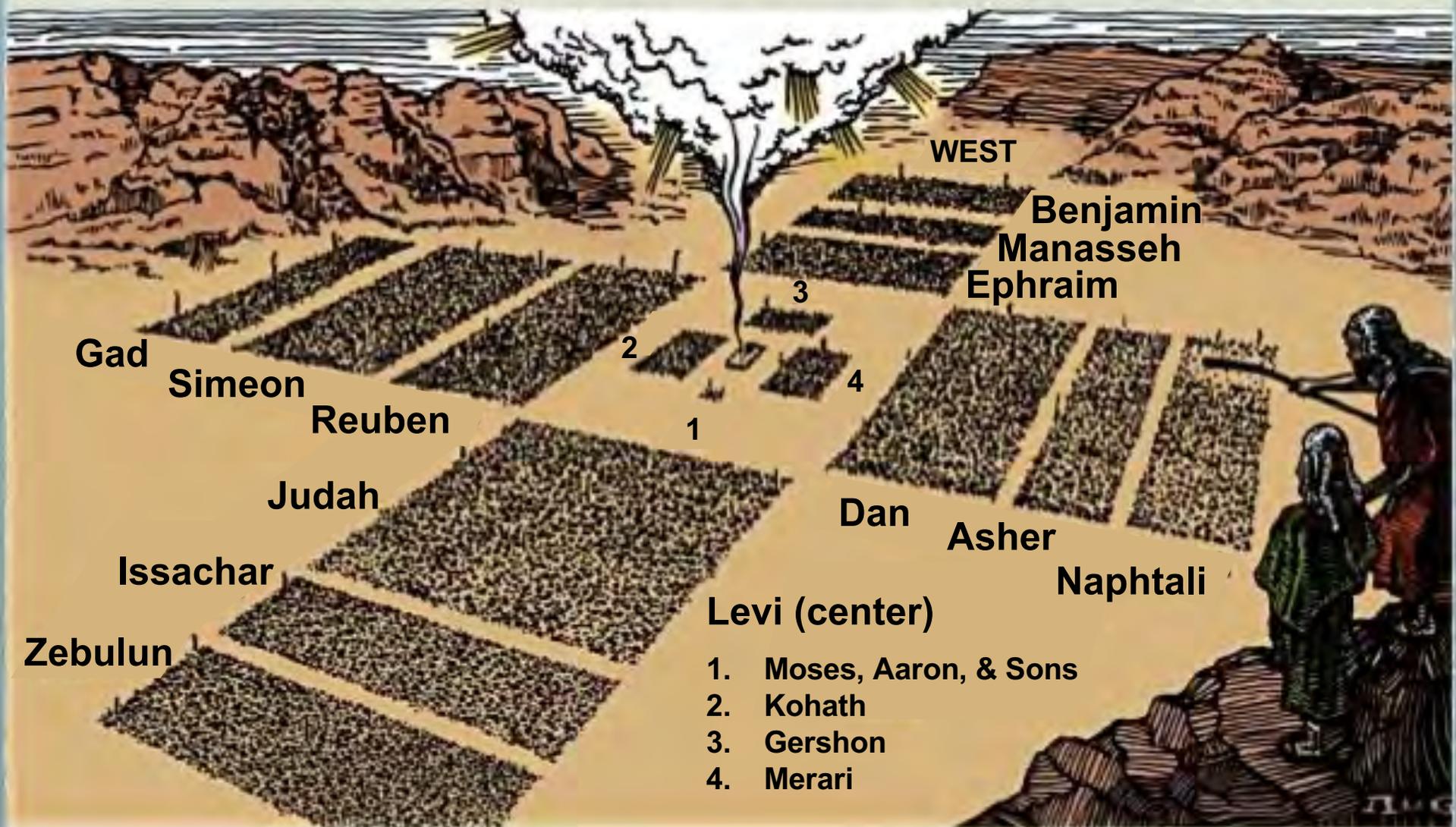
Numbers 4



Numbers 4

Putting it together...

Numbers 4



Numbers 5

Preparation to Possess the Land

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The Jealousy Ordeal (Num 5:11-28)



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

The Jealousy Ordeal (Num 5:11-28)

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



The Jealousy Ordeal (Num 5:11-28)

Book of Numbers—versus—the Ancient Near East

The “bitter water”
only endangered
the guilty party

She was
innocent until
proven guilty

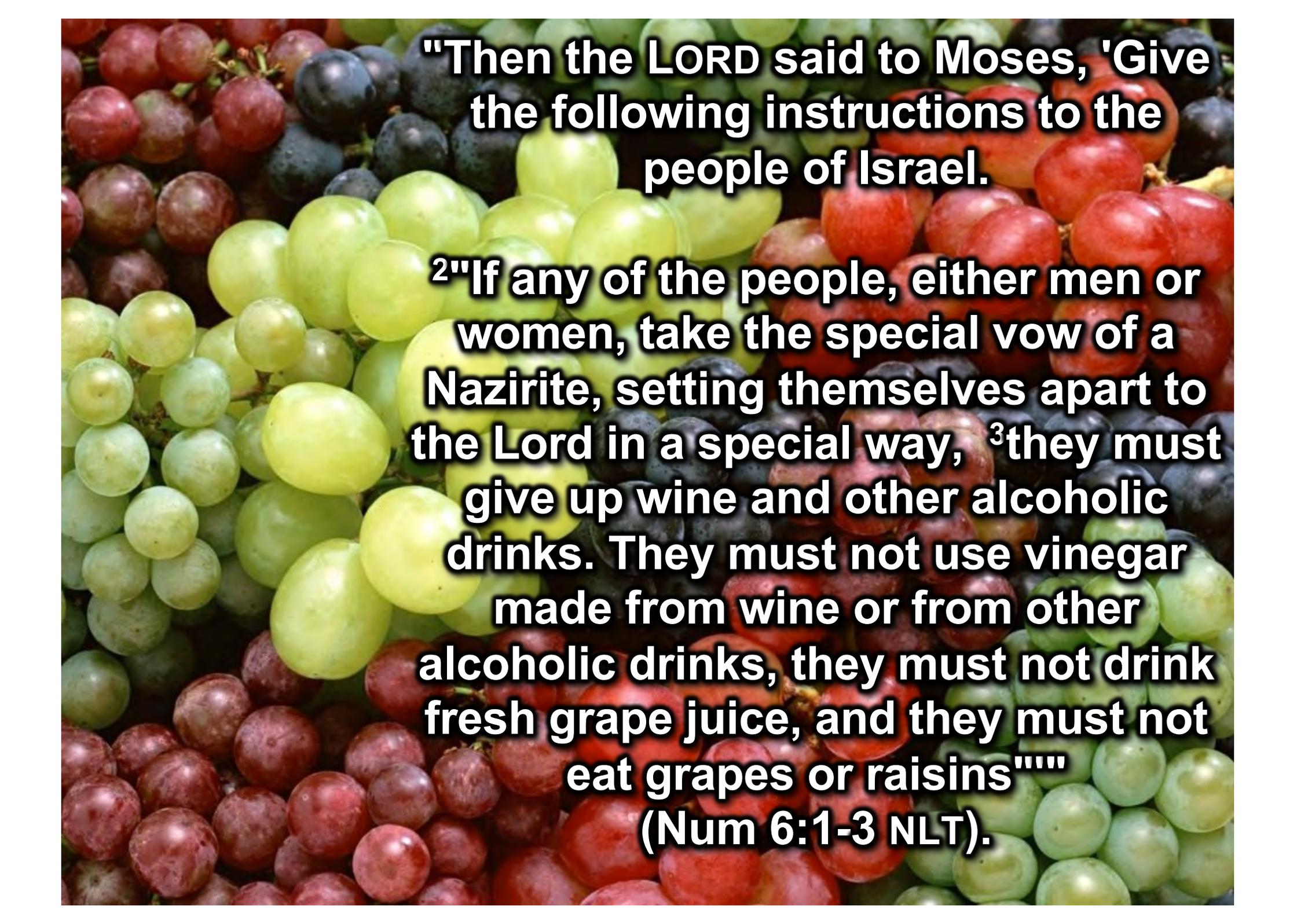
The penalty was
the outcome of
the ritual itself

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

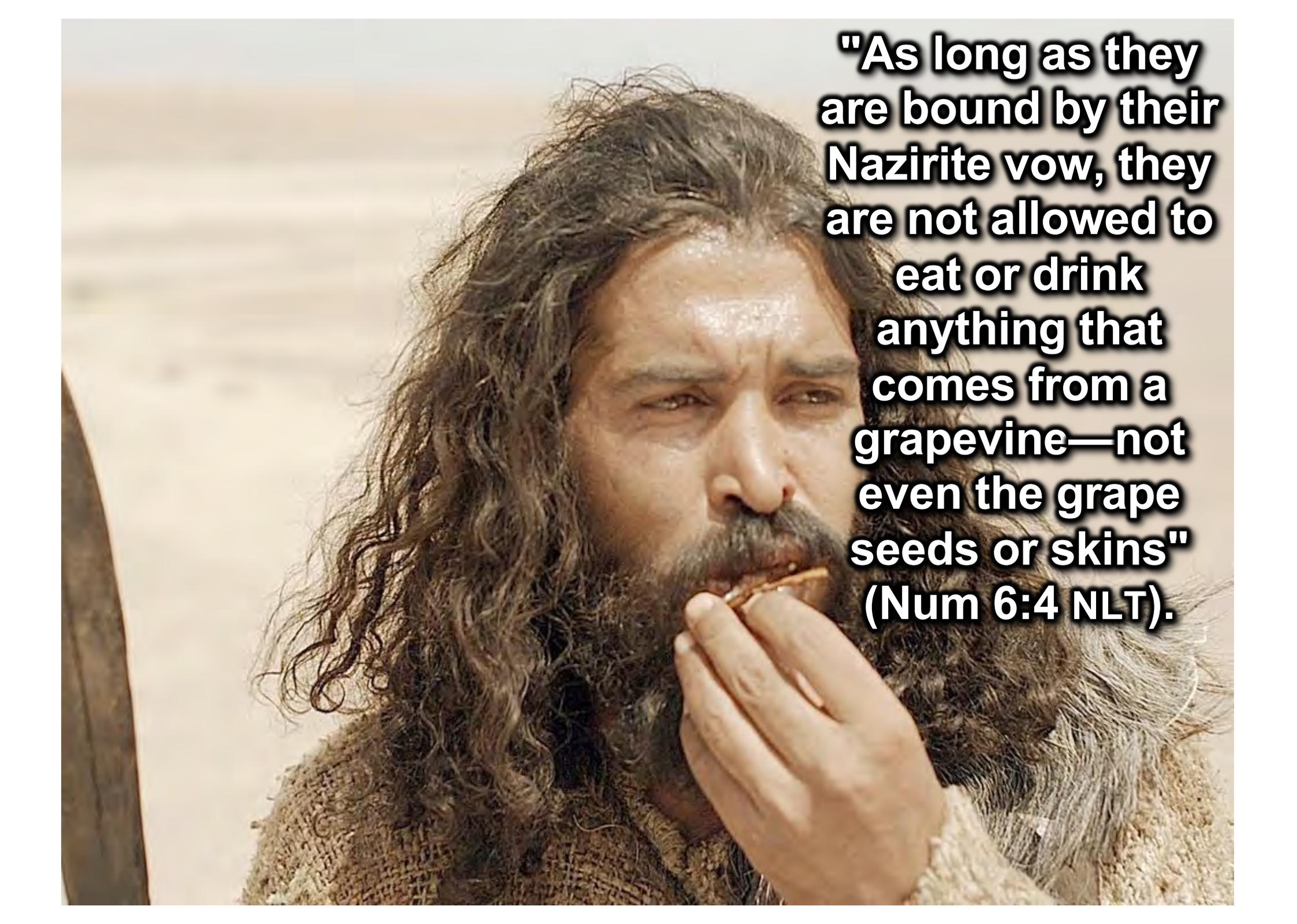
Her penalty was normally
pronounced separately by
the court.

Numbers 6



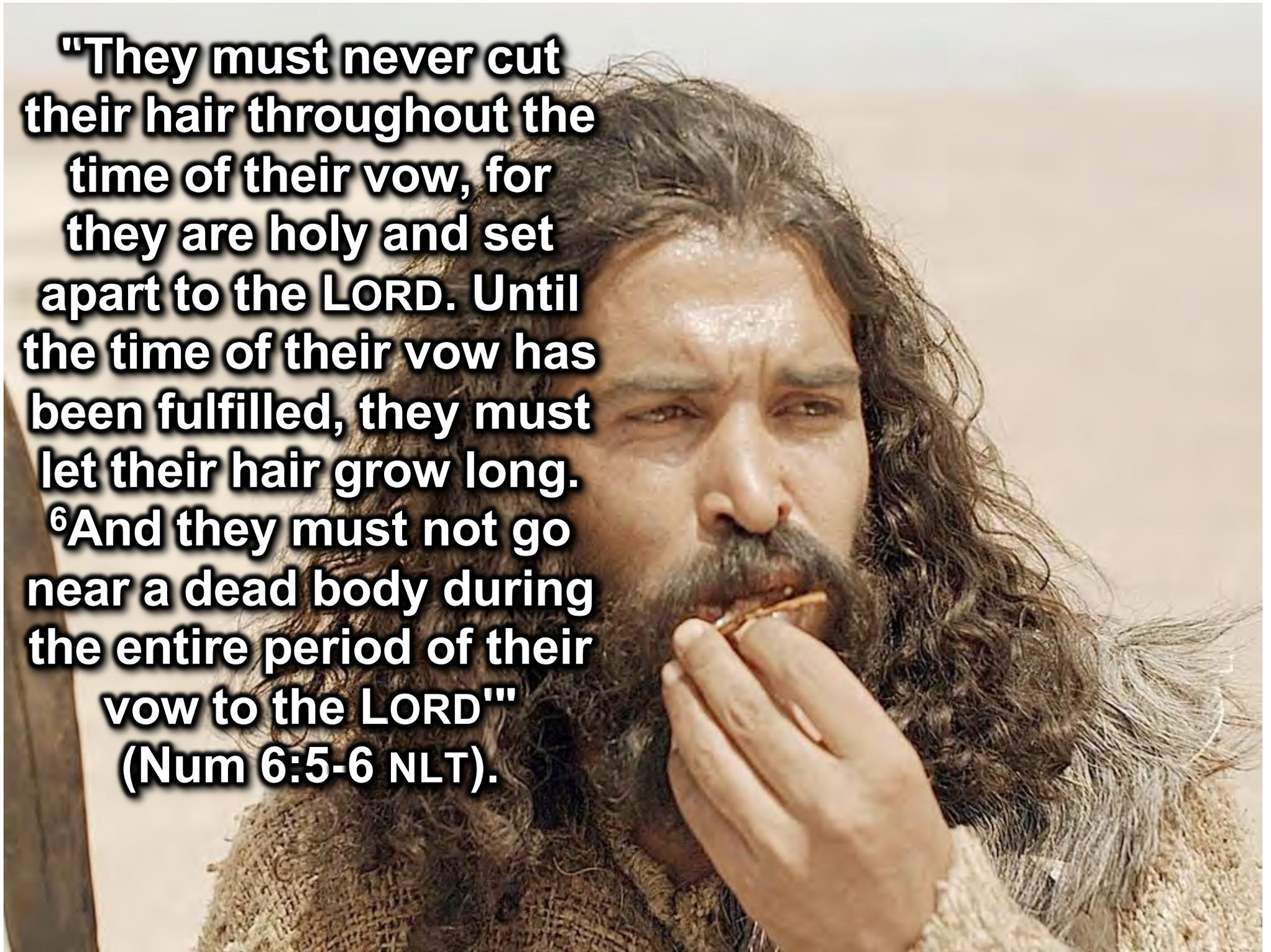
"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Give the following instructions to the people of Israel.

**²"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, ³they 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. ⁶And they must not go near a dead body during the entire period of their vow to the LORD"
(Num 6:5-6 NLT).**





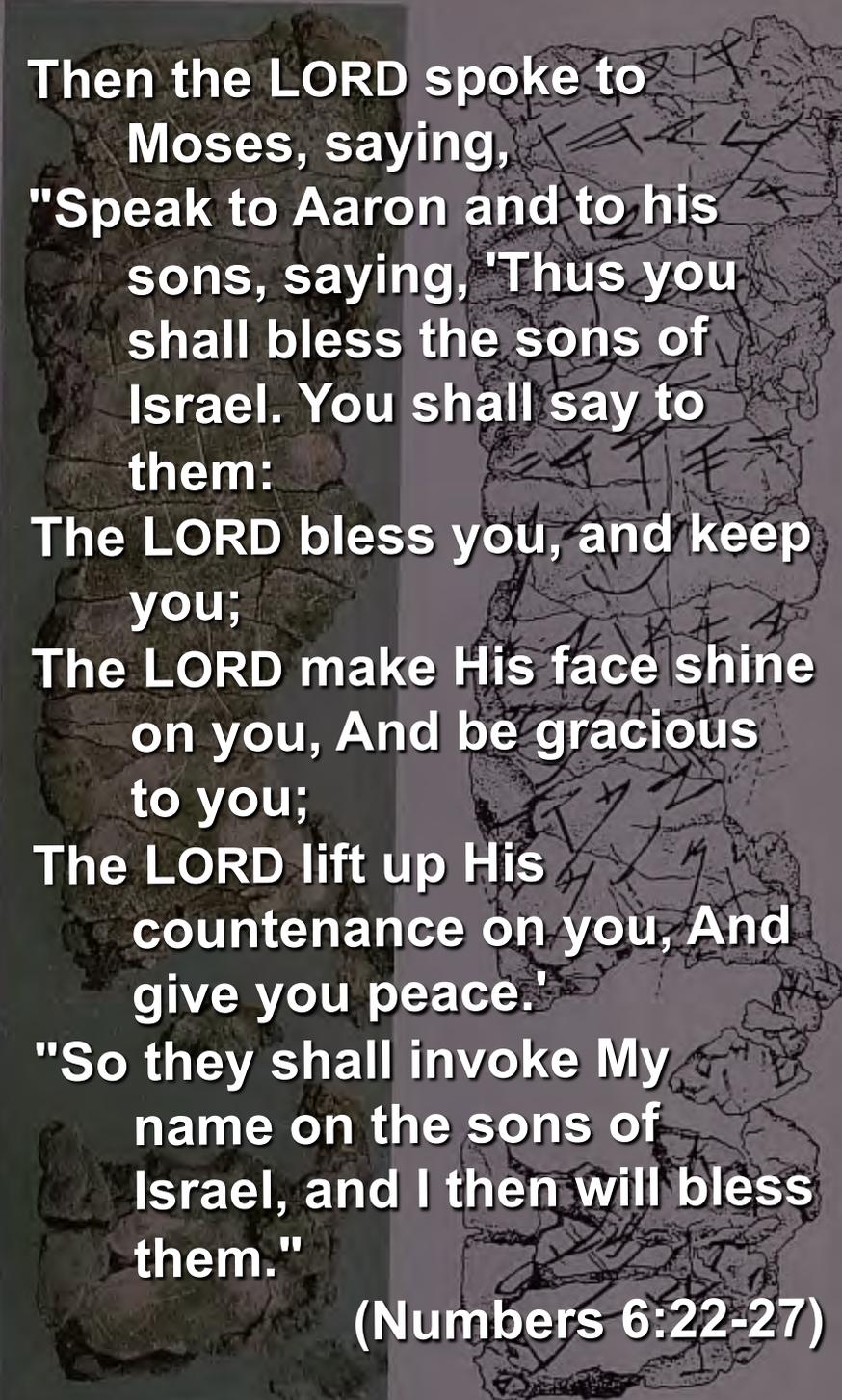
**The
LORD**
Bless you

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)

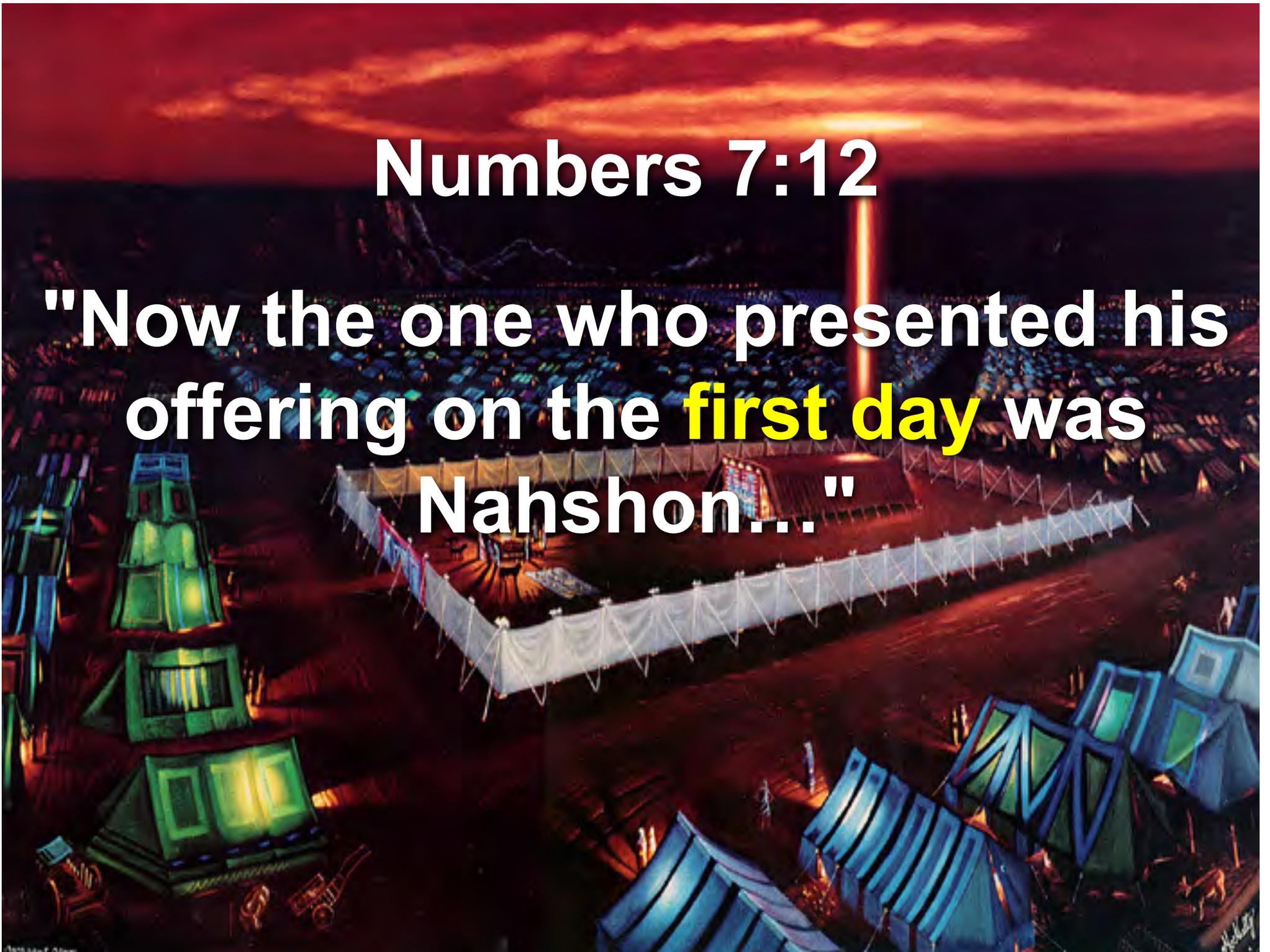
#8 Silver Scroll Amulet

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

Numbers 7

Numbers 7:12

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





Numbers 7

Offerings order...

Altar Offerings in Numbers 7



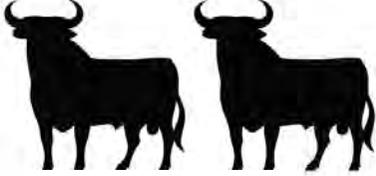
1 ark
12 oxen
6 carts

Altar Offerings in Numbers 7

Numbers 7:11 The LORD said to Moses, "They shall present their offerings, one leader each day, to dedicate the altar."

Numbers 7:12-88 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:

Offering and Grain Sacrifice	Burnt Offering	Sin Offering	Sacrifice of Well-Being
 <p>flour mixed with oil</p> <p>1 silver plate weighing 130 shekels</p>	 <p>1 young bull</p>		 <p>2 oxen</p>
 <p>flour mixed with oil</p> <p>1 silver basin weighing 70 shekels</p>	 <p>1 ram</p>		 <p>5 rams</p>
 <p>incense</p> <p>1 golden dish weighing 10 shekels</p>		 <p>1 male goat</p>	 <p>5 male goats</p>
	 <p>1 male one-year-old lamb</p>		 <p>5 male one-year-old lambs</p>

* No one is really sure how much a shekel actually is, but www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/History/weightsandmeasures.html says it's maybe 10 grams +/- 1 gram

Numbers 8

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.”

Numbers 9

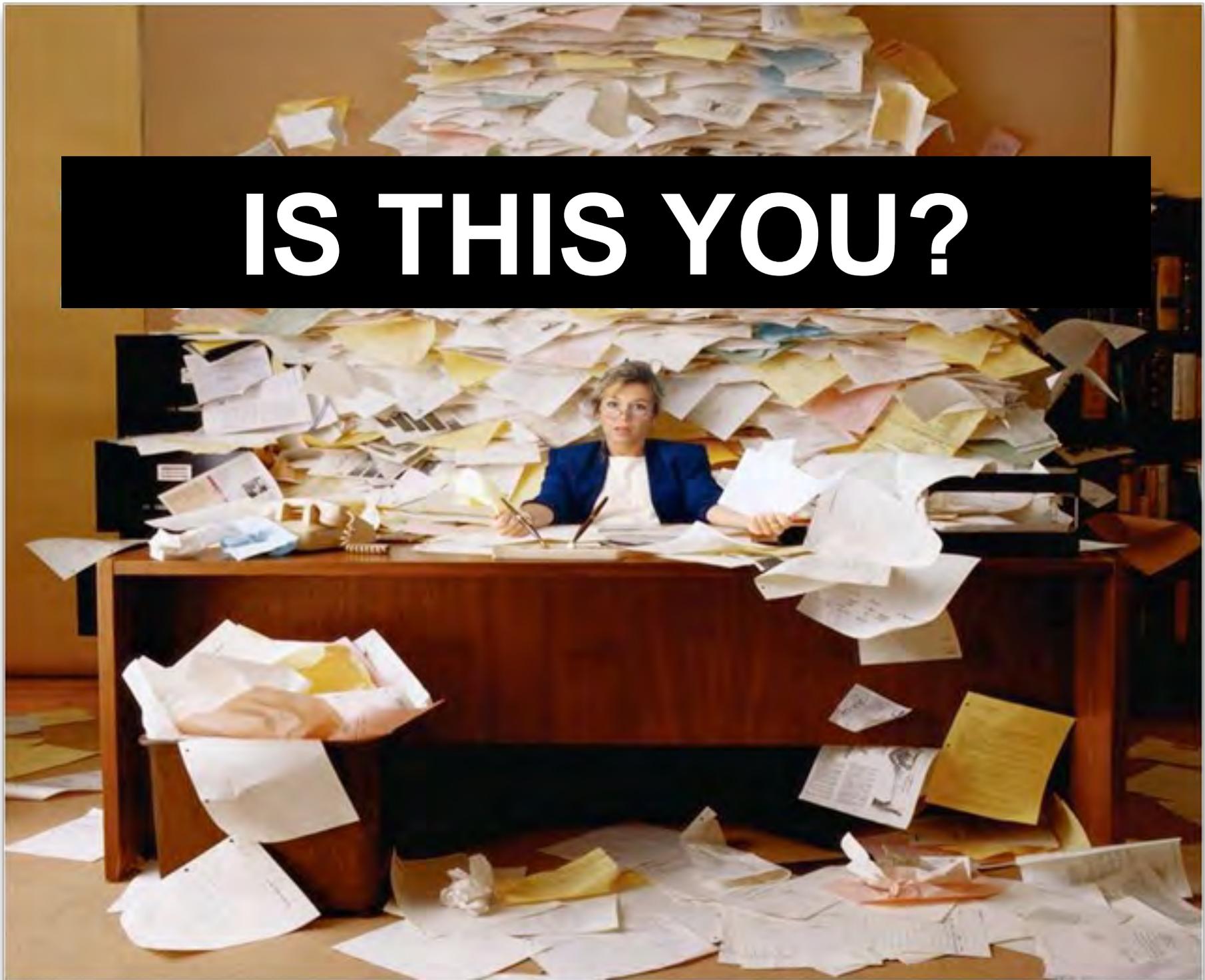
First Passover Remembrance (Numbers 9:1-14)



**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)**



**"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.**



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

Philippians 4:13

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**

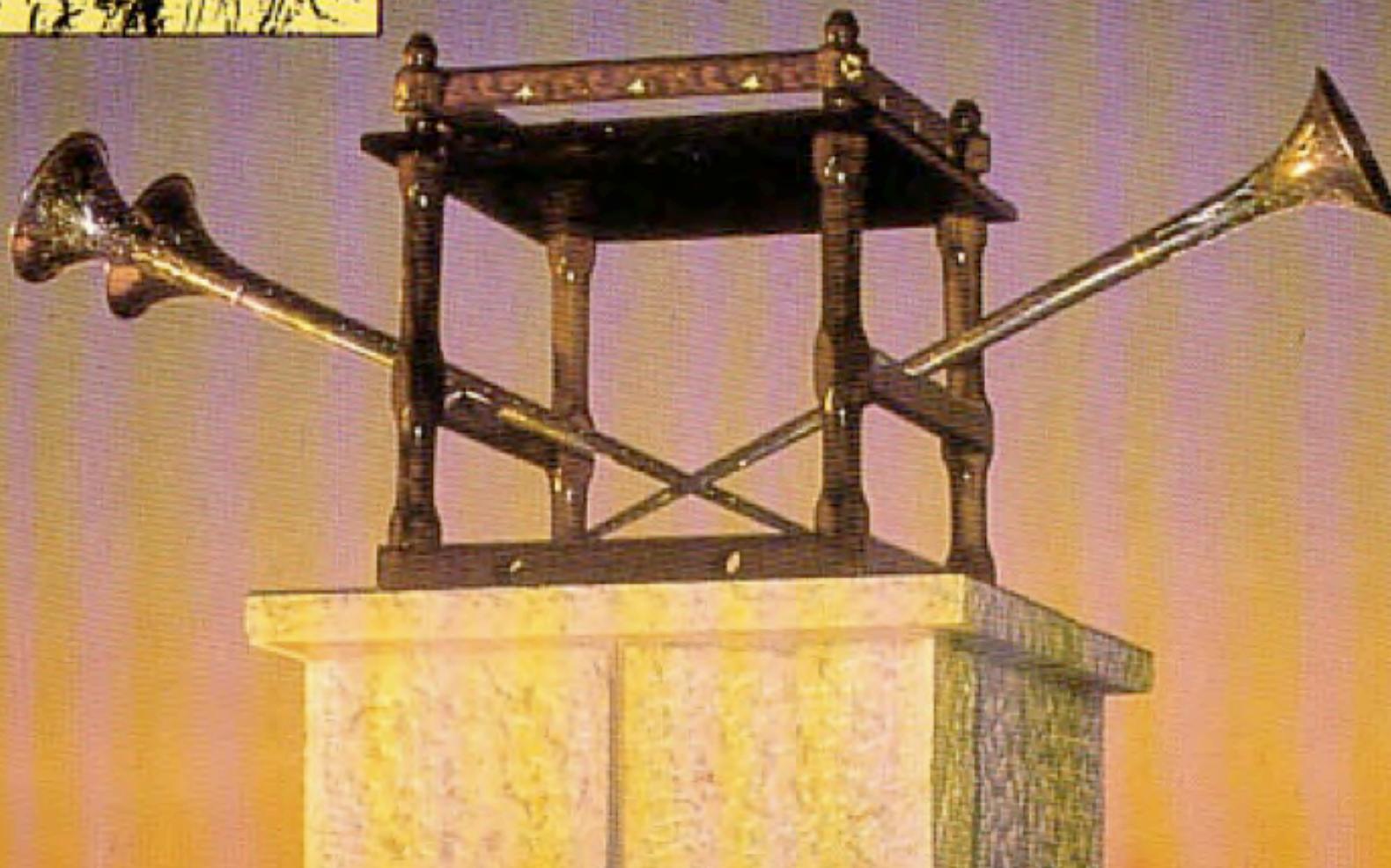
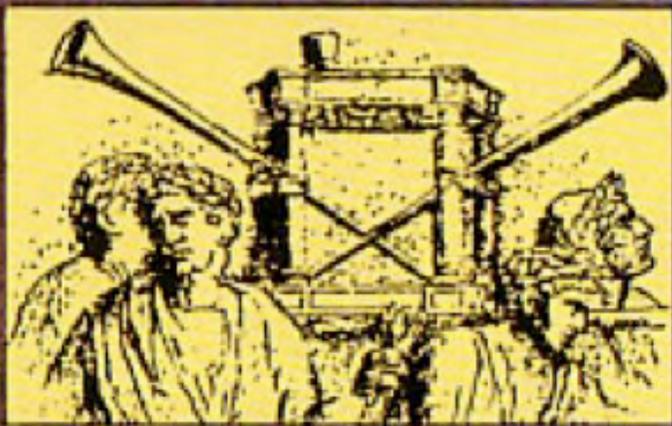
Numbers 10:11–25:18

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Numbers 10

The Silver Trumpets (10:1-10)



The Silver Trumpets (Num 10:1-10)



Numbers 1–12, 33 Map



Route of the Journey

Some Don't Leave Sinai

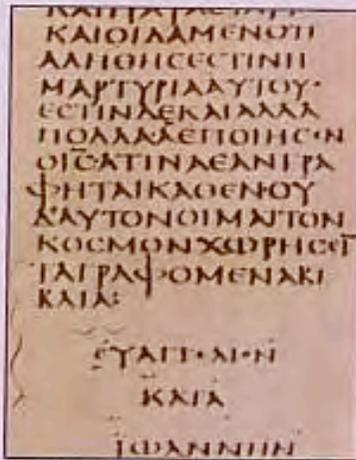
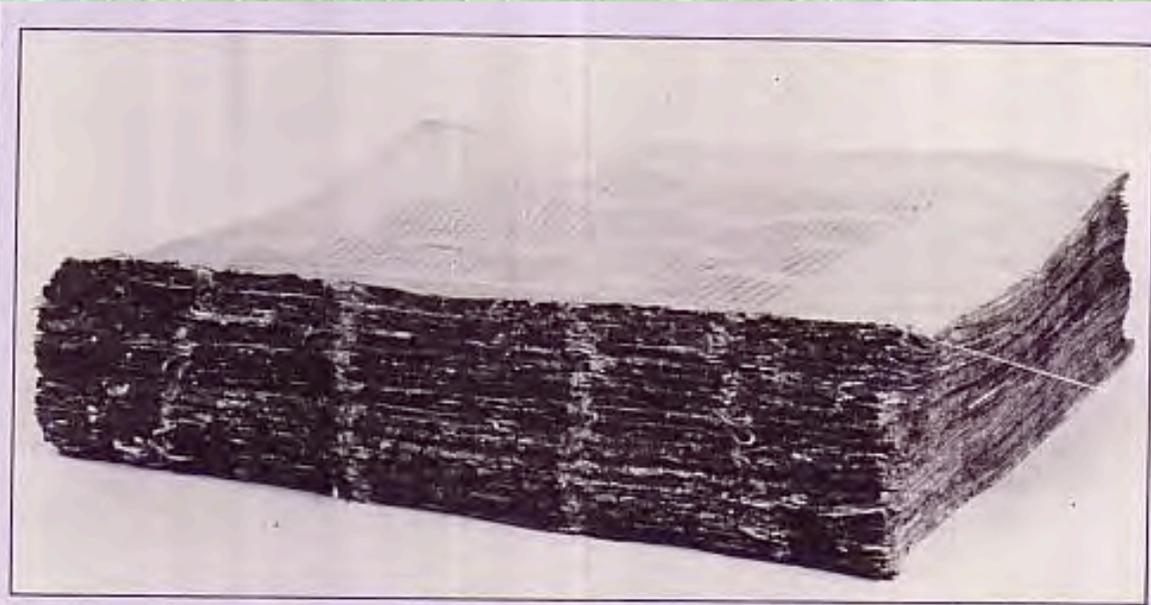
**St. Catherine's
monastery has
housed Greek
monks at the
foot of Mt.
Sinai since the
6th century AD**



The Codex Sinaiticus



Constantin Tischendorf,
1815–74.



Marching Orders



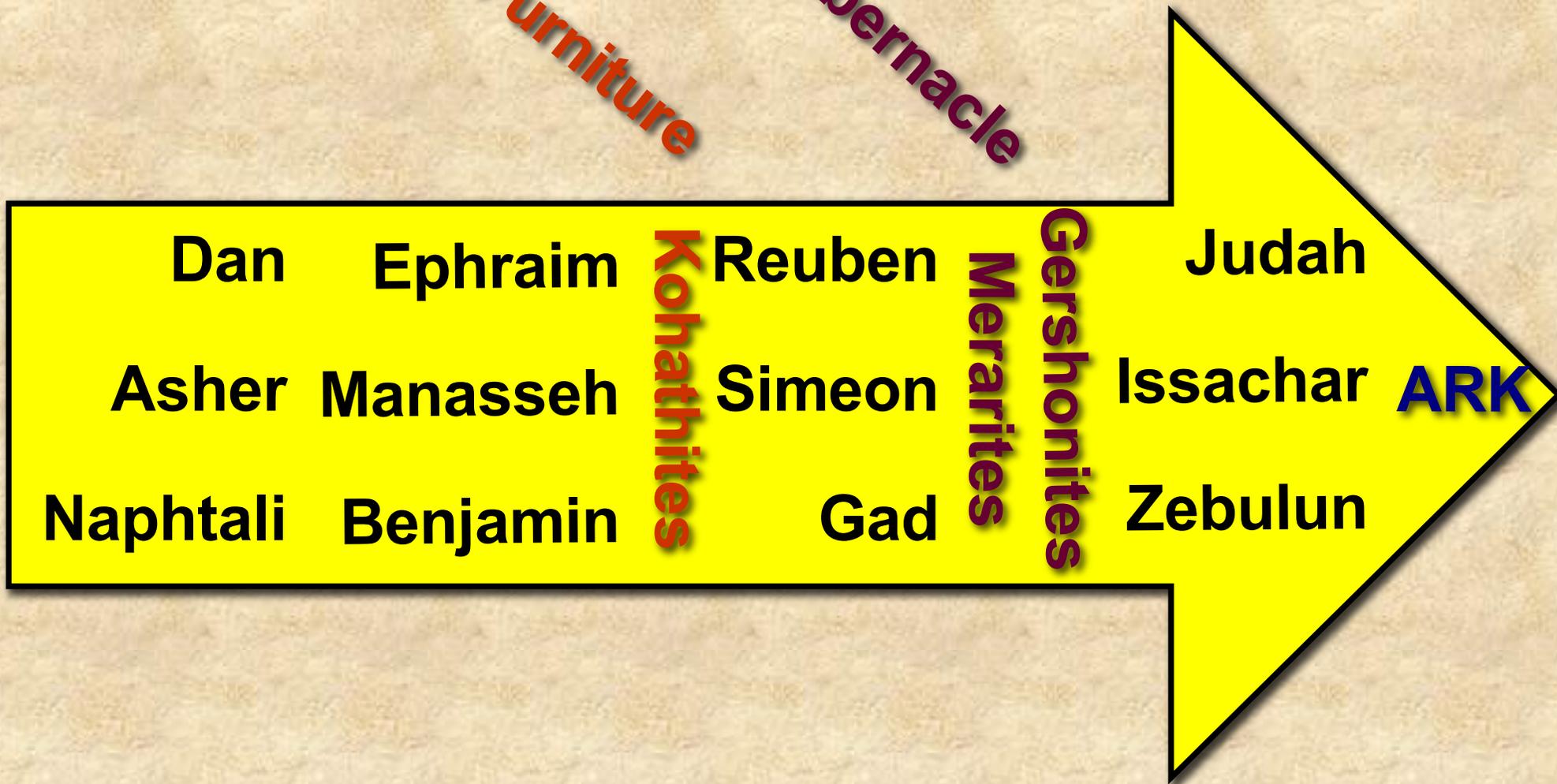
Numbers 2, 10

The Marching Line

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Furniture

Tabernacle



Numbers 2; 10:11-28

The Wilderness of Paran



Photo: Barry Beitzel

Numbers 10:12

Numbers 11

Complaining!

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



Fire!

**"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 11:1b-3 NLT).**



Were the Exodus Jews Saved?

What evidence may support some of them being unsaved?

What supports them being regenerated?

Numbers 12

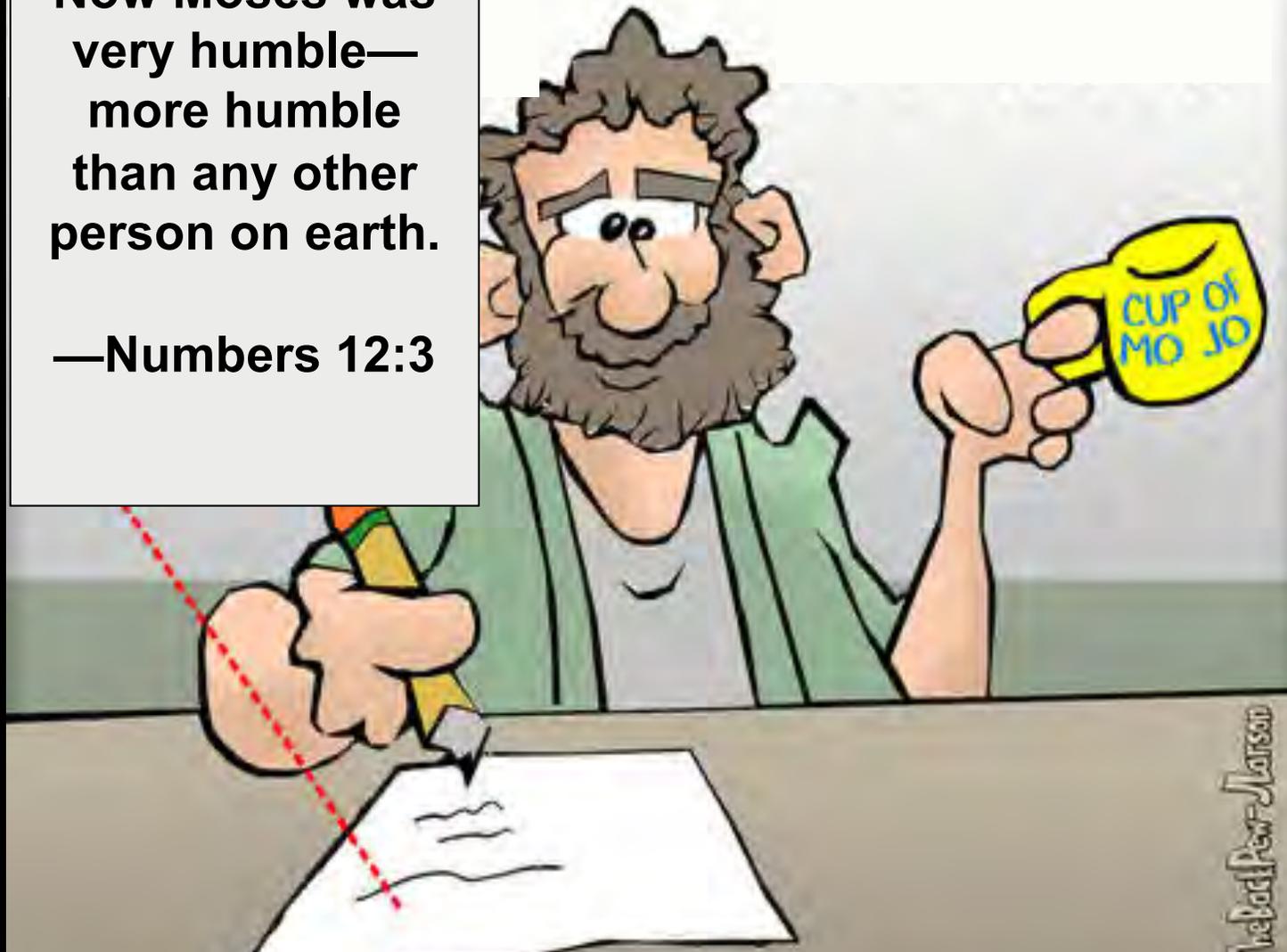
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Yes... I like it!

**Now Moses was
very humble—
more humble
than any other
person on earth.**

—Numbers 12:3



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

Unlikely Statements

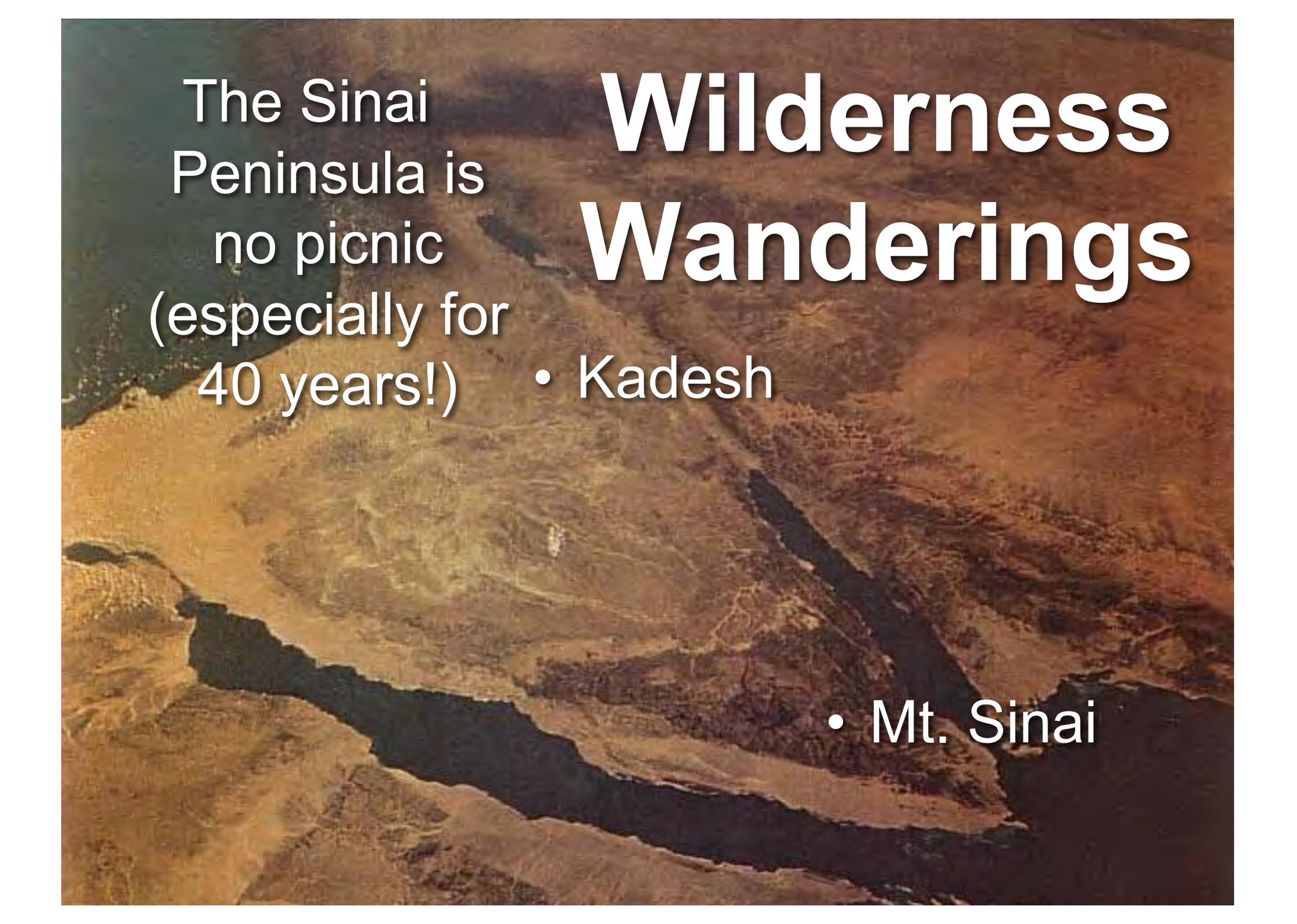
Numbers 12:3 has an interesting parenthesis:

**“(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.**

Numbers 13

An aerial photograph of the Sinai Peninsula, showing a vast, arid landscape with a winding road or path cutting through the terrain. The colors range from light tan to dark brown, indicating different geological or desert features.

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

Wilderness Wanderings

- Kadesh

- Mt. Sinai



Kadesh Barnea (Num 13:26; Deut 1:19-21)

Journey of the Spies

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



Barry Beitzel,
The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 93

The Spies Return



Numbers 13; Deut 1:25



Good giants grasshoppers

The Majority Report

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

An aerial photograph of a valley. In the foreground, there are green fields and a small town with houses. In the middle ground, there are more fields and a road. In the background, there are mountains under a blue sky with some clouds. The word "GOD" is written in large, bold, orange letters across the top of the image.

GOD

The Minority Report

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

Numbers 14

DRESSING THE STAGE



CANCELLED!

MOSES
Exodus
Sinai
M - C - C
Kadesh Barnea

God's Report

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 Beltzel

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
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Divine Discipline

Handbook pg. 26-29

The Age of Accountability

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

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

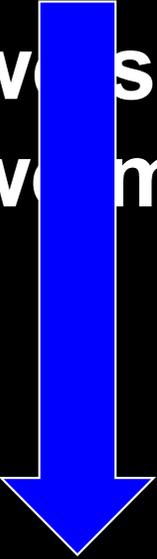
6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.

Inheritance in the NT

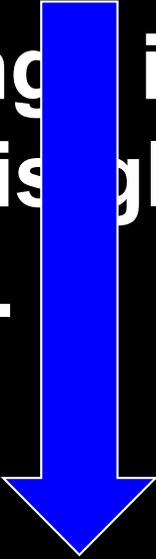


Two Types of Inheritance

"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).



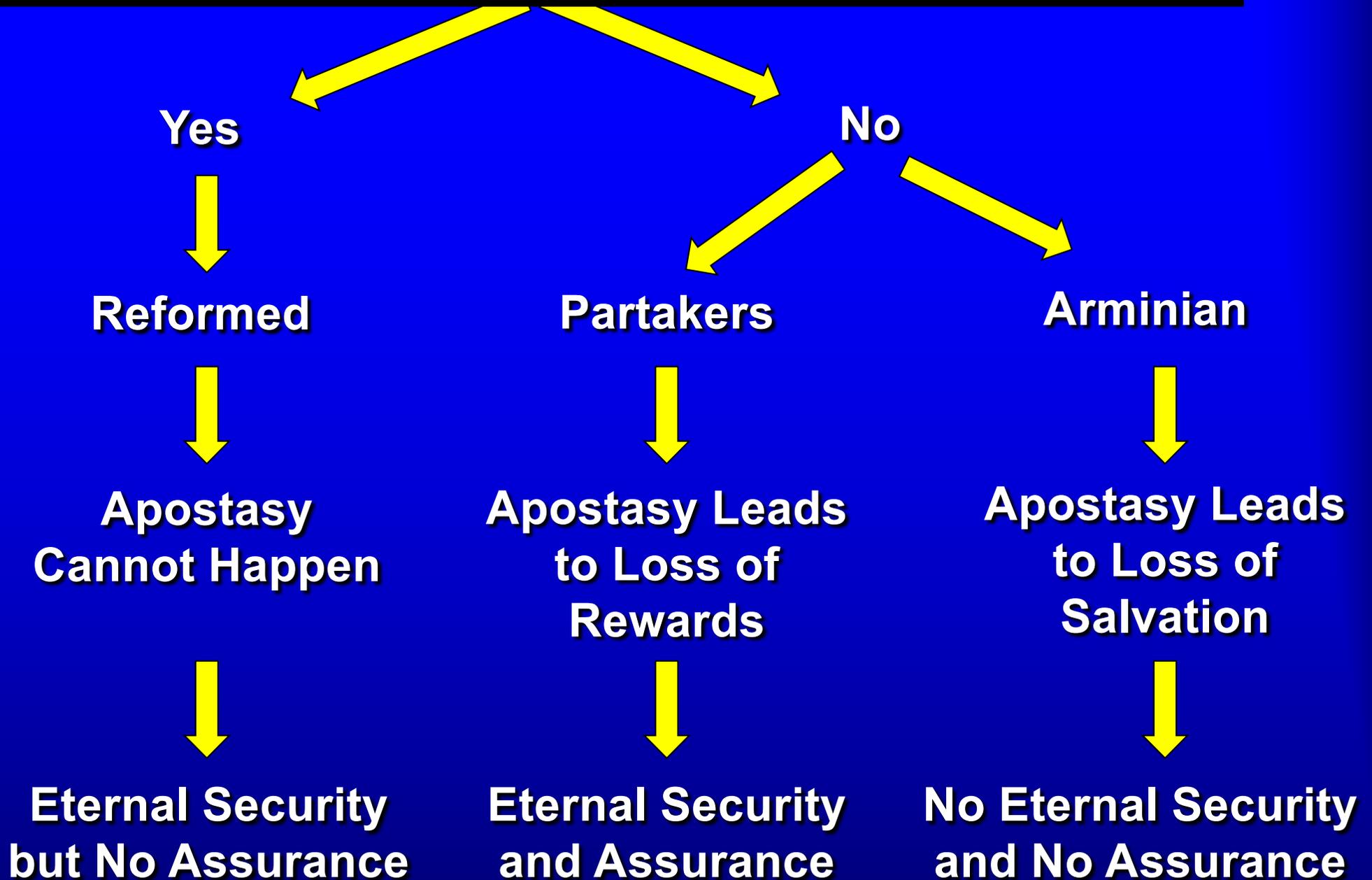
= Salvation



= Reward

Will each genuine Christian persevere in faithfulness at death?

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Kadesh Decisions Today

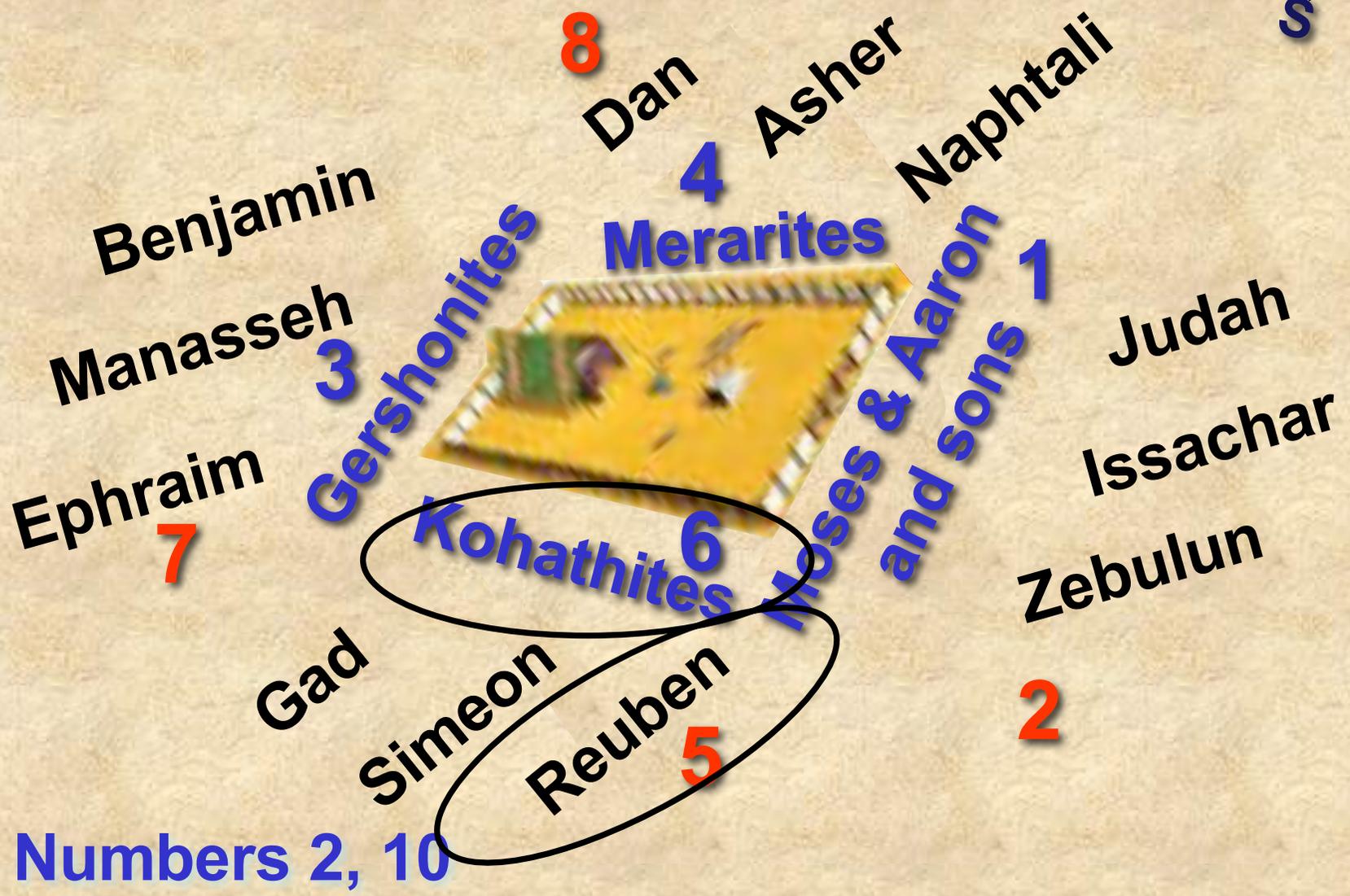
**Which believer have you known
who made a pivotal decision to
reject Jesus?**

How did that person disbelieve?

What did God do in response?

Numbers 16

Marching Orders



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

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



Grumbling in 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).**



Numbers 17

"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).

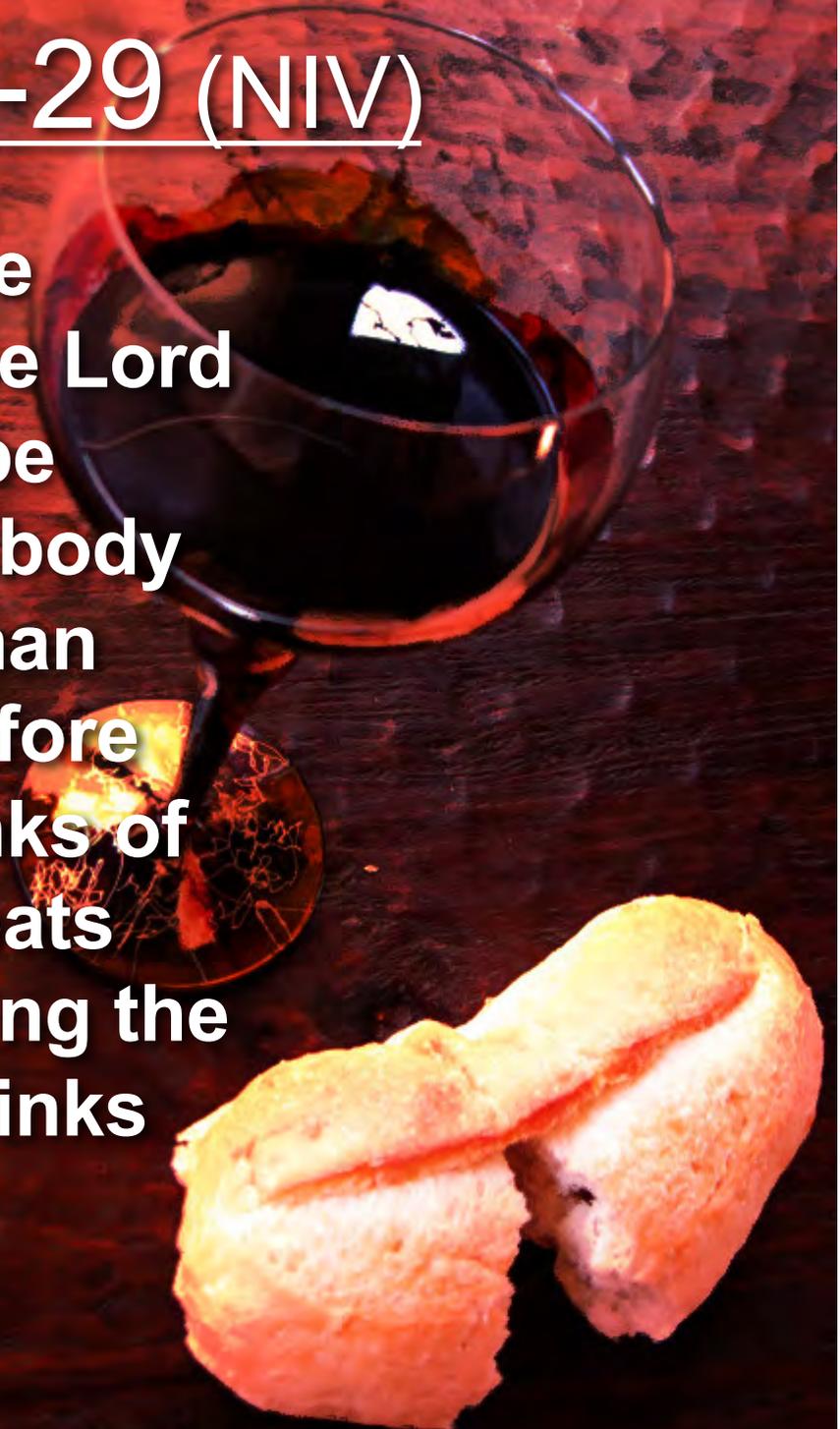


"And the LORD said to Moses: 'Place Aaron's staff permanently before the Ark of the Covenant to serve as a warning to rebels. This should put an end to their complaints against me and prevent any further deaths.' ¹¹ So Moses did as the LORD commanded him" (Num 17:10-11 NLT).



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.



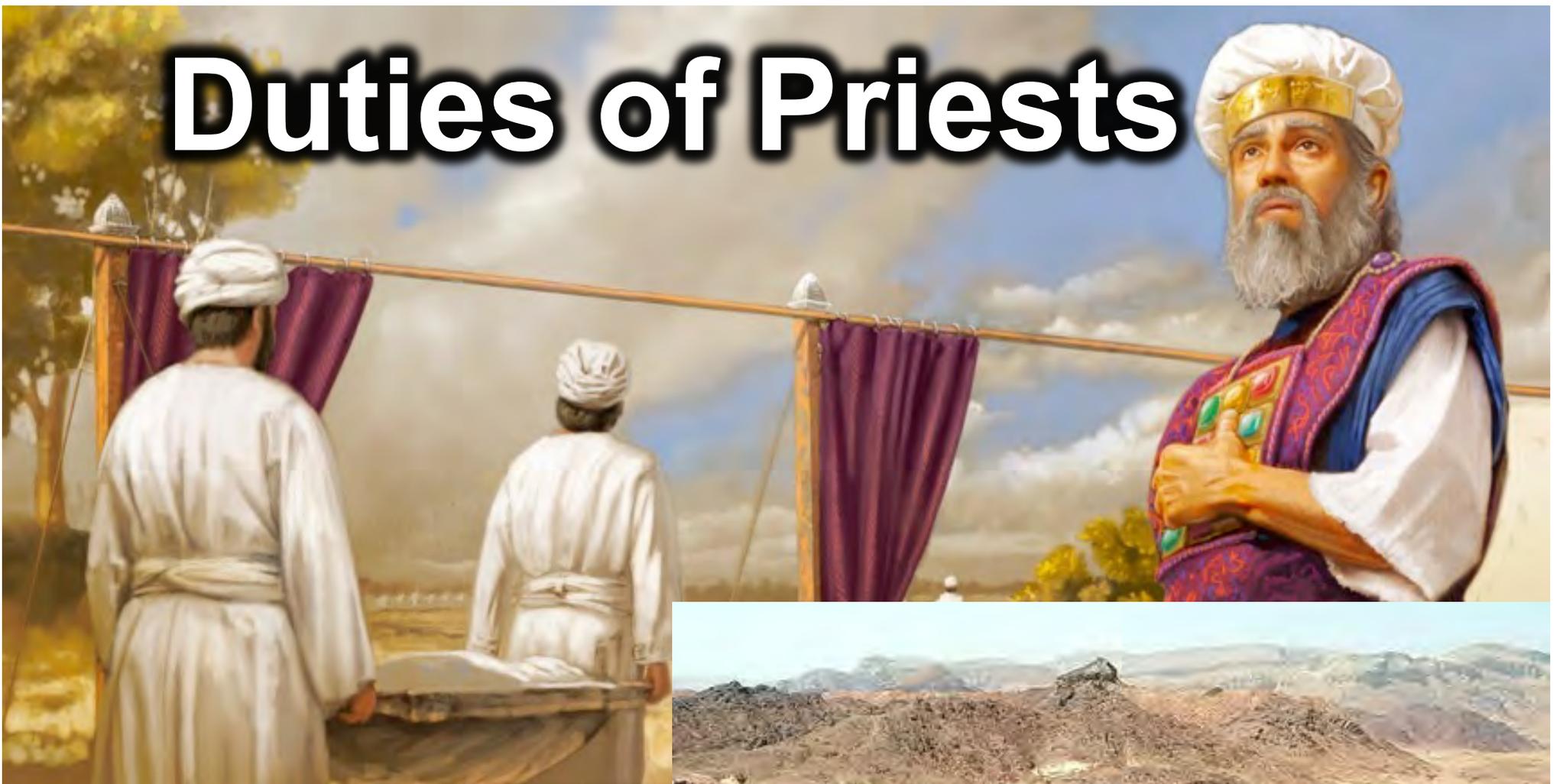
1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

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

Duties of Priests



Numbers 18



Numbers 19



THE RED HEIFER

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

The Red Heifer



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



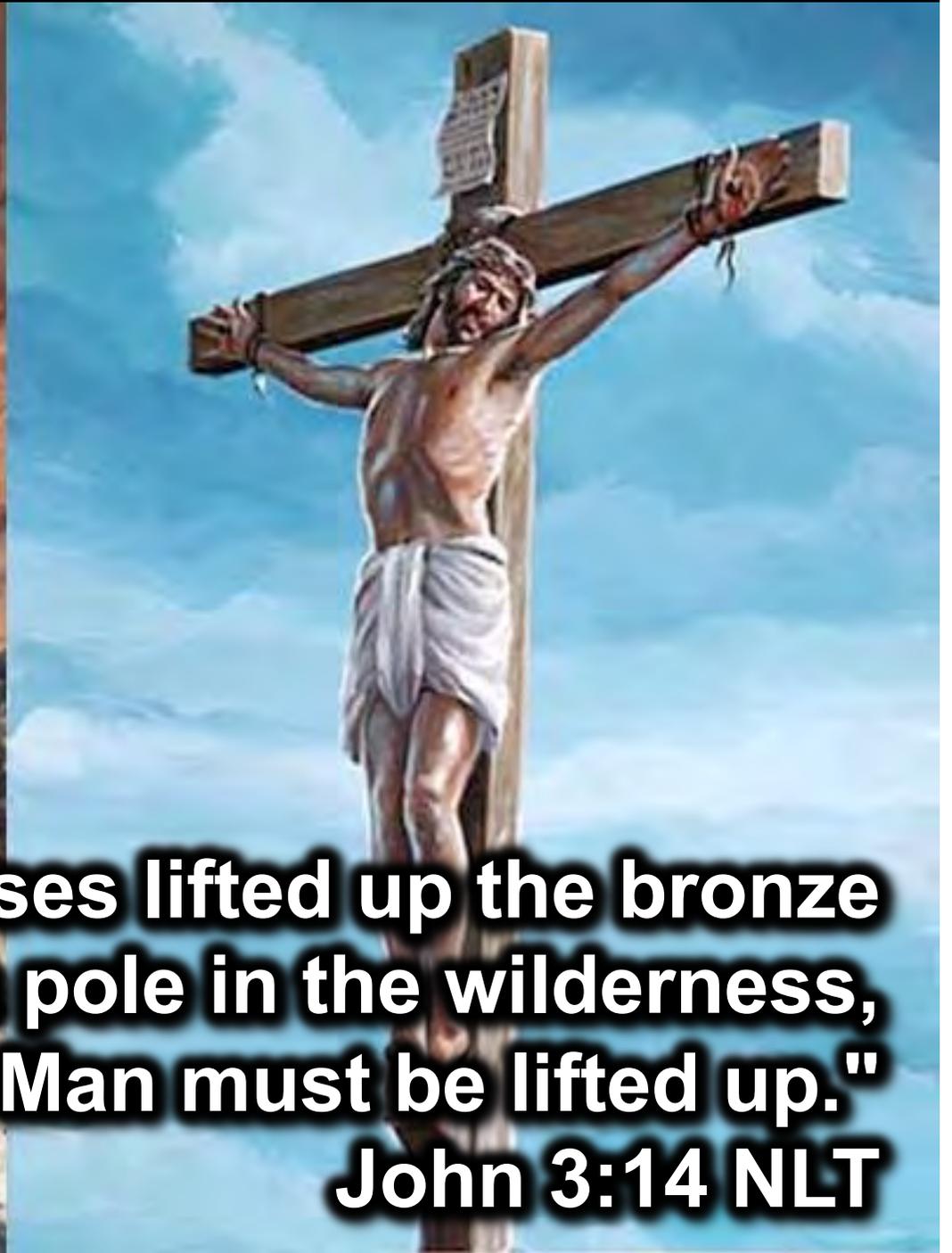
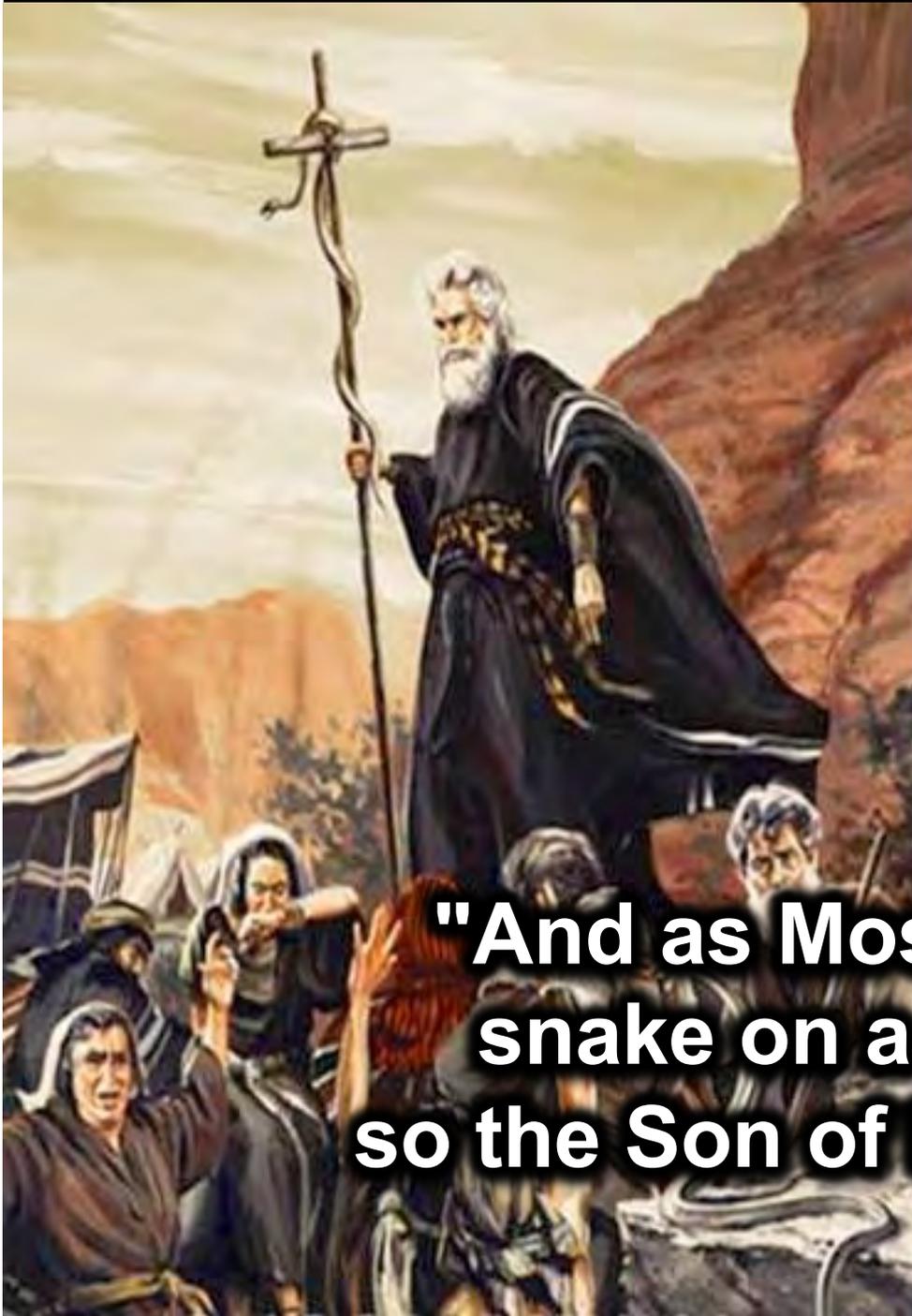
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The Bronze Serpent

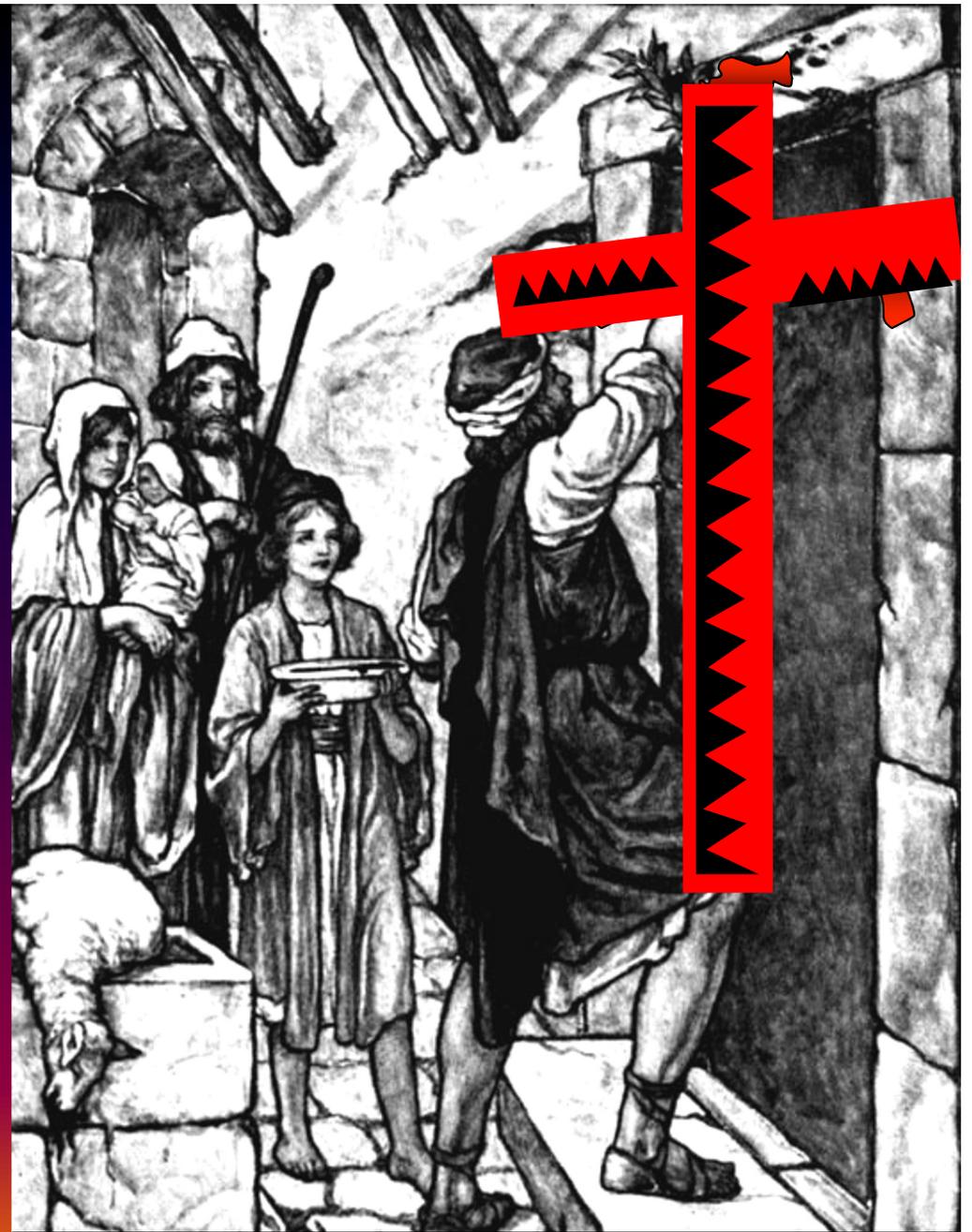
Numbers 21:8-9



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

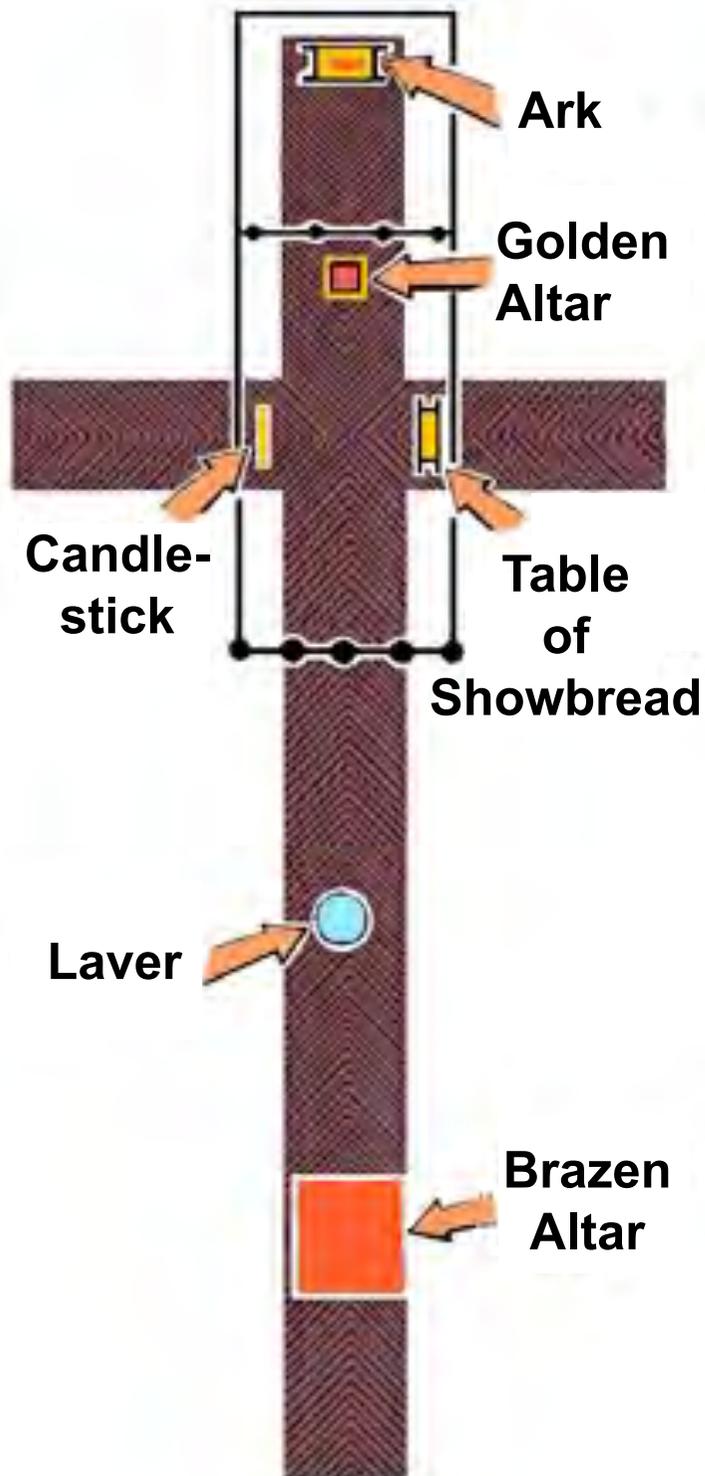
John 3:14 NLT

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



1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

The Cross Pictured



**The Tabernacle
prefigured the
Cross**

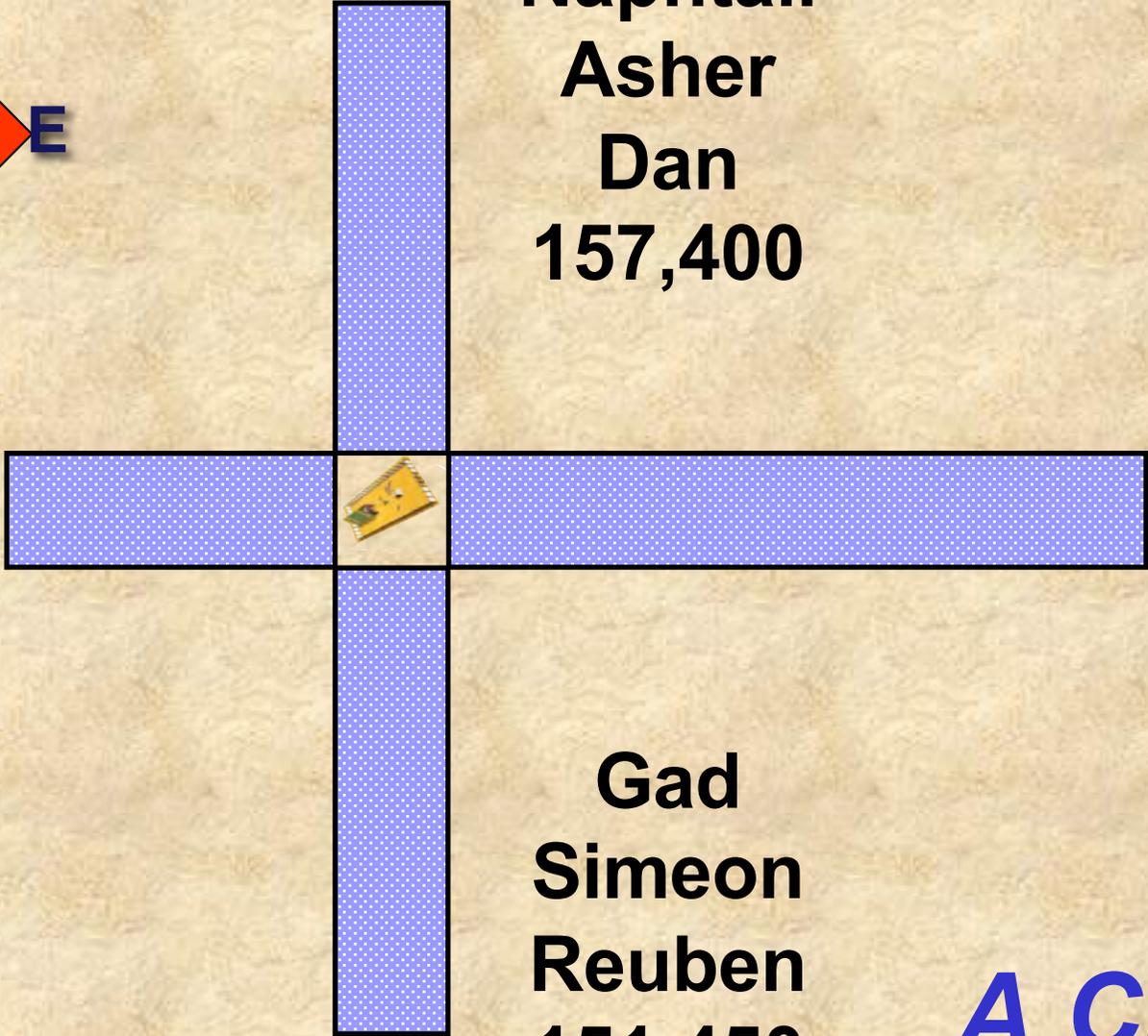


Ephraim
Manasseh
Benjamin
108,100

Naphtali
Asher
Dan
157,400

Judah
Issachar
Zebulun
186,400

Gad
Simeon
Reuben
151,450

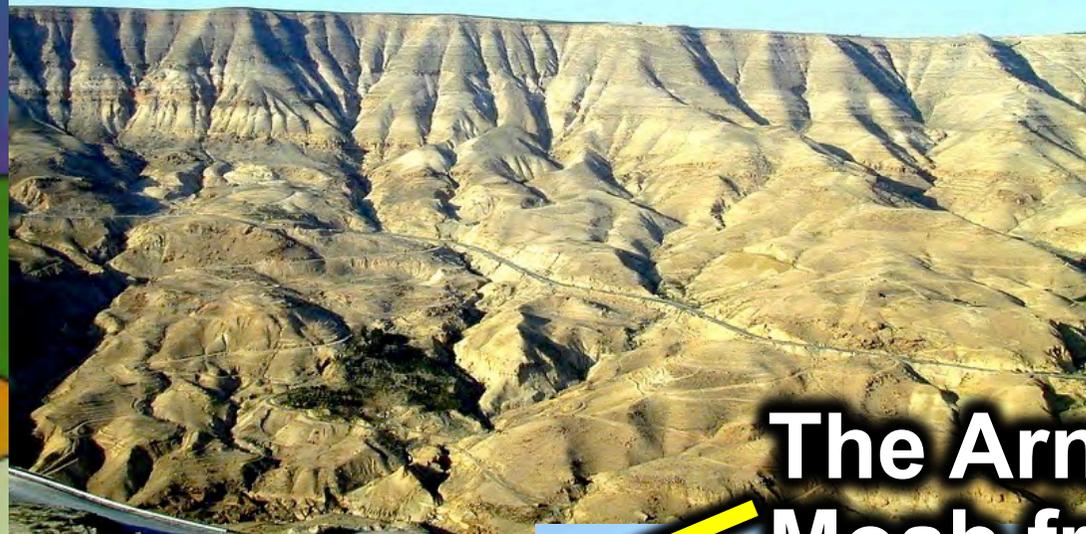


Numbers 2

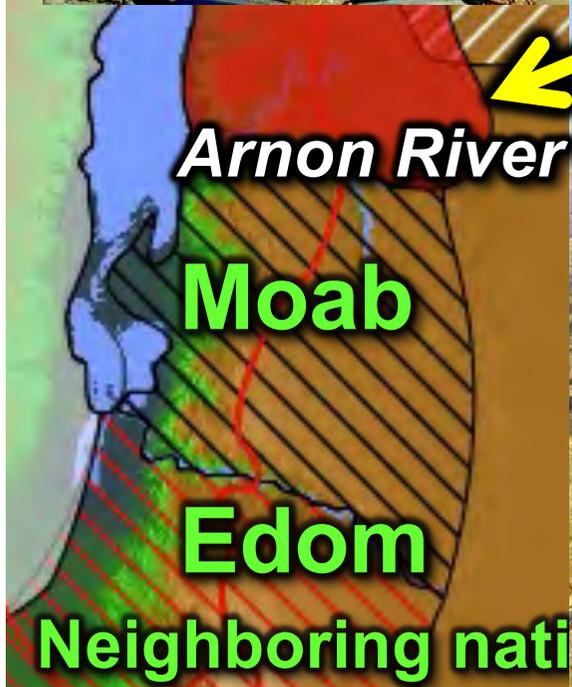
A Cross Formation!

Transjordan Rivers

Looking North



The Arnon Gorge separated Moab from northern nations



Arnon River

Moab

Edom

Neighboring nati



Looking South

Nahal Arnon (Arnon River)

Amorite

Moabite

North

South

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

Transjordan Events

- Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35; Deut 2:26-37)

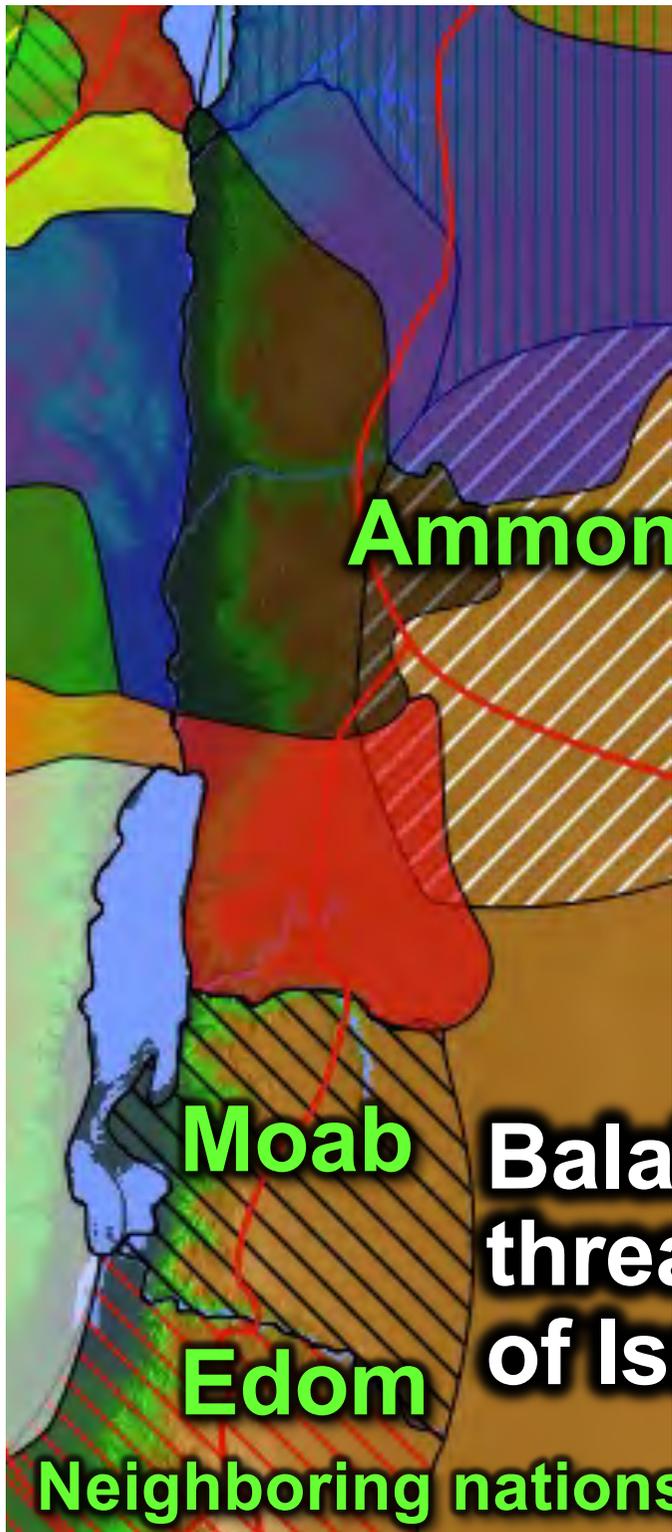


Neighboring nations related by blood

Numbers 22

Preparation to Possess the Land

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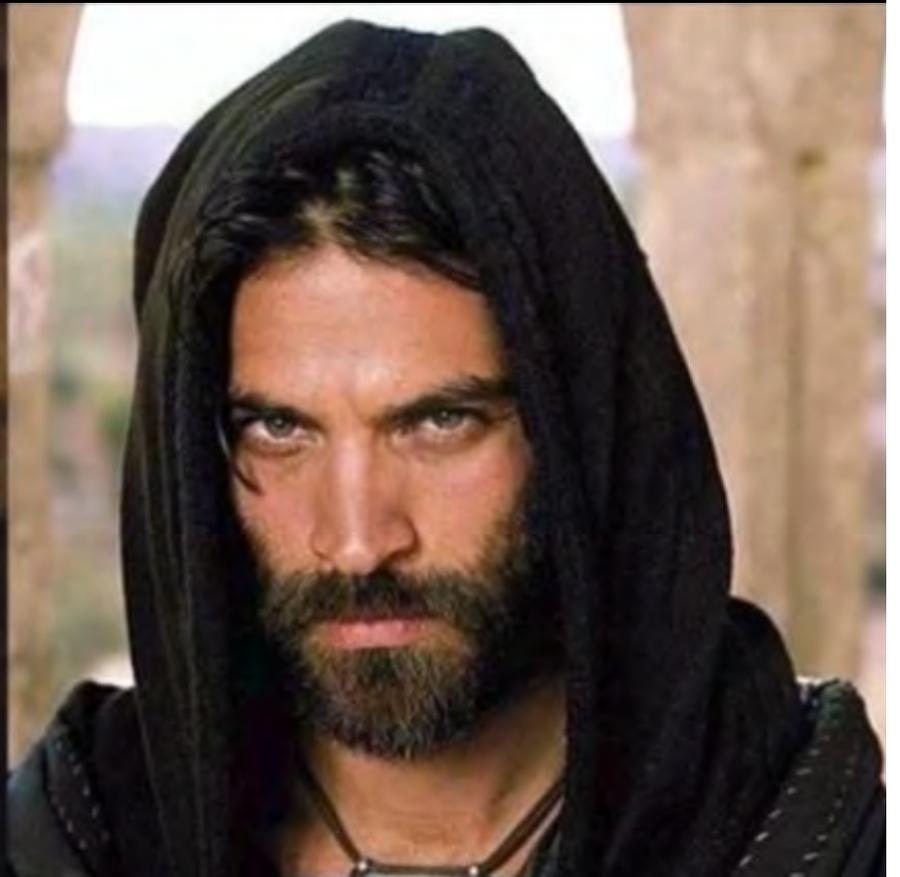


Balak (king of Moab) feels threatened by the huge nation of Israel at his border (22:2-3)

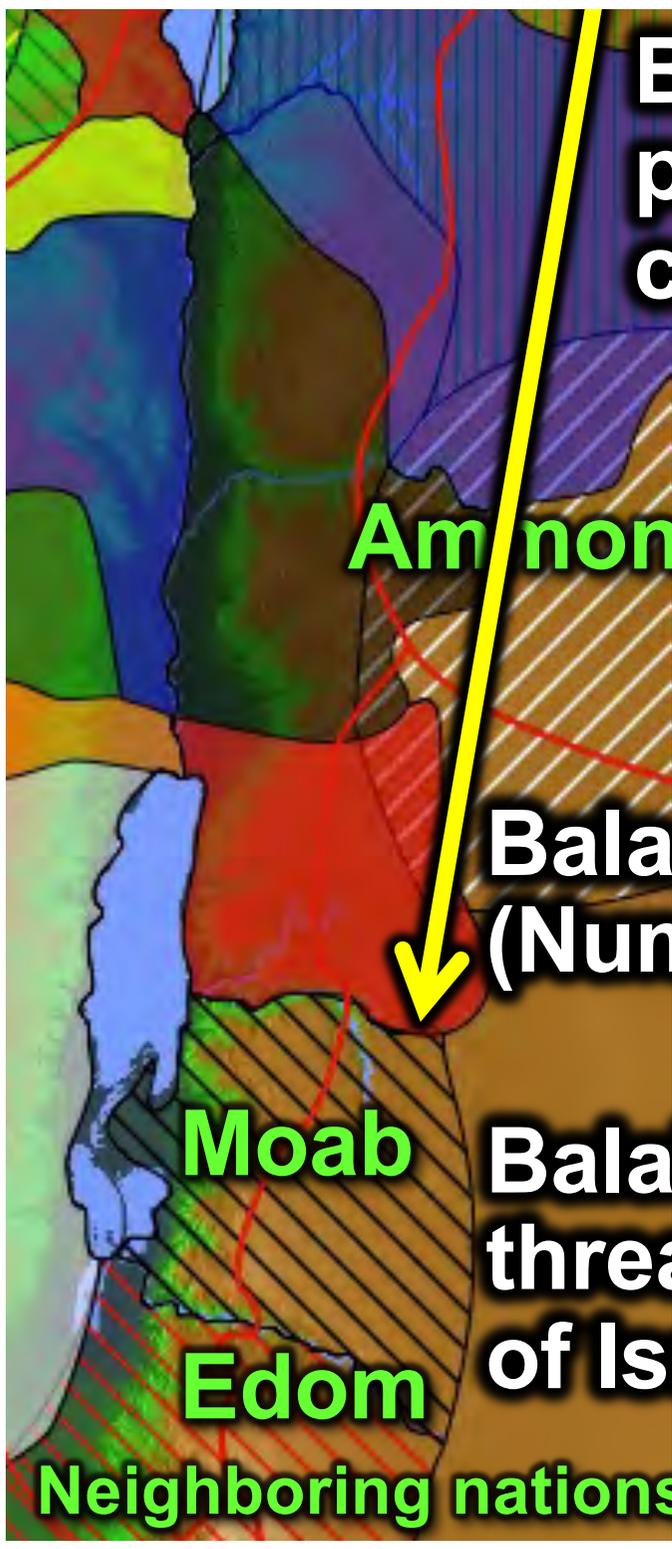
The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) ¹⁴⁰

Balak
King of Moab

Balaam
Pagan Prophet



Balak hires the pagan prophet Balaam to curse Israel



Amnon

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)**

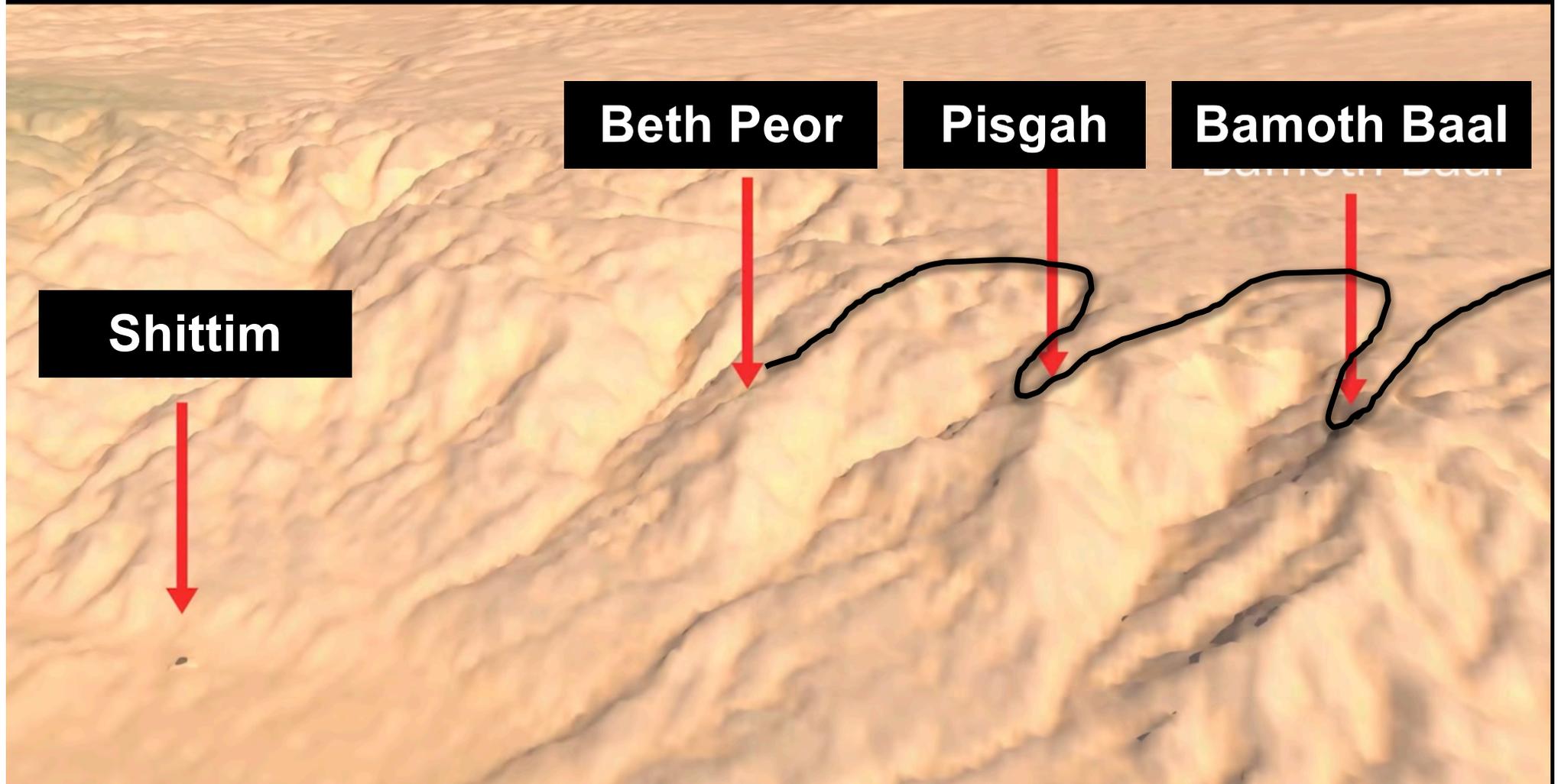
Key Verses

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)

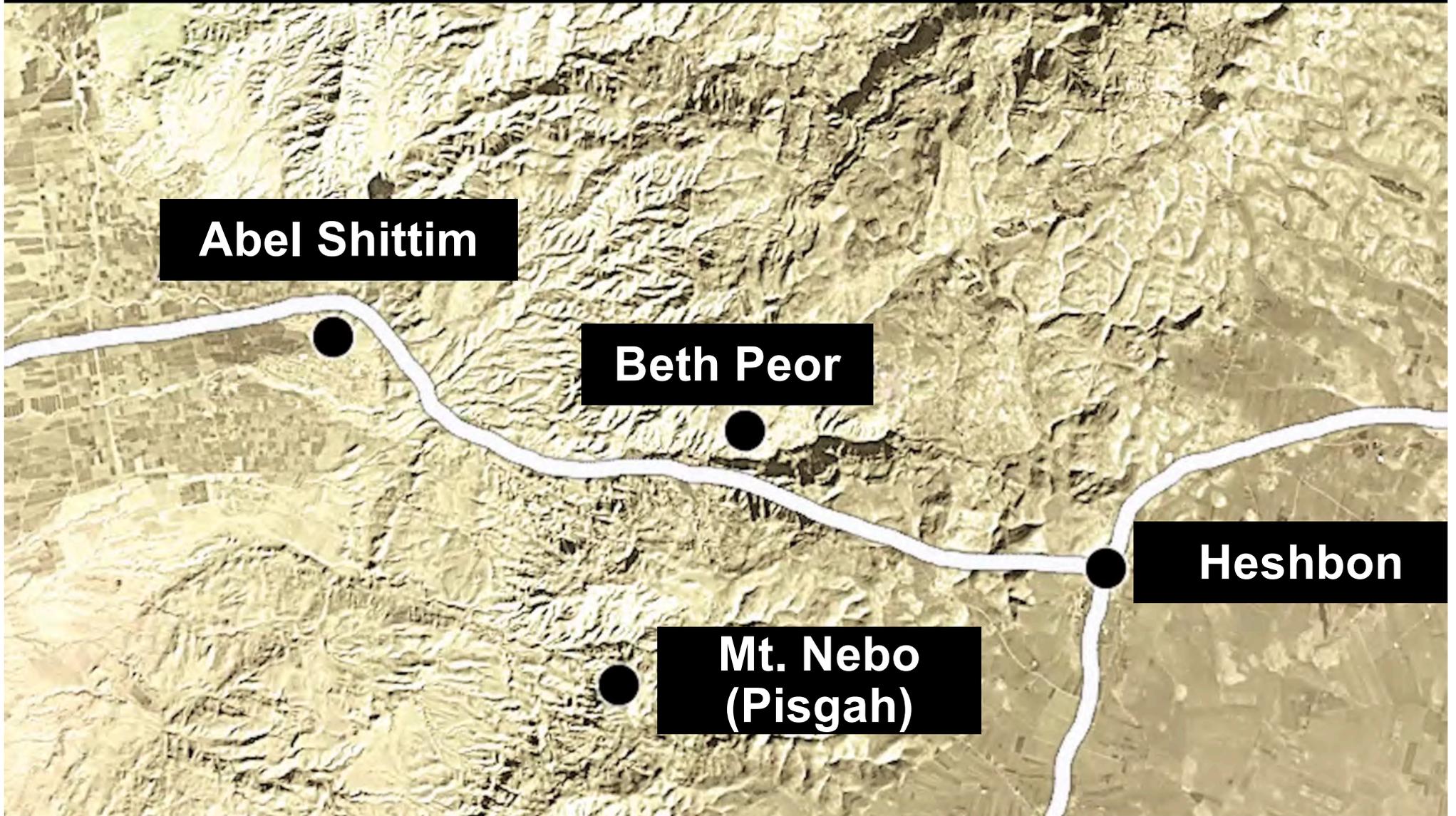
Numbers 24

The Balaam Geography (Numbers 22–24)



Joel Kramer, Expedition Bible (YouTube)

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Shittim

Beth Peor

Roman
Mile
Marker

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

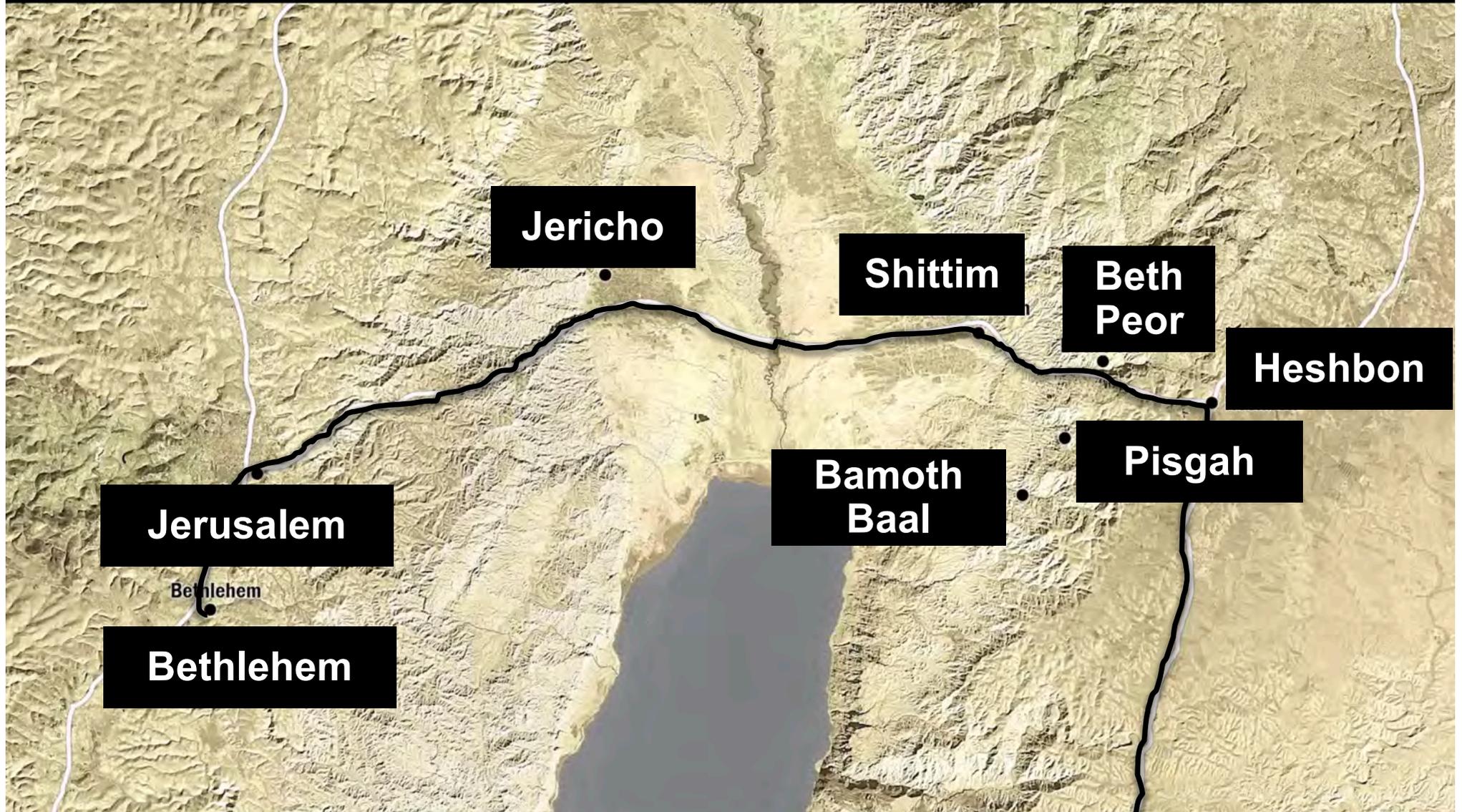
"I see him, but not here and now.
I perceive him, but far in the distant future.

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.

¹⁸ Edom will be taken over,
and Seir, its enemy, will be conquered,
while Israel marches on in triumph.

¹⁹ A **ruler** will rise in Jacob
who will destroy the survivors of Ir."

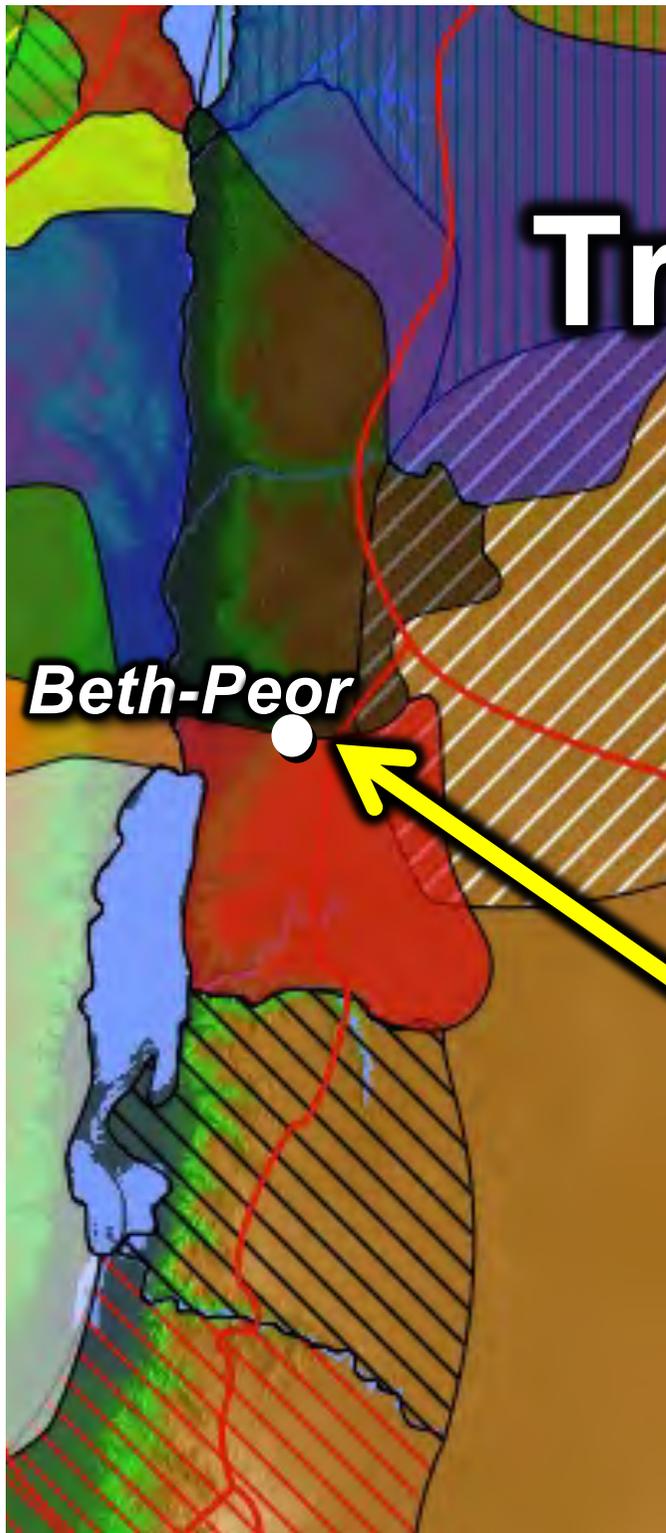
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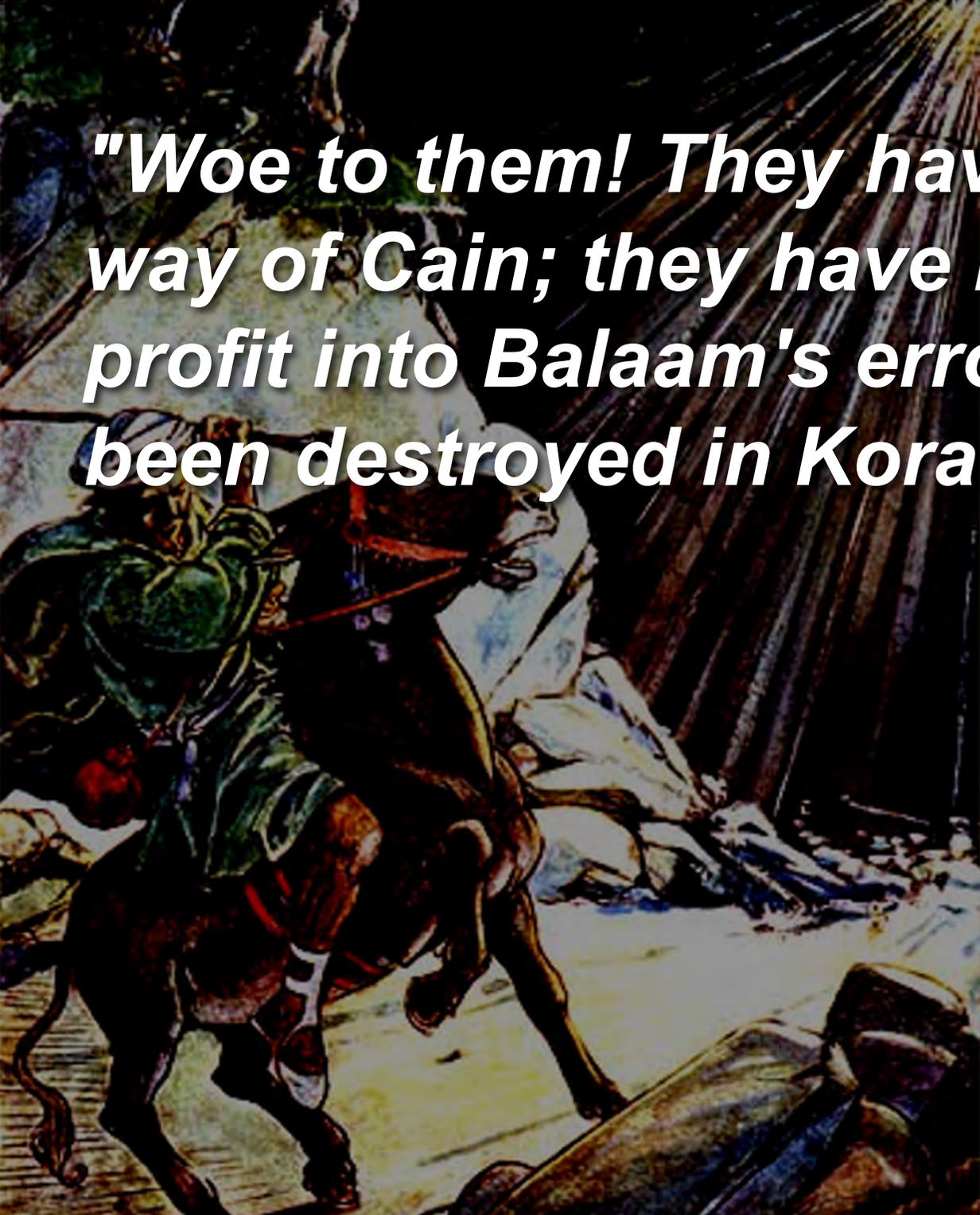
Numbers 25

Transjordan Events



Beth-Peor

- **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)**



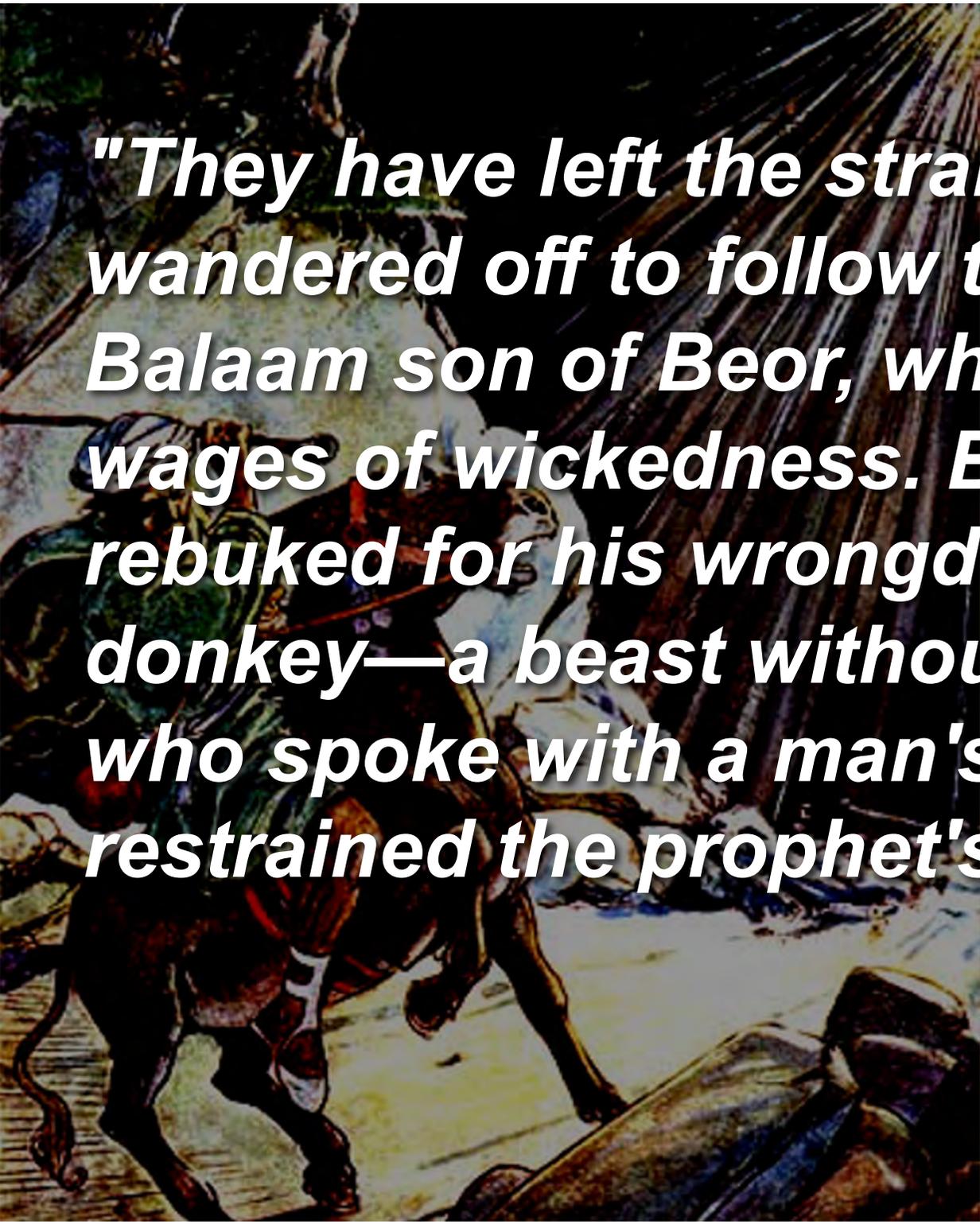
"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion."

Jude 11 (NIV)

The Balaam Narrative (Num. 22–24) ¹⁴⁰

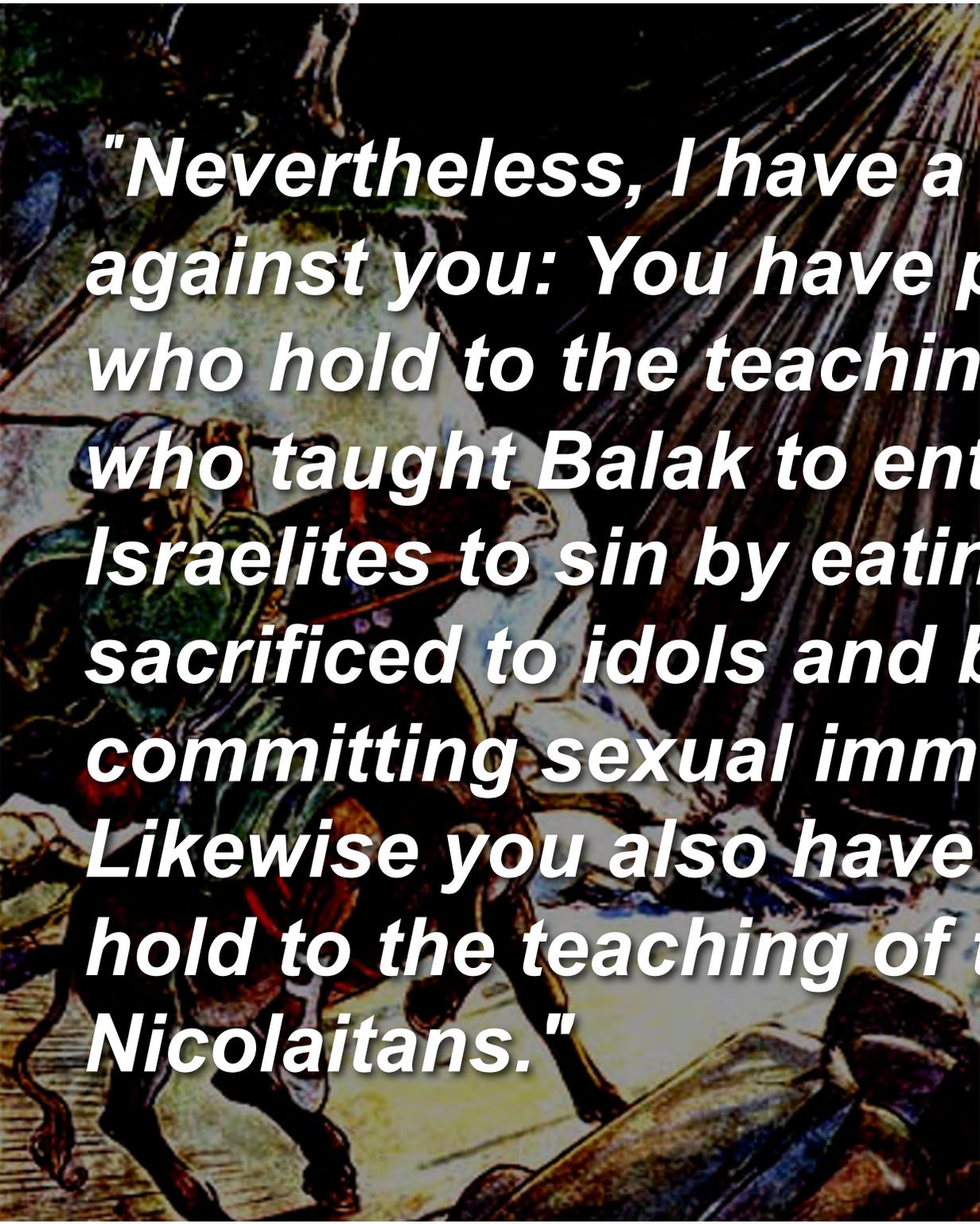
Balak turned Israel
against God via
immorality at Beth-
peor (Num. 25)





"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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Man's Role

God's Response

Life of Faith

Restored Fellowship

OT

Faith in God as offered Passover Lamb

Exodus

Journey to Canaan

Sacrifices (Sin, Guilt)

Type

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Faith in Christ as Lamb of God (1 Cor. 5:7)

Salvation (1 Cor. 10:1-4)

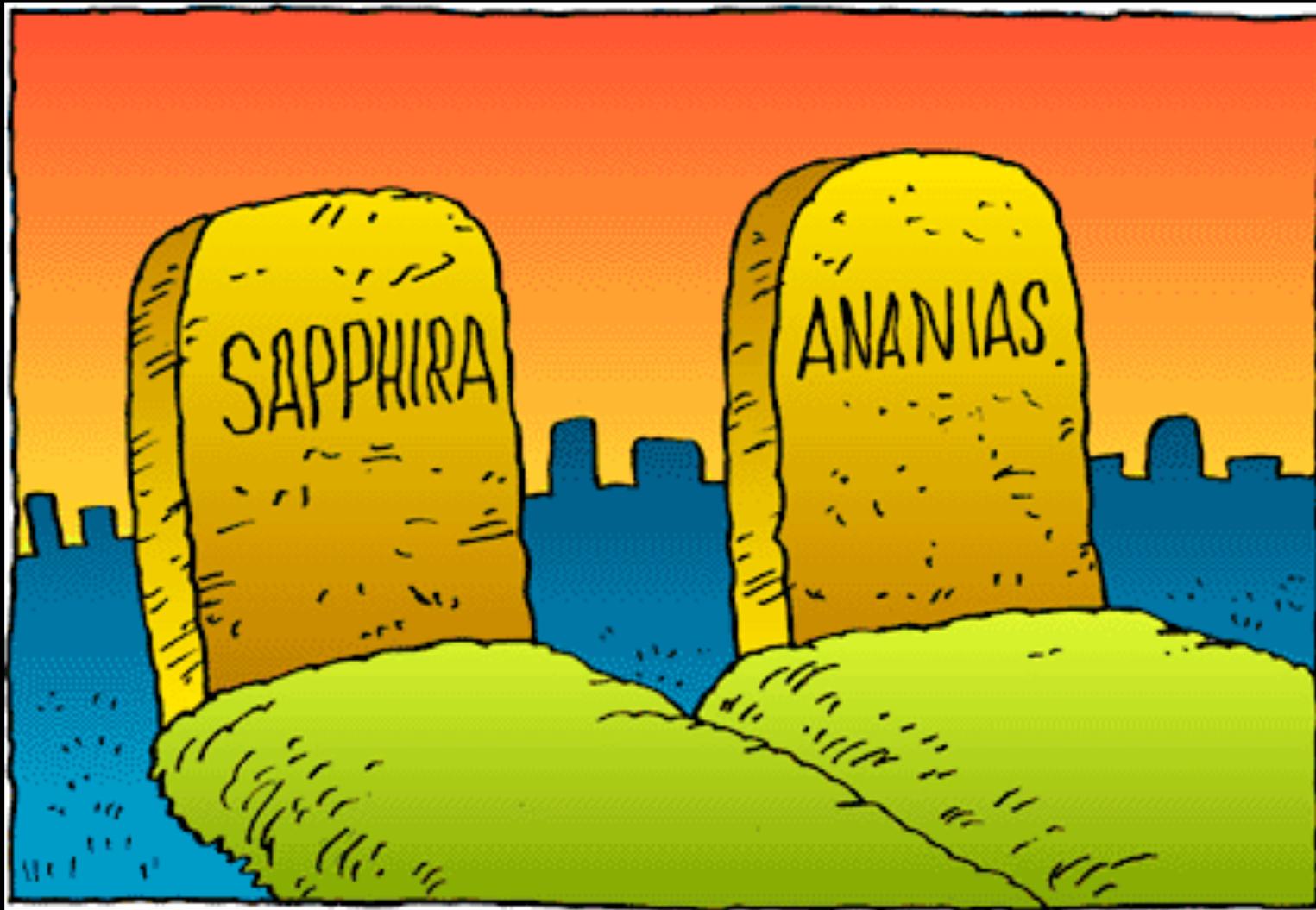
Growth (1 Cor. 10:5)

Confession (1 John 1:9)

Positional Sanctification

Progressive Sanctification

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



Ananias & Sapphira



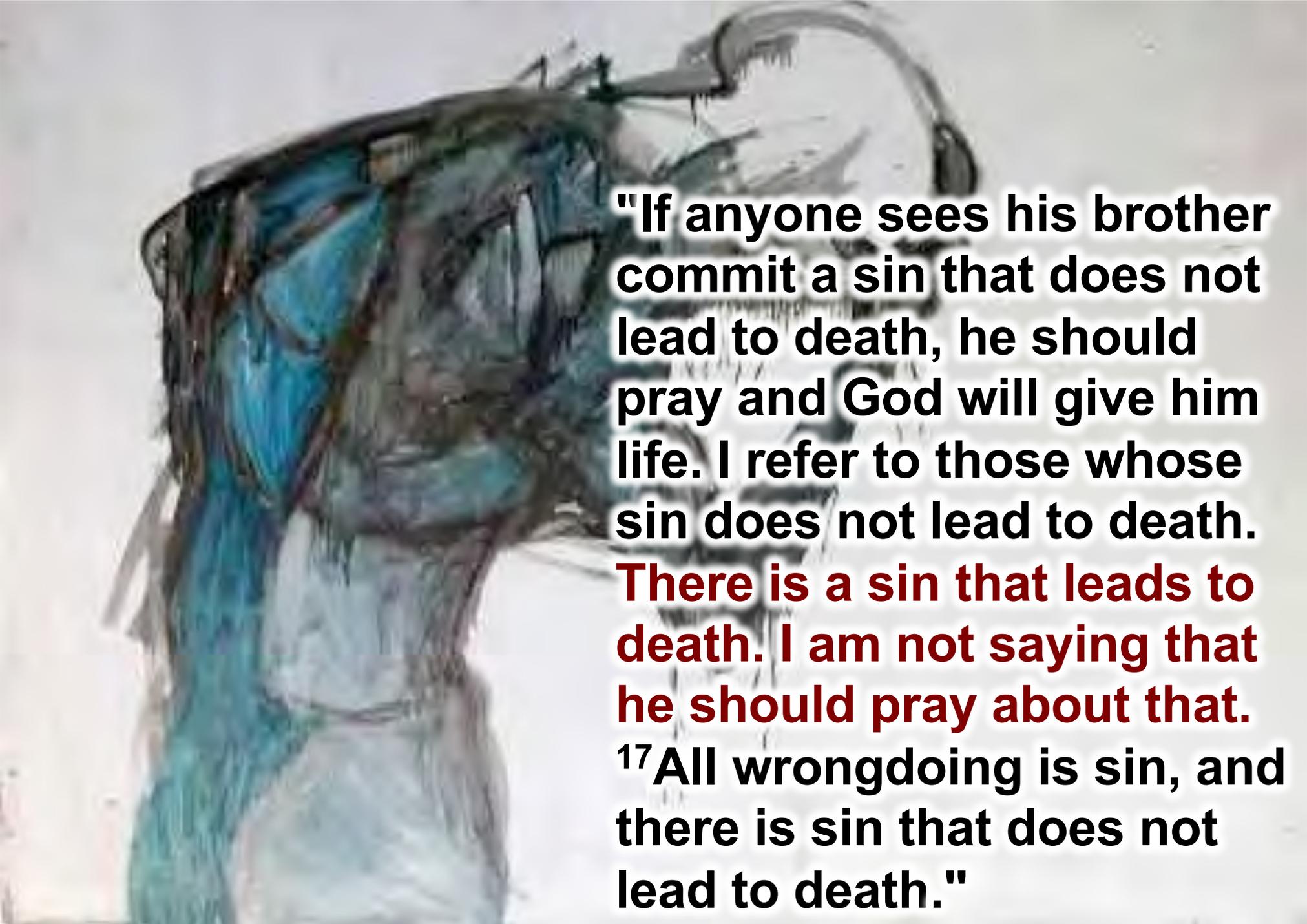
Acts 5

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."

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



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



Numbers 1:1–10:10

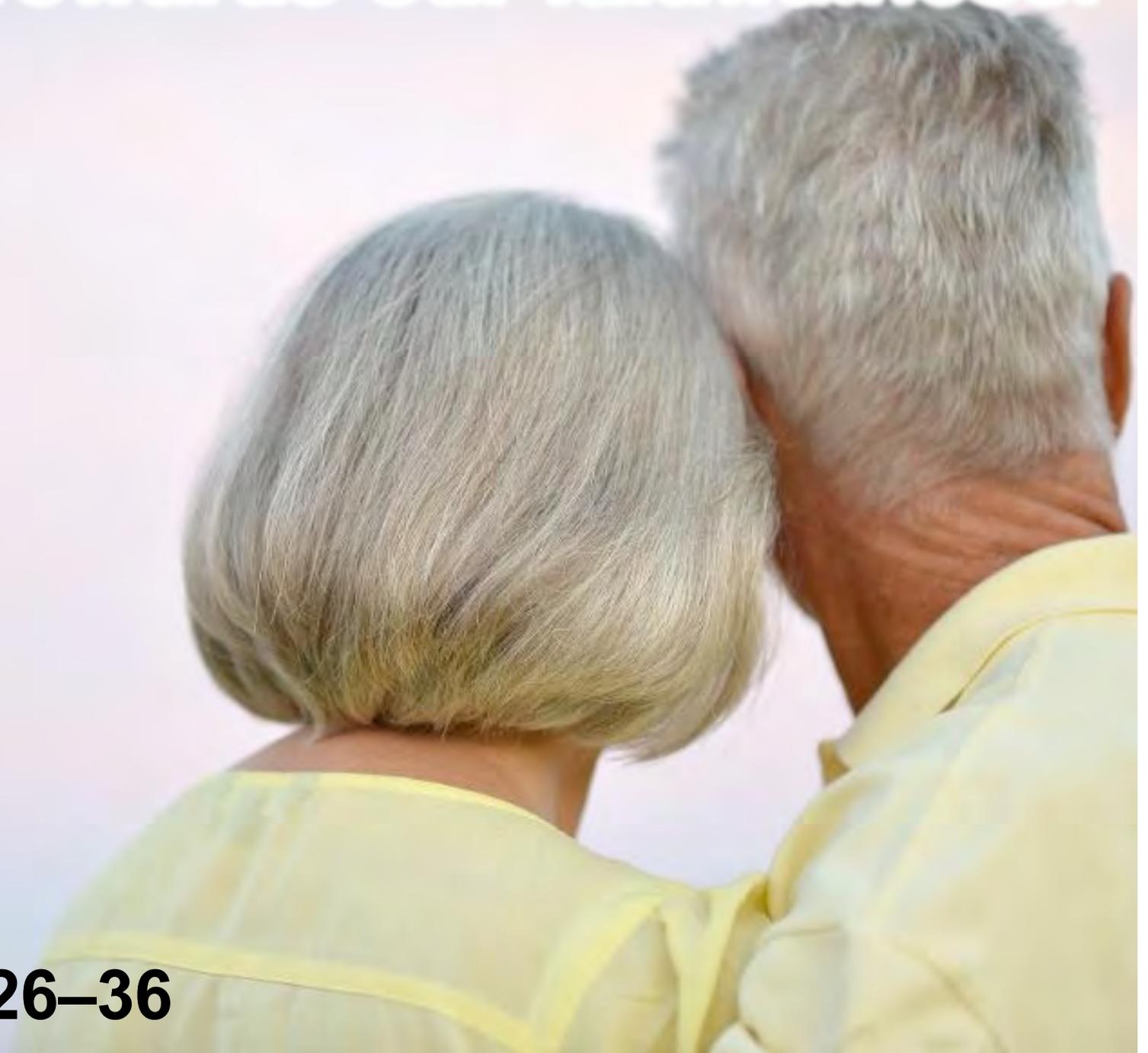
II. God **warns us of
the cost of unbelief.**



**Plan
For Disaster
Now**

Numbers 10:11–25:18

III. God **rewards** our faithfulness.



Numbers 26–36

Numbers 26

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

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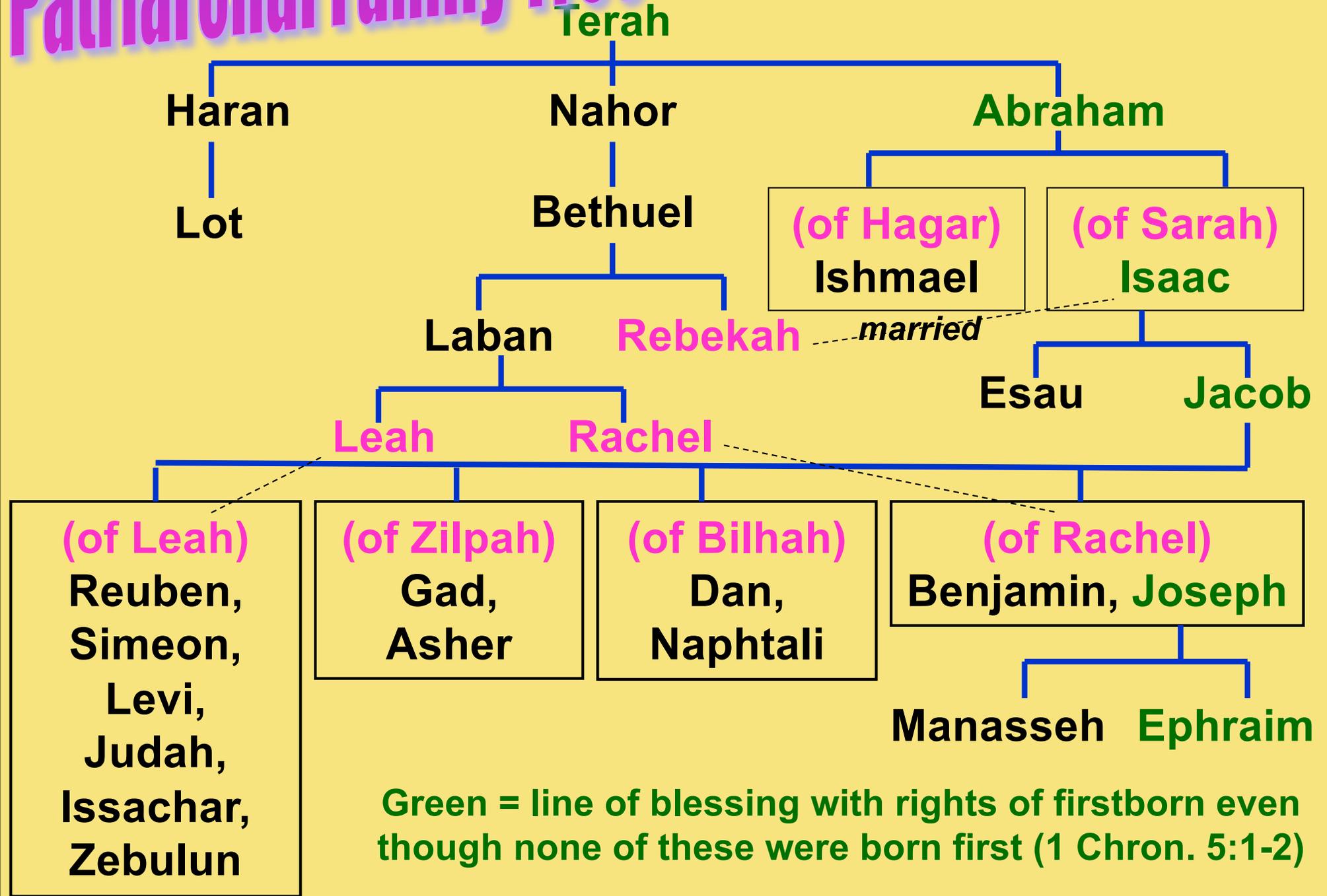
**Preparation
to Possess the Land**

Numbers

Preparation to Possess the Land

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Patriarchal Family Tree



Tribal Boundaries of Israel

Joshua 13:1–19:48

"AND"

Dan

"ZIMM"

"DEB"

Asher
Naphtali

Zebulun

Issachar

Manasseh

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Gad

Dan

Ephraim

Ammon

Benjamin

Judah

Reuben

"GAMER"

Simeon

Moab

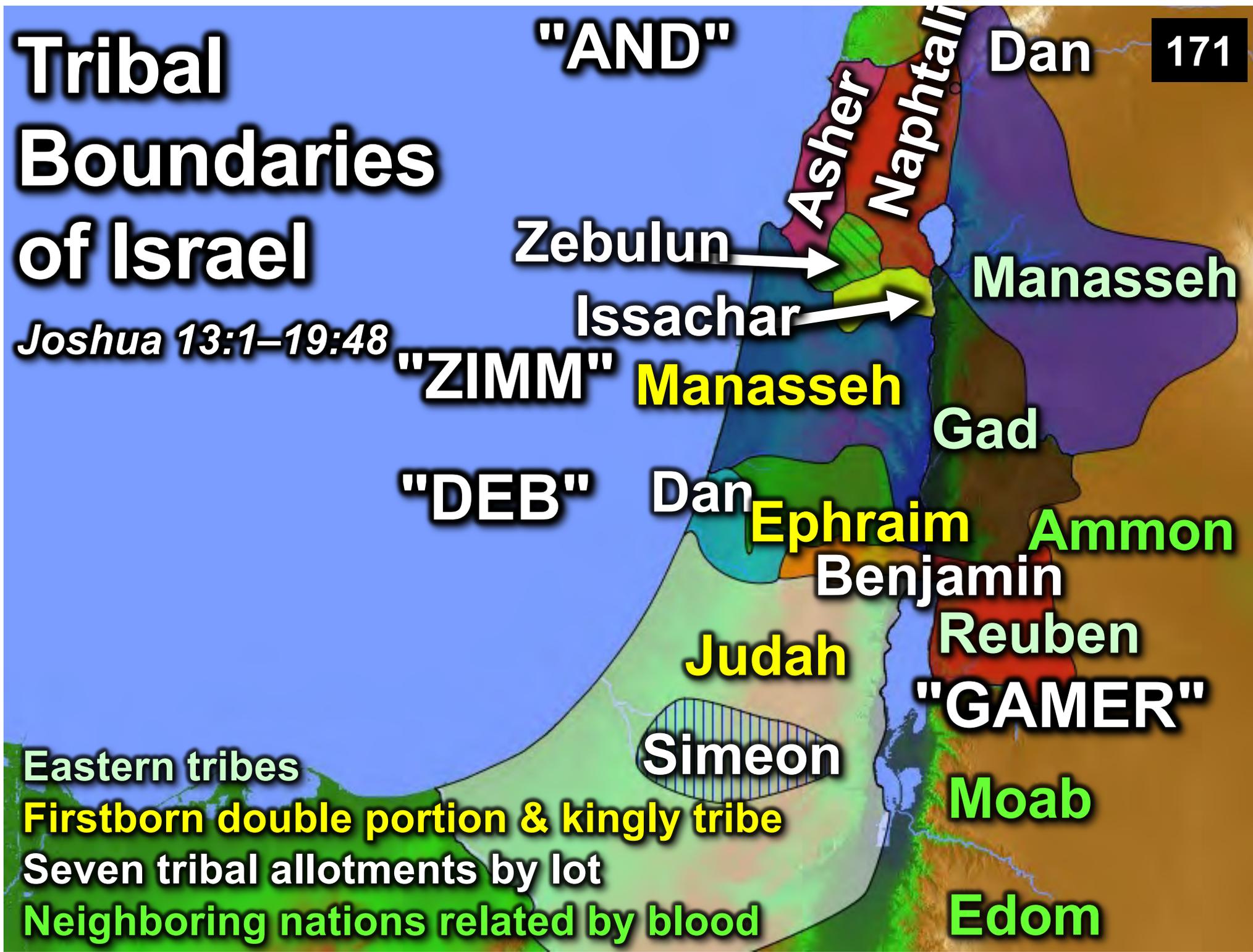
Edom

Eastern tribes

Firstborn double portion & kingly tribe

Seven tribal allotments by lot

Neighboring nations related by blood

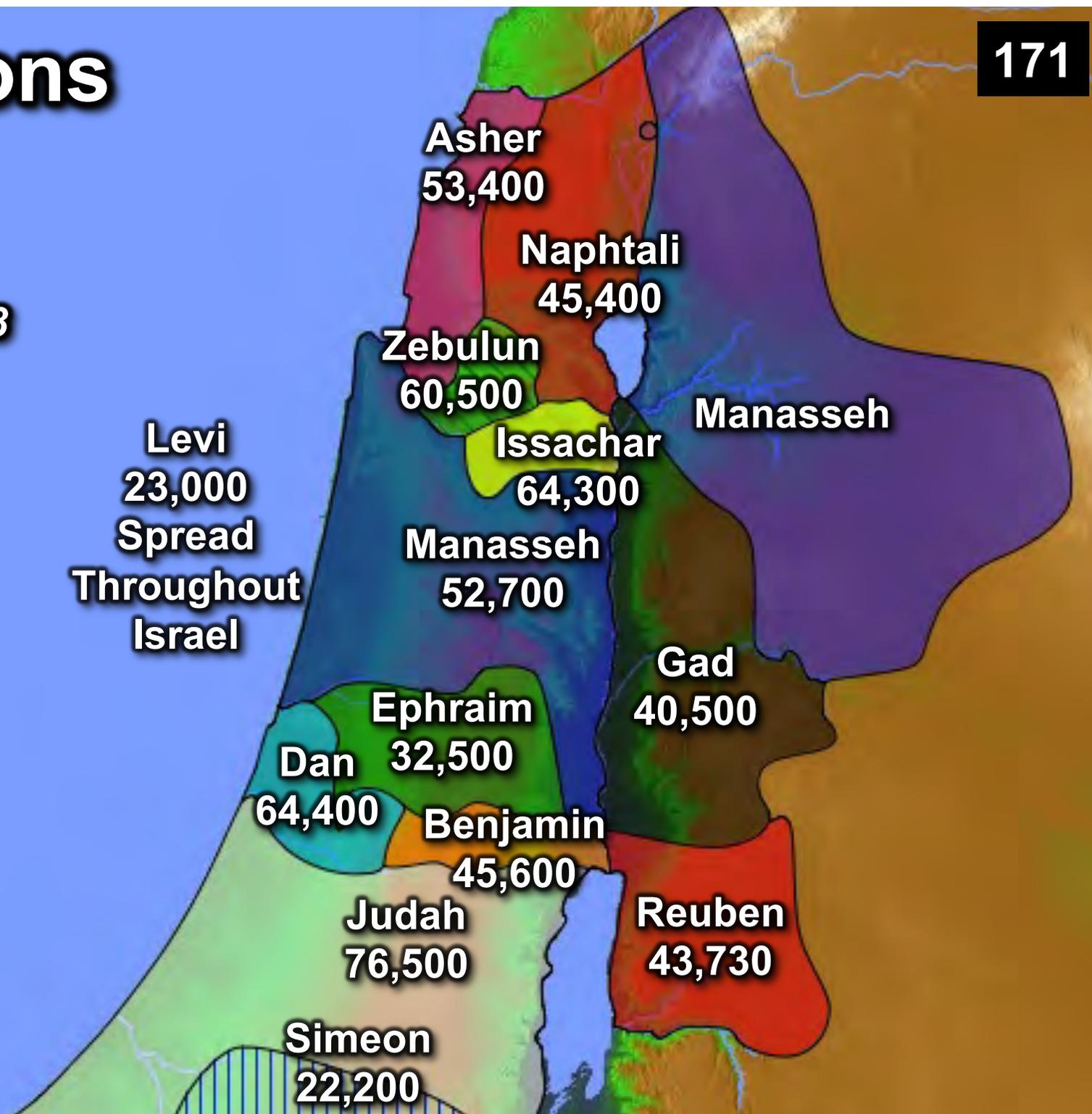


Population Changes in the Wilderness

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

Numbers 26
Joshua 13:1–19:48



Numbers 27

Preparation to Possess the Land

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Numbers 28

Special Offerings (Num. 28:1-15)



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

Harvests Lasted Apr-Nov

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Harvesting & Ingathering Based on Modern Agricultural Practices in Israel

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Wheat			X						
Barley		X							
Oats			X						
Peas		X	X						
Chickpeas				X					
Lentils		X	X						
Vetch		X	X						
Sesame					X				
Flax					X				
Millet					X	X			
Grapes				X	X	X	X		
Figs						X	X		
Pomegranates						X	X		
Olives							X	X	X

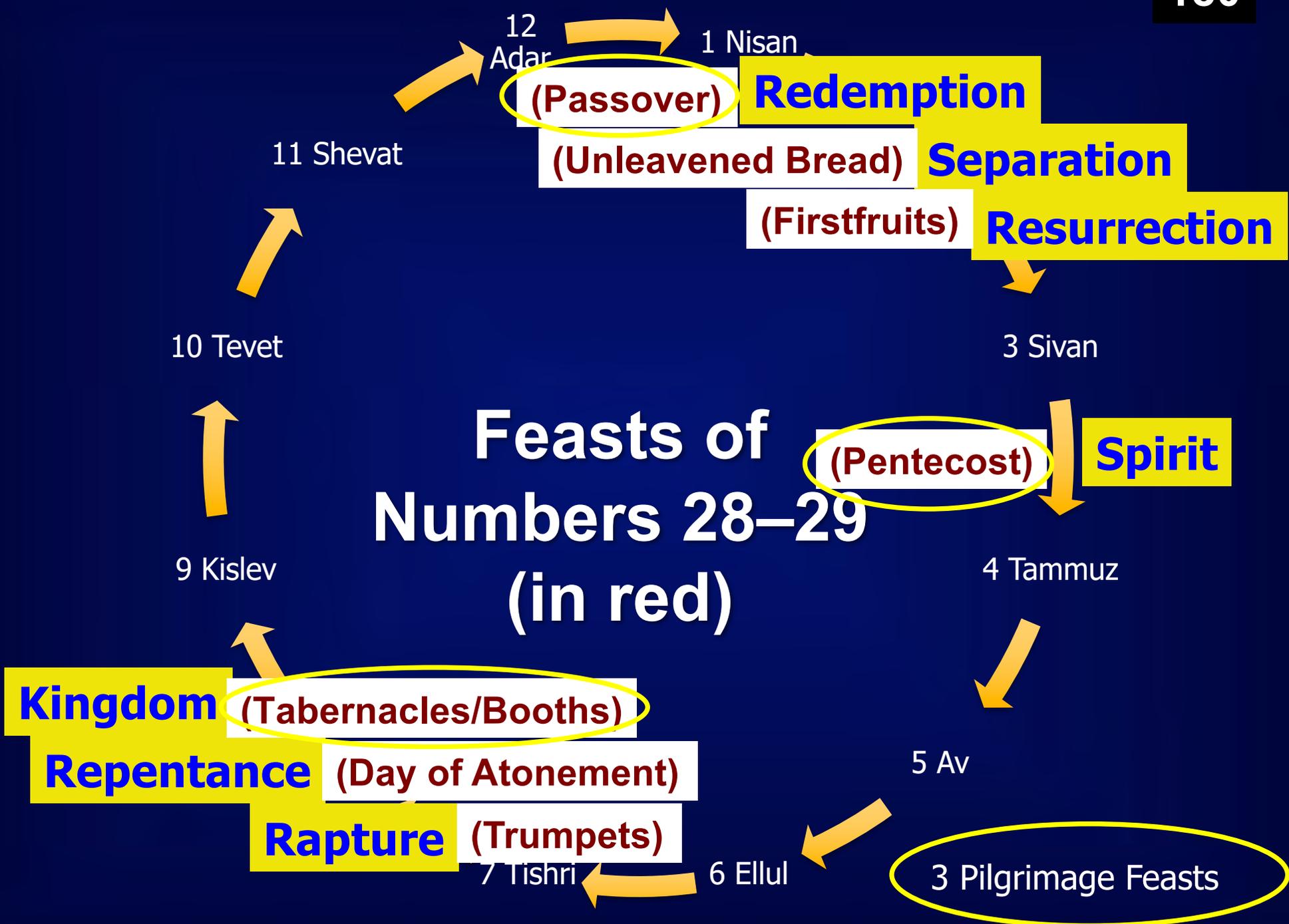


The olive harvest was the final harvest. No wonder why the olive tree represents Israel being restored and fruitful in last days (Jeremiah 11:16; Hosea 14:6; Romans 11:16-21)

<http://www.wcg.org/lit/law/festivals/harvest.htm>

Numbers 29

Feasts of Numbers 28–29 (in red)



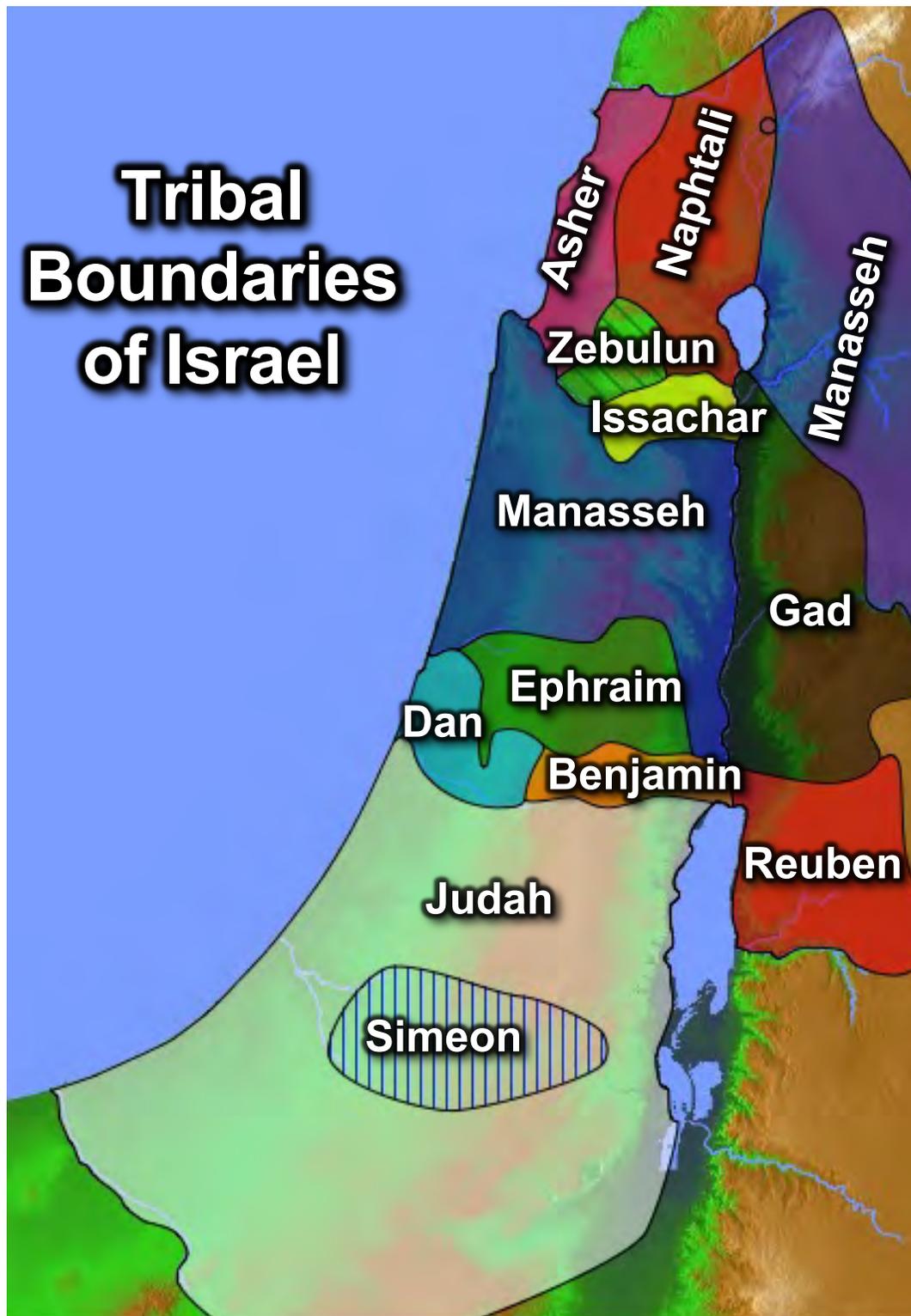
Numbers 30

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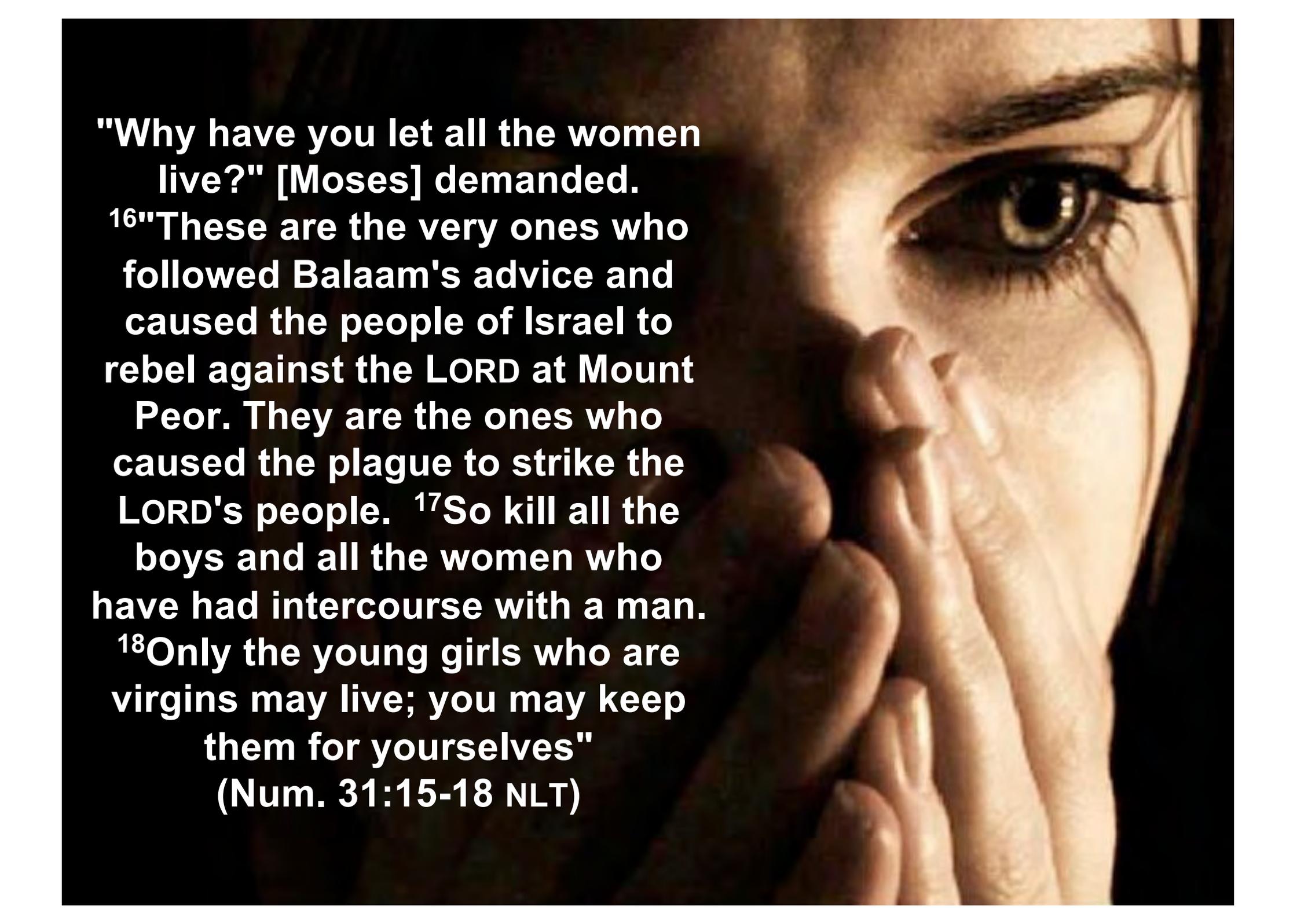
Numbers 31

Tribal Boundaries of Israel



Final Preparations (31-36)

- Transjordan Settled (31-32)
 - Midianites (31)



"Why have you let all the women live?" [Moses] demanded.

¹⁶"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. ¹⁷So kill all the boys and all the women who have had intercourse with a man.

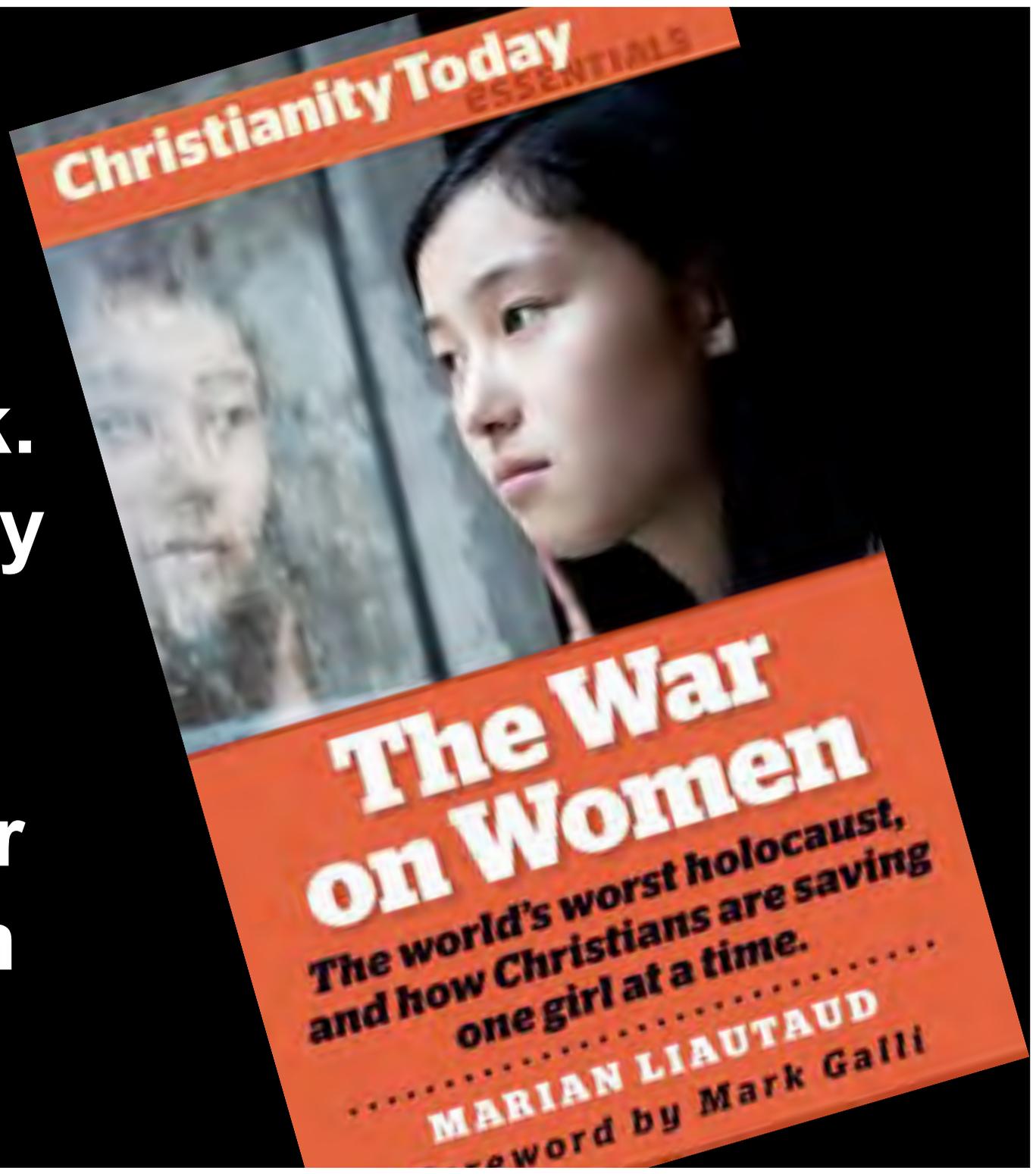
**¹⁸Only the young girls who are virgins may live; you may keep them for yourselves"
(Num. 31:15-18 NLT)**



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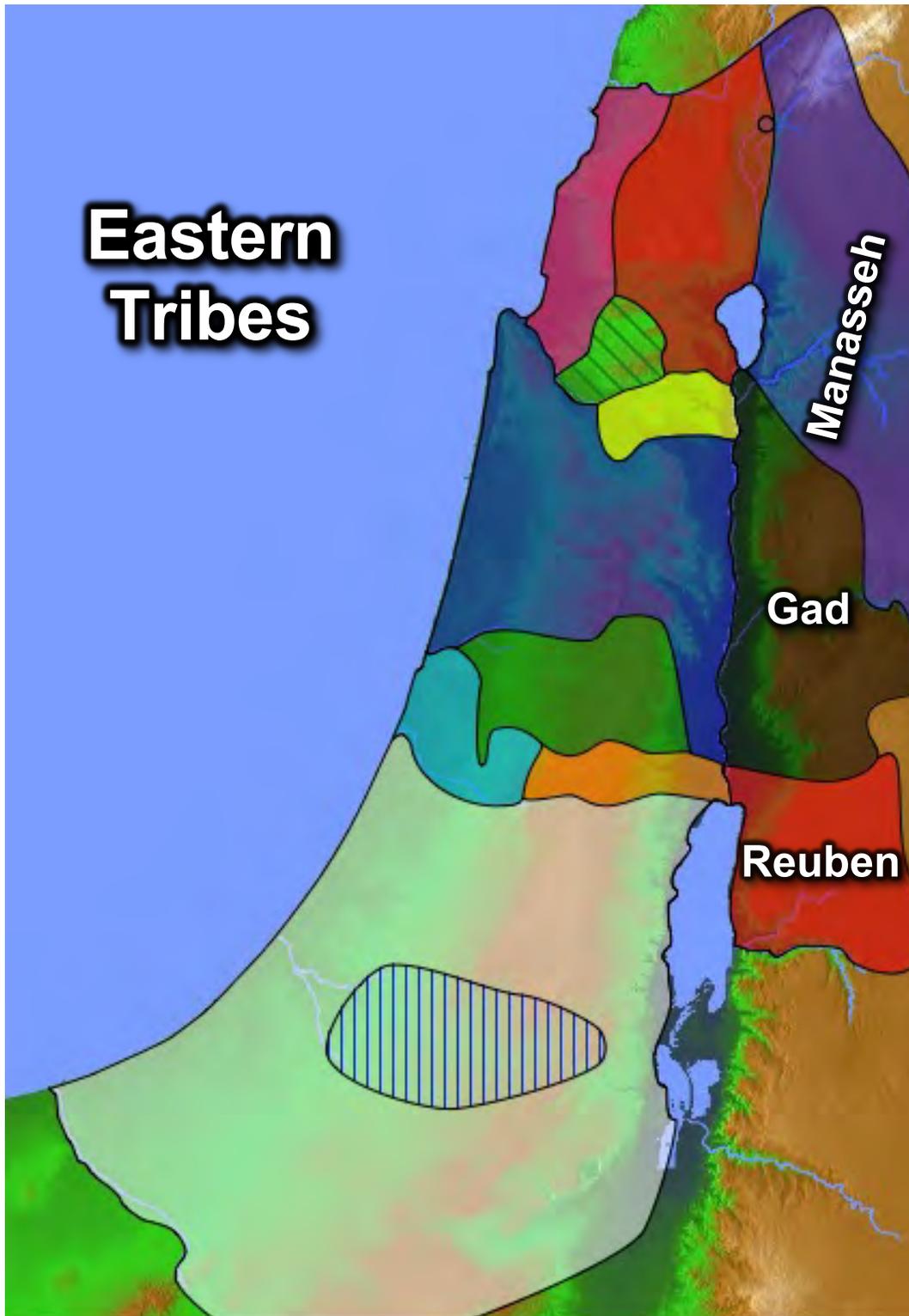
**No Thanks.
I respect
women too
much to like
your religion.**

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



Numbers 32

Eastern Tribes



Final Preparations (31–36)

- Transjordan Settled (31–32)
 - Midianites (31)
 - Inheritances (32)

Numbers 33

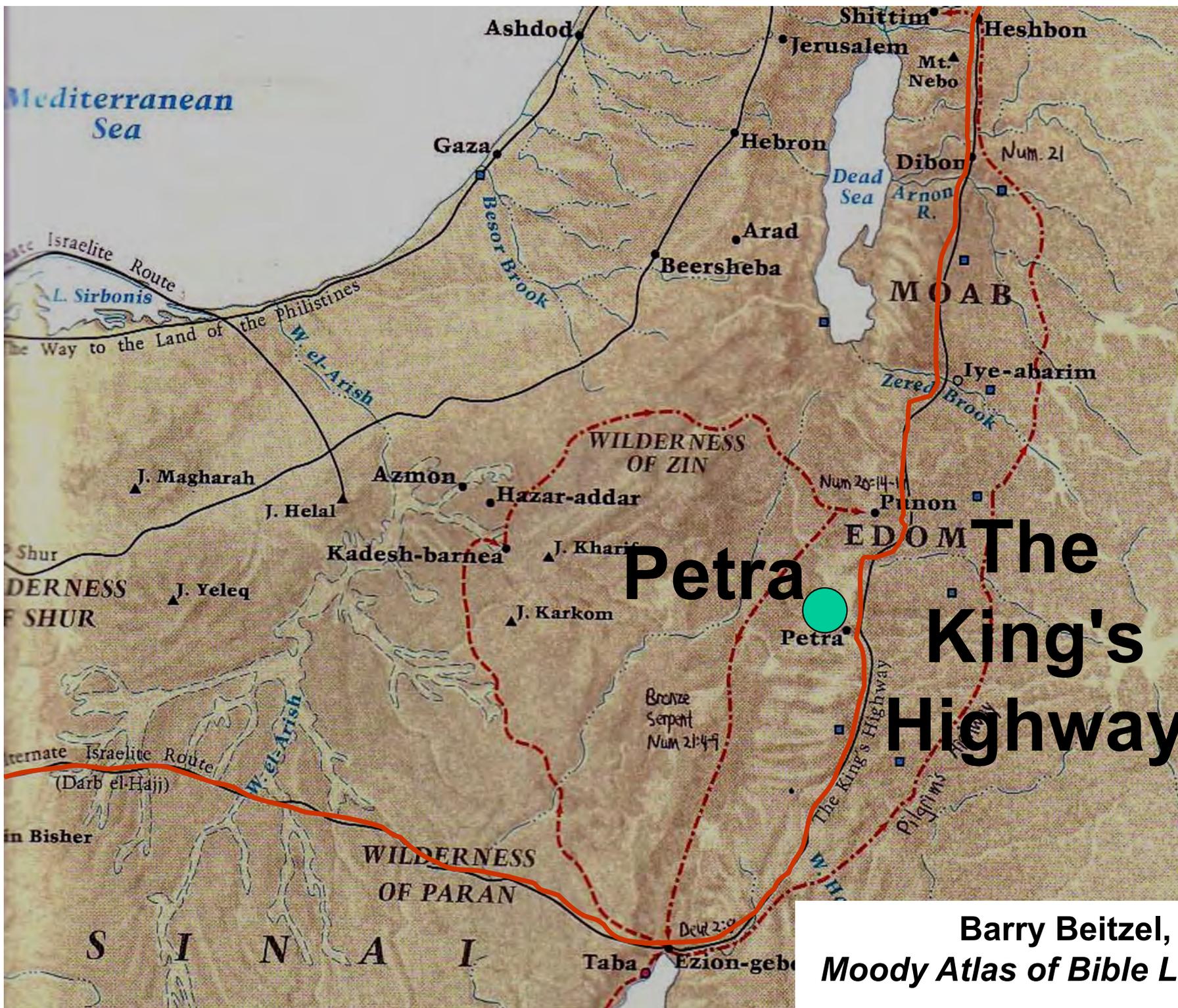
Numbers 1–12, 33 Map



Route of the Journey

Wilderness Wanderings (Num 33)



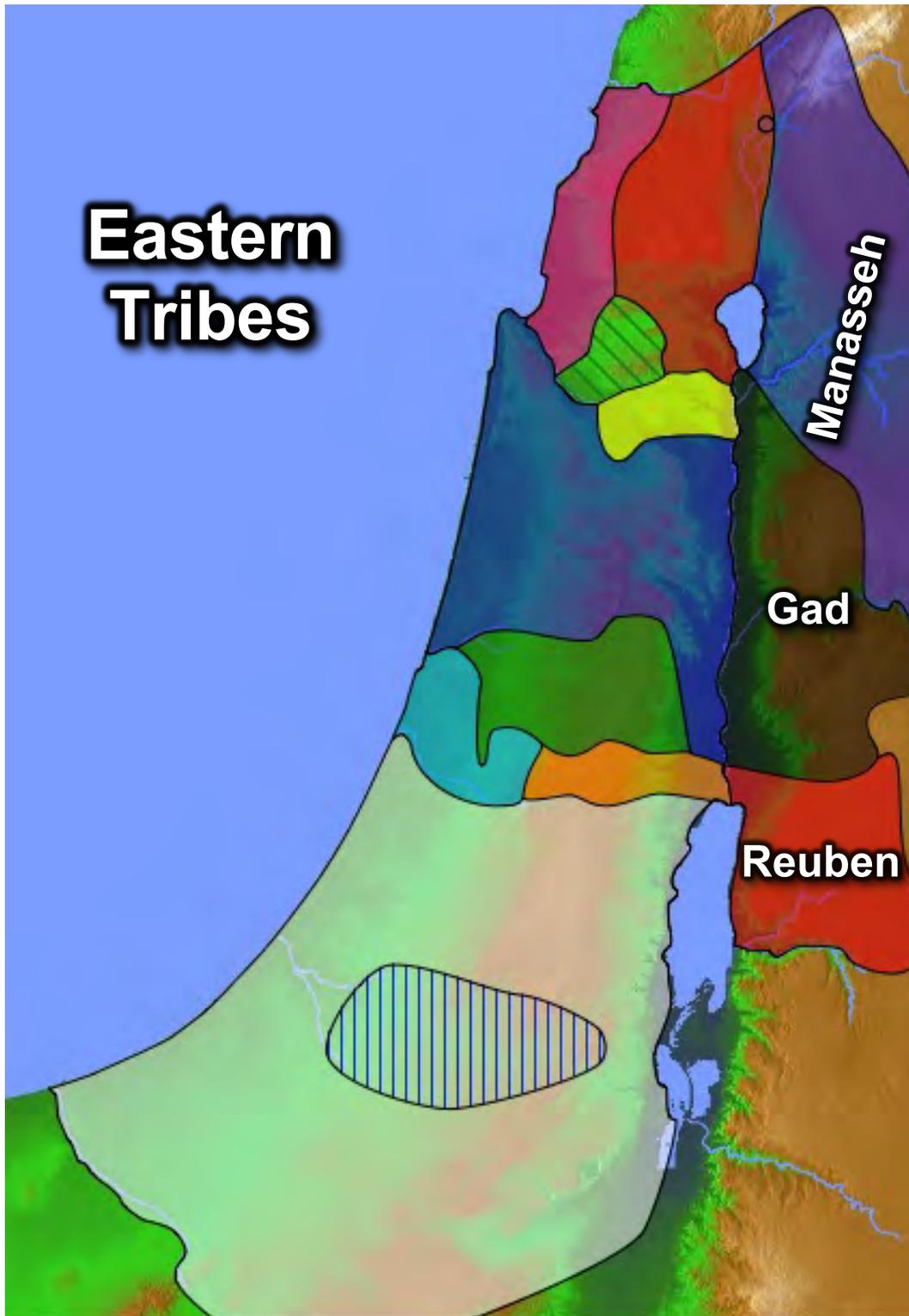


Petra The King's Highway



Barry Beitzel,
Moody Atlas of Bible Lands, 87

Eastern Tribes



Final Preparations (31–36)

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- Wandering Summary (33:1-49)
- Canaan Defined (33:50–36:13)
 - 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,⁵¹ “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel: When you cross the Jordan River into the land of Canaan,⁵² 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. ⁵⁴ 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



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)



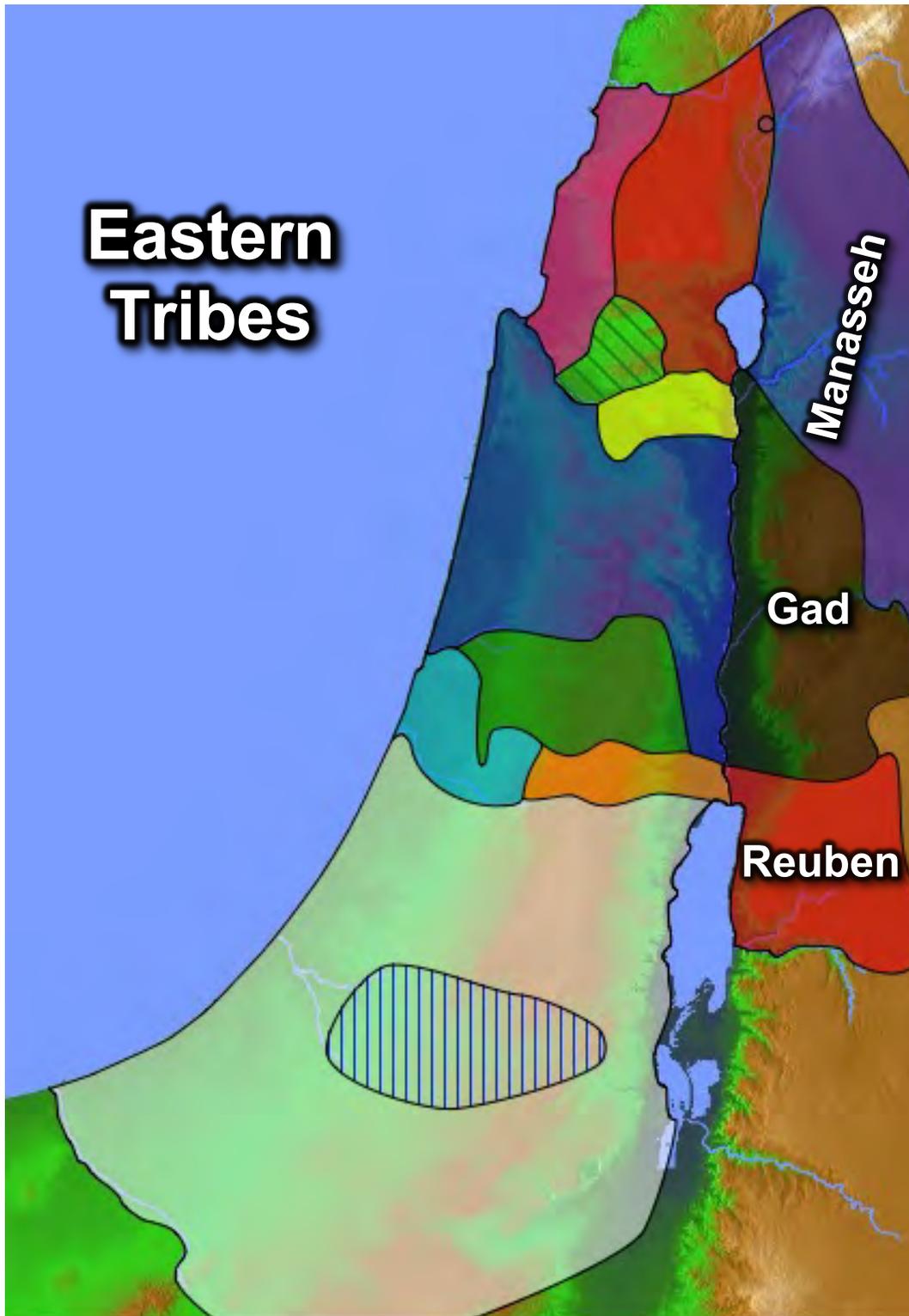


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Numbers 35

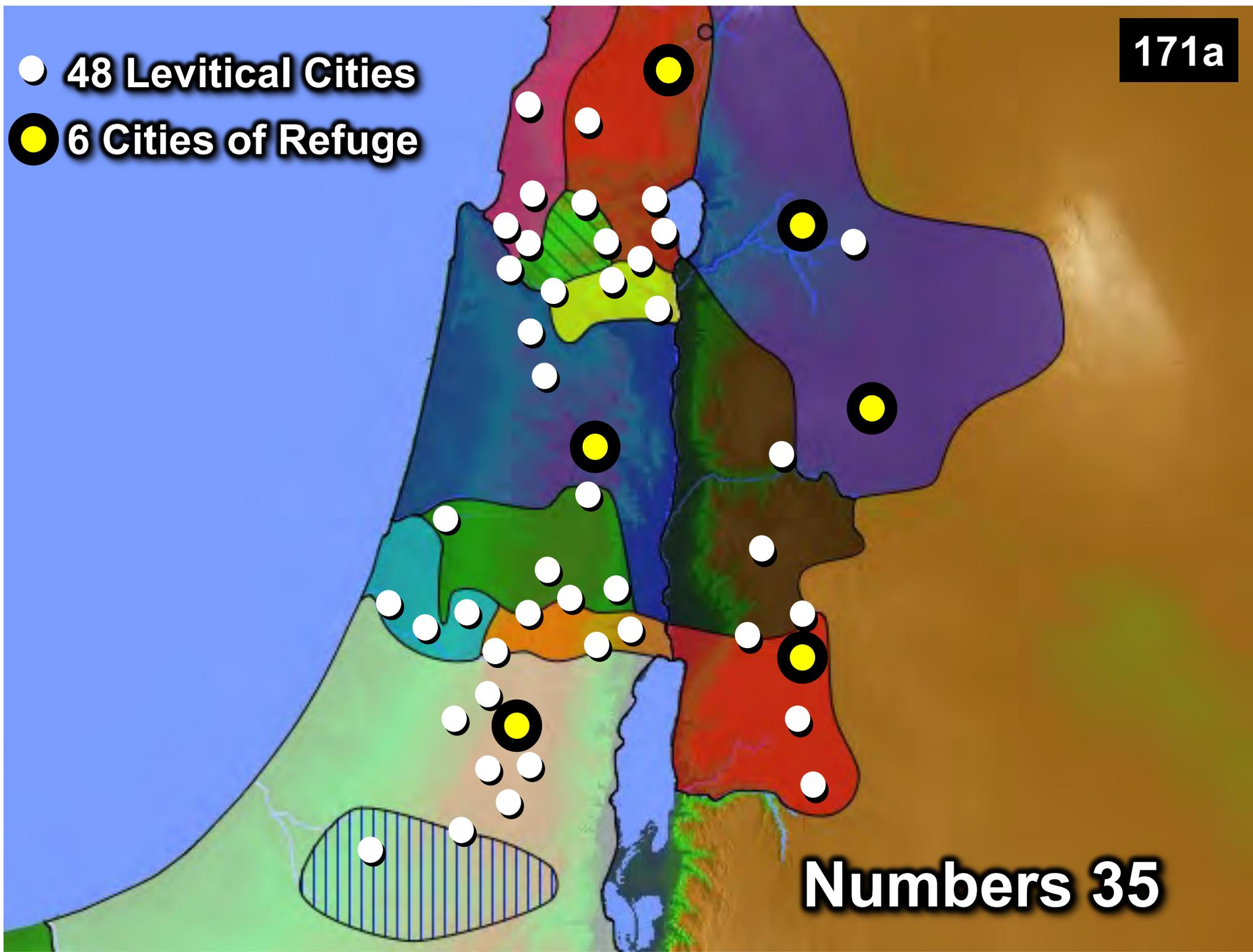
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 - **Levitical Cities (35)**

- 48 Levitical Cities
- 6 Cities of Refuge



Numbers 35

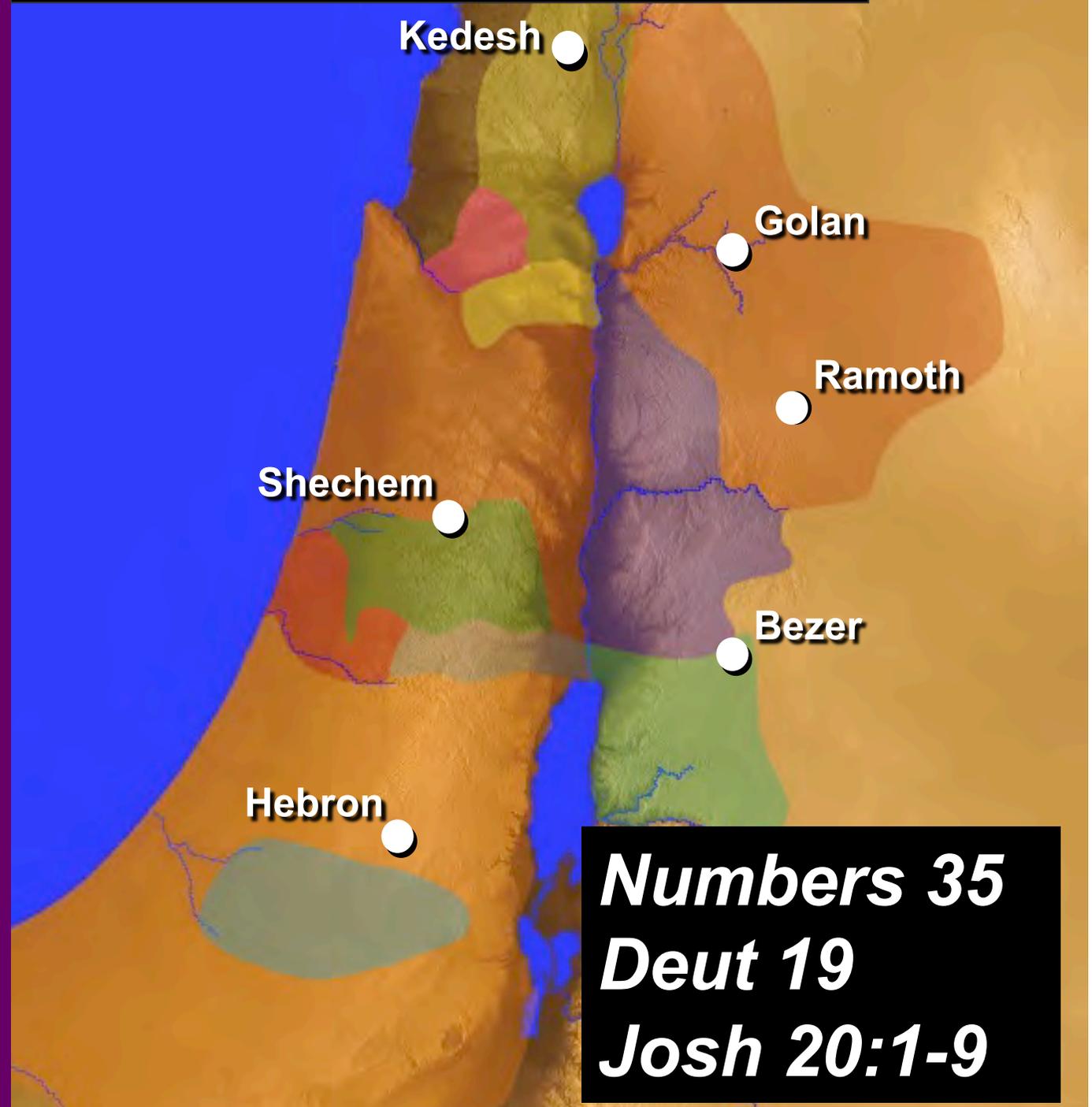
Cities of Refuge

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

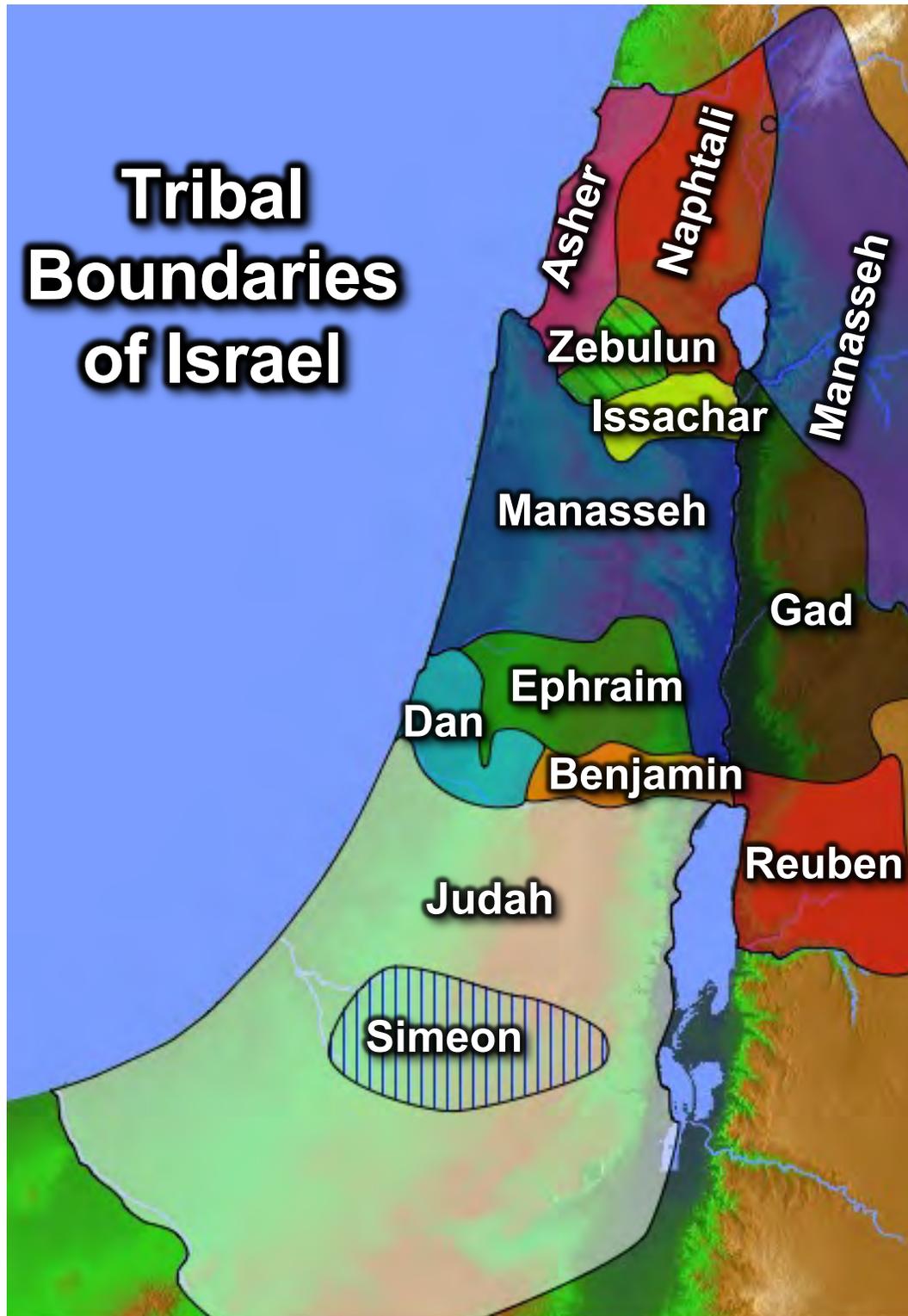
Yet the nation was not ready for legal procedures by an objective village assembly (civil law).

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



Numbers 35
Deut 19
Josh 20:1-9

Tribal Boundaries of Israel



Final Preparations (Numbers 31–36)

- **Transjordan Settled (31-32)**
 - **Midianites (31)**
 - **Inheritances (32)**
- **Wandering Summary (33:1-49)**
- **Canaan Defined (33:50–36:13)**
 - **Inheritance (33:50–34:29)**
 - **Levitical Cities (35)**
 - **Daughters (36)**

Numbers 36

Daughters of Zelophehad (Num. 36)



Daughters of Zelophehad (Num. 36)



Mahlah

Noah

Hoglah

Milcah

Tirzah

**The
Daughters of
Zelophehad**



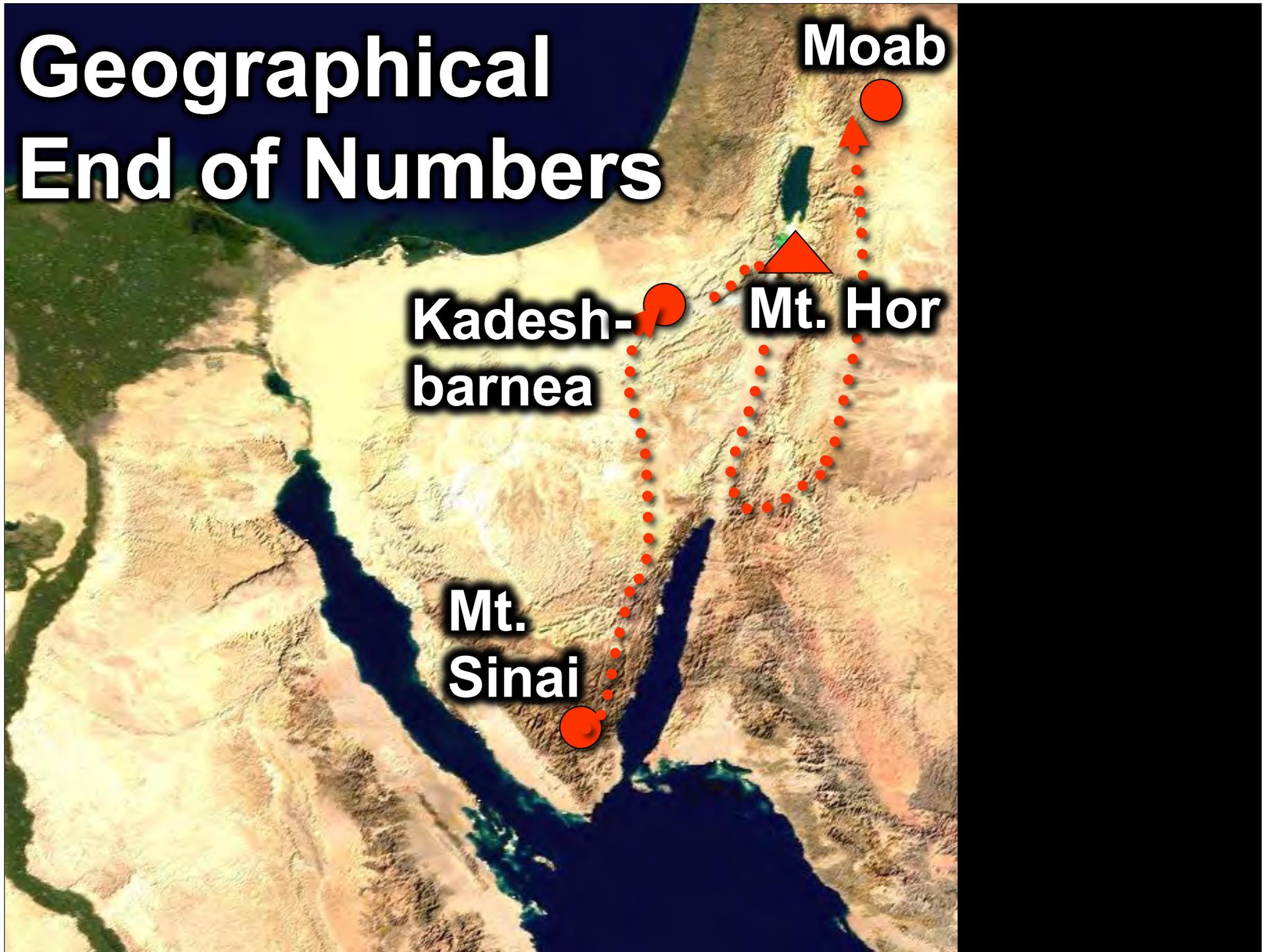
Manasseh

Gad

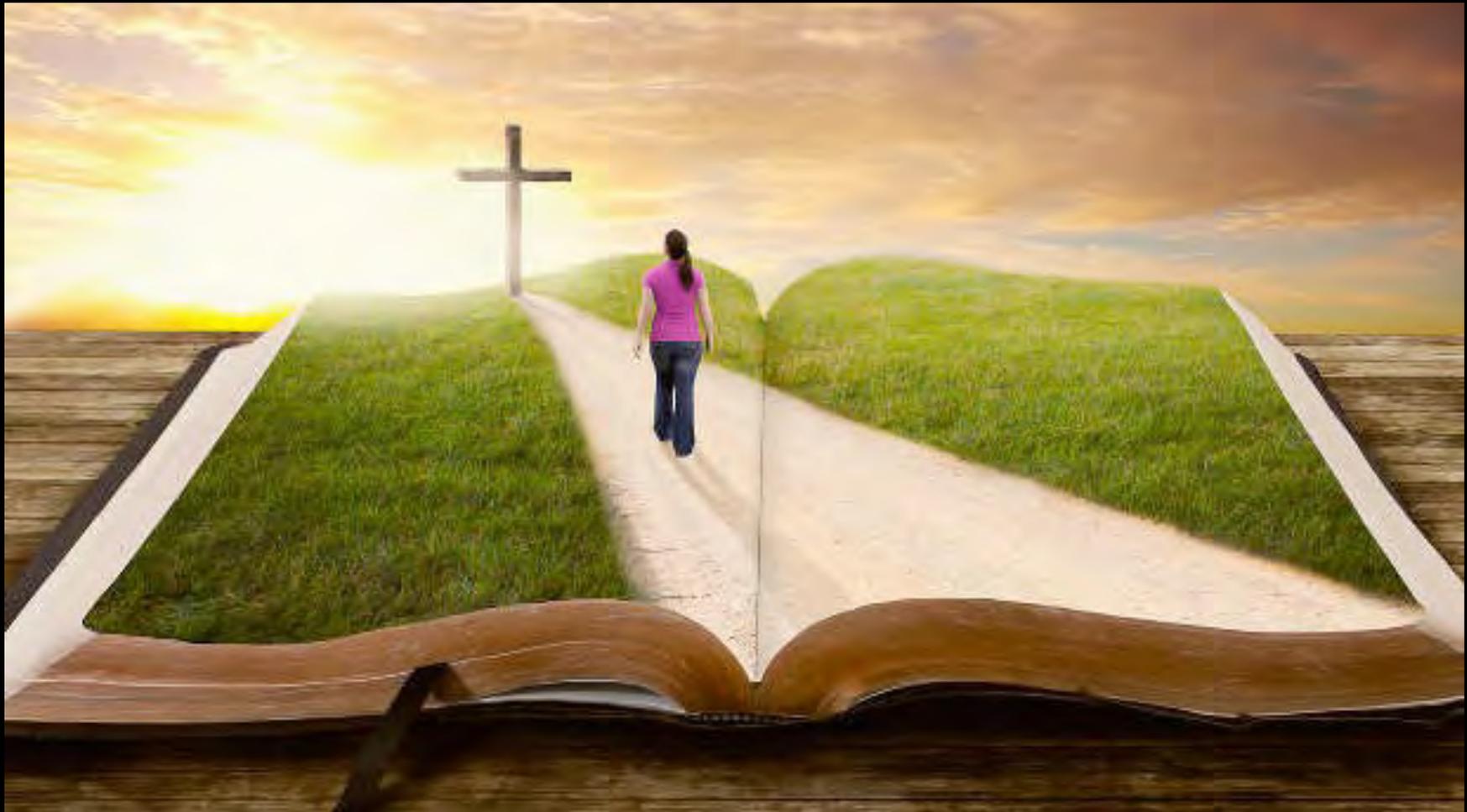
Reuben

**1 Chronicles
7:15-19**

Geographical End of Numbers



**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

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?





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

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



Numbers 1:1–10:10

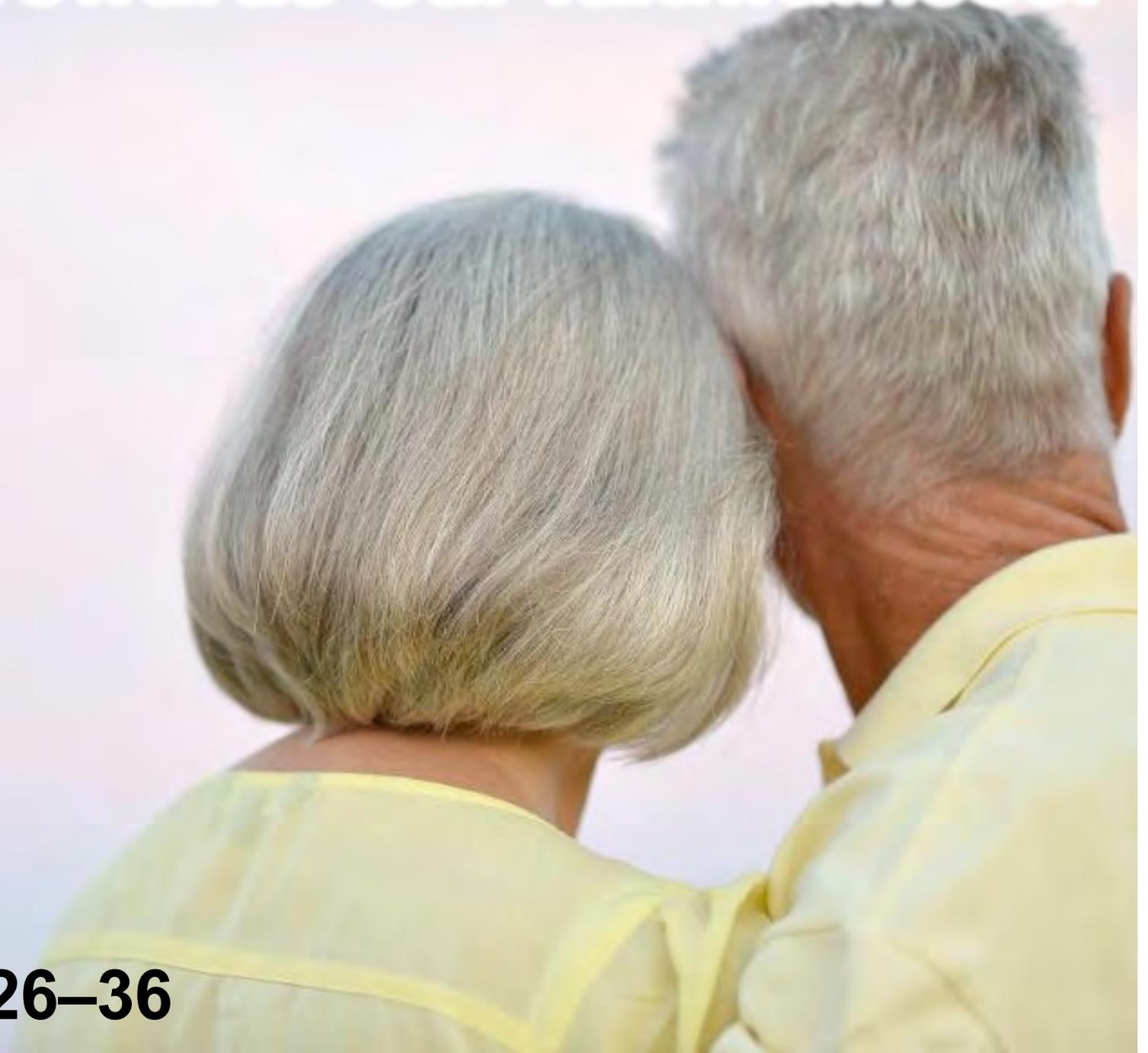
II. God **warns us of
the cost of unbelief.**



**Plan
For Disaster
Now**

Numbers 10:11–25:18

III. God **rewards** our faithfulness.



Numbers 26–36

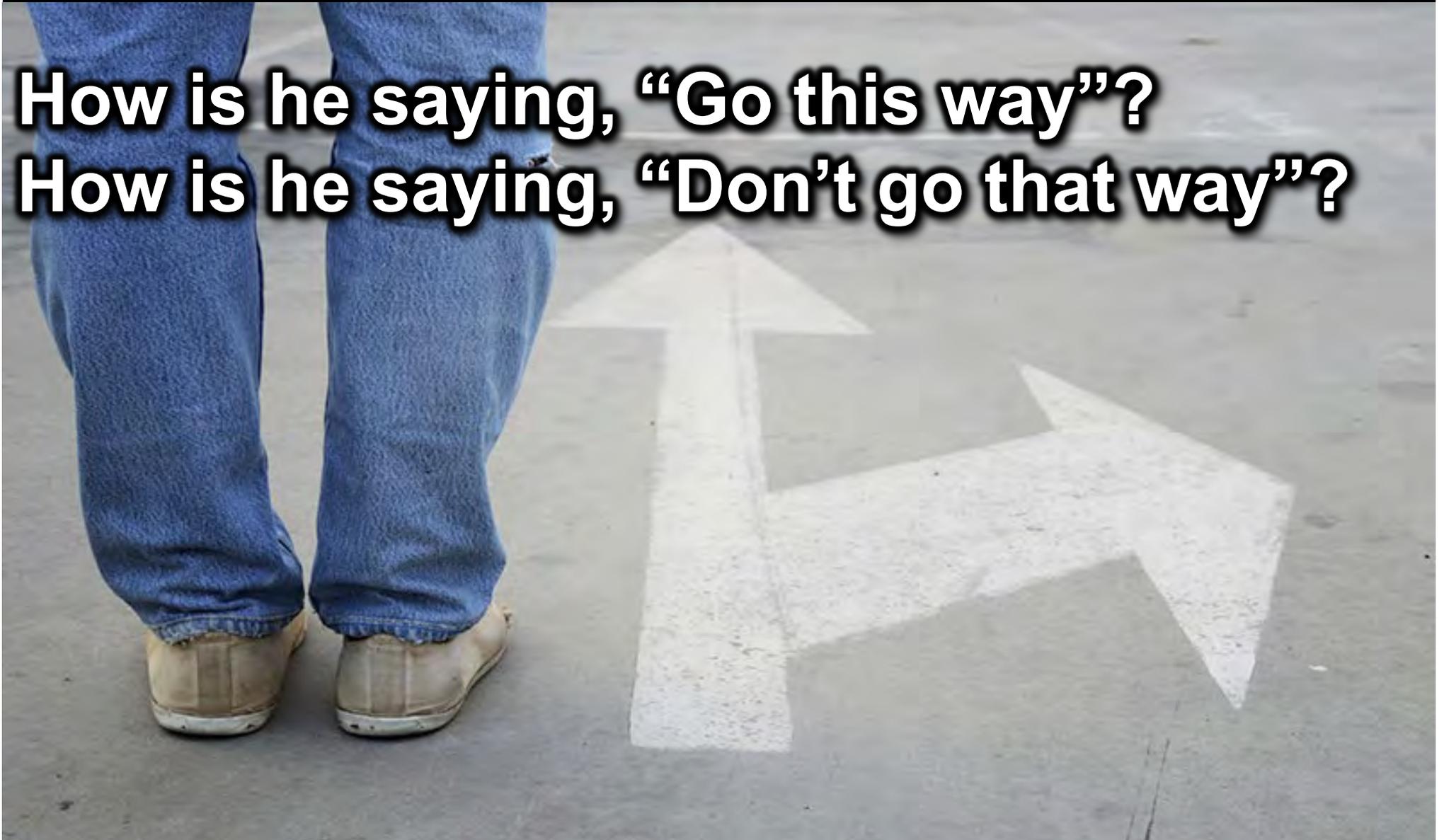
How to Be Prepared

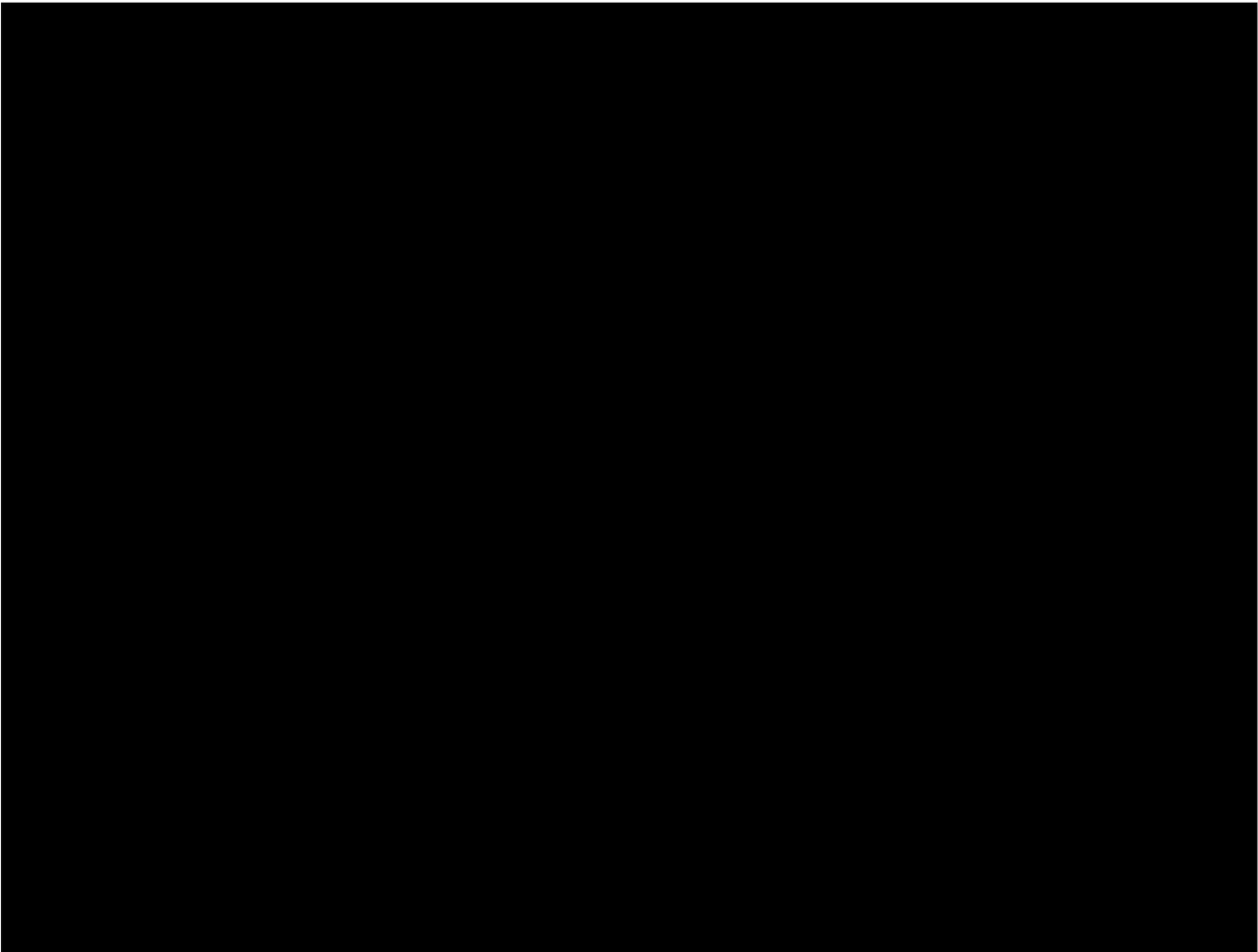
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- **Realize that God has given you everything you need to do His will, but disobedience deserves discipline.**
- **God will get His will done either through you or in spite of you.**
- **Are you characterized by commitment or complaining?**

**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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Israel's Early Eastern Neighbors

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John H. Walton, *Chronological and Background Charts of the OT*, 2d ed., 71

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 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)	Saul defeated Agag (1050 BC; 1 Sam. 15:1-9); Destroyed David's camp at Ziklag but David wiped them out. This is last mention of them (1 Sam. 30).

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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	<p>1400–Began slow rebellion, first against Egypt</p> <p>1380-1287–Mostly controlled by Hittites; control diminished until 1190</p> <p>1190–Invasion by sea peoples. Independent city-states established</p> <p>1100–Some control exercised by Tiglath-Pileser I</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>11th cent–Controlled parts of at least Dan & Judah (Jud. 14:4; 15:11). Samson held somewhat in control.</p> <p>1060–Captured Israel's ark (1 Sam. 4)</p> <p>1050–Israel subdued Philistia at Ebenezer (1 Sam. 7:7-14)</p>

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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
900–722 BC	<p>890–High Priest Ethbaal gains throne. Alliance with Israel continues with marriage of his daughter Jezebel to Ahab</p> <p>865–Tribute to Assyria's Ashurnasirpal II</p> <p>853–Joined 12-nation alliance against Shalmaneser III at Qarqar</p> <p>841–Shalmaneser III takes some cities. Assyrian tributary through end of period</p>	<p>Paid tribute to Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 17:11)</p> <p>Raided Judah during the reign of Jehoram (2 Chron. 21:16-17)</p> <p>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</p>
722–570 BC	<p>725–During reign of Shalmaneser V, Luli of Sidon tried to unite Phoenicia in revolt</p> <p>701–Sennacherib responded by invasion—many cities taken, deportation, puppet ruler</p> <p>677–Revolt crushed by Esarhaddon—Sidon destroyed</p> <p>665–Baalit of Tyre revolted—suppressed by Assurbanipal</p> <p>584-571–Nebuchadnezzar siege--took Tyre</p>	<p>Country subjugated & Gaza captured by Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:8)</p> <p>People captured & deported by Nebuchadnezzar</p>

Broken People

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Henry Blackaby

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!)

Broken People

145-146

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
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

Broken People

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE

BROKEN PEOPLE

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 *my 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

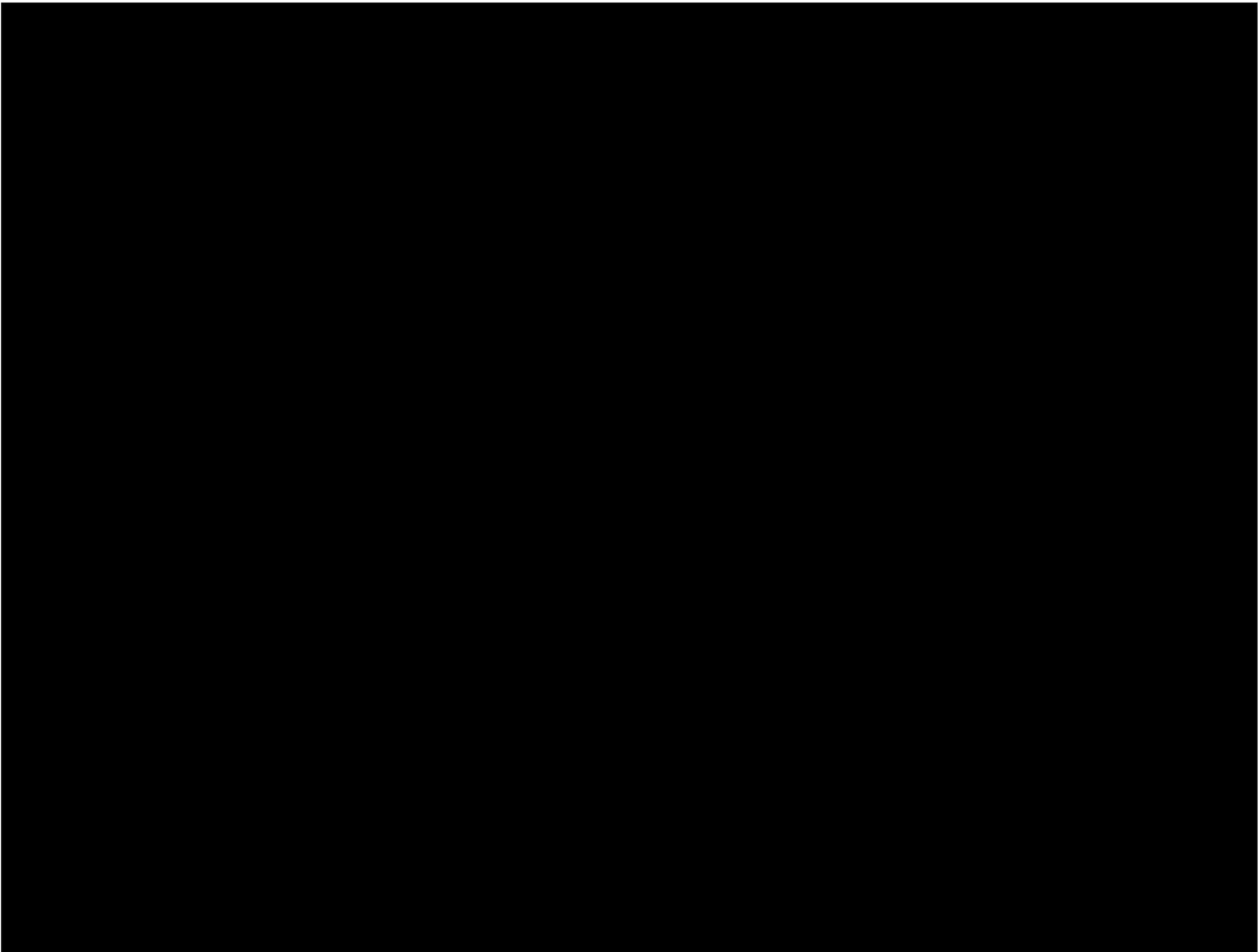
Self-denying

Broken People

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PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE	BROKEN PEOPLE
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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