



# Preparing to March

(Numbers 1-10)

**Class 2:  
From a  
Rabble to  
an Army**



WHY STUDY  
THE BOOK  
OF  
NUMBERS?!

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# Numbers 1-4

<b>Num. 1:1-46</b>	Military Conscription Census
<b>Num. 1:47-54</b>	Levites excluded
<b>Num. 2:1-34</b>	Military Encampment
<b>Num. 3:1-13</b>	Levites set apart
<b>Num. 3:14-40</b>	Levite Census 1 – The Military Police
<b>Num. 3:41-51</b>	Redeeming the Firstborn
<b>Num. 4:1-49</b>	Levite Census 2 – The Transportation Corps

# God's Purpose with Israel

<b>Exod. 19:5-6</b>	Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be: 1) <b>My own possession</b> among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 2) and you shall be to Me <b>a kingdom of priests</b> 3) and <b>a holy nation.</b> '
<b>Exod. 25:8</b>	Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may <b>dwell among them.</b>

# Timeline

Exod. 40:1	1/1	On <b>the first day of the first month</b> you shall set up the <b>tabernacle</b> of the tent of meeting.
Num. 7:1	1/1 - 1/12	<b>On the day</b> that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•...and the <b>Levites</b> for 8 days (<b>Lev. 8-9</b>)</li> <li>•<b>12 days of gifts</b> for the tabernacle service from the tribal leaders (<b>Num. 8:5-22</b>)</li> </ul>
Num. 9:1-3	1/14 - 1/20	... <b>in the first month of the second year</b> after they had come out of the land of Egypt, "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the <b>Passover</b> ... <b>On the fourteenth day of this month</b> , at twilight, you shall observe it..."
Num. 1:1-2	2/1	Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on <b>the first of the second month, in the second year</b> after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, " <b>Take a census...</b> "
Num. 9:11	2/14 - 2/20	In the <b>second month on the fourteenth day</b> at twilight, they shall observe it (the <b>Passover</b> )...
Num. 10:11	2/20	Now in the second year, <b>in the second month, on the twentieth of the month</b> , <b>the cloud was lifted</b> from over the tabernacle of the testimony;
Deut. 1:2		It is <b>eleven days' journey</b> from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir <b>to Kadesh-barnea</b> .

# We are all Spiritual Warriors

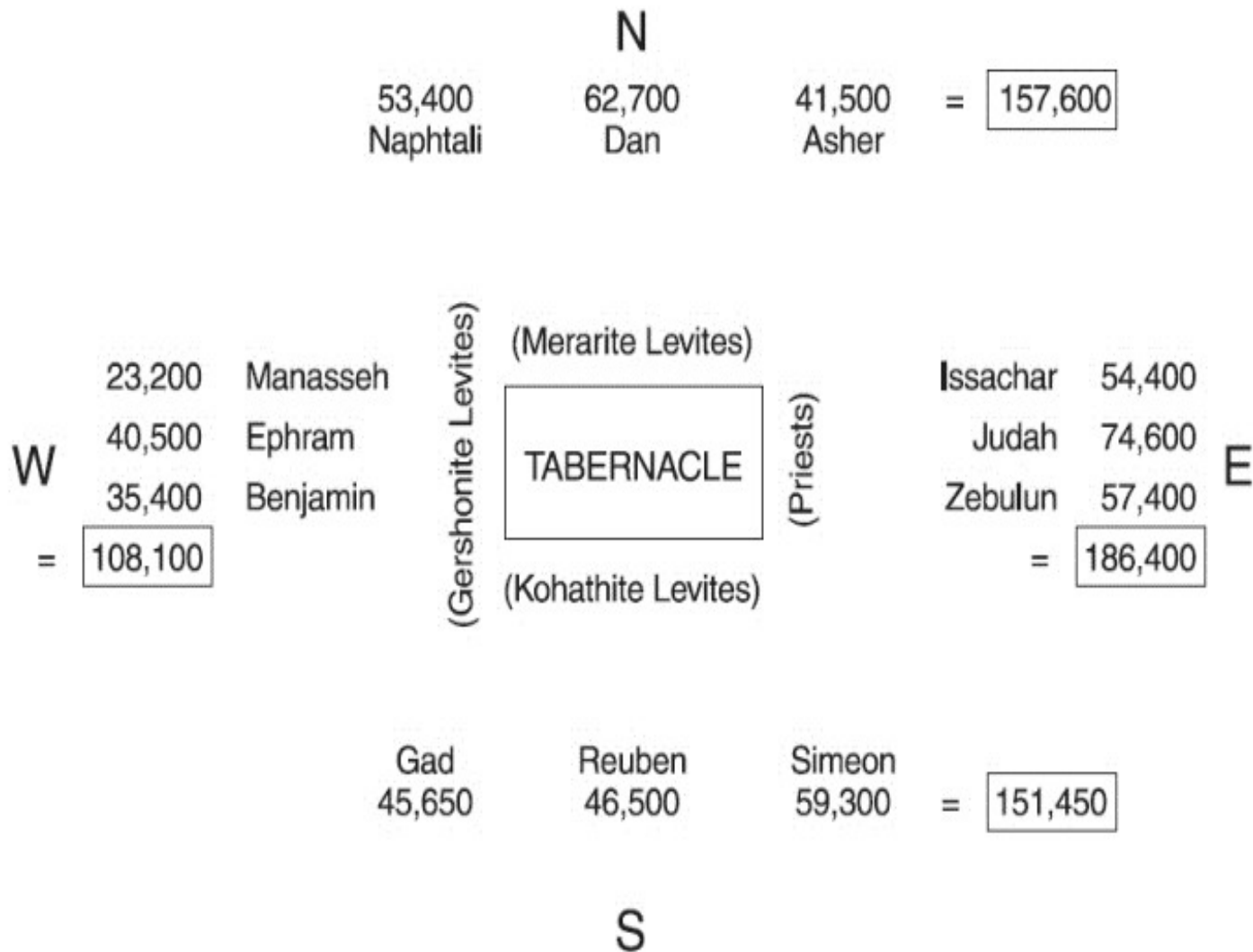
Eph. 6:11-12	Put on the full armor of God, <b>so that you will be able to stand firm</b> against the schemes of the devil. For <b>our struggle</b> is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
Gal. 5:25	If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk ( <b>lit. “walk in rank”</b> ) by the Spirit.
2Cor. 10:4	For <b>the weapons of our warfare</b> are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
1Tim. 1:18	This <b>command</b> I entrust to you... <b>fight the good fight</b>
1Tim. 6:12	<b>Fight the good fight</b> of faith
2Tim. 2:3	Suffer hardship with me, <b>as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.</b>
2Tim. 4:7	<b>I have fought the good fight</b> , I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

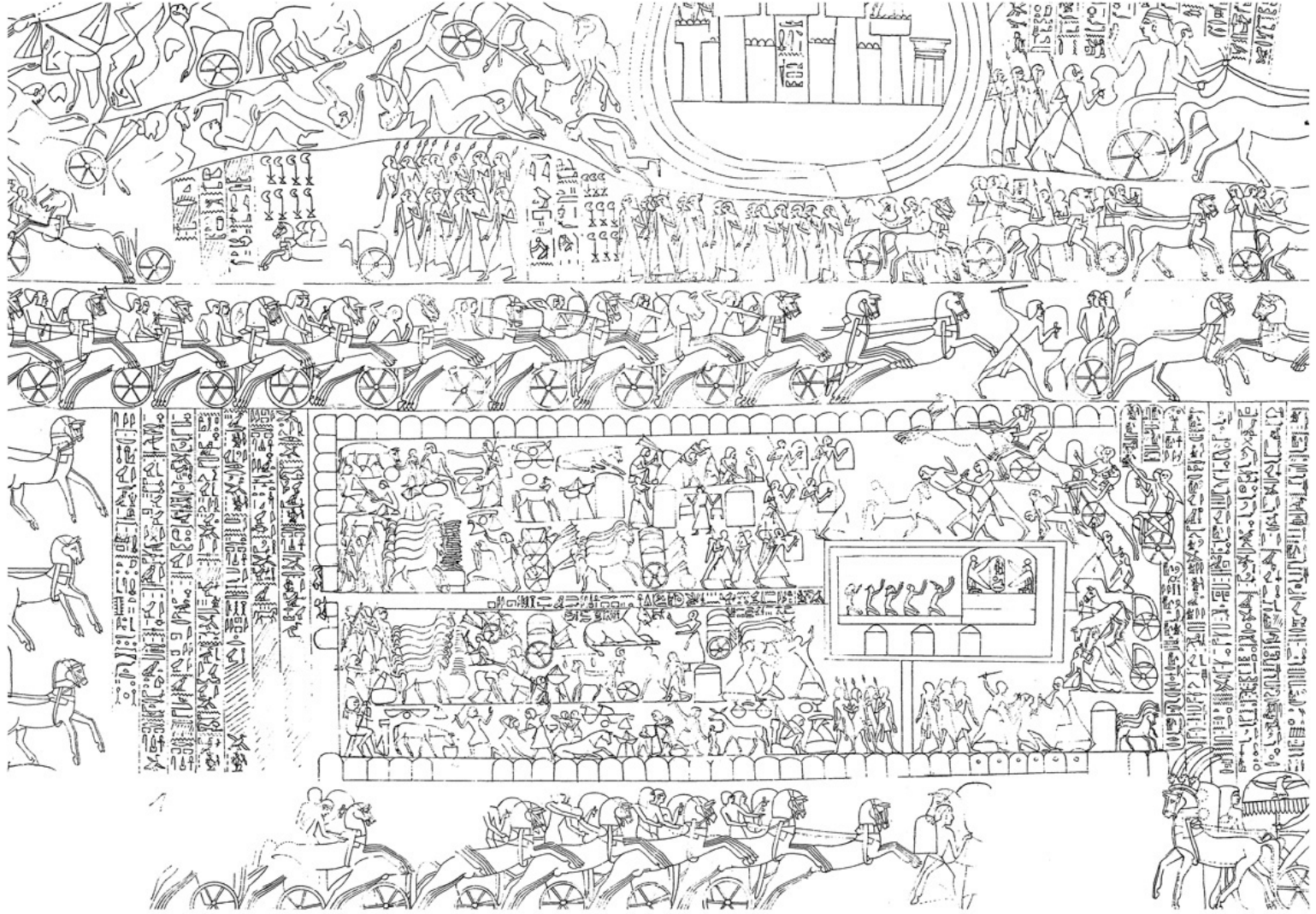


Tribe	Num. 1	Num. 26	Change		Ranking		
			#	%	Start	End	Diff.
Reuben	46,500	43,730	-2,770	-6.0%	7	9	-2
Simeon	59,300	22,200	-37,100	-62.6%	3	12	-9
Gad	45,650	40,500	-5,150	-11.3%	8	10	-2
Judah	74,600	76,500	+1,900	+2.5%	1	1	
Issachar	54,400	64,300	+9,900	+18.2%	5	3	+2
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	+3,100	+5.4%	4	4	
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	-8,000	-19.8%	10	11	-1
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	+20,500	+63.7%	12	6	+6
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	+10,200	+28.8%	11	7	+4
Dan	62,700	64,400	+1,700	+2.7%	2	2	
Asher	41,500	53,400	+11,900	+28.7%	9	5	+4
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	-8,000	-15.0%	6	8	-2
<b>Total (excluding Levites)</b>	<b>603,550</b>	<b>601,730</b>	<b>-1,820</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>			<b>7</b>

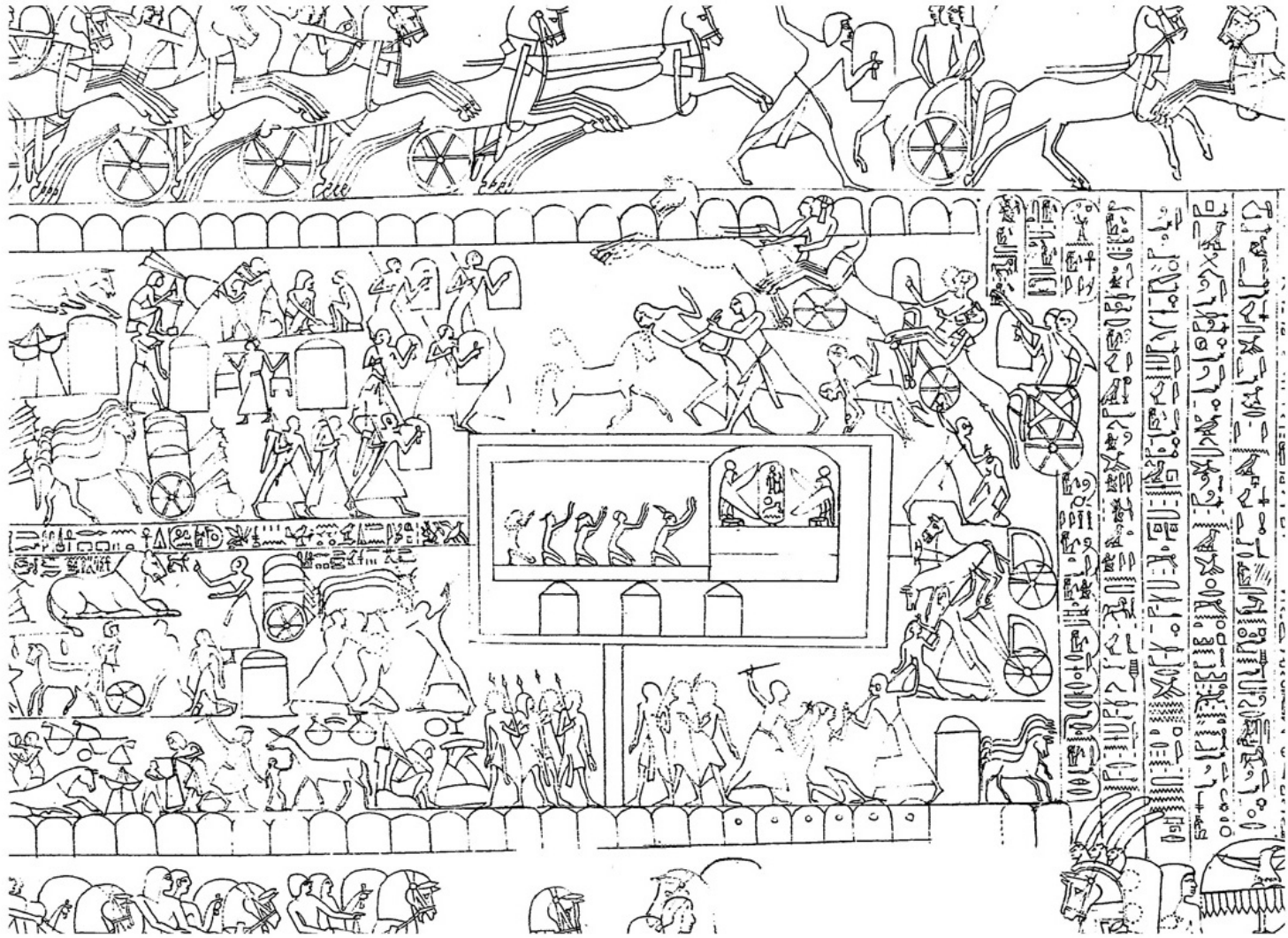
Tribe		Mother (Birth Order)	Camp	#
Judah	Num. 2:3-9	Leah (4)	East	186,400
Issachar		Leah (5)		
Zebulun		Leah (6)		
Reuben	Num. 2:10-16	Leah (1)	South	151,450
Simeon		Leah (2)		
Gad		Zilpah (Leah) (1)		
Levi	Num. 2:17	Leah (3)	Centre	22,000
Ephraim	Num. 2:18-24 (cp. Psa. 80:1-2)	Rachel (1b)	West	108,100
Manasseh		Rachel (1a)		
Benjamin		Rachel (2)		
Dan	Num. 2:25-31	Bilhah (Rachel) (1)	North	157,600
Asher		Zilpah (Leah) (2)		
Naphtali		Bilhah (Rachel) (2)		



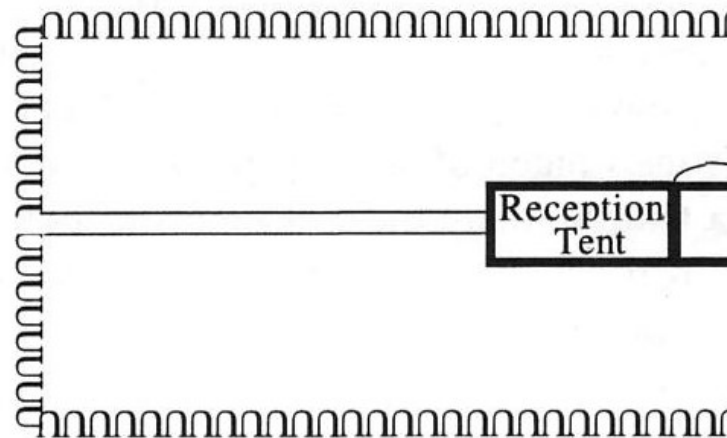








## Battle Compound of Ram



## Tabernacle Compound

# A Heavenly Tabernacle

<b>Rev. 20:9</b>	And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city... <b>See also: Rev. 7:5-8; 21:2-3, 10-22</b>
<b>John 1:14-17</b>	And the Word became flesh, and <b>dwelt</b> (lit. <b>“tabernacled”</b> ) <b>among us</b> , and we saw His <b>glory, glory</b> as of the only begotten from <b>the Father</b> , full of <b>grace and truth</b> ... the Law was given through Moses; <b>grace and truth</b> were realized through Jesus Christ.
<b>1 Cor. 3:16</b>	Do you not know that <b>you are a temple of God</b> and that <b>the Spirit of God dwells</b> in you?
<b>2 Cor. 6:16</b>	For we are the <b>temple of the living God</b> ; just as God said, “I WILL <b>DWELL IN THEM</b> AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR <b>GOD</b> , AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
<b>Heb. 9:23, 14</b>	Therefore it was necessary for <b>the copies of the things (i.e. the tabernacle)</b> in the heavens to be <b>cleansed</b> with these, but the <b>heavenly things</b> themselves with better sacrifices than these. How much more will the blood of Christ... <b>cleanse your conscience</b> from dead works to serve <b>the living God</b> ?

# Levite Duties – Num. 1:50-53

But you shall appoint the Levites:

**over the tabernacle** of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall **carry** the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall **take care of it**;

they shall also **camp around** the tabernacle.

So when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall **take it down**; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall **set it up**.

But **the layman who comes near shall be put to death**. The sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies. But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, **so that there will be no wrath** on the congregation of the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall **keep charge** of the tabernacle of the testimony.”

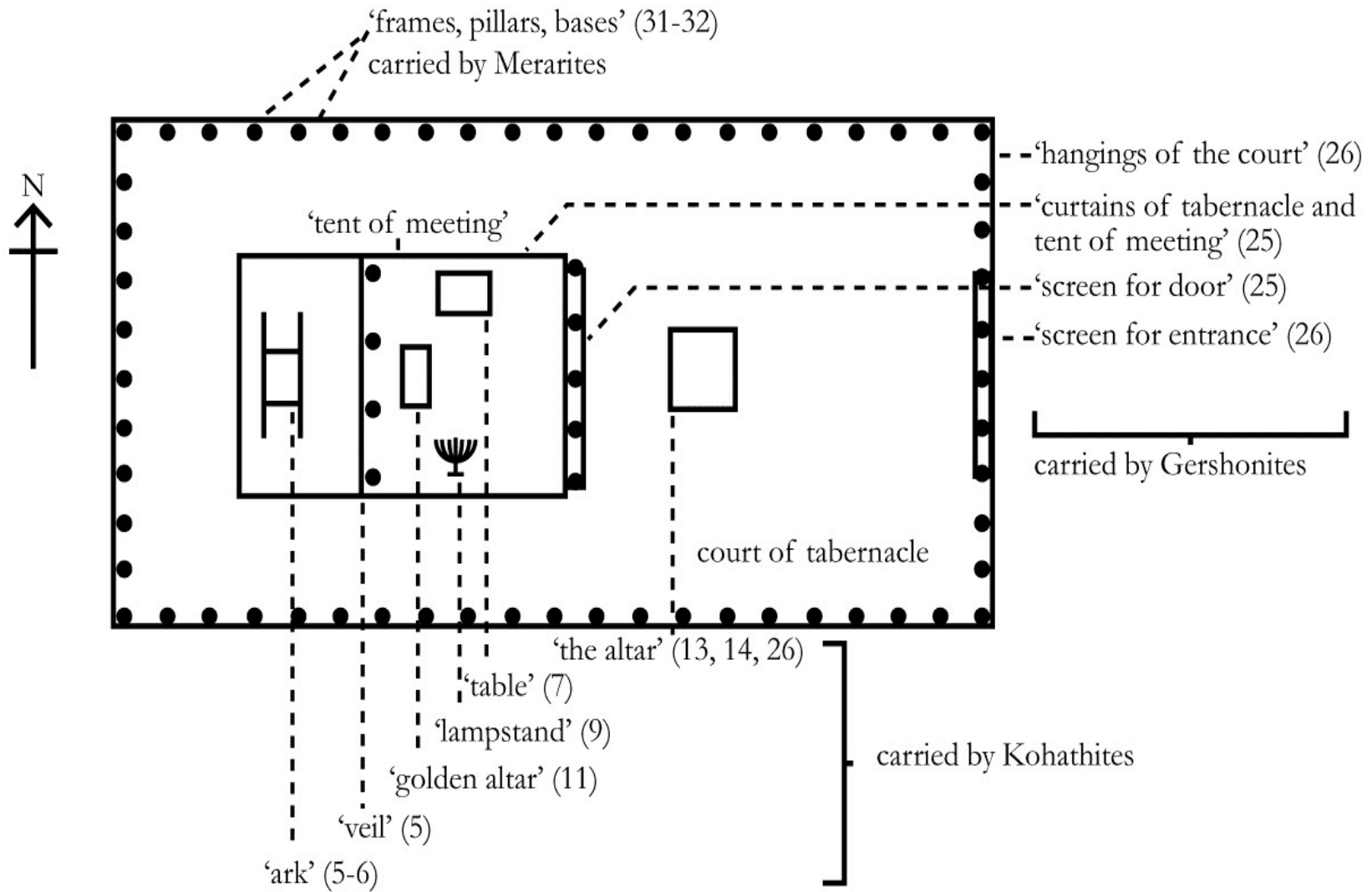
# Mismeret & Aboda

<i>English</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Hebrew</i>	<i>Numbers 3</i>	<i>Numbers 4</i>
Charge, Duties	Guard Duty	<i>mišmeret</i> רַתְּמִשְׁמֶרֶת	v7, 7, 8, 25, 28, 31, 32, 36, 38, 38	v27, 28, 31, 32
Service	Physical Work	‘ <i>ābōdâ</i> עֲבֹדָה	v7, 8, 26, 31, 36	v4, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 33, 35, 39, 41, 43, 47, 47, 47, 49
Minister, Serve	Ministry (to Priests)	<i>šērēt</i> שֵׂרֵת	v6, 31	v9, 12, 14
Work	Skilled Work	<i>melākâ</i> מְלָאכָה		3



# 1<sup>st</sup> Census of Levites (Numbers 3)

	Family	Census		Leader	Responsibility	Guard Duty
v21-26	<b>Gershon</b> Libni Shimei	<b>7,500</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Eliasaph</b> the son of <b>Lael</b>	Tabernacle and all other curtains	<b>v25</b>
v27-31	<b>Kohath</b> Amram Izhar Hebron Uzziel	<b>8,600</b> 8,300 (LXX rev. 3 <sup>rd</sup> C)	<b>S</b>	<b>Elizaphan</b> the son of <b>Uzziel</b> <b>Uzziel</b> : Amram's brother <b>Elizaphan</b> : helped carry corpses of Nadab and Abihu	Ark, Veil and tabernacle furniture	<b>v28, 31, 32</b>
v33-37	<b>Merari</b> Mahli Mushi	<b>6,200</b> 6,050 (LXX)	<b>N</b>	<b>Zurriel</b> the son of <b>Abihail</b>	Tabernacle and court framing and structure	<b>v36</b>
v38	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>4+</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Moses, Aaron</b> and his <b>sons</b>	Lamp oil, Incense, continual grain offering, anointing oil ( <b>Num 4:16</b> )	<b>v38 2x</b>



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Census of Levites (Numbers 4)

	Family	Census		Overseer	Transport (Num. 7:7-8)	Responsibility
v1-20, 34-37	<b>Kohath</b>	<b>2,750</b> (8,600)	<b>S</b>	<b>Eleazar</b>		Ark, Veil and tabernacle furniture
v21-28, 38-41	<b>Gershon</b>	<b>2,630</b> (7,500)	<b>W</b>	<b>Ithamar</b>	<b>2 Carts</b> <b>4 Oxen</b>	Tabernacle and all other curtains
v29-33, 42-45	<b>Merari</b>	<b>3,200</b> (6,200)	<b>N</b>	<b>Ithamar</b>	<b>4 Carts</b> <b>8 Oxen</b>	Tabernacle and court framing and structure

# Kohathite Service (Numbers 4)

v5-6	<b>Ark</b>	Veil (Blue, Purple, Scarlet) Hides of Sea-Cow (Yellow/Orange) Blue Cloth	Poles
v7-8	<b>Table of the bread of the presence and utensils</b>	Blue Cloth Scarlet Cloth Hides of Sea-Cow	Poles – utensils on table between blue and scarlet cloth
v9-10	<b>Lampstand and utensils</b>	Blue Cloth Hides of Sea-Cow	On Carrying Frame
v11	<b>Golden altar</b>	Blue Cloth Hides of Sea-Cow	Poles
v12	<b>Other tabernacle utensils</b>	Blue Cloth Hides of Sea-Cow	On Carrying Frame
v13-14	<b>Altar and utensils</b>	Purple Cloth Hides of Sea-Cow	Poles

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# A New Name

<b>Rev. 2:17</b>	To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and <b>a new name written on the stone</b> which no one knows but he who receives it.
<b>Rev. 3:12</b>	He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and <b>I will write on him the name of My God</b> , and <b>the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem</b> , which comes down out of heaven from My God, and <b>My new name</b> .
<b>Heb 12:18-24</b>	<p>For you have not come to a mountain <b>that can be touched</b> and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."</p> <p>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of <b>the living God</b>, the <b>heavenly Jerusalem</b>, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and <b>church of the firstborn</b> who are <b>enrolled in heaven</b>, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.</p>

# Supplemental Material



Tribe	Head		Father	
Reuben	Elizur	(My) God Is a Rock, Is Strong (God of Strength)	Shedeur	Shaddai Is a Flame (Fire, Light)
Simeon	Shelumiel	(My) Peace Is God	Zerishaddai	(My) Strength Is Shaddai, (My) Rock Is Shaddai
Judah	Nahshon	Serpent	Amminadab	(My) People Are Noble
Issachar	Nathanel	Gift of God	Zuar	Little One
Zebulun	Eliab	(My) God Is Father	Helon	Rampart??
Ephraim	Elishama	(My) God Hears, Has Heard	Ammihud	(My) People Are Majestic
Manasseh	Gamaliel	Reward of God	Pedahzur	Ransomed Rock, Strength
Benjamin	Abidan	(My) Father Is Judge	Gideoni	(My) Hewer
Dan	Ahiezer	(My) Brother Is a Helper	Ammishaddai	(My) People of Shaddai
Asher	Pagiel	Encountered by God, Met by God	Ocran	Troubled
Gad	Eliasaph	(My) God Has Added, Multiplied, Enriched	Deuel	Knowing God
Naphtali	Ahira	(My) Brother Is Evil	Enan	One Who Sees

# “I am the LORD” - Ownership

v12	“Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. <b>So the Levites shall be Mine.</b> ”
v13	“ <b>For all the firstborn are Mine</b> ; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, from man to beast. <b>They shall be Mine; I am the LORD.</b> ”
v41	“You shall <b>take the Levites for Me, I am the LORD</b> , instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the sons of Israel.”
v45	“ <b>Take the Levites</b> instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. <b>And the Levites shall be Mine; I am the LORD.</b> ”

# Redemption Price of Firstborn

Num. 18:15-17

Every **first issue** of the womb of all flesh, whether man or animal, which they offer to the LORD, shall be yours; nevertheless the **firstborn** of man you shall surely **redeem**, and the **firstborn** of unclean animals you shall **redeem**.

**As to their redemption price**, from a month old you shall **redeem** them, **by your valuation, five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs**.

But the **firstborn** of an ox or the **firstborn** of a sheep or the **firstborn** of a goat, you shall not **redeem**; they are holy.

You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

# These are the generations of...

<b>Gen 2:4</b>	The heavens and the earth	<b>Initial</b>
<b>Gen 5:1</b>	Adam	<b>Narrowing</b>
<b>Gen 6:9</b>	Noah	<b>Narrowing</b>
<b>Gen 10:1</b>	Shem, Ham, and Japheth	<b>Rejection (?)</b>
<b>Gen 11:10</b>	Shem	<b>Selection</b>
<b>Gen 11:27</b>	Terah	<b>Narrowing</b>
<b>Gen 25:12</b>	Ishmael	<b>Rejection</b>
<b>Gen 25:19</b>	Isaac	<b>Selection</b>
<b>Gen 36:1, 9</b>	Esau (that is, Edom)	<b>Rejection</b>
<b>Gen 37:2</b>	Jacob	<b>Selection</b>
<b>Num 3:1</b>	Aaron and Moses	<b>Rejection</b>
<b>Ruth 4:18</b>	Perez	<b>Selection</b>
<b>Matt 1:1</b>	Jesus the Messiah	<b>Final Narrowing</b>