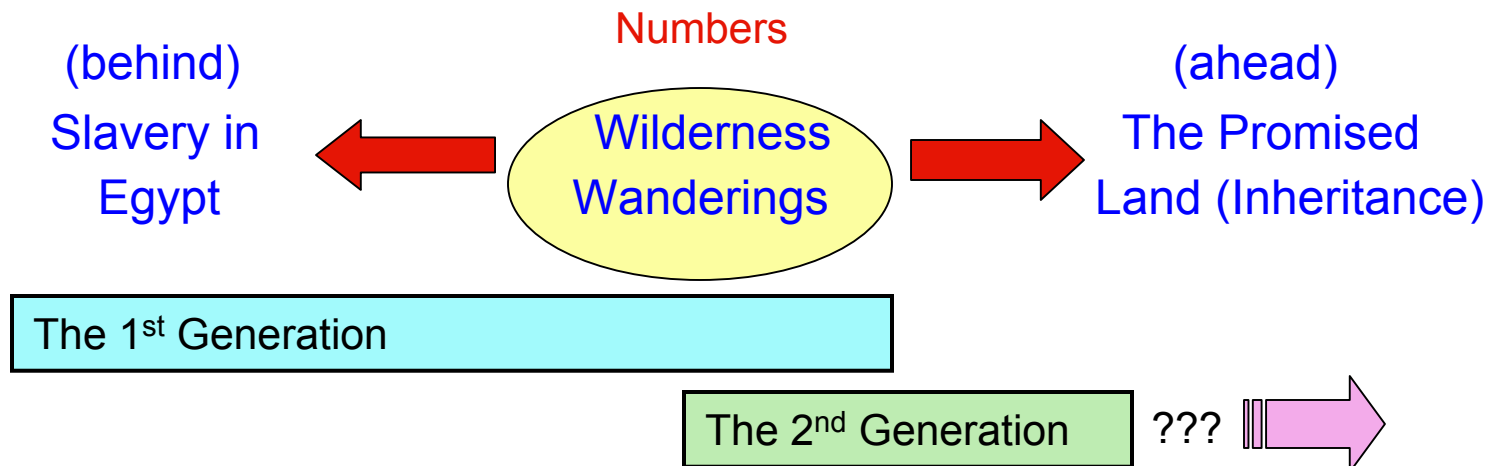


NUMBERS

1. Genesis : Beginnings Adam to Joseph
Exodus : Redemption 435 yrs in Egypt
Leviticus: Fellowship with a holy God 1 year
Numbers: “In the Wilderness” ~ 38 years
(between slavery and the inheritance)

2. Outline:
 - I. 1-25 Experiences of the 1st Generation in the Wilderness
 - II. 26-36 Preparation of the 2nd Generation to enter the land



Numbers Outline (by Census)

- I. The experiences of the 1st generation in the wilderness (1:1 – 25:18)
 - A. The Census & placement of the 1st generation and the Levites (1:1 – 4:49) (includes the special duties of the Levites)
 - B. Instructions and Laws in preparation for the march to the land of promise (5:1 – 10:10)
 - C. Rebellion and judgment of an unbelieving people (11:1 – 25:18)
 1. Rebellion, atonement and death (11:1 – 20:29)
 2. Hope, final rebellion, and an end of their dying (21:1 – 25:18)
- II. The preparation of the 2nd Generation for entry into the Land of Promise (26:1 – 36:13)
 - A. The 2nd census and instructions for their entry (26:1 – 30:16)
 - B. Vengeance on the Midianites (31:1 – 54)
 - C. Settlement of the tribes east of the Jordan (32:1 – 42)
 - D. Final instructions and preparations (33:1 – 36:13)



Numbers by Chapter 1-10

- 1 The First Census
 - 2 The placement of the Tribes I.A
 - 3 The placement and numbers of the Levites and firstborn
 - 4 The numbers and duties of the Levites in the tabernacle service
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- 5 The test for purity, confession and restitution, the Law of Jealousy
 - 6 The Law of the Nazirite
 - 7 Offerings at the dedication of the tabernacle
 - 8 Setting up the lamps, separation and service of the Levites
 - 9 The 2nd Passover, the cloud and the fire (instructions)
 - 10 The Silver trumpets. The march begins I.B

Chapter 3 Outline

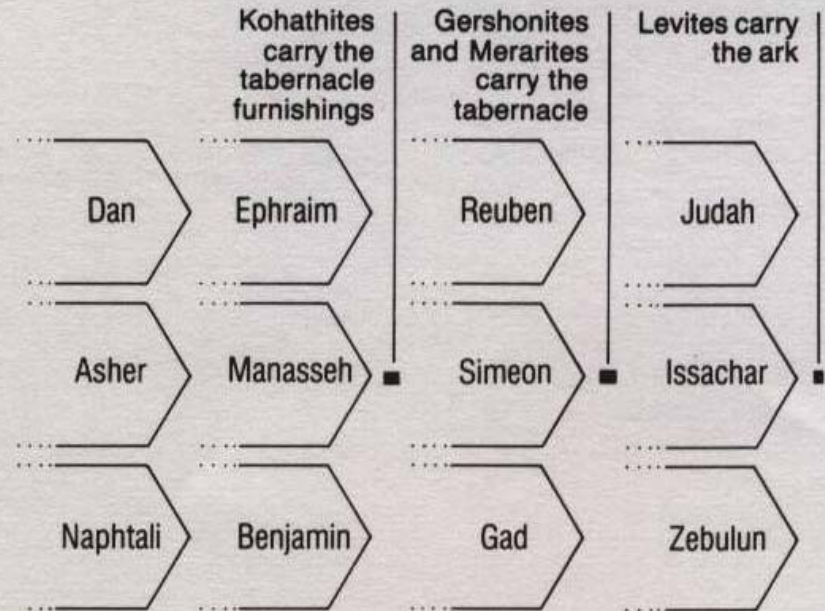
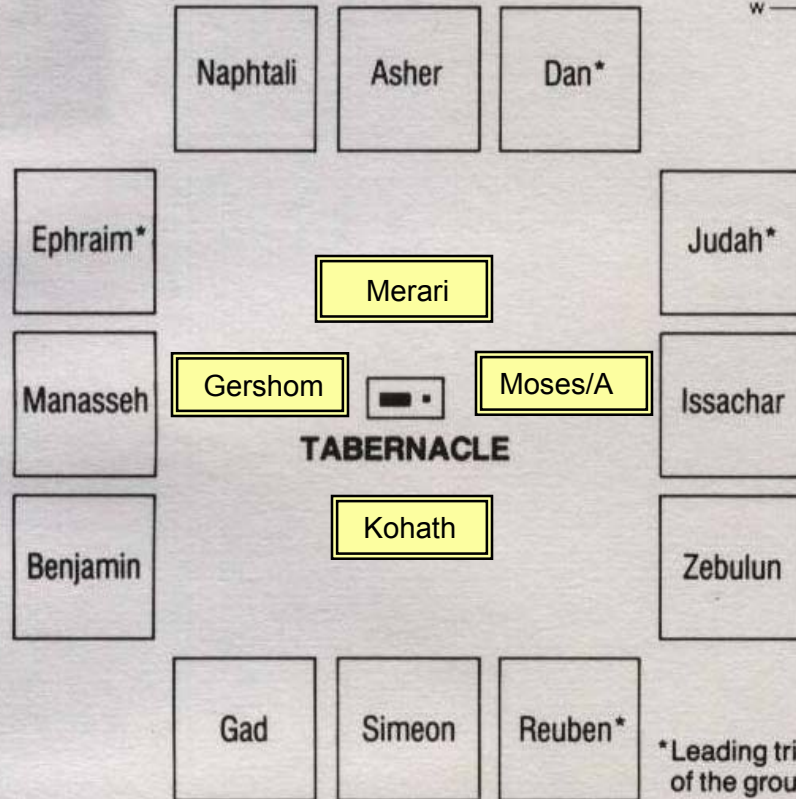
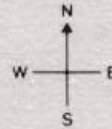
Subject: The placement and numbers of the Levites and firstborn

Outline:

1. 1-4 Nadab and Abihu
2. 5-13 Levi Chosen
3. 14-37 Census, location and duties of the Levites
4. 38-39 Placement of Moses/Aaron
5. 40-51 Substitution of the Levites for the 1st-Born

Encampment of the Tribes of Israel

Numbers 2:1-31; 10:11-33

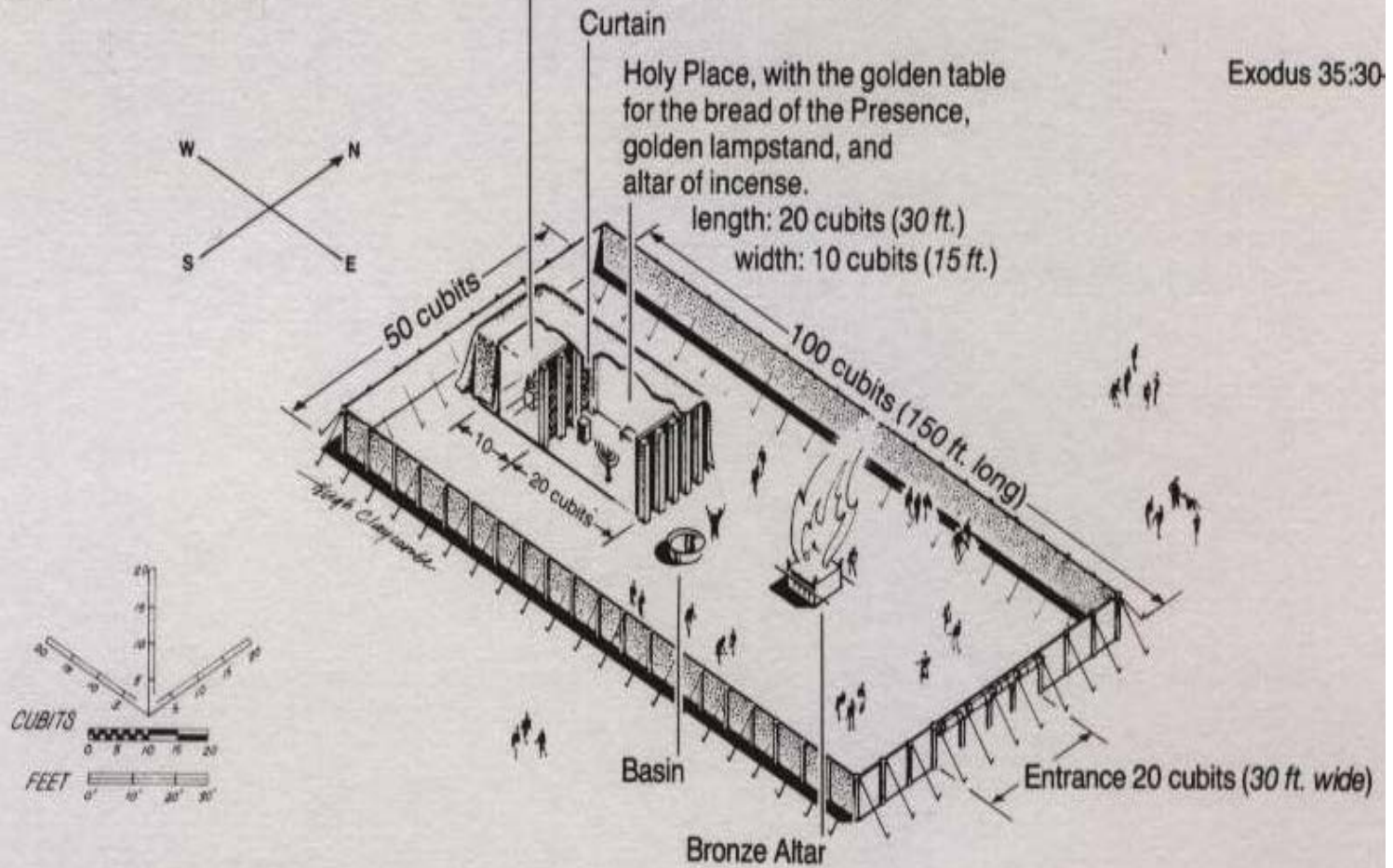


Marching Order of the Tribes

The Tabernacle

Most Holy Place with the ark of the covenant
10 cubits square (15 ft. square)

Exodus 35:30



NUMBERS – The Levites (Ch-3:21-37)

Family	Numbers	Location	Duties	Leader
Gershom	7500	Westward of the tabernacle	Coverings, screen, curtains, hangings, cords	<u>Eliasaph</u> ("God has added")
Kohath	8600	Southward of the tabernacle	"The holy things"	<u>Elizaphan</u> ("God has hidden or treasured up")
Merari	6200	Northward of the tabernacle	Frames, bars, pillars, sockets, all its equipment	<u>Zuriel</u> ("My rock is God" or God is a rock")

Lessons from Numbers Chapter 3

1. Special revelation from God does not assure spiritual success. (Nadab/Abihu)
2. God places special callings on people as He chooses. (Levites) (God's sovereignty) – **God uses whom He chooses. (The Potter)**
3. God doesn't think or act as men think or act. (Why the Levites?) **(Don't limit God.)**
4. Redemption by substitution (Levites for the 1st-born)
5. Attention to detail
6. Regarding the things of God – Nothing is left to chance or improvisation.
7. God's grace in providing the protective boundary of Levites around the tabernacle. (Those who violated the boundary would die.)
8. Do not take the things of God lightly or treat them with irreverence.
9. The dignity of serving God in the practical matters of life.
10. A changed heart can bring about a change of destiny. (Levites)
11. We serve God by serving those in His employ. (Levites were to serve Aaron (v. 6))

Chapter 4

The Sons of Levi – Gershon, Kohath, Merari

Outline:

1. 1-3 A census commanded
2. 4-14 Instructions for the preparation of the tabernacle for travel
3. 15-20 Duties of Kohath
4. 21-29 Duties of Gershon
5. 30-33 Duties of Merari
6. 34-49 The Census

Lessons from Numbers Chapter 4

1. Nothing related to the holiness of God in the tabernacle was left to chance.
2. All preparations suggest rigorous training and attention to detail. This implies a time of training to “equip the saints”.
3. There is an impressive quantity and variety of holy things dedicated to the tabernacle that are quite valuable.
4. There was beauty in the tabernacle. (Note the impressive use of colors – gold, blue, scarlet, purple.)
5. The tabernacle was to be mobile, a special provision by God for their journey. (Immanuel – God with us.)
6. Every worker and every task was important.
7. The precise instructions regarding locations, duties, the crafting and placing of the holy things show God to be a God of order and precision.
8. The mercy of God is displayed in His special provisions for the Kohathites.
9. God provides continual reminders to His people for their good. (See book of II Peter)

Warfare Tips and Insights from Numbers

1. Warfare is a necessary condition of pilgrimage and possession.
2. The enemy wants to stop us before we get to the promised land.
Our response: Purpose in your heart to secure God's blessing. (see Daniel)
3. Spiritual warfare necessitates:
 - a. God-appointed leaders
 - b. God-appointed positions, skills and weapons
 - c. Training**Our response:** Learn where God has placed you and how He has gifted you.
Embrace training.
4. Our enemy questions God's character. (Gen. 2)
He accuses Him of unfairness, of deceitfulness.
He promotes comparisons – “how good it was in Egypt”
How quickly the Israelites had forgotten the miracles of Egypt.
Our response – Remember who He is and what He has done (Ps 145)
5. The Israelites began complaining after 3 days' march – tired.
The enemy attacks us when we're tired or sick.
Our response – be especially watchful during these times esp. that you don't become careless or negligent.