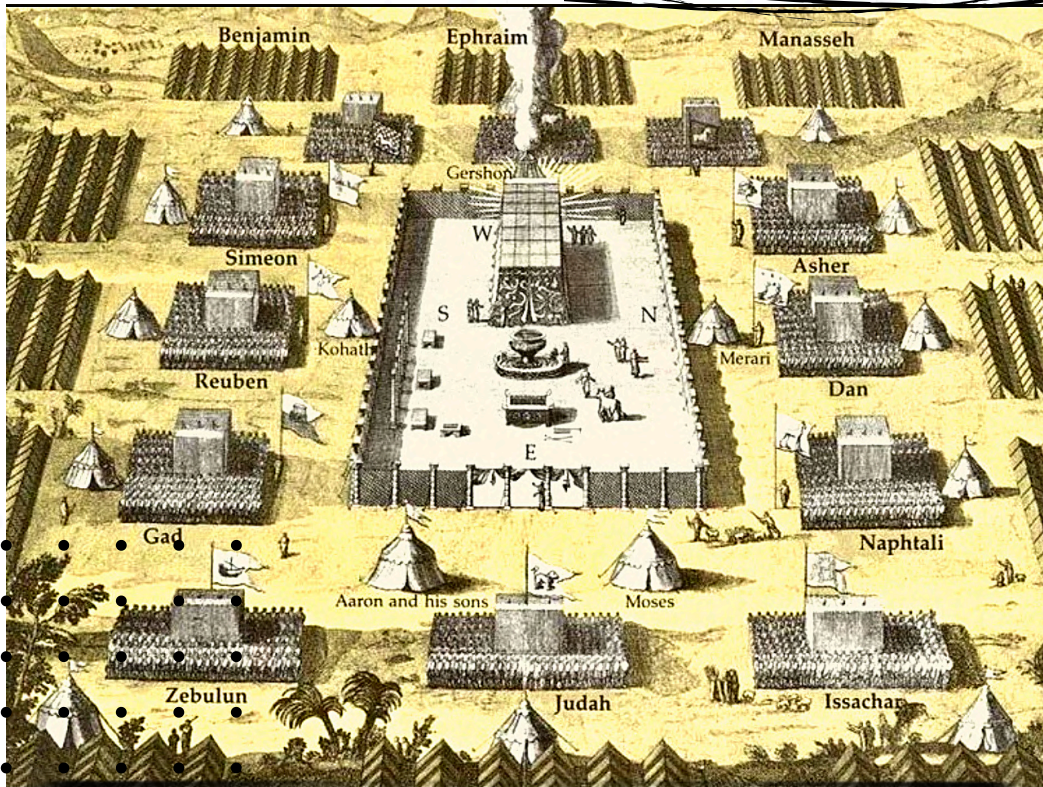


History and formation

THE 12 TRIBES

OF ISRAEL



THE HISTORY

In a basic point-by-point summary:

God made a promise to Abraham that he would be the father of multitudes.

Despite the impossibility of women being barren, the One who promised is faithful.

THE HISTORY

After the episode in which Jacob wrestles with the angel and asks for a blessing, the angel blesses Jacob and changes his name to Israel, which in the future would become a nation through his sons, who would form the tribes of Israel.



The nation of Israel became known as the union or division of the 12 tribes, which were the sons of Jacob, whose name was changed by God to Israel.

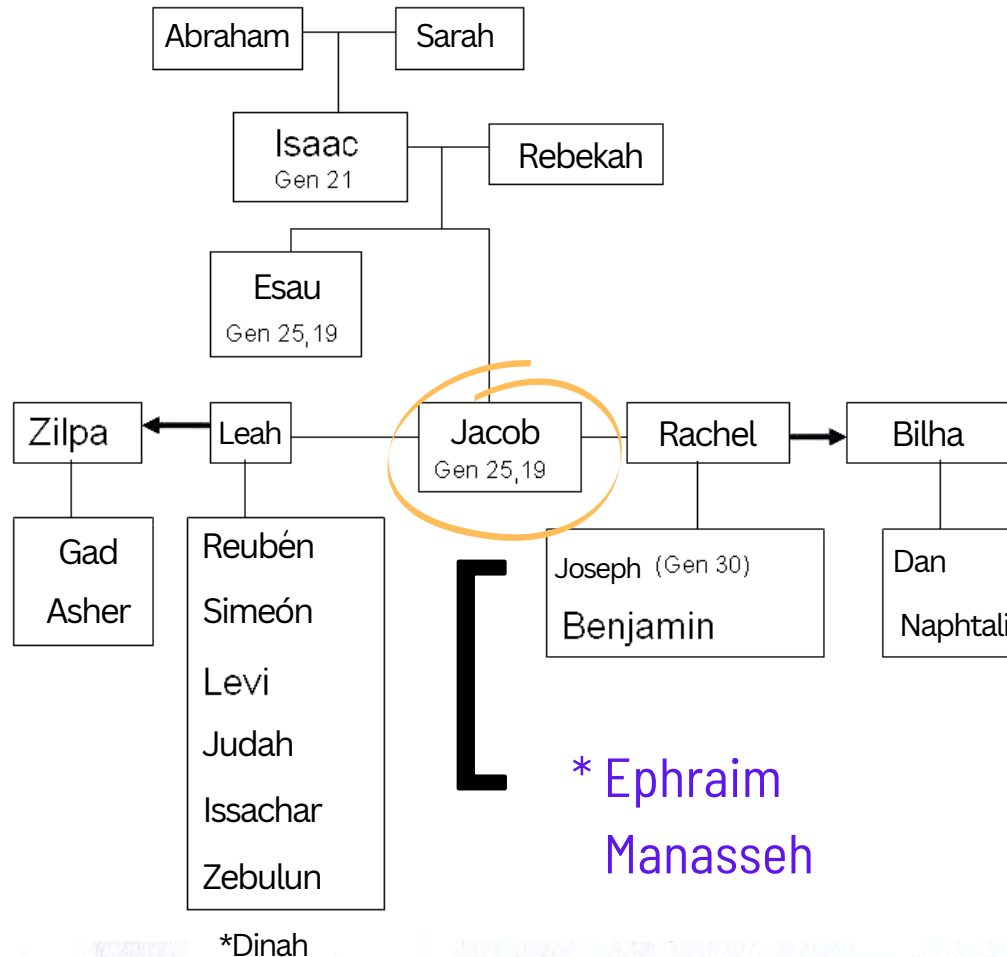
Before his death, he gathers his sons and then prophetically blesses their lives (Genesis 49:1,2).

We have to realize that not all of Jacob's children became tribes, like Dinah and Levi. And Joseph eventually “gave way” to his sons Manasseh and Ephraim.

let us understand this:

GENEALOGY OF THE PATRIARCHS

JACOB's children



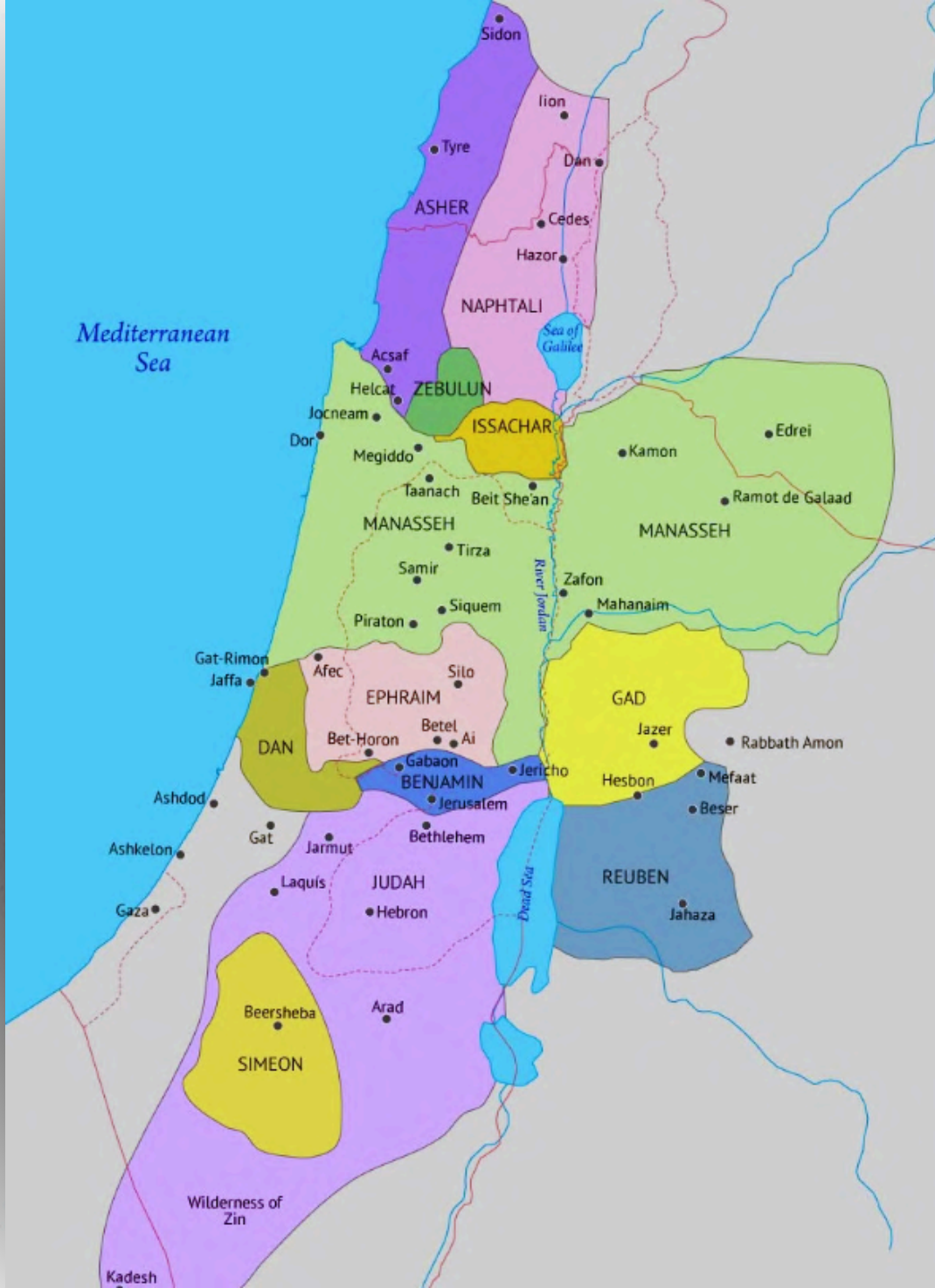
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

The tribe of Levi was determined by God Himself, because of their care for worship (Deuteronomy 18:1,2), they would not be a regional tribe, but would gain some cities among the tribes.

To **Joseph's sons**, Ephraim (the younger) and Manasseh (the older), their grandfather Israel promised that each of them would be a great nation, strong, prosperous and powerful (Genesis 48:19,20).

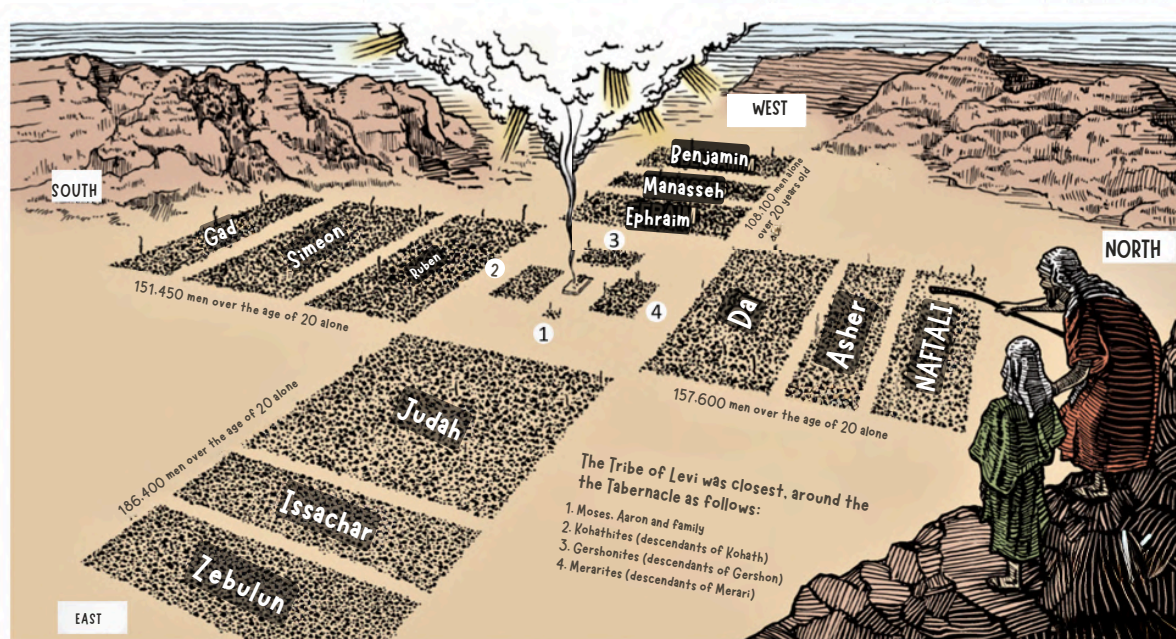
As a result, over time Joseph's generation was established by the names of his sons.

THE 12 TRIBES



THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRIBES

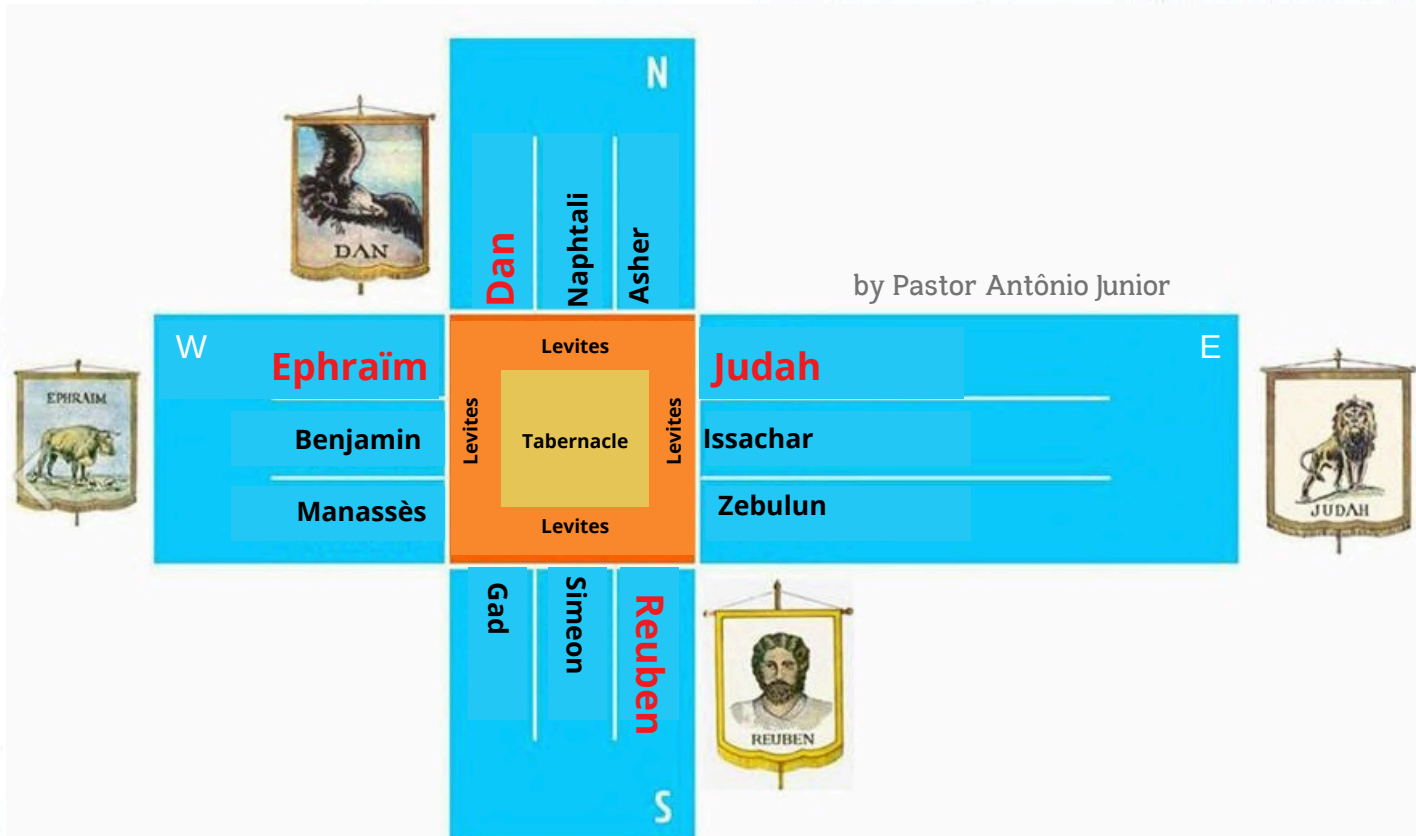
The 12 tribes of Israel were to encamp around the Tabernacle and arranged in groups of 3, called “camps”.



There were four main tribes: Judah, Ephraim, Dan, and Reuben. The other tribes camped around the main tribe.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRIBES

All the tents of Israel's camp in the wilderness had to have their doors facing the tabernacle.



The tribe of Levi, who were in charge of the Sanctuary and all the holy things, immediately encamped around the Tabernacle.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRIBES

The family of Moses and Aaron, the priests, stood at the door of the tabernacle, before the tribe of Judah.

