

Book of Numbers

A Factual Bible Study

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□ Introduction

Location and Timespan

Exodus
2nd Year

Israel is freed from the slavery in Egypt & receives God's covenant at the Mt. Sinai.

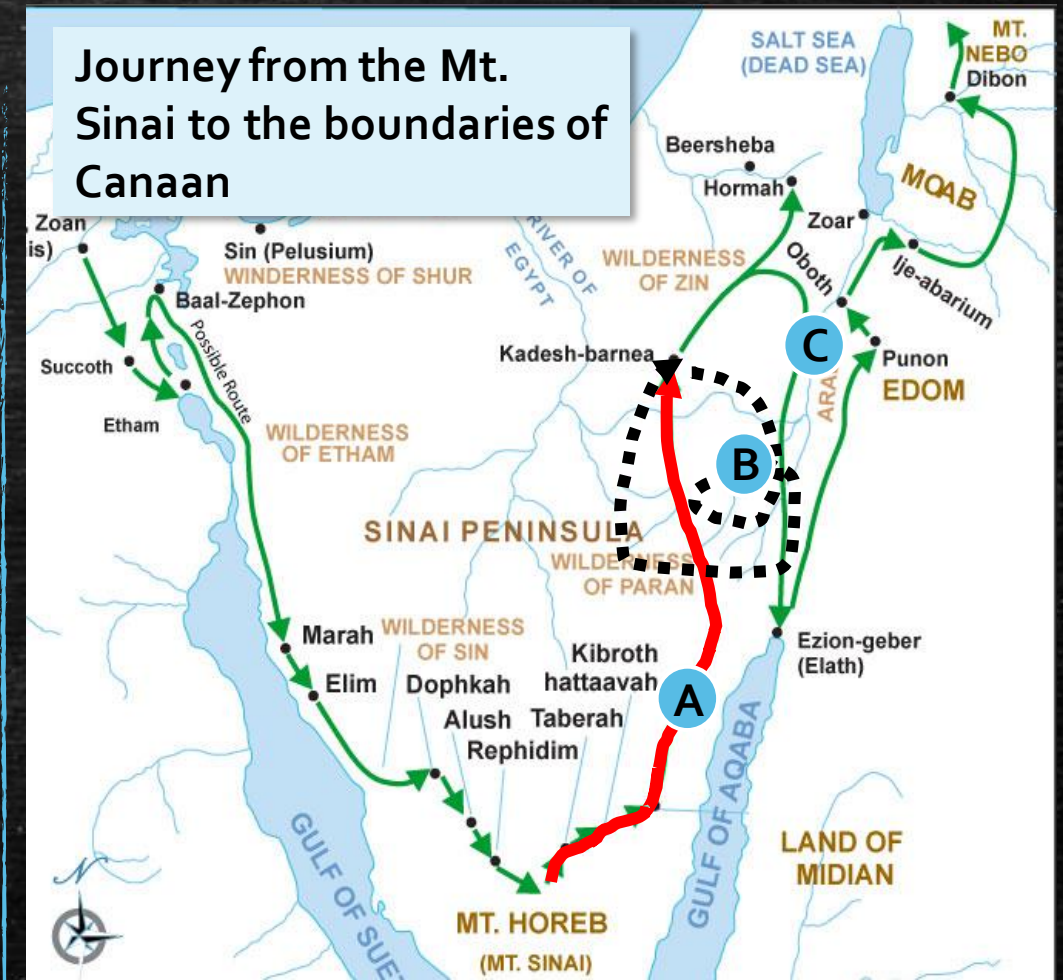
A [Few months] Israel set out for Canaan and arrives in Kadesh Barnea. Due to their unbelief, God does not allow Israel to enter Canaan.

B [37 Years] Israel wanders in the desert and arrives in Kadesch Barnea again.

C [1 Year] The new generation of Israelites marches towards Canaan and arrives in the plains of Moab by the Jordan

/Numbers/

40th Year



□ Overview

The 4th book of the Pentateuch. A narrative documentation of Israelite's journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. A journey through which a Kingdom of Priests is formed out of a grumbling people.

- **Author** : Moses
- **Name of the Book** :
 - Numbers is the Greek translation of *Arithmoi* (Probably due to 2 Census recorded.)
 - In Hebrew : מִדְבָּר [Bəmidbar], meaning "In the wilderness"
- **Key Message** :
 - Israel's rebellion vs. God's mercy and faithfulness.
 - God is holy and sin has consequences.
 - God fulfills his promise by nurturing the next generation to conquest the Promised Land.
- **Key Characters** : Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, Korah, Balaam, Phinehas

□ Outline

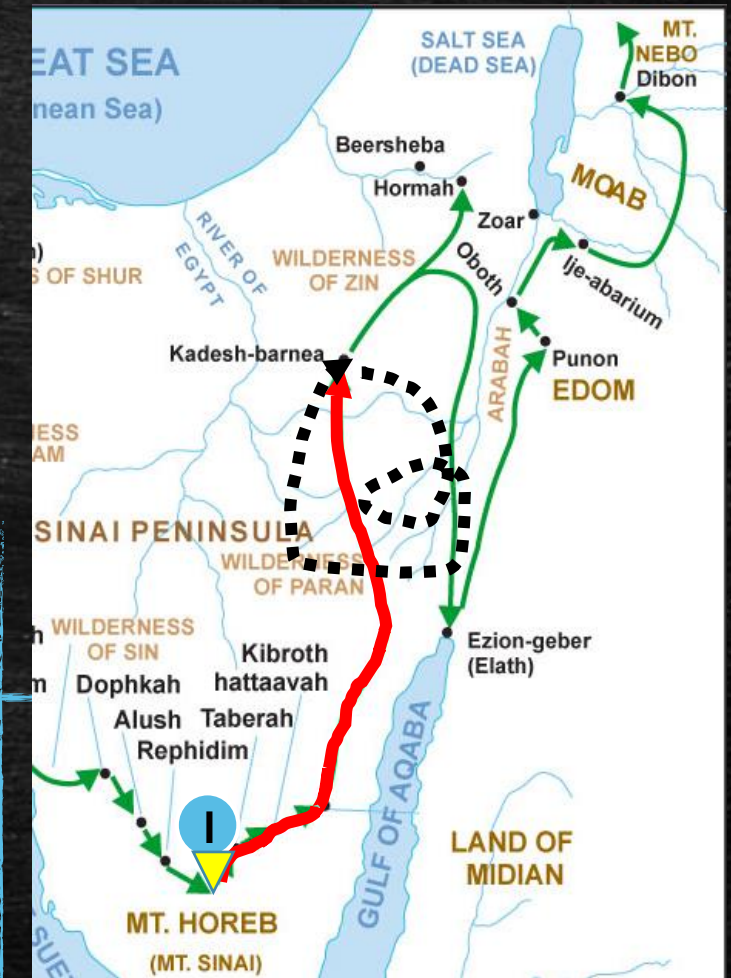
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Part I. Preparation for the Journey

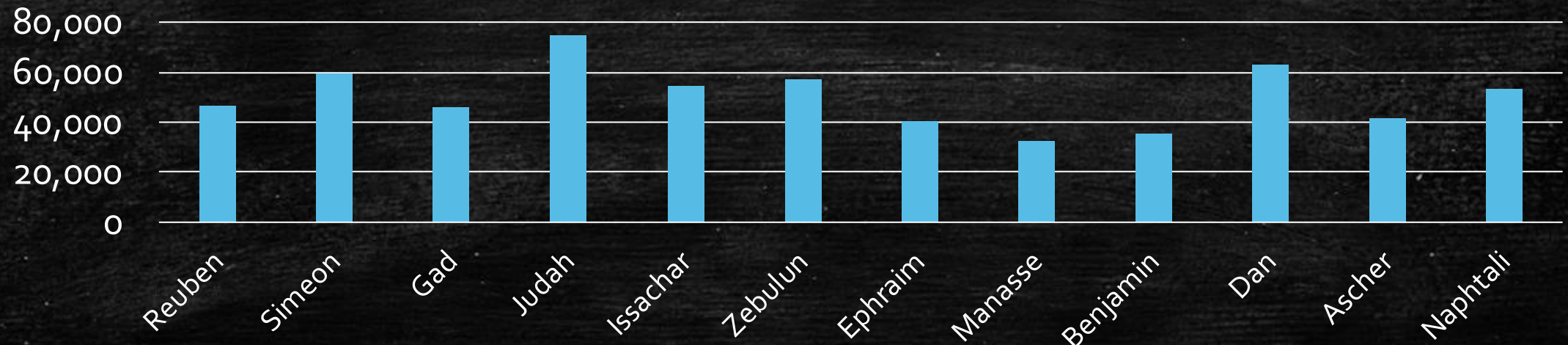
Numbers 1:1 ~ 10:10



Ch 1. The First Census

“You and Aaron are to number by their divisions all the men in Israel twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army” (3)

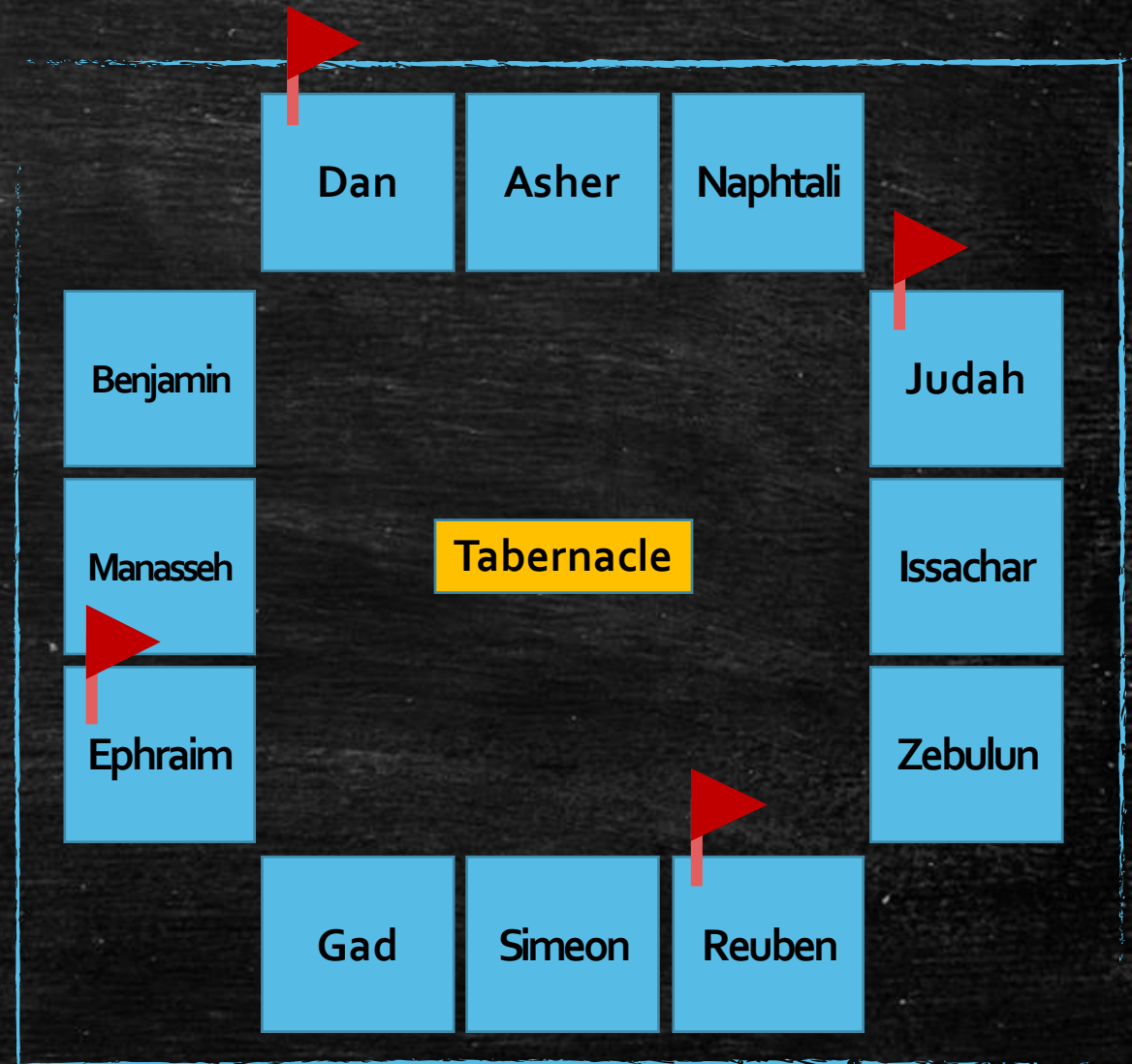
- **Census Result : 603,550 Men (46)**
 - Census Time & Location : 2nd Year (2nd Month, 1st Day) after Exodus @ Desert of Sinai (1)
 - Census Method : Men counted from each 12 tribes, over 20 yrs old who are able to serve in the army (2-4)
 - Levites were excluded : should not serve in the army, but serve the tabernacle (47-54)



Ch 2. The Tribal Camp Arrangement

“The Israelites are to camp around the Tent of Meeting some distance from it, each man under his standard with the banners of his family” (2)

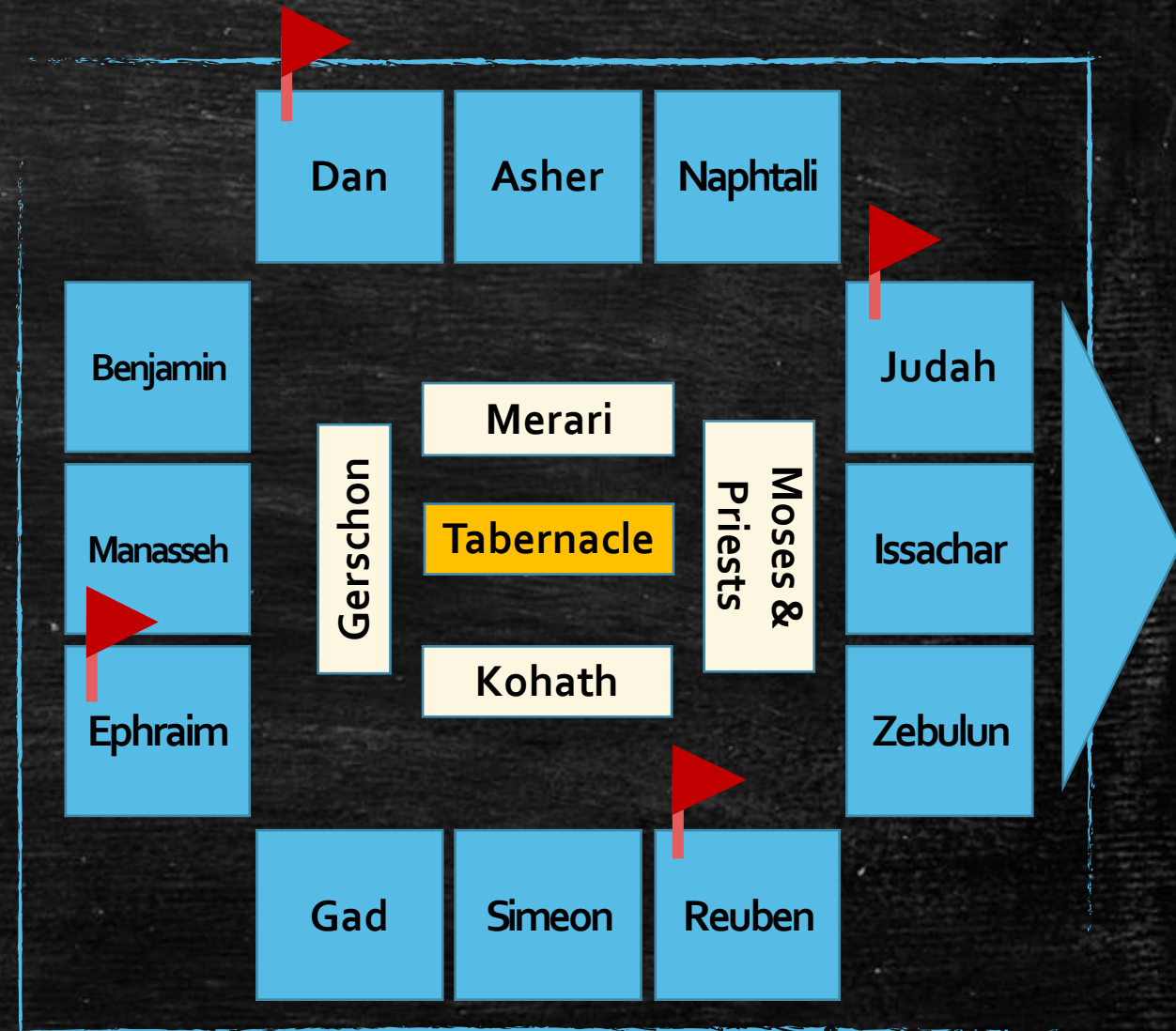
- Israel was a big nation with over 600,000 adult men. In this arrangement they could camp and march in an organized way.
- Israel were divided into 4 divisions, each division under the representing standard (banner).
- Levites were to camp in the middle of the camps, where the Tabernacle was located. (17)



Ch 3. The Levites

"I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites in the place of the first male offspring of every Israelite woman. The Levites are mine, for all the firstborn are mine." (12,13a)

- Aaron & his sons were anointed priests (1~4)
- Levites were given wholly to assist and serve the priests. (5~10).
- Levites are dedicated to God in place of the firstborns. (12~13)
- # of Levites (over 1 mo. old): 22.000 (39)
of firstborns in Israel : 22.273 (43)
-> To redeem the extra 273 firstborns who could not be replaced by the Levites, 5 shekels for each were to be offered (46~47)



Ch 4. Duty of the Levites

“Count all the men from thirty to fifty years of age who come to serve in the work in the Tent of Meeting” (3)

- Levites were responsible for serving in the Tabernacle, during the age of 30 ~ 50. (3)
 - Age of 30: Men are mature in character.
 - Privilege of serving God during the golden period in life.
- Duties and census of Levites' three clans :
 - *Carts and oxen were offered by the tribal leaders at the dedication of the Tabernacle (Nu. 7:1~4)



Kohathites (2.750)	Carrying Holy instruments on their shoulders	n/a
Gerschonites (2.630)	Logistics of the curtains, ropes, and coverings.	*2 Carts / 4 Oxen
Meraites (3.200)	Logistics of the frames, its crossbars, posts and bases.	*4 Carts / 8 Oxen

Ch 5. Offering for Jealousy

“This, then, is the law of jealousy when a woman goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband, or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife. The priest is to have her stand before the Lord and is to apply this entire law to her.” (29,30)

- Those who were unclean* must be sent out of the camp (1~4)
*Those who has Infectious skin disease (Leprosy), or a discharge of any kind, or touched a dead body
- Wrong doings against others must be restituted with additional compensation of 20% (5~10)
- In case a husband suspects his wife’s unfaithfulness and feelings of jealousy comes over him, then the women will be tested under oath (11~31)

Ch 6. The Nazirite & Priestly Blessing

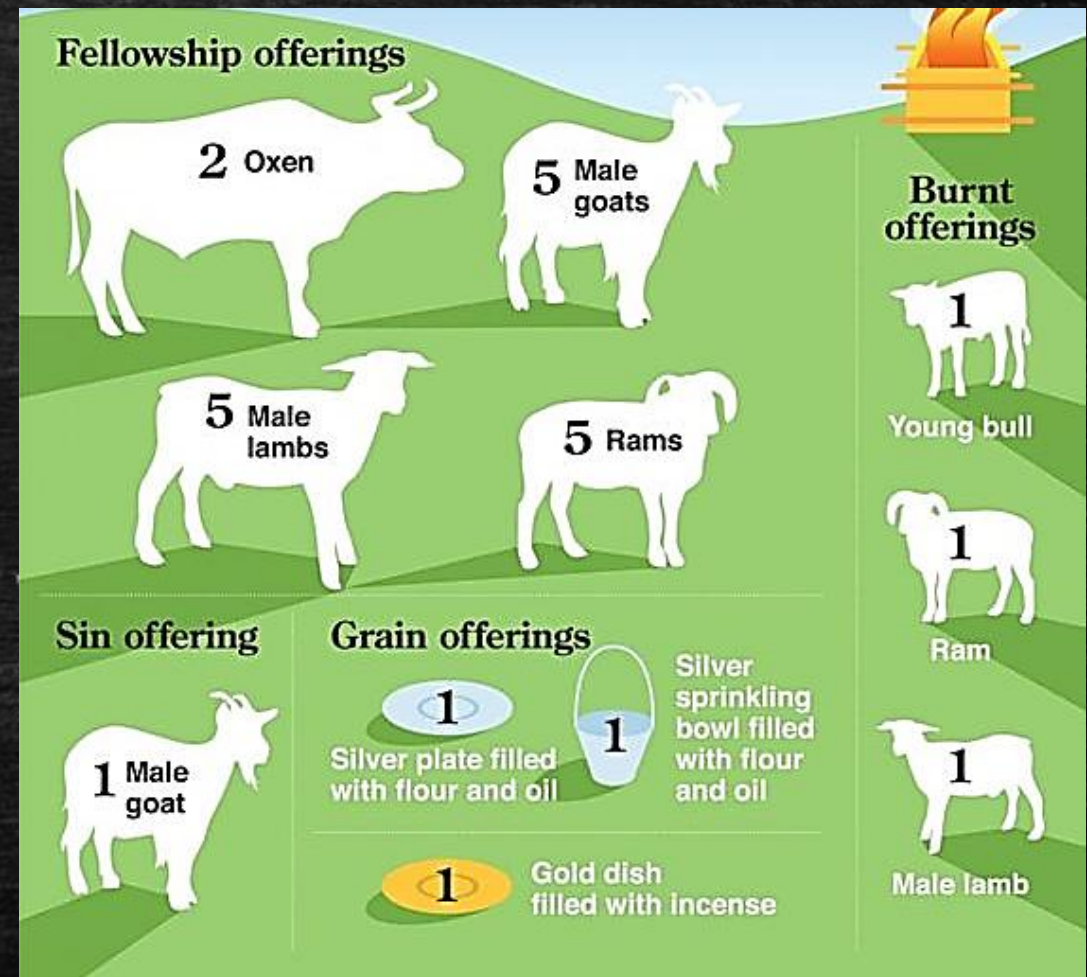
“If a man or woman wants to make a special vow, a vow of separation to the Lord as a Nazirite...” (2b)

- Nazirite refer to those who make special vow before God to separate(dedicate) him/herself to the Lord for a certain period of time or for his/her lifetime.
- 3 Prohibitions for a Nazirite :
 - Alcohol consumption (4) -> Holy life
 - Haircut was forbidden as a symbol of separation (5,7)
E.g., Samson
 - Touching a dead body, even if a family member passes away (6~8) -> Being clean
- Aaron and his sons were to bless the Israelites:
“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace” (24~26)

Ch 7. Tabernacle Dedication Offerings

“Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of families who were the tribal leaders in charge of those who were counted made offerings” (2)

- Total 6 covered carts and 12 oxen were offered from the 12 triable leaders, which were given to the Levites to serve their duty for transporting the Tabernacle (1-8)
- Each day, for 12 days in a row, each tribal leader brought the same offering (9-88)



Ch 8. Setting Apart of the Levites

“Of All the Israelites, I have given the Levites as gifts to Aaron and his sons to do the work at the Tent of Meeting on behalf of the Israelites and to make atonement for them so that no plague will strike the Israelites when they go near the sanctuary” (19)

- The golden lampstand (1-4)
- Levites are purified by sprinkling purifying water, shaving their whole body, and washing their clothes (7)
- Aaron presented Levites as a wave offering to the Lord so that they may be ready to do the work of the Lord (11)
- At the age 25 a Levite shall take part in the service and retire at of 50 (23-26)
 - Nu 4:3 says Levites can serve from 30 to 50.
 - It seems from the age 25 Levites can take part as apprentice (intern training)

Ch 9. Passover and God's Guidance

"At the Lord's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp." (18)

- In the 1st month of the 2nd year after the Israelites came out of the Egypt, God ordered Moses to celebrate the Passover (1)
- Passover shall be kept every year at the twilight on the 14th day of the 1st Month. And the first Passover was celebrated after Exodus (2~5)
- For those who are not able to celebrate on the 1st month (due to being unclean or on a journey), it was allowed to celebrate 1 month later (6~14)
- Israel follows God's guidance through the cloud above the Tabernacle (15~23)
 - Whenever the cloud lifted above the Tent they set out; wherever the cloud settled they encamped.

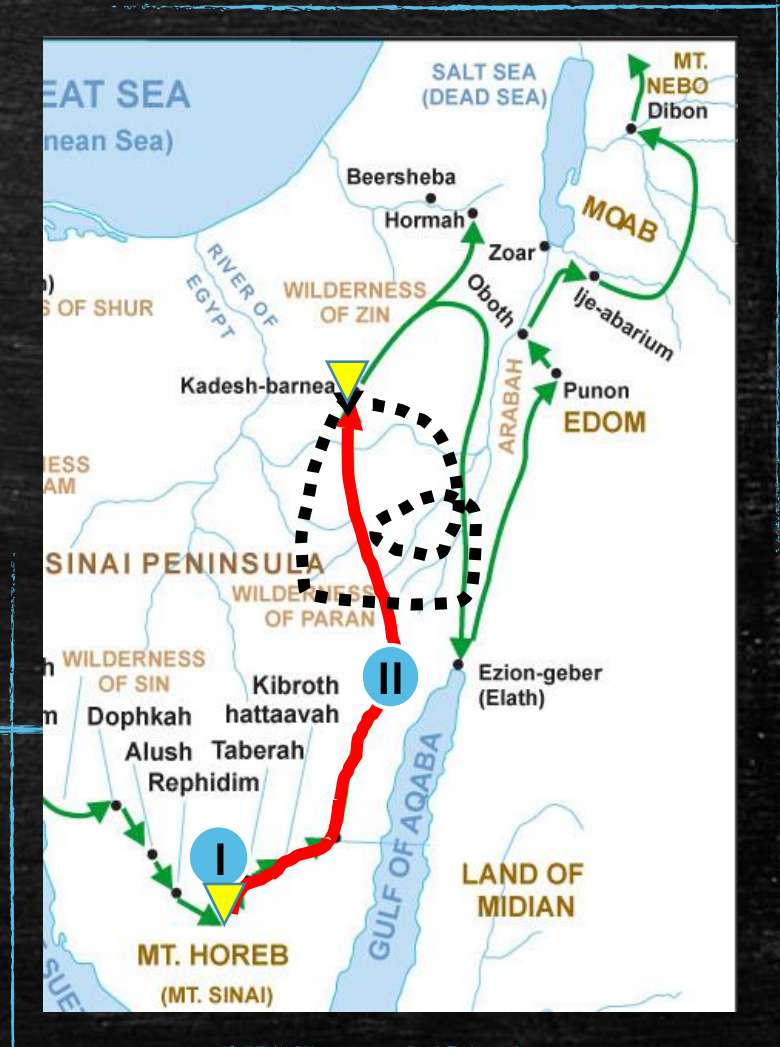
Ch 10a. The Silver Trumpets

“Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out.” (2)

- God ordered Moses to make two trumpets (1~2)
- Trumpets usage (shall be blown by the priests)
 - To assemble the whole community at the entrance to the Tabernacle (2 trumpets sound)
 - To assemble the heads of the clans of Israel (1 trumpet sound)
 - Tribes camping on the east are to set out (Loud trumpet blast)
 - The assembly shall be gathered (Not so loud trumpet sound)
 - When going into the battle, for God’s help (Loud trumpet blast)
 - At the times of rejoice and celebration

Part II. Journey Begins

Numbers 10:11 ~ 14:45



Ch 10b. The Israelites Leave Sinai

“Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran” (12)

- On 02/20 of 2nd year, the Israelites leave the Desert of Sinai and arrive in the Desert of Paran (11-28)
 - It was right after the Israelites celebrated their first Passover (including the additional one)
 - The Israelites set out in the organized arrangement God had ordered.
- Mose asks Hobab, his brother-in-law for help (29-32)
 - Hobab new the region very well, thus Moses requested to come together.
- Israelites leave the Mt. Sinai and the ark of covenant of the Lord went before them (33-36)

Ch 11. Israel's Grumble & Greed

“But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the Lord burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague.”
(33)

- Israelites complained about their hardships and God punished them by sending fire that burned outskirts of the camp. People cried out and Moses prayed. (1~3)
- Israelites grumbled about eating only manna, asking for meat. (4~9)
- Due to the wailing people, the Lord became exceedingly angry and Moses was frustrated. Moses complained to God that the burden is too heavy. (10~15)
- God raises 70 elders as helpers to Moses, and fills them with Spirit so that Moses does not carry the burden alone. God promises to provide meat for 1 month. (16~30)
- God sends large amount of quails (piled up almost a meter high); God punishes the greed of Israelites with severe plague (31~35)

Ch 12. Miriam & Aaron Oppose Moses

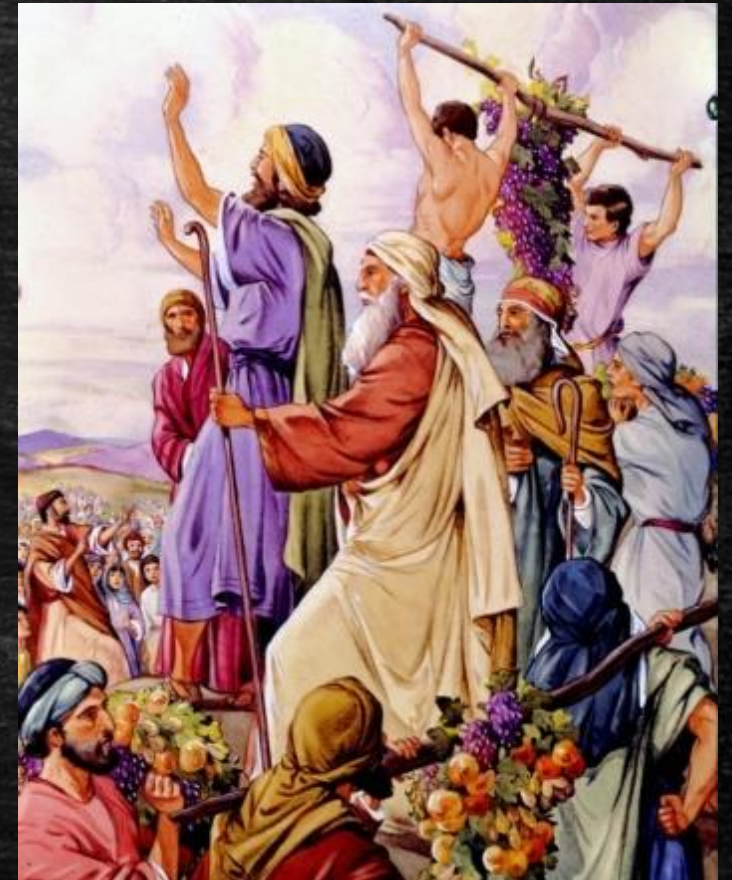
“Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.” (1)

- In their arrogance and sinful motivation, Miriam and Aaron opposed Moses' leadership by criticizing him for his Cushite wife. (1~3)
- God rebukes Miriam and Aaron by confirming the spiritual leadership of Moses; Miriam is punished with severe leprosy. Moses cry out to the Lord and Miriam can be brought back to the camp after 8 days. (4~15)
- Israelite move from Hazeroth and encamps in the Desert of Paran (16)

Ch 13. Canaan Scouted

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.’” (1~2)

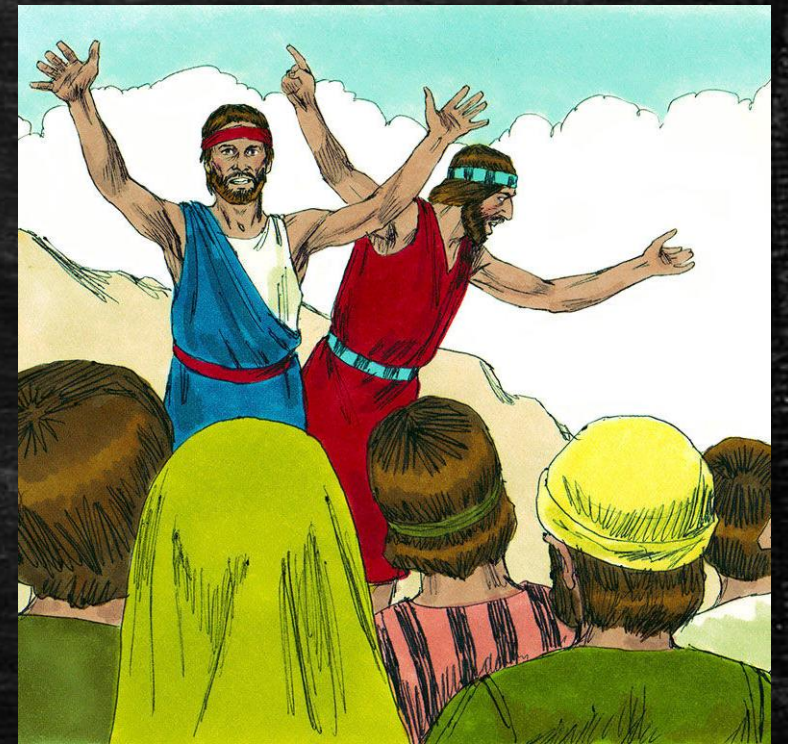
- According to God’s command, Moses appoints 12 men from each tribe to send and sends them out to explore the land of Canaan. (1-16)
- The mission of the scouts was to explore and report on the geography, the inhabitants and the agriculture (17-20)
- After 40 days the scouts return and report: (21-25)
 - A land flowing with milk and honey, but the people are powerful and cities are fortified. Report on the location of inhabitants (26-29)
 - Caleb thinks its possible to conquer the land, but others plant fear by spreading bad reports (30-33)



Ch 14. Israel Fails to Enter the Promised Land

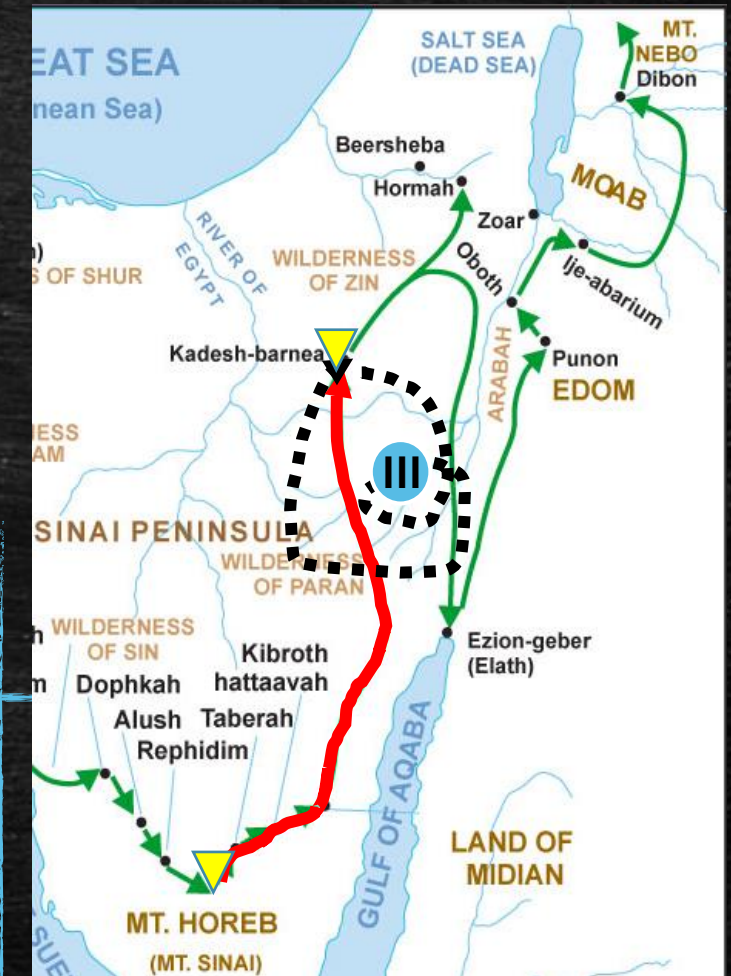
“For forty years – one year for each of the forty days you explored the land – you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.” (34)

- Israelites panic in fear and grumble against Moses; In their rebellion the people plans to go back to Egypt. (1~4)
- Joshua and Caleb tries to encourage and convince the people not to rebel against the Lord and not to be afraid of the Canaanites. “We will swallow them up.” (5~9)
- God wants to strike Israel and make Moses into a nation greater and stronger than they (10~12)
- Moses intercedes for the people (13~19)
- God announces punishment for Israel to suffer 40 years in the desert. No adult will survive, except Caleb and Joshua (20-38)
- Israelites tries conquer Canaan, but fails (39-45)



Part III. Wilderness Training

Numbers 15:1 ~ 19:22



Ch 15a. Laws on Offerings

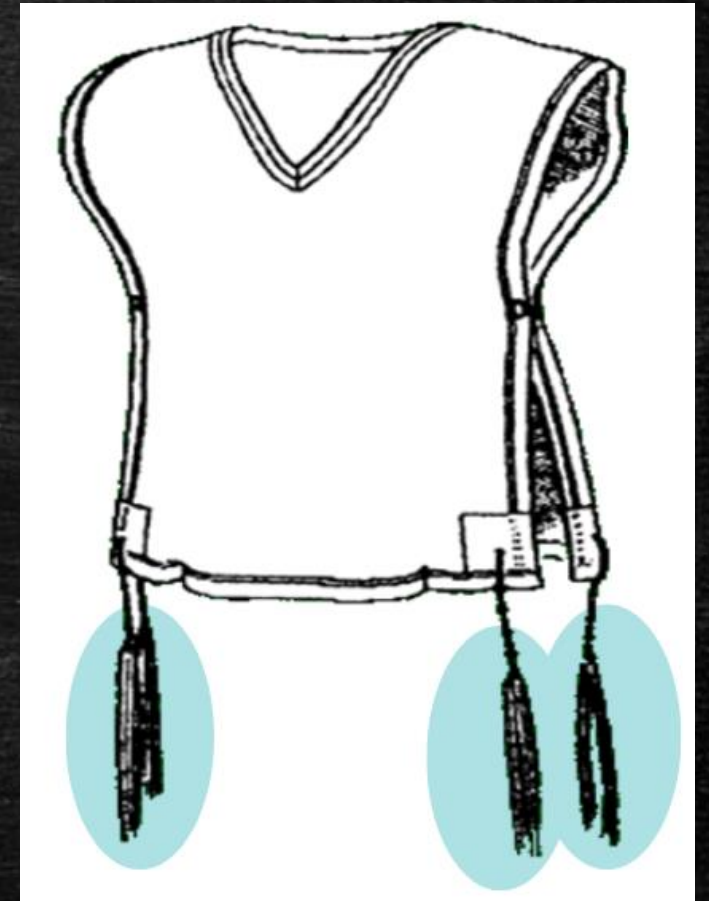
“The priest is to make atonement for the whole Israelite community, and they will be forgiven, for it was not intentional and they have brought to the Lord for their wrong an offering made by fire and a sin offering.” (25)

- Laws on various offerings (1~16)
 - Burnt offerings (special vows, freewill, festival offerings)
 - Burnt offering (from herd, flock, lamb or ram) shall be presented with grain offering & drink offering
 - The law of offerings applies to both Jews and aliens (13~16) → Universal redeeming grace of God
- In the Promised Land, a portion of the first ground harvest shall be offered (17~21)
 - Throughout the generation, every year the first ground harvest (grain) shall be offered (Thanksgiving)
- Offering for unintentional sins (22-31)
 - Fails to obey God (sins committed) unintentionally : redeemed by offering
 - Sins committed intentionally (defiantly) : the person was to be cut off from the people.

Ch 15b. Tassels on Garments

“You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes.” (39)

- A Sabbath-Breaker is put to death (32-36)
 - Keeping the Sabbath holy was the 4th commandment and it was known to all Jews.
 - Breaking the Sabbath was considered as sin committed intentionally (not by mistake) and Moses dealt with it.
- Tassels with blue cord shall be attached on the corners of the garments (37-41)
 - Remember God’s commands and obey them
 - Remember God who delivered them from Egypt (41)



Ch 16. Rebellion of Korah

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- Korah (a Levite) and his band rebel against Moses (1~3)
 - Along with Korah Dathan, Abiram and 250 well-known leaders stood against Moses and questioned his leadership. It seems many Levites were involved with impure motivation to become like priests (10)
- Moses prays and rebukes Korah and his band(4-14)
 - After prayer, Moses give them instructions “The Lord will show who belongs to him.” (5~7a)
 - Moses rebukes the Levite’s rebellion and wrong motive (7b-11)
- God punishes Korah and the rebels (15-40)
 - God wanted to eliminate the whole people, but Moses and Aaron prays on people’s behalf. (22)
 - Earth swallowed Korah and his family / 250 men offering the incense were burnt. / Censers become overlay for the altar as sing for the Israelites. (23~40)
 - Israelites grumbled and God punished them with plague and 14.700 people died (41~50)

Ch 17. Aarons' Staff

"The staff belonging to the man I choose will sprout, and I will rid myself of this constant grumbling against you by the Israelites." (5)

- God ordered Moses to gather 12 staffs from each tribal leaders, lay in front of the ark of the covenant (1~7)
 - Only the chosen one's staff will sprout
 - God's will to instate spiritual order and stop the grumble and rebellion
- Aarons staff sprouts (8~11)
 - God's sovereignty on spiritual leadership must be respected
 - Aaron's staff shall be kept as a sign to the rebellious
- Israelites grumble again (12~14)



Ch 18. Duties & Shares of Priests & Levites

“I myself have selected your fellow Levites from among the Israelites as a gift to you, dedicated to the Lord to do the work at the Tent of Meeting.” (6)

- God selected Levites to serve the priests. (1-7)
 - Levites are to perform the duties in the Tent, but not allowed to go near the holy instruments (furnishings of the sanctuary and altar)
 - All others could not come near the sanctuary
 - > God raised priests and Levites as mediator to come to God and serve God
- Priests receive the holy offerings of the Israelites as regular share (8-20)
 - Priests have no inheritance in their land, but God is their share. (20)
- Levites do not inherit the land; Instead God gives them the tenth of the Israelites (21-24)
- Levites are to offer the tenth to priests (25-32)
 - The best out of the best (tenth of the tenth) are to be offered to God.

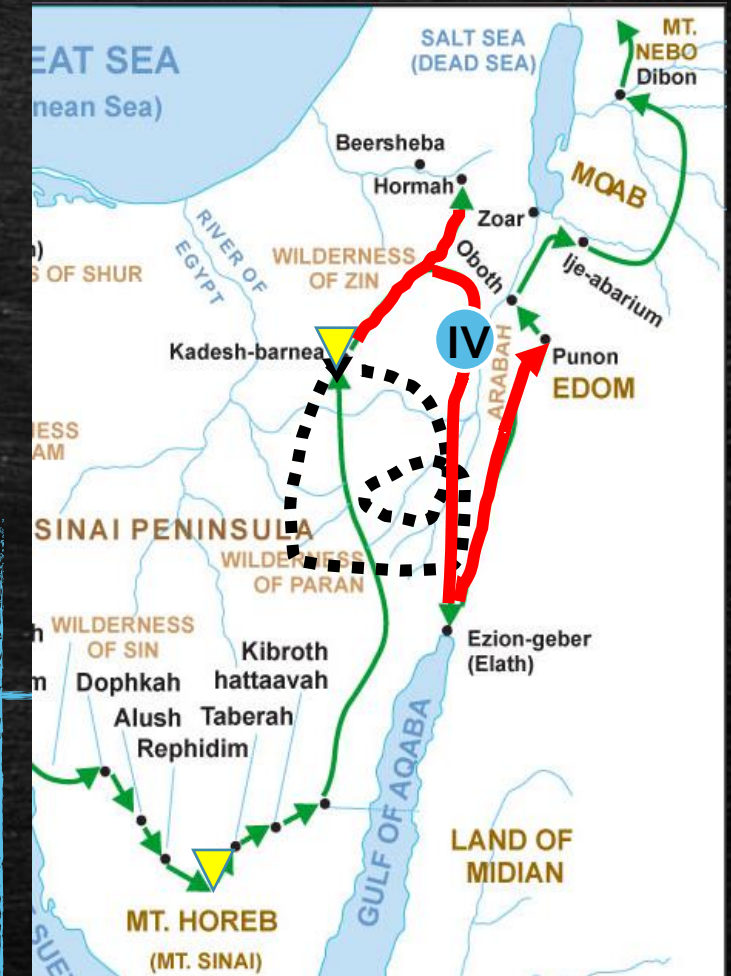
Ch 19. The Water Cleansing

“But if a person who is unclean does not purify himself, he must be cut off from the community, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. The water of cleansing has not been sprinkled on him, and he is unclean.” (21)

- Producing the water of cleansing (1~10)
 - A red heifer was sacrificed and burnt, the ashes is used to produce cleansing water
 - Red heifer's blood is to be sprinkled 7 times toward the tabernacle. (4)
- Touching the dead body makes a person unclean, and should be cleansed with this water of cleansing (11~22)
 - Need to be cleansed on the 3rd and 7th day
 - Those who do not purify them selves after being unclean should be cut off from the community.
 - > God is holy and we can be with God only when we repent

Part IV. Marching towards Canaan

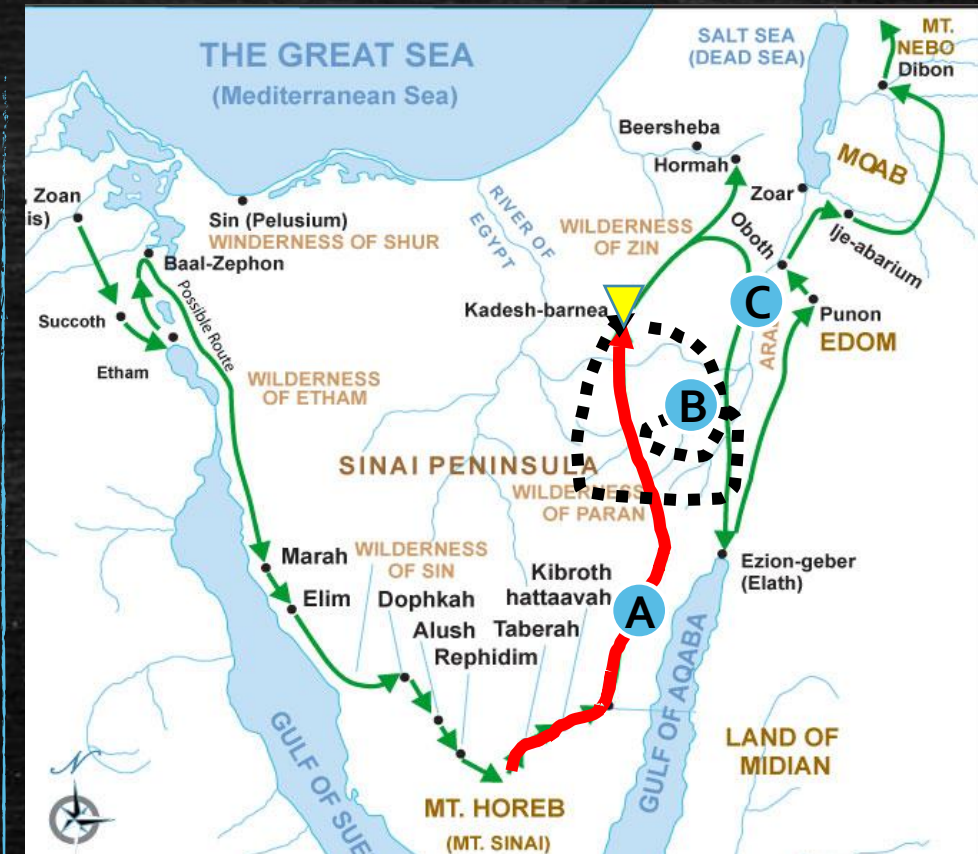
Numbers 20:1 ~ 25:18



Ch 20a. The End of First Generation Leaders

“But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them’.” (21)

- The death of Miriam in Kadesh (1)
 - The events in this ch. 20 happened in the last year of the journey (33,38).
- Moses is punished by not honoring God (2~13)
 - Israel complain about lack of water and God instructs Moses to ‘speak to the rock’
 - Out of frustration Moses strikes the rock 2 times, and God punishes Moses and Aaron by not allowing him to enter the Promised Land. (Compare to Ex. 17:6)



Ch 20b. The End of First Generation Leaders

“Moses removed Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain’.” (29)

- Edom refuses Israelites to pass through their country (14~21)
 - Edom : descendants of Esau
 - King’s Highway : Important trade route connecting Egypt and Mesopotamia. (Memphis to Damascus)
- The death of Aaron at Mt. Hor (22~29)
 - Aaron’s son Eleazar becomes the High Priest



Ch 21. The Bronze Snake

“So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.” (9)

- A Canaanite King Arad attacks Israel. God listens to Israel’s plea and grants victory (1~3)
- Israel complain about the journey and God sends snake (4~9)
 - Going around Edom was a harsh route and Israel complained about food and water.
 - God sent venomous snakes and many Israelites died
 - God listens to Moses’ interceding prayer. Moses makes bronze snake and those who look up to the bronze snake could live.
 - God’s justice turns to source of life.
 - This event reflects the salvation by faith in Jesus’s Cross (John 3:14~15)
- Way to Moab and victory over Canaanites
 - By defeating Sihon and Og, Israel conquers the east side of Jordan (21~35)

Ch 22~24. Balaam Blesses Israel

“May those who bless you be blessed, and those who curse you be cursed!” (24:9b)

- The Moabites fear Israel. The Moabite King Balak request Balaam to curse Israel (1~20)
 - God instructs Balaam not to go to Balak and not to curse Israel (12)
- The talking donkey saves Balaams life; Balak meets Balaam (21~41)
- Balak prepares offering. Balaam blesses Israel (23:1~12)
- Balak prepares offering. Balaam blesses Israel again (13~24)
- Balak prepares offering. Balaam blesses Israel for the third time (23:25-24:9)
- Balaam’s prophecies (23:25-24:9)
 - “A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the sons of Sheth. Edom will be conquerd.” (17b~18a.)
-> King David conquers Moab and Edom (2 Samuel 8:2,14) --> Ultimately reflects Jesus

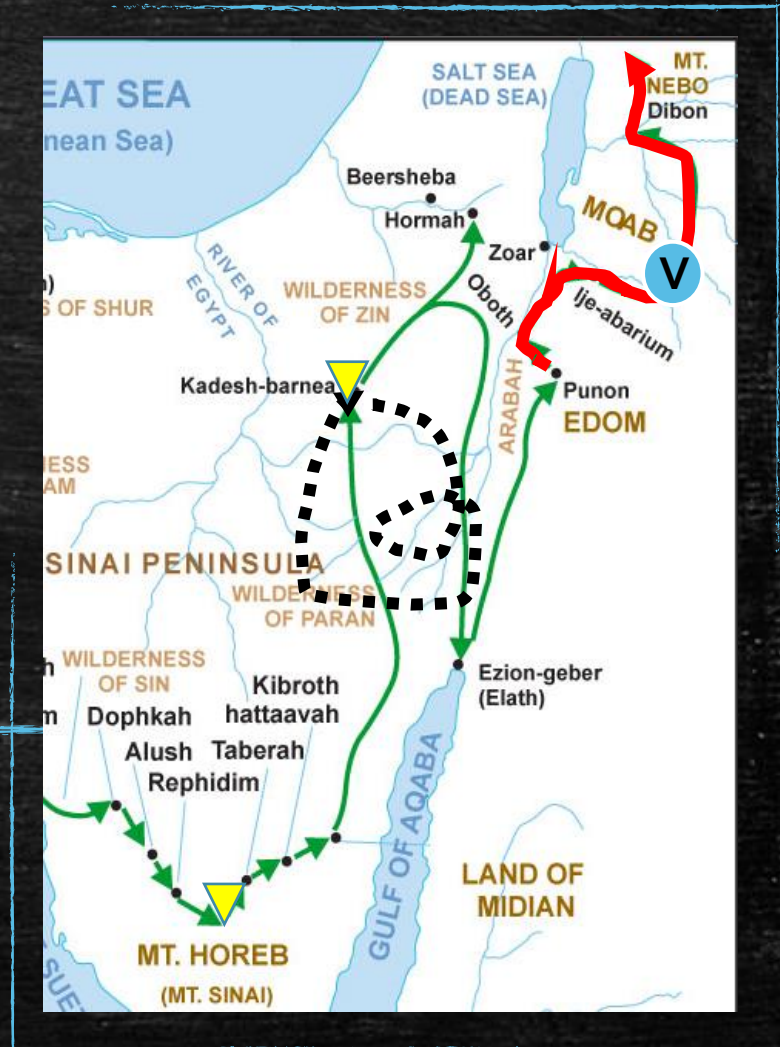
Ch 25. Israel's Idolatry & the Zeal of Phinehas

"Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites; for he was as zealous as I am for my honor among them, so that in my zeal I did not put an end to them." (11)

- Israel indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women and worships Baal (1~3)
- God punishes the leaders to death (4~5) and sends a plague.
- Phinehas kills those committing sin shamelessly (6~18)
 - When the people were weeping in repentance, Cozbi brought a Midianite woman 'into his tent' before the eyes of Moses and the whole assembly of Israel
 - Phinehas kills Cozbi and the Midianite woman in the tent.
 - God is pleased with Phinehas' zeal and stops the plague (24.000 people died).
 - God blesses Phinehas with a covenant of lasting priesthood and punishes Midianites

Part V. New Generation Prepares to Conquer the Canaan

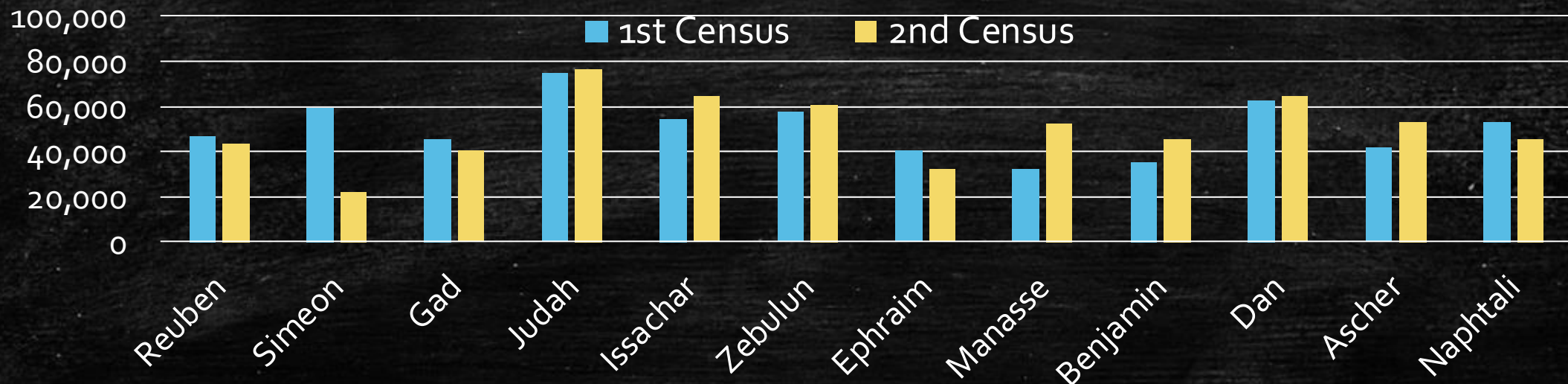
Numbers 26:1 ~ 36,13



Ch 26. The Second Census

“Take a census of the whole Israelite community by families – all those twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army of Israel” (2)

	1 st Census	2 nd Census
Time of Census	2 nd Year	40 th Year
Location	Desert of Sinai	Plains of Moab by the Jordan
Result	603.550	601.730
Levites (1month+)	22.000	23.000



Ch 27. Joshua Succeeds Moses' Leadership

“So the Lord said to Moses, ‘Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him.’” (18)

- Zelophehad's daughters ask for inheritance, as they do not have a brother (1~11)
- Joshua is appointed as Moses' successor (12-23)
 - Moses shall see the promised land from the mountains, but he shall not enter it (12)
 - Moses prays for a successor, so the people may not go without a shepherd (15~17)
 - God appoints Joshua to succeed Moses and Moses lays hand on him before the people (22~23)

Ch 28~29. Calendarical Offerings (I)

“Give this command to the Israelites and say to them” ‘See that you present to me at the appointed time the food for my offerings made by fire, as an aroma pleasing to me.’” (18)

	(X = no work)	Burnt			Sin	Purpose
		Bulls	Rams	Lambs	Goats	
Daily				2		Daily Service (morning, evening)
Sabbath	X			2		Keep Sabbath holy
Monthly (new moon)		2	1	7	1	Thank God for the new Month
Passover (14 th / 01)				1		Remember God’s deliverance
+Day 1 (15 th / 01)	X	2	1	7	1	
+Day 2 (16 th / 01)		2	1	7	1	
+Day 3 (17 th / 01)		2	1	7	1	
+Day 4 (18 th / 01)		2	1	7	1	
+Day 5 (19 th / 01)		2	1	7	1	
+Day 6 (20 th / 01)		2	1	7	1	
+Day 7 (21 st / 01)	X	2	1	7	1	

Unleavened Bread

Ch 28~29. Calendarical Offerings (II)

(X = no work)		Burnt			Sin	Purpose
		Bulls	Rams	Lambs	Goats	
Feast of Weeks	X	2	1	7	1	Thank for the first fruits
Feast of Trumpets	X	1	1	7	1	Announcing Salvation
Day of Atonement	X	1	1	7	1	Assemble for repentance
Feast of Tabernacles						Remember the Journey
Day 1	X	13	2	14	1	
Day 2		12	2	14	1	
Day 3		11	2	14	1	
Day 4		10	2	14	1	
Day 5		9	2	14	1	
Day 6		8	2	14	1	
Day 7		7	2	14	1	
Day 8	X	1	1	14	1	

Ch 30. Vows

“When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.” (2)

- Vows made to the Lord must be kept absolutely (1~3)
- Vows and the order in the family (4-17)
 - Vows made by daughters or wives could be renounced if the father or husband do not agree

Ch 31. Vengeance on the Midianites

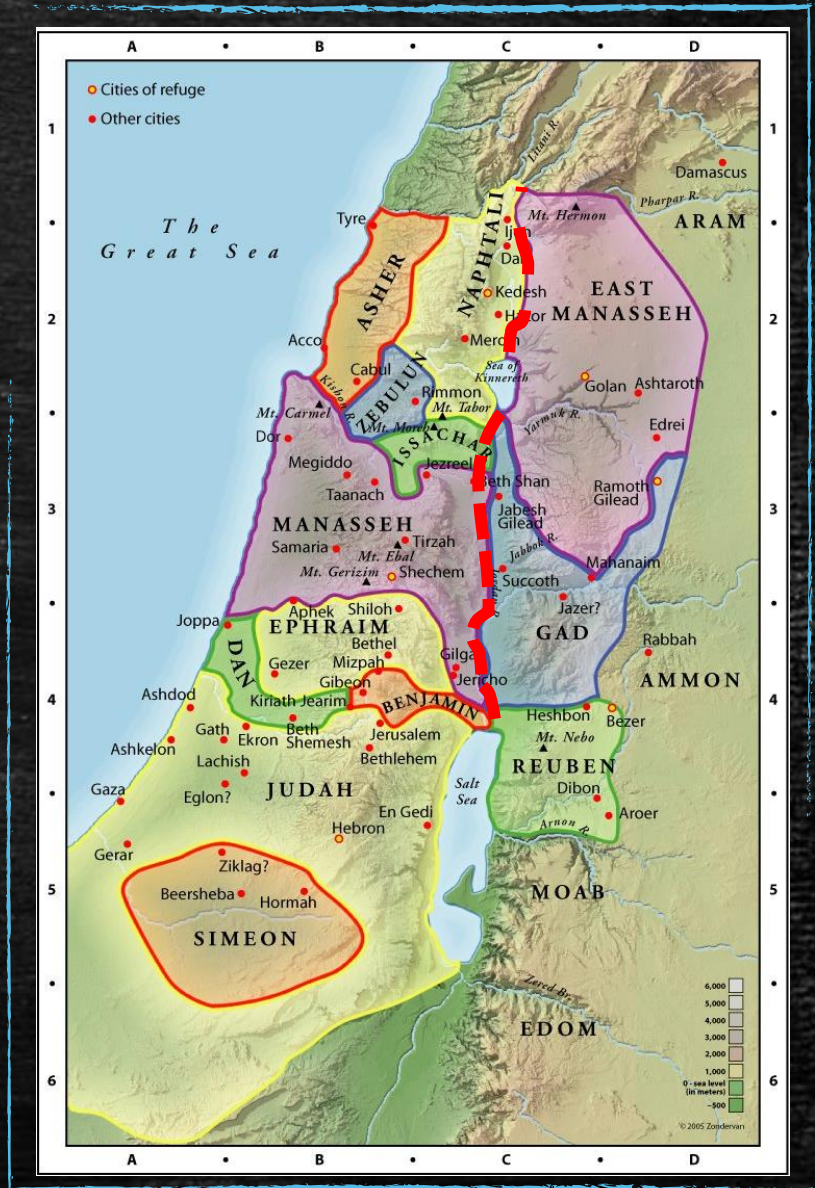
"The Lord said to Moses, 'Take vengeance on the Midianites for the Israelites. After that, you will be gathered to your people.'" (1~2)

- God orders to take vengeance on the Midianites for misleading Israel (1~2, 16)
- 1.000 soldiers gathered from each tribe and 12.000 Israelite soldiers strikes the Midianites. Midianites are eliminated except for young girls. Balaam is also killed. (3-18)
- God orders Israelite army to cleanse themselves. (19-24)
- Spoils are distributed between the army (1/2) and the people (1/2) (25~47)
 - Soldiers are to bring 1/500 (0.2%) to the priest and the people are to bring 1/50 (2%) to Levites as offerings
- Officers of the army voluntarily brings 16.750 shekels of Gold as thanksgiving offering, because of zero casualty in the war (48~54)
 - Gold Value: 16,750 Shekels = 168kg = 6.8 Million Euros (Price Index July 17, 2019)

Ch 32. The Transjordan Tribes

“He said to them, ‘If the Gadites and Reubenites, every man armed for battle, cross over the Jordan with you before the Lord, then when the land is subdued before you, give them the land of Gilead as their possession’”(29)

- The People of Reuben and Gad want to settle in the east of Jordan, not having to conquer the Promised Land. (1~5)
- Moses rebukes them by reminding them of their forefathers’ unbelief, which resulted in 40 years of training and death in the desert (6~15)
- The People of Reuben and Gad repents and decide to join Israel’s conquest in Canaan (16~32)
- Moses give Reuben, Gad and half of the Manesse the Transjordan land in the east of Jordan (32~42)



Ch 33. Stages in Israel's Journey

“Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by division under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.”(1)

- Recording of the journey from Ramses, across the Red Sea, to Sinai Desert, to Kadesh, Aarons death and to the Plains of Moab by the Jordan (1~49)
- God's command to conquer the Promised Land, destroy idols and distribute the land by lot. (50~56)

Ch 34. Boundaries of Canaan

“Command the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter Canaan, the land that will be allotted to you as an inheritance will have these boundaries:’”(29)

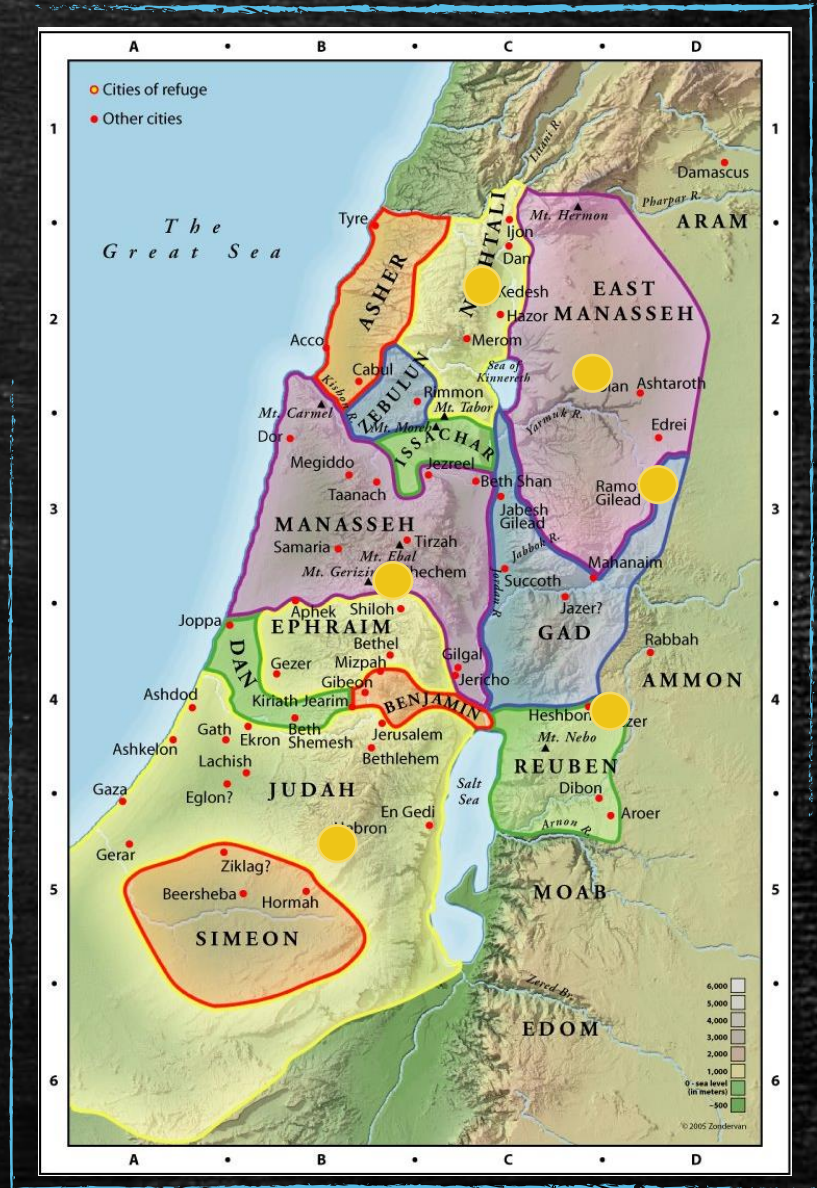
- Boundaries of the promised land (1~15)
- List of tribal leaders, who are responsible for land distribution (16~29)



Ch 35. Towns for the Levites; Cities of Refuge

“Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell among the Israelites.”(34)

- Levites do not inherit a portion of the Land, but 48 towns and its pasturelands are to be given to Levites. (1~8)
- Among the 48 towns, 6 were dedicated as refuge cities for people suspected to be murderers to take refuge (9~15)
 - 3 in the west and 3 in the east of Jordan
- Distinction between a murder and unintentional killing (16~34)



Ch 36. Inheritance of Zelophehad's Daughters

“Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by division under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.”(1)

- For the land inherited by Zelophehad's daughters, there was a risk, that the land of this tribe (Manasseh) may shrink, if they would marry men from other tribes (1~4)
- Moses orders the daughters who inherit to marry within their own tribe in order to preserve the inheritance within the tribe .(5~13)

Core Message of the Book of Numbers

“For forty years – one year for each of the forty days you explored the land – you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.” (14:34)

“As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected” (14:31)

- Divine punishment and discipline (Israelites' rebellion and consequences)
- God's faithfulness and mercy
- God's holy existence at the center of Israel's lives
- Various Laws -> Living as God's people (Live holy and serve God; Offering)
- Leadership of Moses
- God's covenant to Abraham fulfilled by the New Generation

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