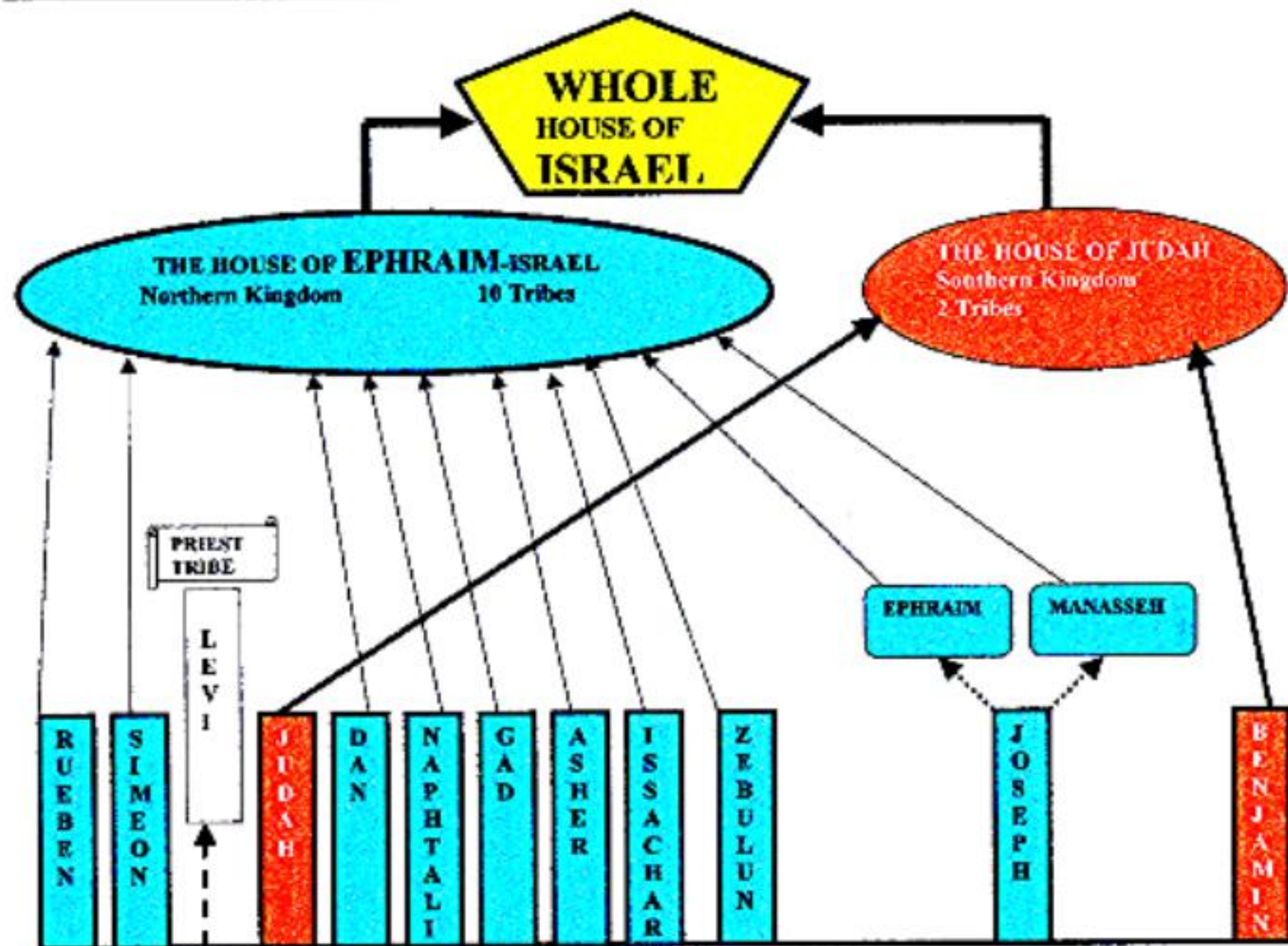


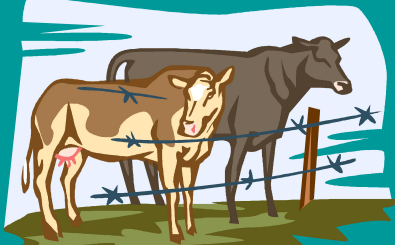
# HOW THE 12 TRIBES MAKE UP THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL



Levites then, Believers now

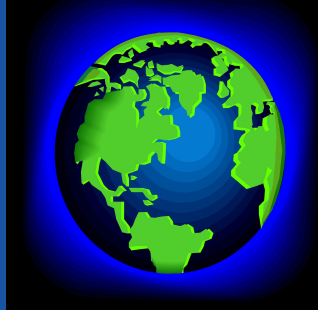


PEOPLE OF GOD

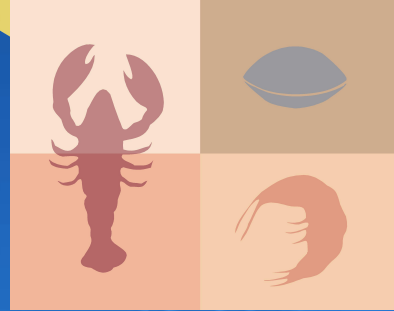
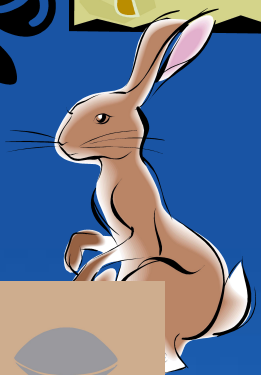
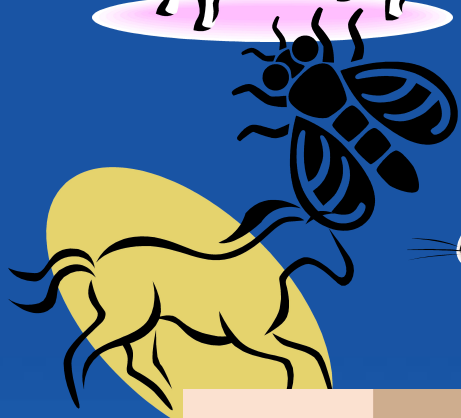
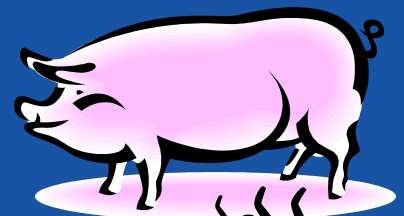


CLEAN

Everyone else



THE WORLD



UNCLEAN

# DISCIPLES OF YESHUA ARE GOD'S DIRECT SERVANTS

- But, we are ALSO to serve Him *indirectly*
- NAS Matthew 25:37 "*Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? 38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'*"
- Direct parallels between Levites and Believers

# LEVITES WERE TO PROTECT GOD'S HOLINESS

- Levites REPLACED the Firstborn of Israel
- Levites were to protect the Sanctuary from encroachers
- If an unauthorized person came too near, then all of Israel would feel God's wrath
- As Believers we are on Earth to DELAY God's wrath on the world
- All that stands between annihilation of the world and God...is YOU!

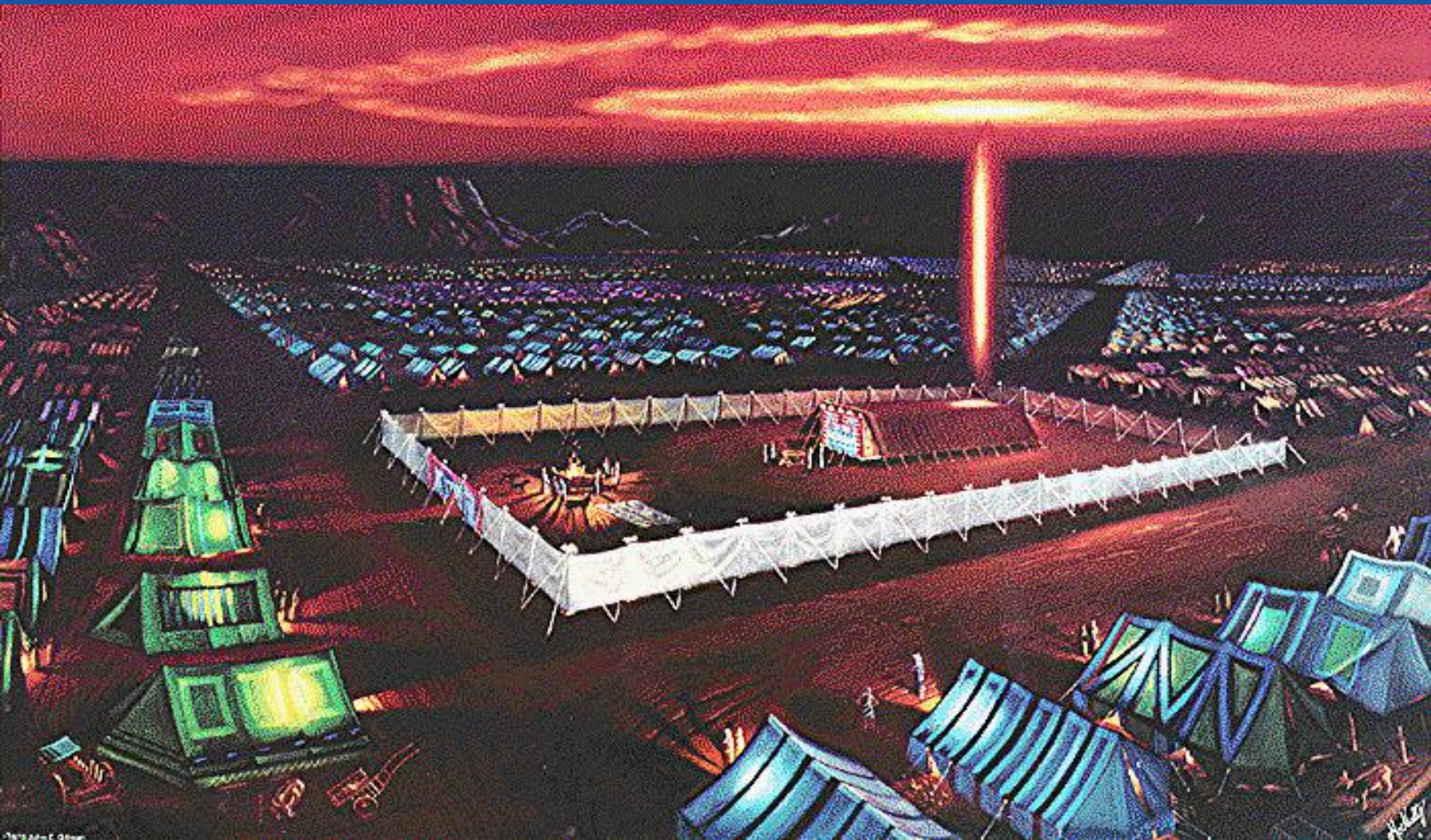


# LEVITES WERE ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- The Levites were to immediately kill any encroacher
- There was no trial, not brought before the Priests
- Not about “justice”. Not about sympathy.
- Levites had the same duty as the Cherubim with the flaming sword that guarded the approach to the Garden of Eden
- Believers **MUST** strike at the enemy...Satan... whenever he comes near

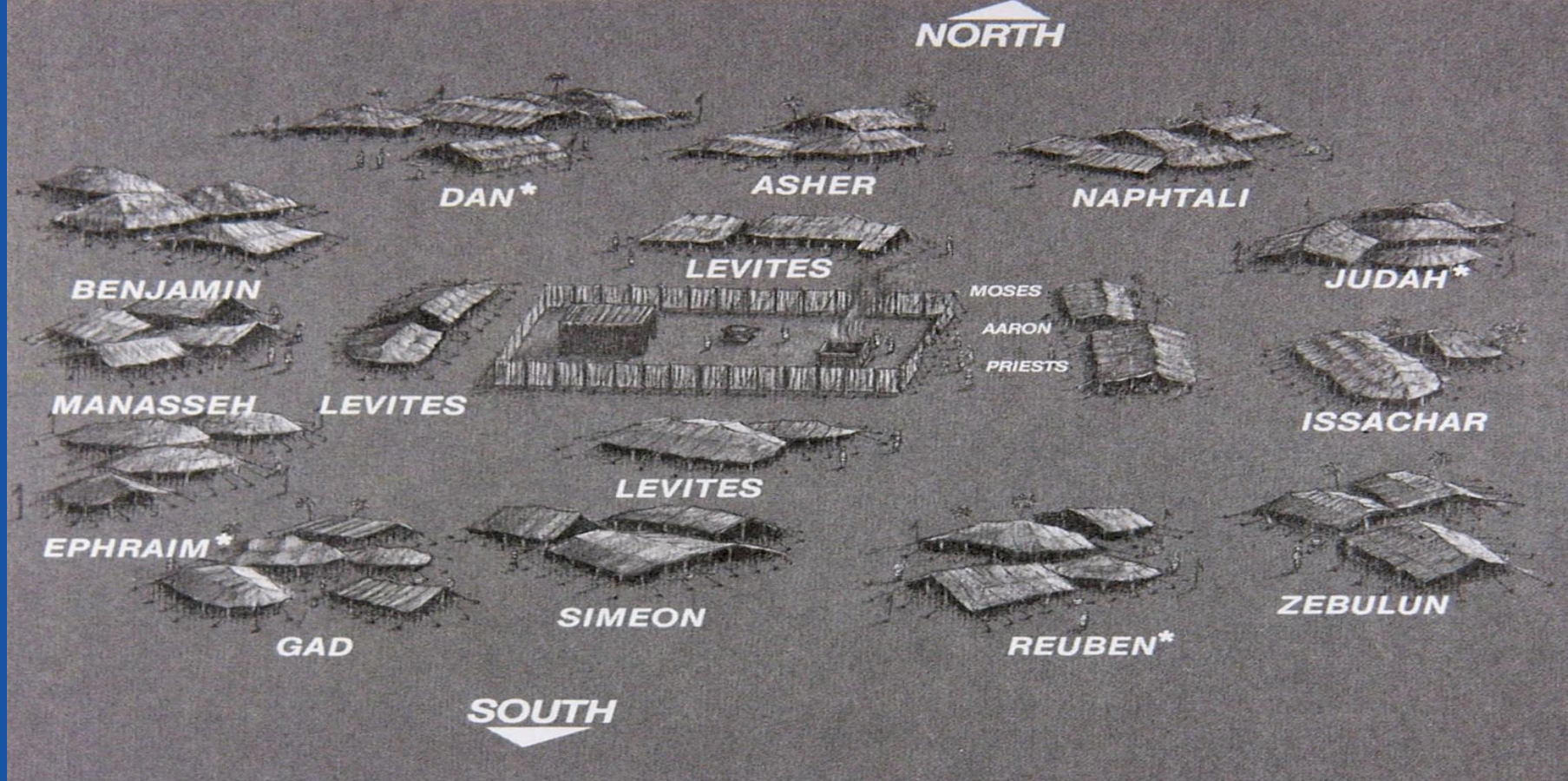
# NUMBERS 2

## SETTING UP THE CAMP



# GOD GENERALLY USES WAYS WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH

- Israel did what they did because it was familiar to them
- Believers usually make our journey with Yehoveh within the same culture we knew before we were redeemed
- At first, all change is INTERNAL
- Eventually, over time, the world looks stranger to a Believer...and we look stranger to the world
- That was how it was for Israel

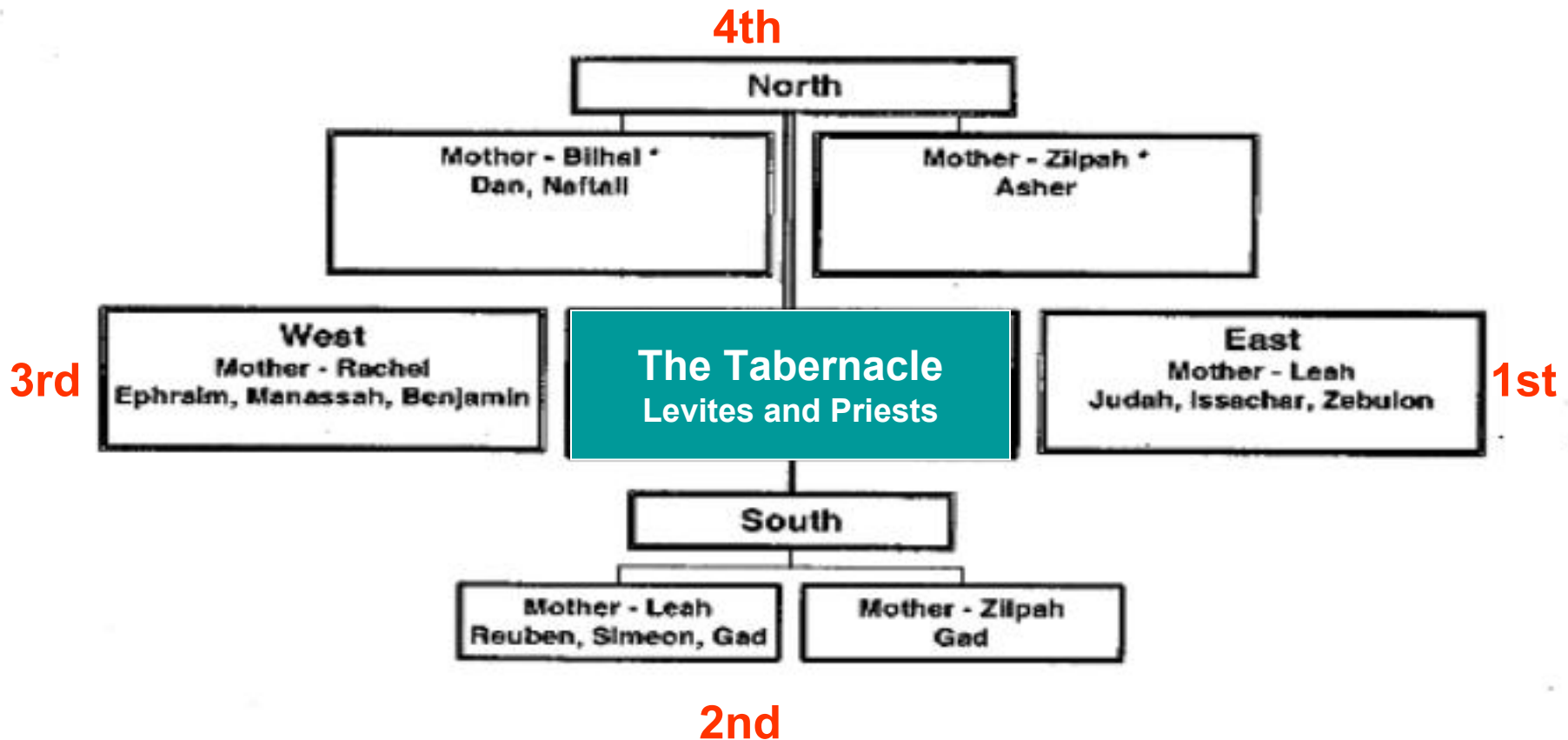


- The 12 tribes are to camp around the Tabernacle AT A DISTANCE!
- Each Israelite is to camp with his Battle Unit
- Each tribe had a distinctive colored banner
- Prime position went to Judah; Reuben should have had it, but he dishonored his father and lost the firstborn rights



# THE ISRAELITES CAMPED ACCORDING TO RANK

The Position of the Tribes around the Tabernacle

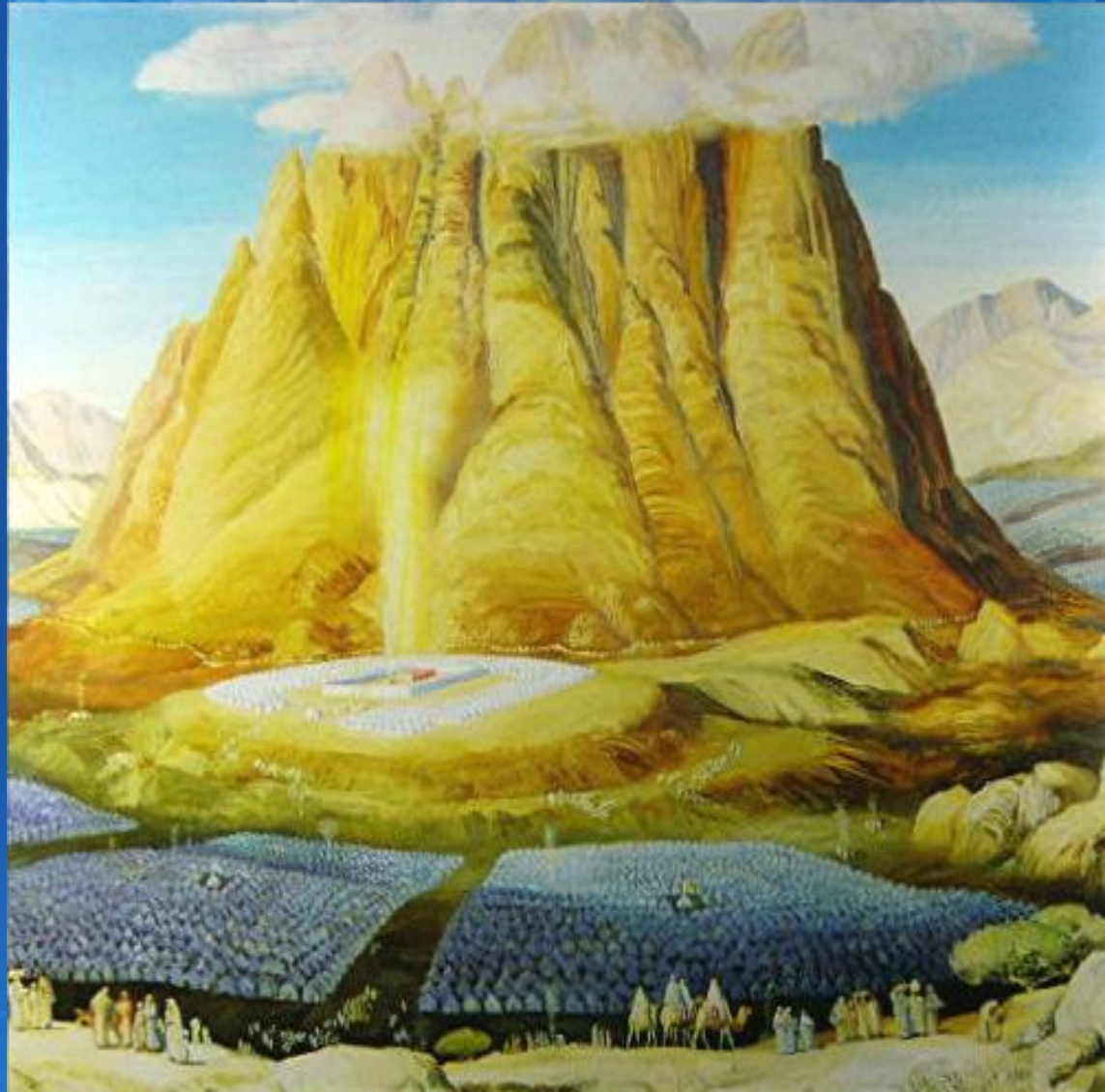


\*Bilhah – Rachel's maid  
Zilpah – Leah's maid

Deuteronomy 33:1  
Numbers 2:1

# NUMBERS CHAPTER 3

- Verses 1– 13 at Mt. Sinai
- Starting at 14, in the Wilderness
- Begins with genealogy of Moses and Aaron

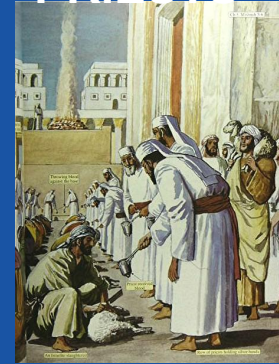


# LEVITES

HIGH PRIEST

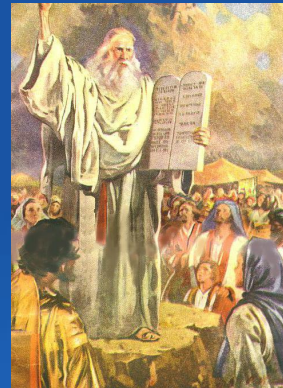


ORDINARY  
PRIESTS

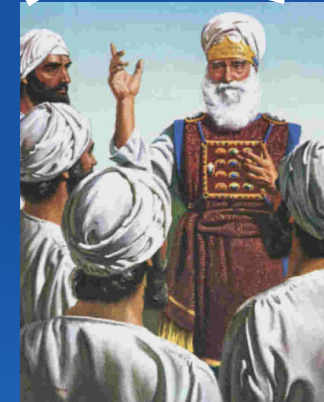


MUSICIANS  
GUARDS  
LABORERS  
SINGERS  
TEND FIRES  
FILL WATER BASINS  
ALL OTHER LEVITES

MOSES



AARON



TRIBE OF LEVI



# HIGH PRIEST TO COME FROM ONLY ONE LINE OF AARON



- Aaron's son Eleazar was to be the line of High Priests
- Nadav SHOULD have been the line of High Priests
- He was killed by God
- Nadav and Avihu offered "strange fire" to Yehoveh
- Nadav and Avihu had NO descendants (no sons)

# DUTIES OF THE LEVITES

- Levites were not priests
- *Shamar mishmereth* = keep guard
- *Abad bodah* = heavy work
- Levites had the “blue collar” jobs around the Tabernacle



# LEVITES REPLACE THE FIRSTBORN OF ISRAEL

- Vs. 11 lost to both Christianity and Judaism
- God regarded the firstborns of Israel as special
- NOW, the Levites are set apart to substitute and REDEEM the firstborns of Israel
- Firstborns were dedicated to Yehoveh on the first Passover in Egypt
- The first of everything belongs to God... applies to ALL things, not just Israel
- Firstborns held a special status, a sacred status, especially BEFORE the priesthood was established