

NUMBERS CHAPTER 4



- Census of Levite males 30 to 50 years of age
- Probably due to the heavy objects being transported and the responsibility of being guardians of God's holiness
- Able to be good in hand-to-hand combat

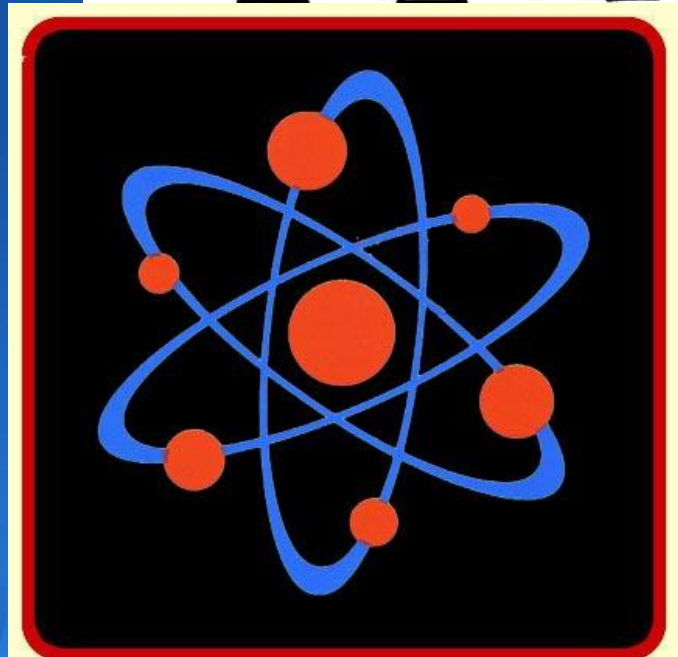
TRIBAL SOCIETY



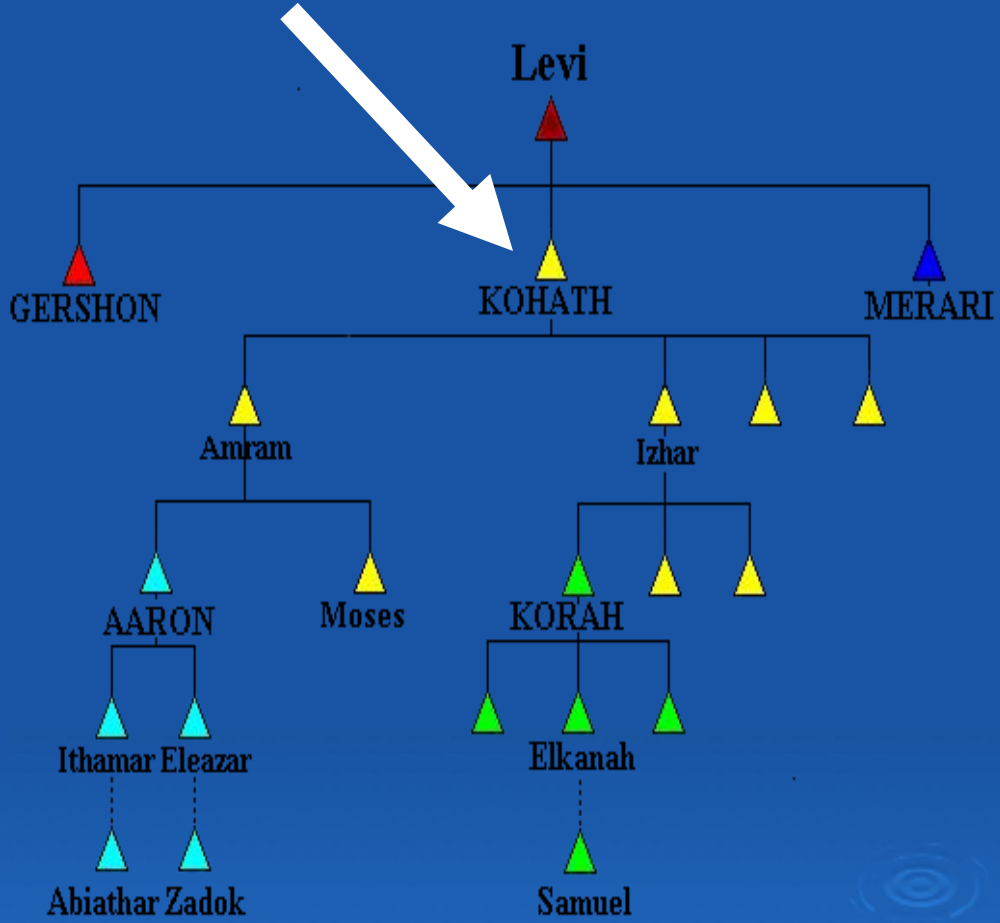
- Tribalism is the culture of the Bible
- Tribalism the dominant social structure because it was based on familial ties and bonds of blood
- In Medieval times social structure moved towards religious and national identities
- Enlightenment, desire for secular government drove Europe towards social structures based on economics

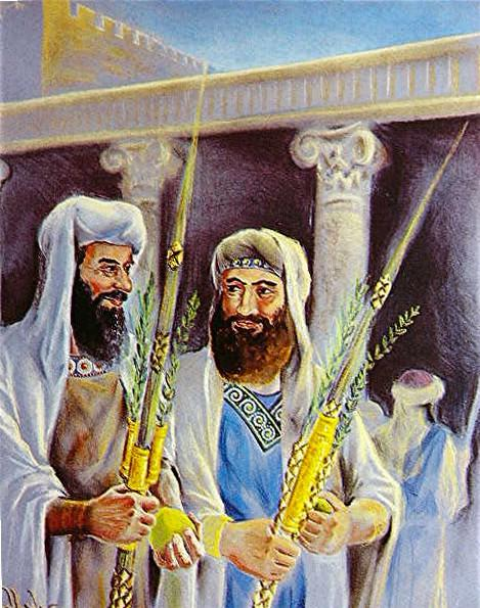
FAMILY REDIFINED

- Enlightenment became dissolution of family ties and lead to the Nuclear Family
- Mother, father, children
- Grandparents, uncles, cousins, are “outsiders”
- Latest evolution is the “pack mentality” family
- Unrelated, uncommitted individuals band together briefly to satisfy some need of companionship or economics



- **Kohath** counted first, as they hold the greatest status as the line of Moses and Aaron
- Much change in rules over the centuries, due to demographics, climate shifts, replacing Tabernacle with Temple
- NO power in hand movements, or bowls, or incense burning



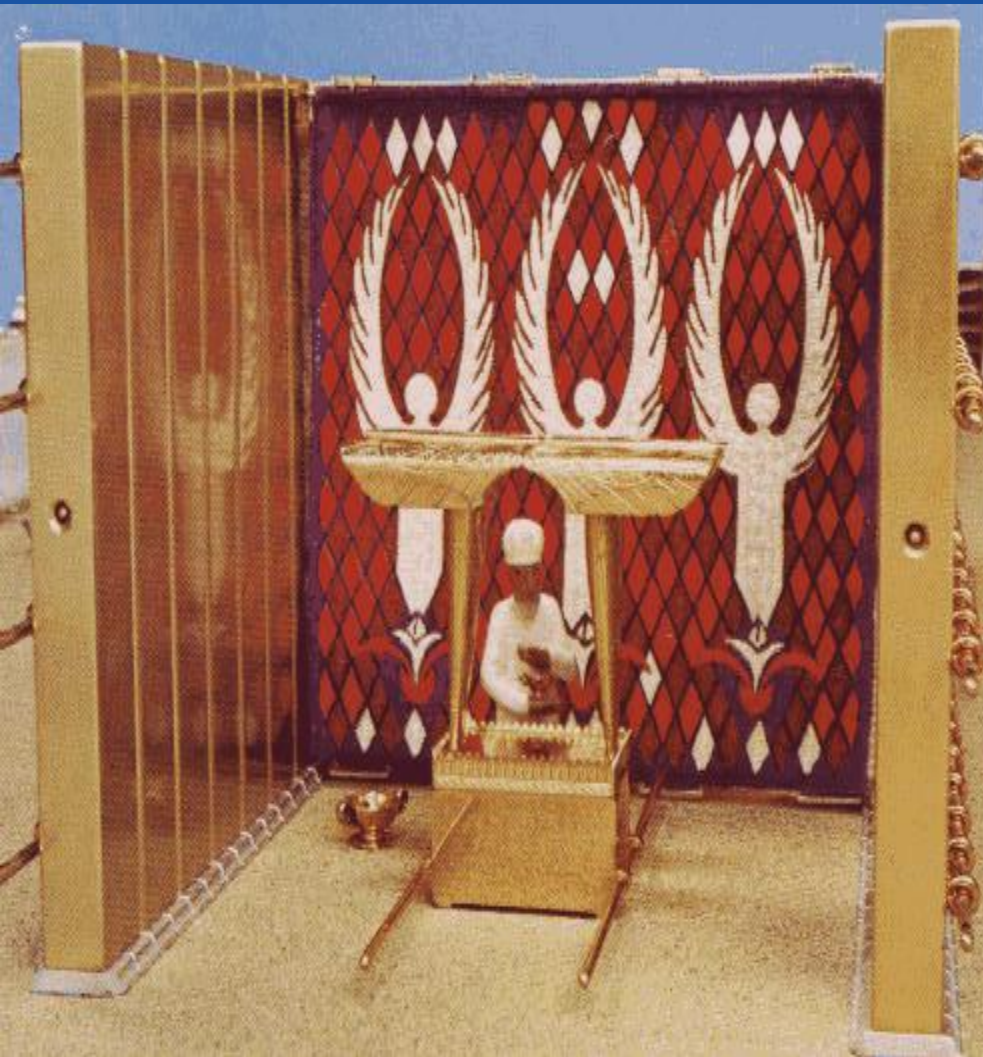


KOSHER?



- Is NOT possible to perfectly follow Scriptural regulations on food laws
- No Temple
- No Priests
- Crop land doesn't operate on Sabbath or Jubilee laws
- WE DO THE BEST WE CAN!

SACRED OBJECTS TOO HOLY TO BE HANDLED BY THE LEVITES



- Priests had to wrap-up and pack all holy objects
- Inner veil (Paroket) was used to wrap-up the Ark of the Covenant
- Then a Blue cloth
- Then a waterproof covering of Porpoise skins
- Then turned over to the Kohathites for transport

INSIDE FURNITURE

- Table of Shewbread to be wrapped up WITH bread on it
- Menorah wrapped and then placed on a wooden carrying frame
- Golden Altar of Incense wrapped, along with various ritual utensils



THE TEMPLE
MENORAH



OUTSIDE FURNITURE



- Altar of Burnt Offering emptied of ashes, then wrapped
- On top of the Altar all the various implements are stacked and wrapped
- No item can be touched by the Kohathites, **NOT EVEN THE WRAPPING!**
- Items were carried on poles, frames, carts

ELEAZAR IS THE SUPERVISOR

- The *Kohathites* job is so DANGEROUS that nothing can be left to chance
- This is why only men from ages of 30-50 can do this kind of work, more responsible
- Clans of *Gershon and Merari* to carry the coverings of the Tent and various outside articles, under supervision of Ithamar
- Total of 8580 men of the Levites are ages 30-50

LEVITES

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



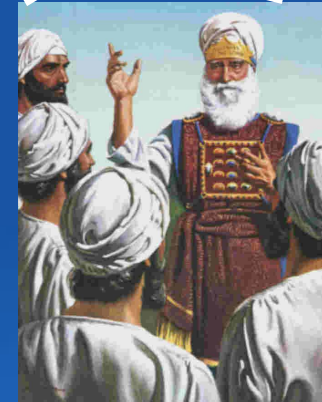
PRIESTS

HIGH PRIEST

ORDINARY PRIESTS



AARON



TRIBE OF LEVI



GOOD
CLEAN
HOLY
GOD'S PEOPLE

EVIL
UNCLEAN
UNHOLY
ALL OTHERS

Divide

Elect

Separate

- Nothing special about Abraham, Isaac or Jacob
- The difference between God's people and all others is that we accepted God's offer

GOD DEMANDS ORDER

- He creates hierarchies, because that's His pattern
- Lower and Higher status among humans and angels
- Variety of service, but all to the same God

NAS 1 Corinthians 12:4 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

BODY OF DISCIPLES OF YESHUA TO HAVE STRUCTURE

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 12:28** *And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? 30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?*
- This second principle interlaces with the first.....it takes different skills working together to form a complete community
- **These NT instructions are but TORAH carried forward!**

NO BELIEVER IS PASSED OVER



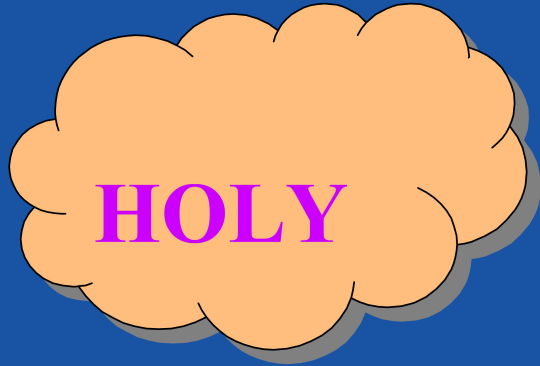
Discovering your Spiritual Gifts
1 Cor 12:4-11

- We can choose to ignore our purpose and sit on the sidelines
- The system God set up is NOT about 10% doing and the rest observing
- Our walk with the Lord is a CONTACT SPORT!
- Non-participation was not tolerated in the days of Moses or Jesus

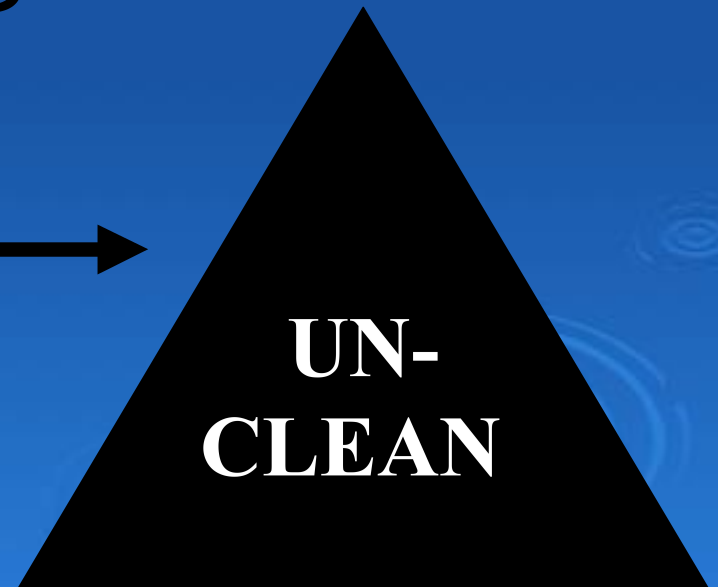
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RARE SET-APART HIGHEST VALUE

TYPICAL NO SPECIAL VALUE



OPPOSITES



PEOPLE WHO MUST BE PUT OUT OF THE CAMP

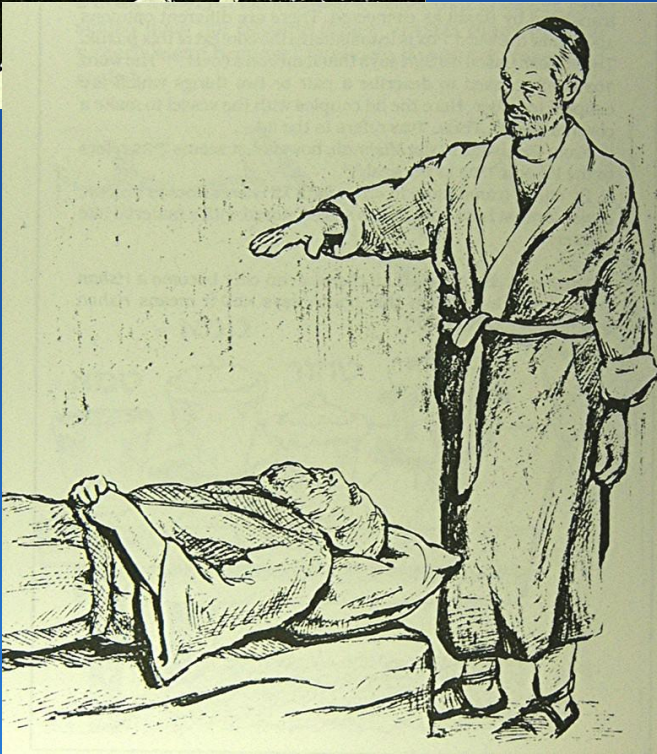
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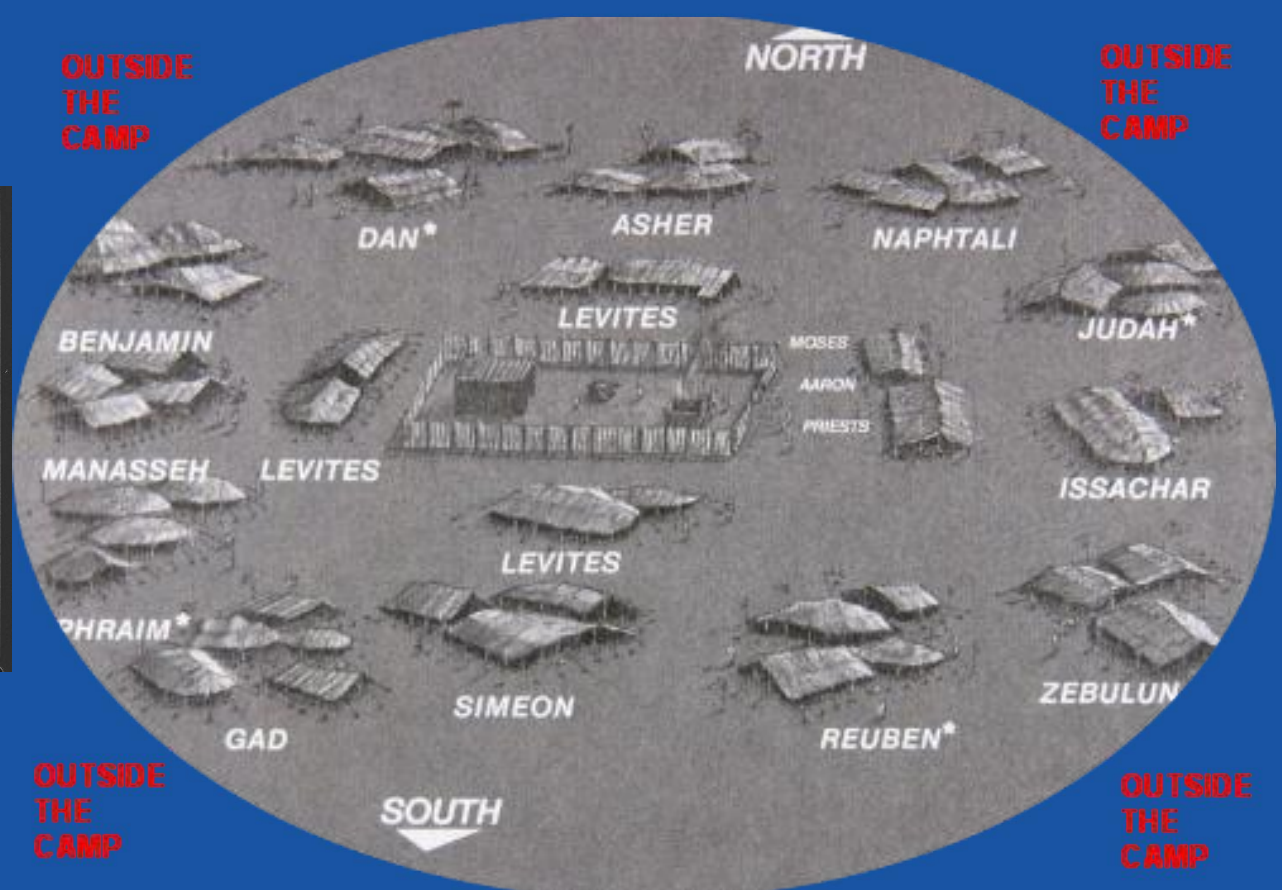
Tzara'at skin disease

Zav genital discharge

Tamei Nefesh touched a human corpse

- VERY serious kinds of ritual impurity
- Each requires 7 day procedure (after the impurity is no longer present)

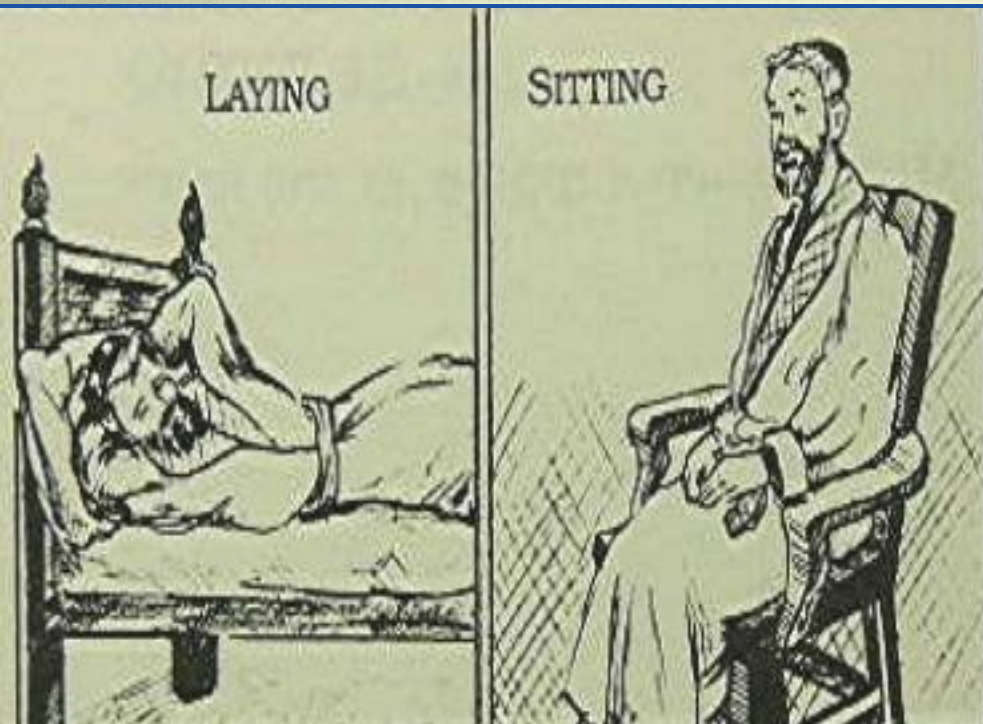
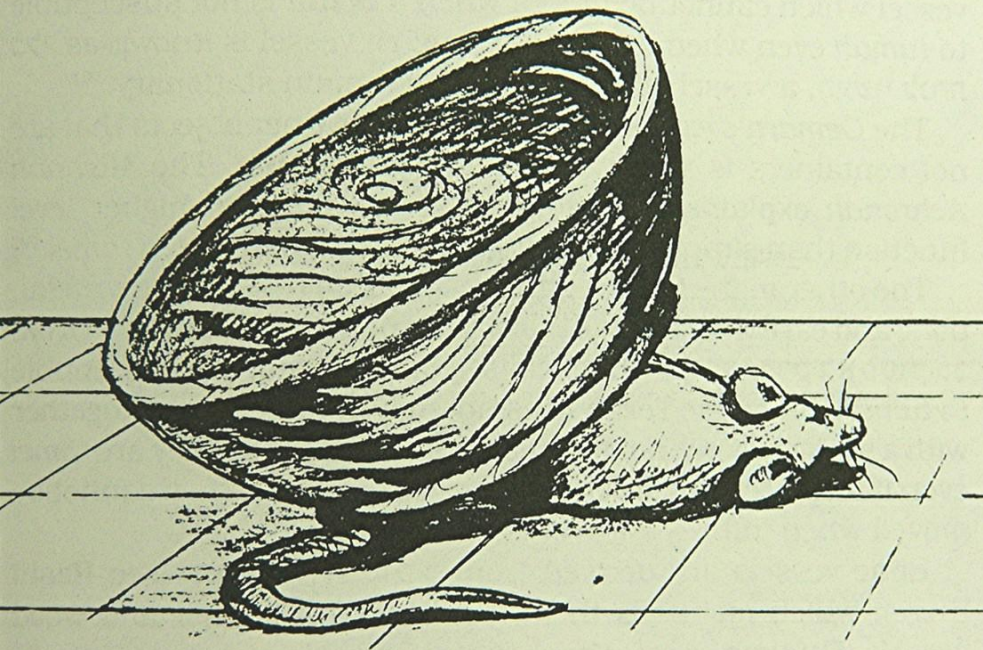




- Impurity is SPIRITUALLY contagious!
- Person being put outside the camp had NOTHING to do with containing the spread of illness
- Becoming Tamei (unclean) meant separation from the community AND separation from God

UNCLEAN CAN BE TRANSMITTED

- From human to object, and then object to human
- May sound like sorcery or magic or superstition
- But, this reveals deep spiritual truths by means of physical demonstration

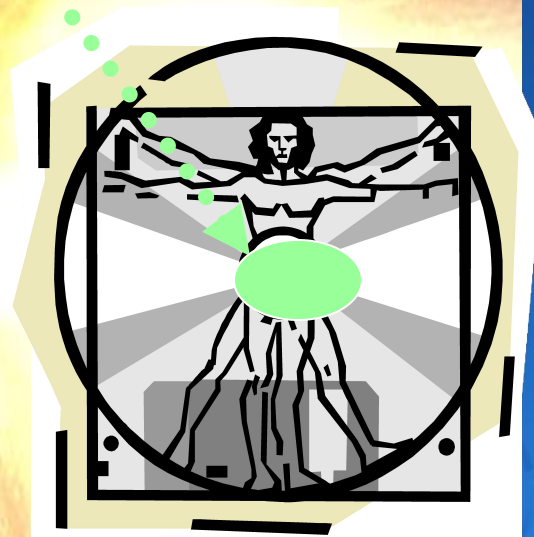


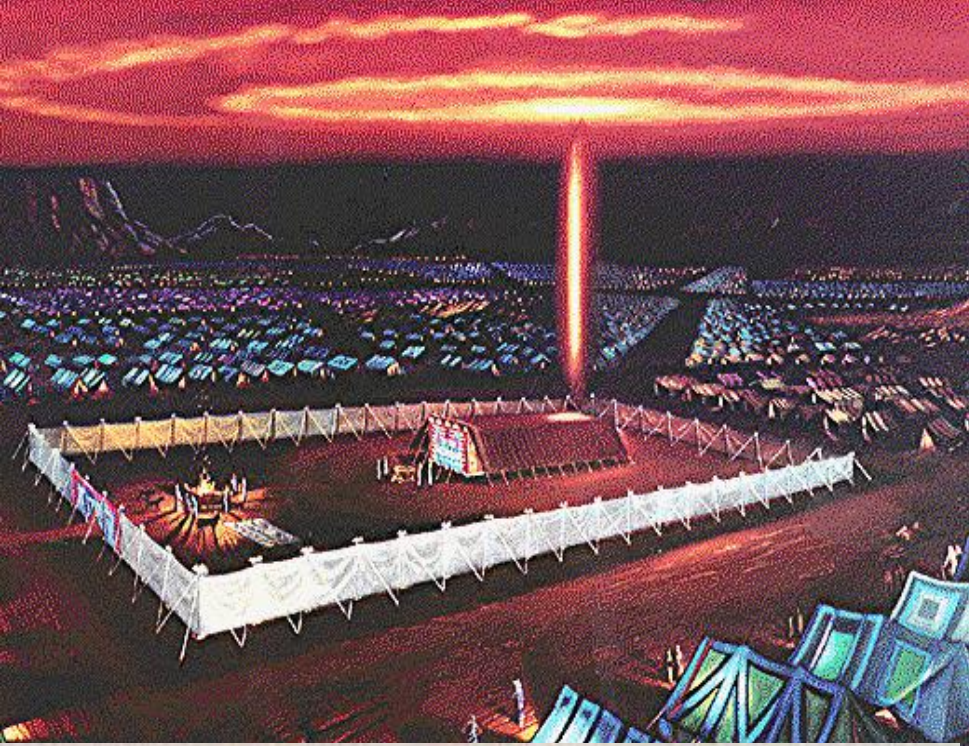
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HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRIT: 5th DIMENSION

- Spirit is *IN* our Universe
- Spirit *not OF* our Universe
- We live in a 4 dimensional universe of length, width, height and TIME
- Words are 4 dimensional
- Nothing from the 4 dimensions can reasonably illustrate the 5th....Spirit





A QUID PRO QUO

- There are CONDITIONS for God to be AND remain near!
- For the Israelites, they had to keep the camp ritually clean
- Our FIRST requirement is FAITH in Yeshua
- James: Faith without works is a dead faith, a non-existent faith