

NUMBERS CHAPTER 10

- Israel has celebrated the 2nd Passover, as a remembrance
- Yeshua transformed the Passover into a remembrance of HIM!
- Wages of sin = the curse of sin
- Wages (curse) is death
- The Giver of the Law (Torah) does not change!
- Fire-cloud was Israel's navigation system





SILVER TRUMPETS

- Silver Trumpets used to signal people for an instruction from God
- About 18” in length Hammered Silver
- To “summon the community” and to “set the divisions into motion”
- 12 tribes divided into 4 groups of 3 tribes each

TRUMPETS AND SHOFARS



THE SILVER TRUMPETS



SHOFAR

- Trumpet = *hatsoyserah*
- *Shofar* is Hebrew
- Difference is primarily in WHO can use each horn
- Silver Trumpets can ONLY be blown by priests
- Shofar used by common folk
- Uses: frighten an enemy
 - warn of coming enemy
 - call army to battle
 - call to stop fighting
 - call to rebel against injustice

WAR PRIESTS



- War priests always an integral part of an army
- Chaplains, today
- Long blasts called for assembly of people or leaders
- Short blasts for directing the troops
- Longer blasts = *taka* or *takia*
- Shorter blasts = *teruah*

PRIESTS SIGNAL to DIVISIONS



- First blast signals the EAST division (Judah)
- Second blast signals the SOUTH division (Reuben)
- Key purpose for blowing trumpets is “remembrance”
- “.....*vengeful remembrance at the appointed time.....*”
- Means God’s wrath

TRUMPET JUDGMENTS: THE VENGEFUL REMEMBRANCE



- **Matt. 24:31** “...send forth angels with a great trumpet..”
- **1Cor. 15:52** “....at the last trumpet....”
- **1Thess. 4:16** “...will descend with the trumpet of God”
- **Rev. 8:13** “...woe.....because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet..”
- **Rev. 9:13** “....the sixth angel who had the trumpet...”
- Trumpets usually mean a warning
- Only those of high-holy status can blow the trumpets

TRUMPETS BLOWN ON JOYOUS OCASSIONS

- 7 Biblical Feasts and New Moons
- At Burnt Offerings
- NOT a musical instrument



THE JOURNEY BEGINS

- Israel leaves Mt. Sinai on 20th day of 2nd month of 2nd year
- At Mt. Sinai either 11 or 13 months
- All from the leaving of Egypt was preparing for this moment
- Judah goes first; Includes Issachar and Zebulun
- Next, Tabernacle to be disassembled
- Wagons loaded, Ark comes later
- Then Rueben, next Ephraim, finally Dan

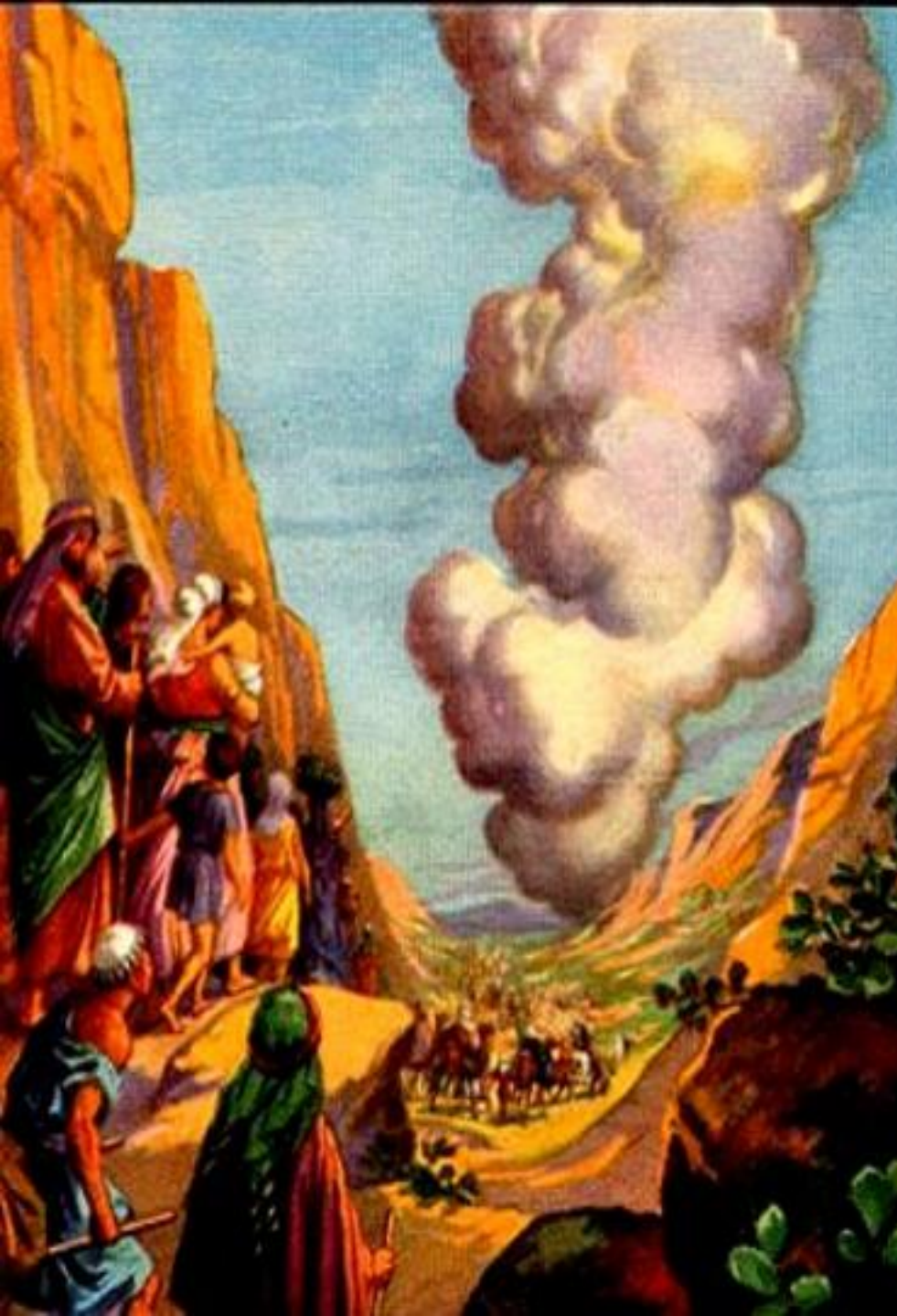




- Hobab, Son of Reuel the Midianite
- Identified in Numbers as Moses' father-in-law
- Exodus says Reuel or Yitro was his father-in-law
- Reuel is probably the CLAN name
- Yitro is likely another name for Hobab
- Or Hobab is a brother-in-law to Moses, but from the CLAN of Reuel



- Unlikely the real Mt. Sinai is on the Sinai Peninsula
- St. Paul, Josephus, Philo say Arabian Peninsula
- Bible says Burning Bush was in Midian
- The mountain of the Burning Bush is the same place Moses was to lead the people of the Exodus
- Hobab knows the way from Mt. Sinai to Canaan
- Hobab's home was Midian
- Kenites operated where Sinai and Arabian Peninsula's meet



THEY FOLLOWED THE FIRE-CLOUD

- First leg was “a 3 day journey”
- Does NOT mean they traveled 3 days
- “A Day’s Journey” was a measurement of distance
- They did NOT set up Tabernacle each evening that they stopped their march

DID THE ARK LEAD THE WAY?

- A conflict in the texts
- Perhaps the Ark was at the front, and other times in the middle of the column
- The Ark DID lead when crossing the Jordan
- River was dammed up for Israel to pass



ARK AS A MILITARY FUNCTION

- Ark served as a guide, a protector, and a sign of God's presence
- 1Sam.4 *“When they learned that the Ark of the Lord had come.....the Philistines were frightened.... YHWH has come to camp!!”*
- Philistines and all ancient armies brought banners and images of their gods to wars
- Philistines KNEW the Hebrew god's name.....YHWH

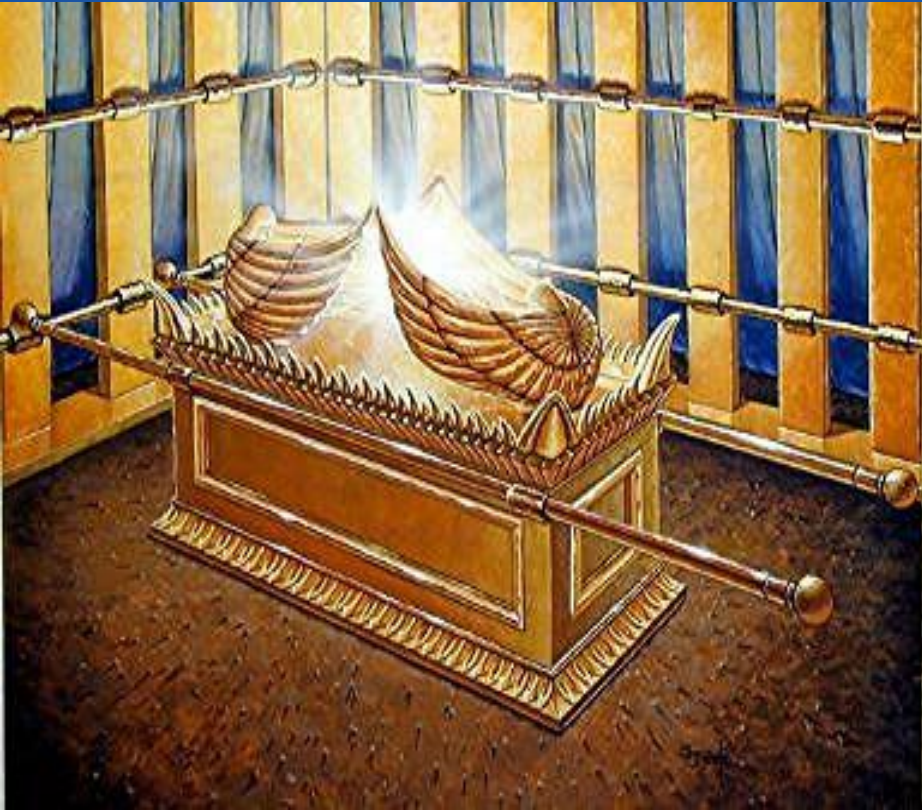




ISRAEL RELIED ON THE ARK

- The Lord PERMITTED Israel to maintain a mindset that was in harmony with the other nations when it came to this issue
- Without an Ark, Israel would have been sure God was NOT with them!
- It also would have given Israel's enemies courage because THEY would think Israel did not bring their God

THE ARK IS NOT GOD!



- Hebrews did NOT think that the Ark was God's permanent residence
- The Ark is WHERE the Lord comes when He wants to communicate with Israel
- ***Kam*** = arise, move to attack
- In the poem when the battle is over and the Ark is BACK in the Tabernacle, then Moses asks the Lord to "return"