

NUMBERS 12



- Numbers 11 were general rebellions of the people
- Numbers 12 rebellion of Aaron and Miriam
- Miriam, leader of the women and a prophetess
- Patterns are developed that transpose to Messiah

MEDIATOR OR INTERMEDIARY?

- Not the same thing
- Logos = Memra = Word
- INTERMEDIARY is a being of a kind that is halfway between God and Man
- Neither God nor Man
- Angels are Intermediaries



MEDIATOR



- Angels are NOT mediators
- Mediators not some other kind of being
- Moses, Aaron, Jesus all mediators
- Moses mediator of Mt. Sinai covenant
- Yeshua mediator of New Covenant
- Jesus is NOT halfway between man and God

“THAT CUSHITE WOMAN”



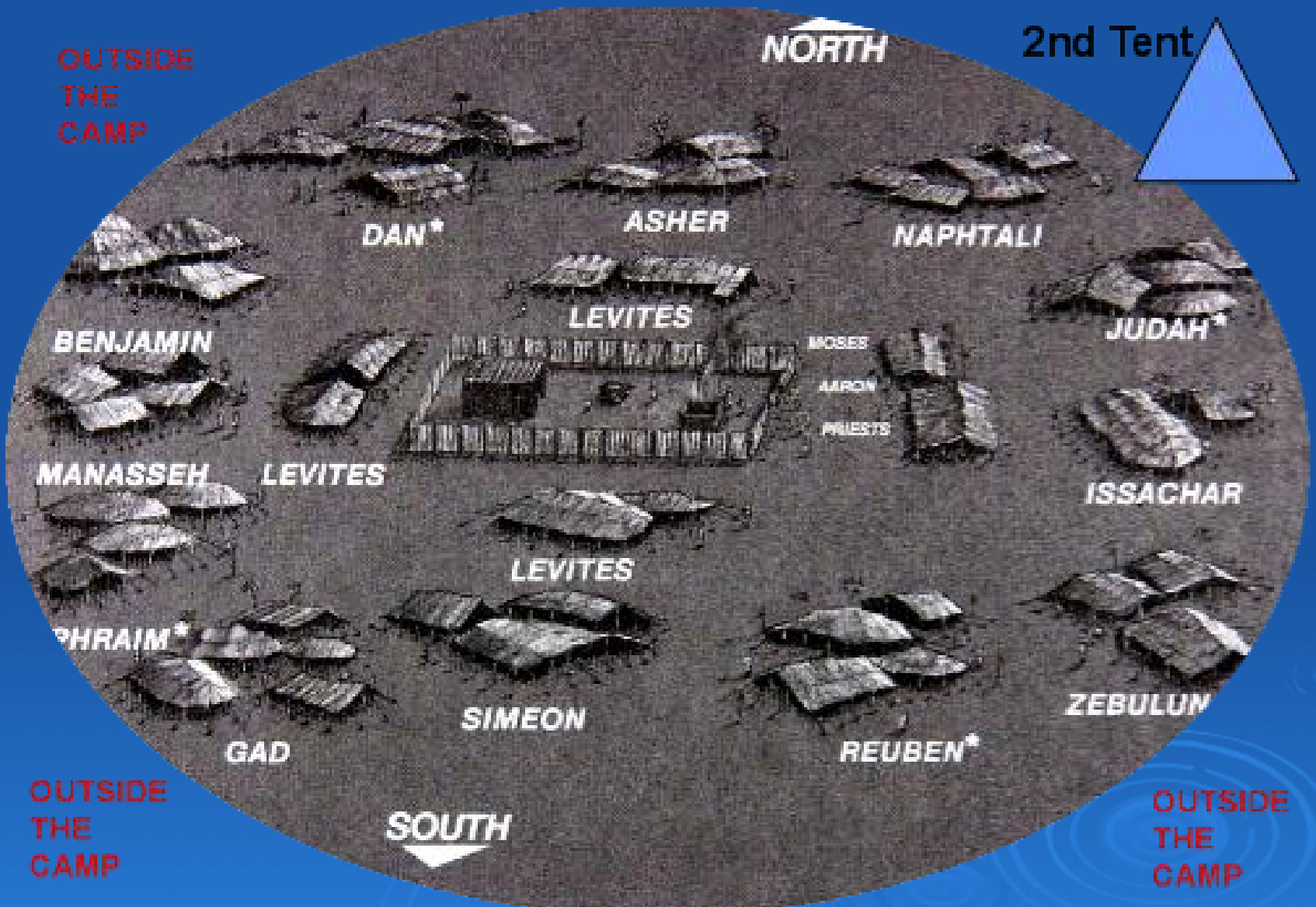
- *Kuwshith* = Cushite
- Aaron and Miriam are upset at Moses, blame Moses' wife
- Possibly a racial issue
- Cushites were black-skinned people
- Tzippora a Midianite, a TRIBAL designation (not race)
- Did Moses have 2 wives?
- Probably Aaron and Miriam just NOW met Tzippora

AARON AND MIRIAM CHALLENGE MOSES' AUTHORITY

- Moses did not hear Aaron and Miriam complain
- All their charges were false
- *'anav* = humble = meek
- ***"..the humble shall inherit the earth..."***
- Ambitious world leaders will not inherit the earth



TWO TENTS OF MEETING?



GOD SUMMONS AARON, MIRIAM AND MOSES TO THE TABERNACLE

- The accusers **MUST** be present along with the accused
- God speaks **DIRECTLY** to Aaron and Miriam
- Lord vindicates Moses, chastises Aaron and Miriam
- Moses is **UNIQUE** among men, without peer
- Aaron and Miriam do not rank with Moses
- God spoke to prophets in visions, riddles
- God spoke to Moses “face-to-face”, plainly
- **Pe ‘el pe** = mouth-to-mouth **NOT** face-to-face

GOD DEALS WITH MOSES DIRECTLY

- Lord establishes prophets and High Priests indirectly
- Mysterious and clairvoyant
- God has direct dialogue with Moses
- God could be swayed by Moses
- Moses put in charge of “all of God’s household”
- God’s household (on earth) = Israel
- Moses bore God’s power and authority over Israel, like Joseph did over Egypt
- Yet, Moses was not God



MIRIAM STICKEN WITH TZARA'AT



- NOT Leprosy
- Not a specific skin disease
- Tzara'at is a divinely caused disease
- No mention of punishment on Aaron
- Aaron easily led into sin
- Golden Calf



PATTERNS FOR MESSIAH, SET-UP IN MOSES

- 1) Would be declared into existence
- 2) Had no human peer
- 3) Was God's trusted master over God's household
- 4) Men would claim to have as much standing before God
- 5) This Mediator was above all prophets, even above the High Priest
- 6) The Mediator would have God's own spirit, and if others were to have it, it would be "drawn" from him
- 7) Would be humble (meek). A reluctant leader.
- 8) A MEDIATOR not an INTERMEDIARY

AARON PLEADS FORGIVENESS OF SIN.....FROM MOSES!

- Aaron calls Moses “my lord”
- Messianic pattern set-up
- The forgiveness was not about offending Moses, it was about sinning against Yehoveh
- Aaron had to approach God through Moses
- Today, we approach Our Father through our Mediator, Jesus Christ
- All of our “illustrations” of the essence of the Godhead fail





Person with Tzara'at
Outside the Camp

- Miriam was immediately healed!
- Miriam put “outside the camp” during 7 day purification process
- Moses was given Tzara'at when he demanded proofs from God
- The Tzara'at revealed Miriam's sinful condition
- All Israel waited for that 7 day period because of the great respect for Miriam
- But.....the journey to the Promised Land was DELAYED because of her sin and rebellion