

Northside Equip | Foundations: OT Overview
Numbers

Review: Leviticus

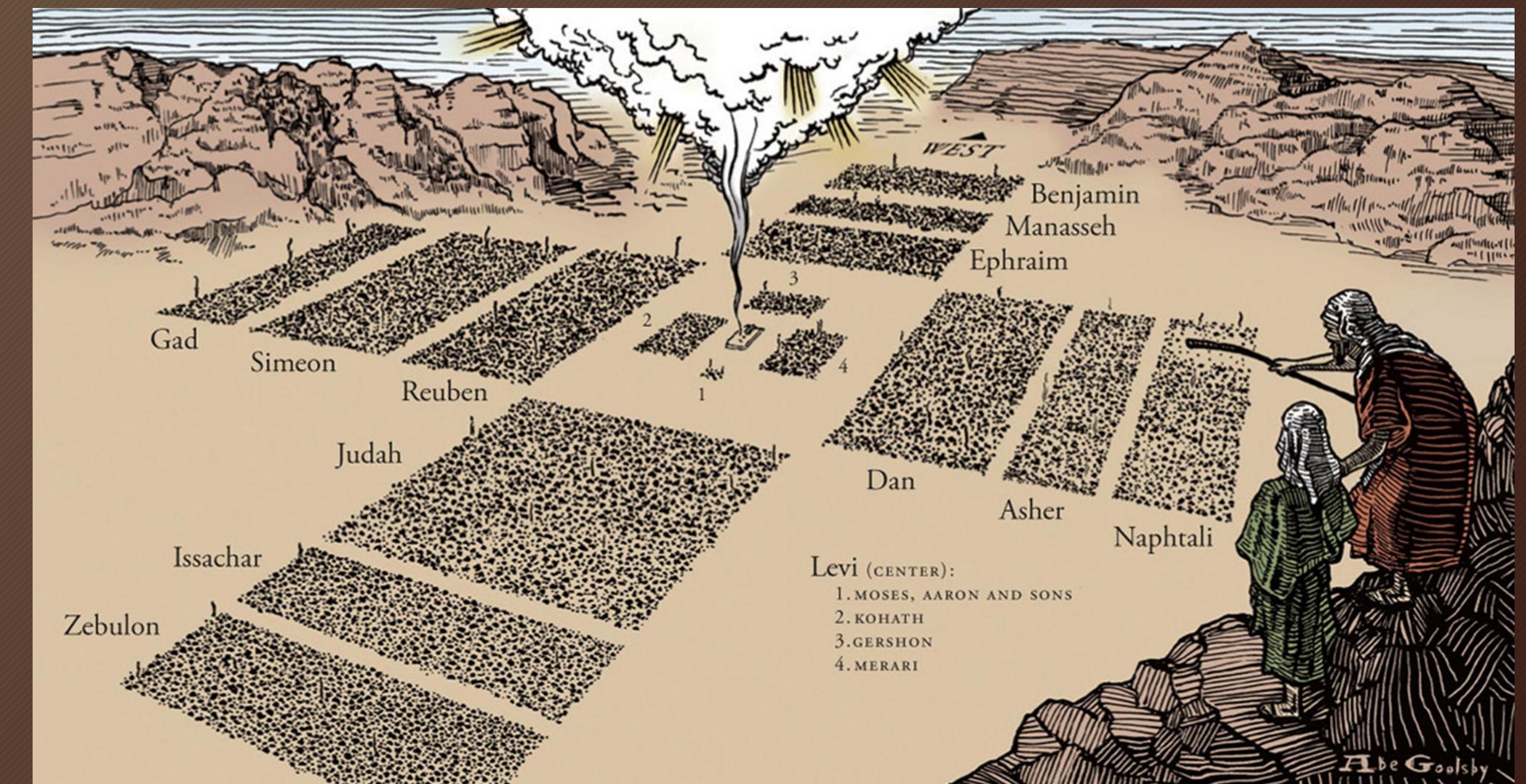
- The Lord provided a sacrificial system and priests to atone for Israel's sins and maintain His holy presence among a sinful and unclean people.
- 5 Main sacrifices: 3 for Atonement, 2 for Fellowship
- Nadab and Abibu showed that wrath will come on a sinner or a substitute.
- The Day of Atonement atoned for all Israel's sins once a year.
- The holiness code showed Israel how to be holy in the promised land.

Preview: Numbers

- **Plot:** Israel moves on from Mt. Sinai toward the Promised Land. When Israel refuses to enter and fight for the land, the LORD disciplines them with forty years in the wilderness.
- **People:** Moses, The Israelites, Balaam and Balak

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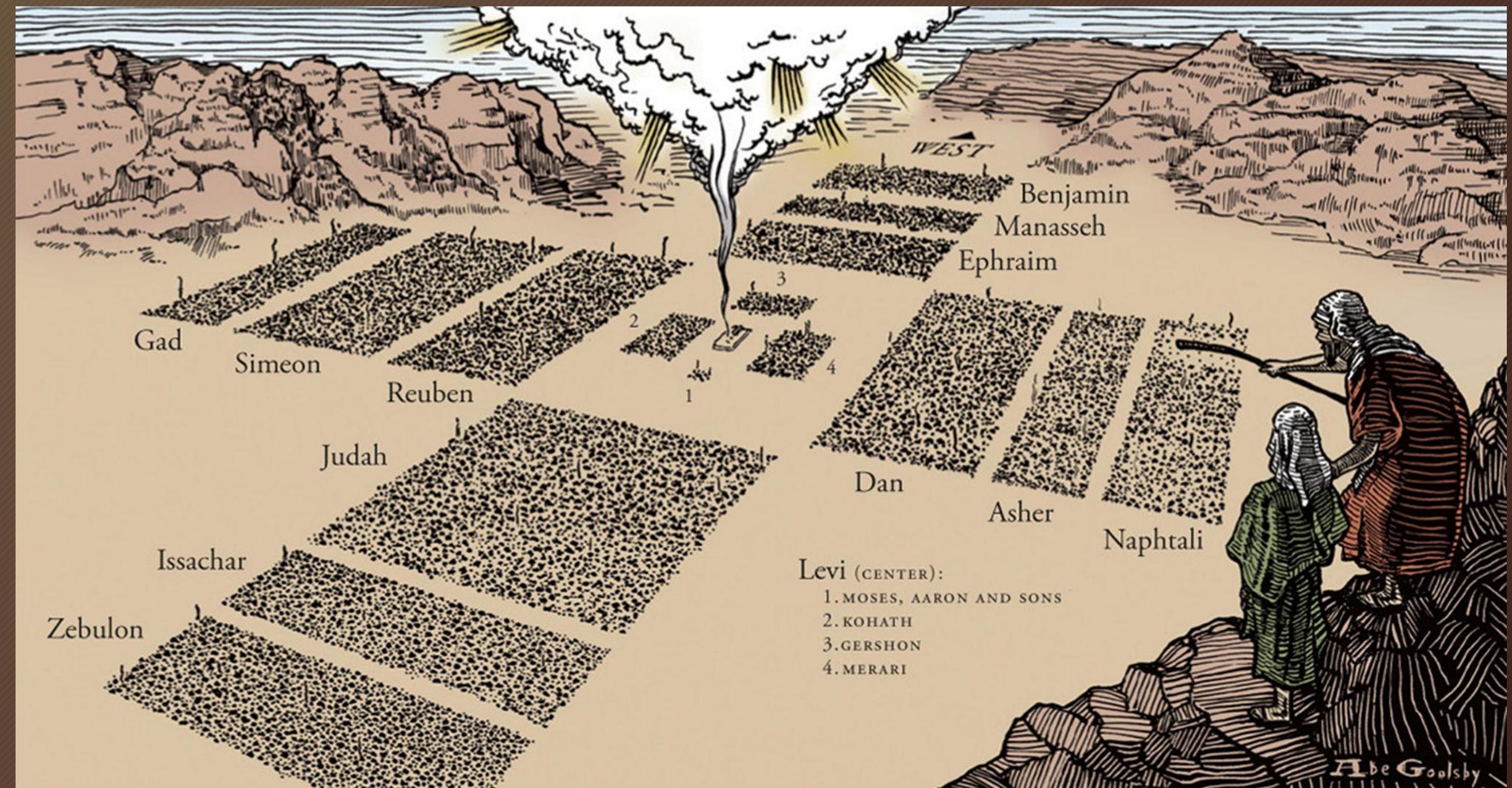
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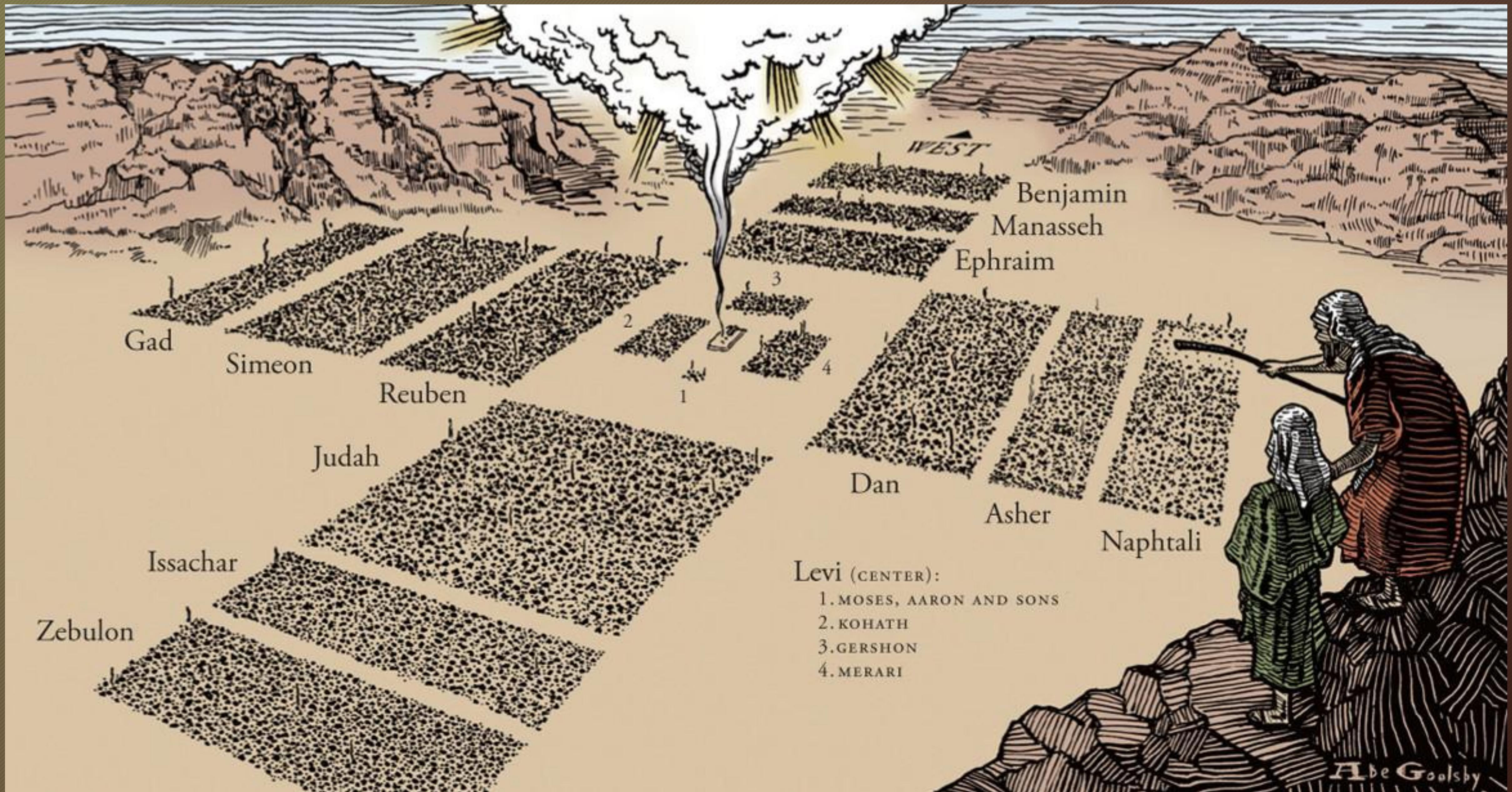


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- Num 3-10: The camp is prepared and purified, and Israel leaves Sinai.

Num 10-21 | Internal Threats: Complainers and Cowards

- Num 11: The Israelites complain about food.
- Num 12: Miriam and Aaron complain about Moses.
- Num 13-14: The people are too cowardly to enter the land, and the LORD judges them.



Numbers 14:21–23. “But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yahweh, none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet *have put me to the test these ten times* and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers.”

1	When Israel expressed fear at the Sea, as Pharaoh approached (Exod. 14:11–12)	6	At Rephidim, when the people were thirsty and quarreled with Moses and tested God (Exod. 17:1–2)
2	Three days into the wilderness as Mara, when Israel complained that the spring was bitter and they were thirsty (Exod. 15:24)	7	At Sinai when Israel worshipped the golden calf (Exod. 32:1–6)
3	2 1/2 months after the exodus in the wilderness of Sin, when Israel complained that they were hungry (Exod. 16:2–3)	8	At Taberah, when Israel complained about their misfortunes and God's fire consumed some of the camp (Num. 11:1)
4	Israel's failure to eat all daily manna (Exod. 16:20)	9	At Taberah, when some complained that they were sick of manna and hungry for other food (Num. 11:4)
5	In Israel's failure to gather enough manna to sustain through Sabbath (Exod. 16:27)	10	At Kadesh when the 10 spies expressed lack of faith in God (Num. 14:1–4)

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- Num 16: Korah and his men rebel against Moses and are judged.
- Num 20: Moses sins and is judged at Meribah.
- Num 21: The Israelites grumble against Moses and are judged with serpents.



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- Num 27: Joshua succeeds Moses.



The Wilderness Generation as an Analogy for Us

- Hebrews 3:16-4:2, 11-13
- The call for us is to believe the promises of God in order to enter His rest.

