

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
NUMBERS 2 – CAMPS AROUND THE TABERNACLE

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Numbers.

Say – Now it was time to give a place for the 12 tribes of Israel to camp around the Tabernacle/tent. The children of Israel lived in tents and when they moved they carried their tents with them.

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God promises His people He will restore the nation to His Way of Life and comfort His people. "9They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble (In man-made religions they stumble.): for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. 11For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. 12Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all." Jeremiah 31:9-12.

More promises from our Redeemer: "8Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages (the land will be desolate after the tribulation); 9That thou mayest say to the

prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in (spiritual) darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways (of God), and their pastures shall be in all high places. ¹⁰They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. ¹³Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. ¹⁴But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. ¹⁵Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, **they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.** ¹⁶Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands (this is what I went through to deliver YOU); thy walls are continually before me” Isaiah 49:8-10; 13-16.

It is “He (God) shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved” Psalm 47:4. “⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you (will bring the Kingdom of God with Him at the first resurrection), ⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (God is the one who keeps us.). ⁶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations (because of all the paganism around us): (and here is the purpose of the temptations) ⁷That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: ⁸Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls (life)” I Peter 1:4-9.

Numbers 2

Say – On the east side of the Tabernacle/tent was Judah, Issachar and Zebullun following the Levites; the tribe of Judah was the largest tribe and was the tribe Jesus came from. On the south side was Gad, Reuben, and Simeon. On the west side was Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh and on the north side of the Tabernacle/tent was Dan, Asher, and Naphtali. God had appointed all these places for the tribes to be placed. Every tribe had a captain as God appointed them to be.

Right around the Tabernacle, on the east side was Moses and Aaron and Sons of Aaron. In the north was Merari, a son of Levi; on the west side of the tent was Gershon another son of Levi and in the south side of the tent was Kohath another son of Levi. The sons of Levi were in charge of the music department and real estate and keeping the Tabernacle running smoothly according to God’s plans.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

²Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard (The 12 tribes of Israel were divided into 4 camps.), with the ensign of their father's house ("ensign" means Jehovah is My God.): far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

³And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

⁴And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

⁵And those that do pitch next unto him (Judah) shall be the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar.

⁶And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

⁷Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun.

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⁹All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

¹⁰On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.

¹¹And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

¹²And those which pitch by him (Reuben) shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

¹³And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

¹⁴Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

¹⁵And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

¹⁶All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

¹⁷Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

¹⁸On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

¹⁹And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

²⁰And by him (Ephraim) shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

²¹And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

²²Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni.

²³And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

²⁴All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

²⁵The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

²⁶And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

²⁷And those that encamp by him (Dan) shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

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²⁹Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.

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³¹All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

³²These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

³³But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁴And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

MEMORY VERSE

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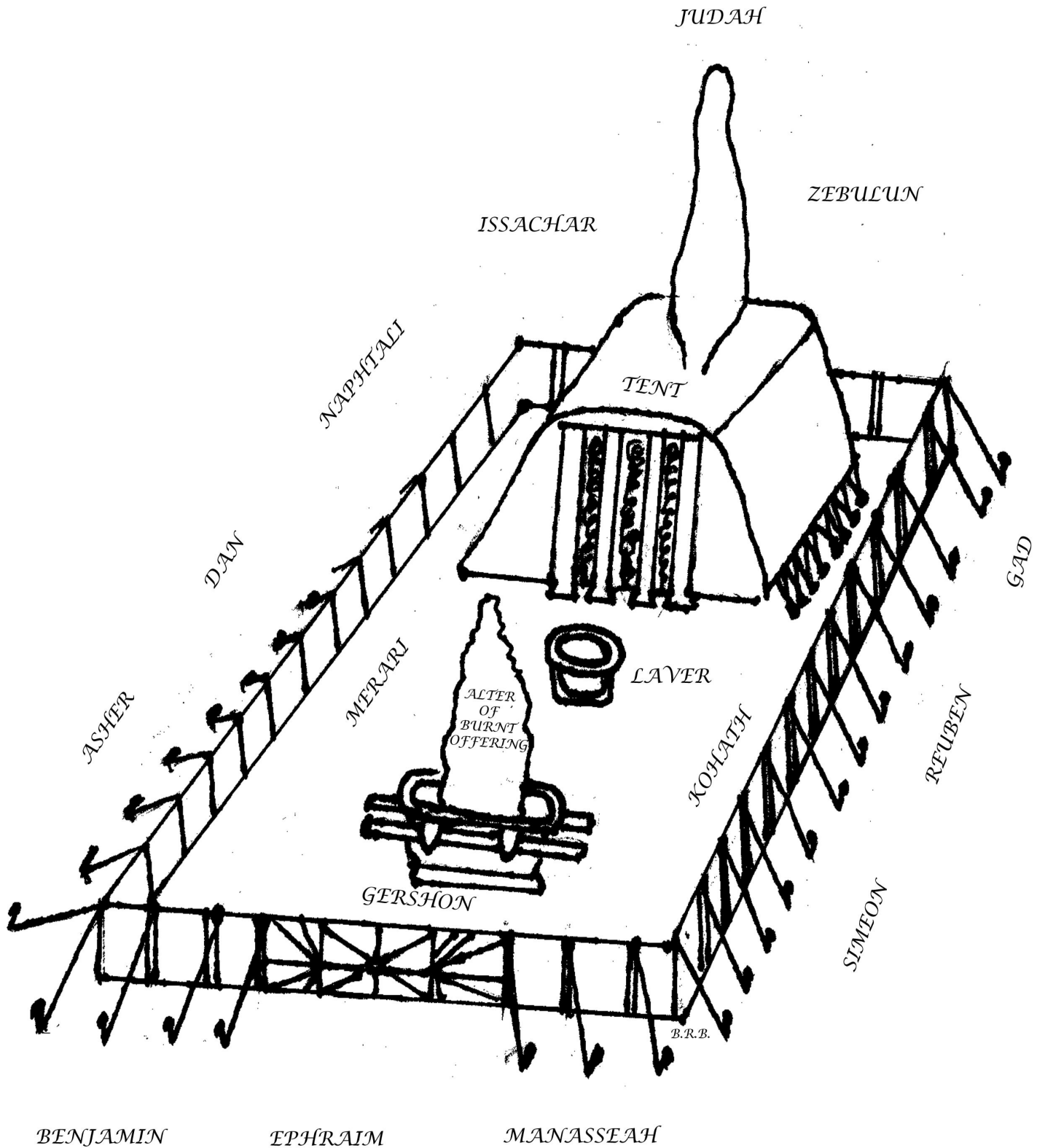
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