

Numbers 1-4

Numbers Chapters 1-4, Still at Mount Sinai, *Arithmoi*, Numbers, wilderness *midbar*, clergy priests, 14 names 12 tribes, Standards, Banners

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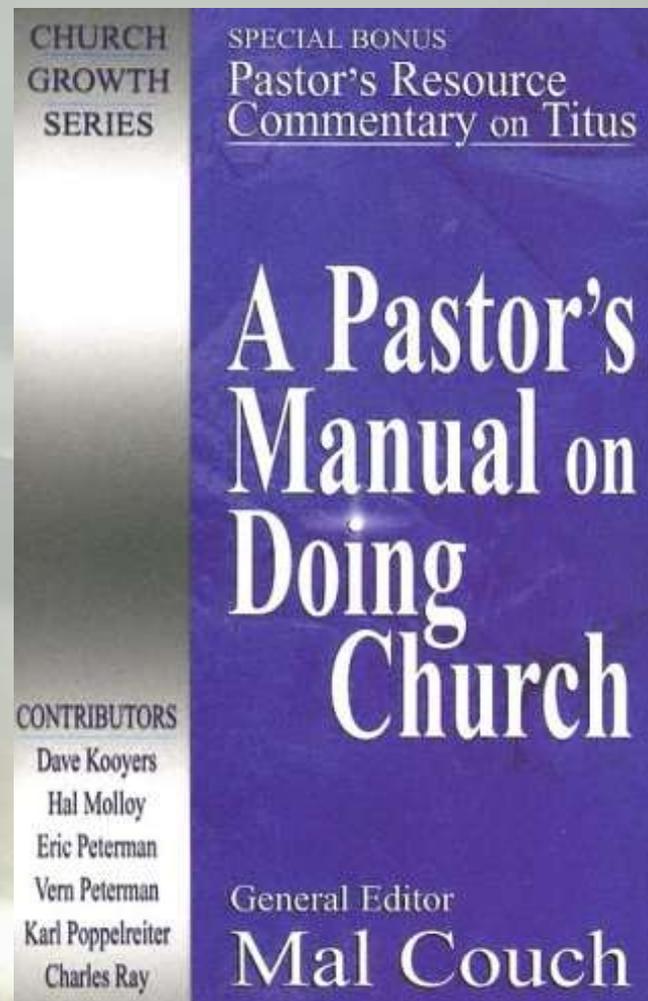
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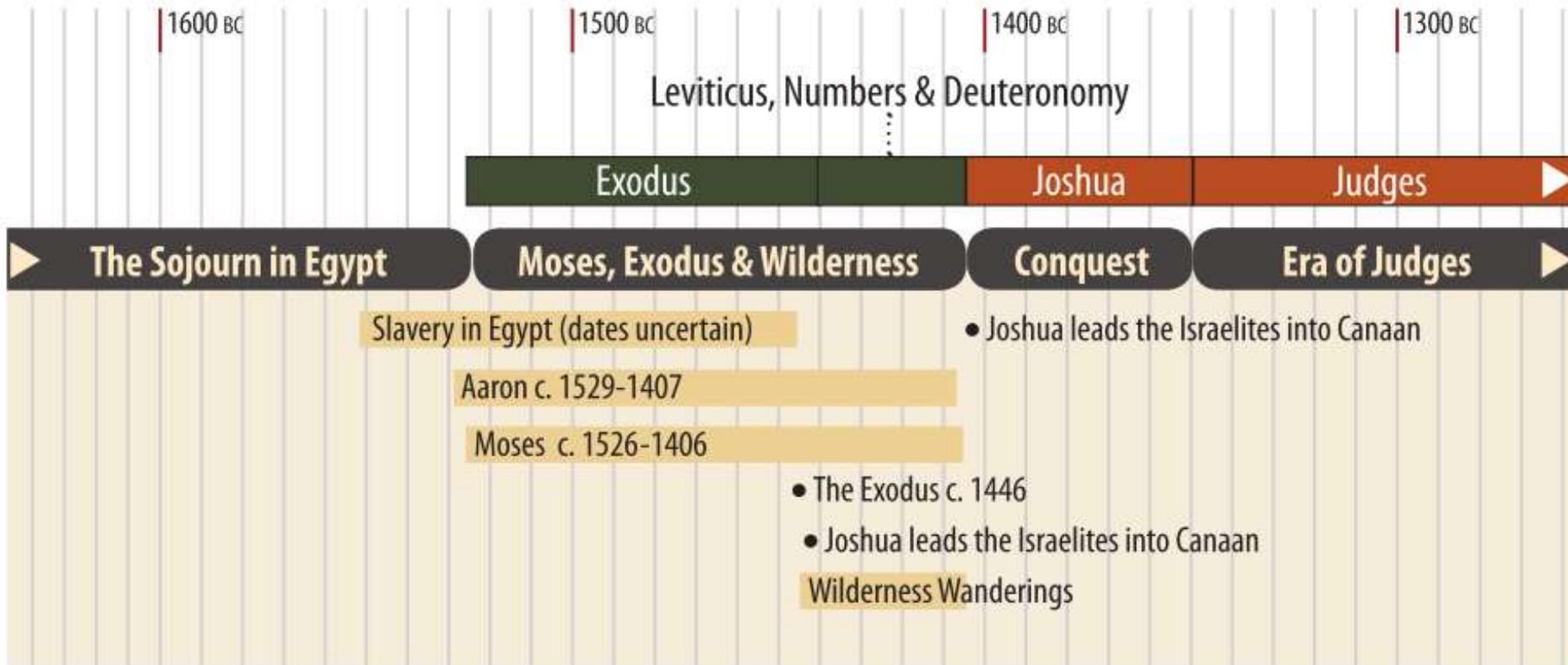
Matthew 10:8 ...Freely you received, freely give.



Numbers 1



What Time Is It?



Leviticus 1:1, What Time Is It?

- Probably the 13th month after the 1st. Passover
- Between Exodus 40:17 Now in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected.
- And; Numbers 1:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- Leviticus was only 30 days

Where Are We?

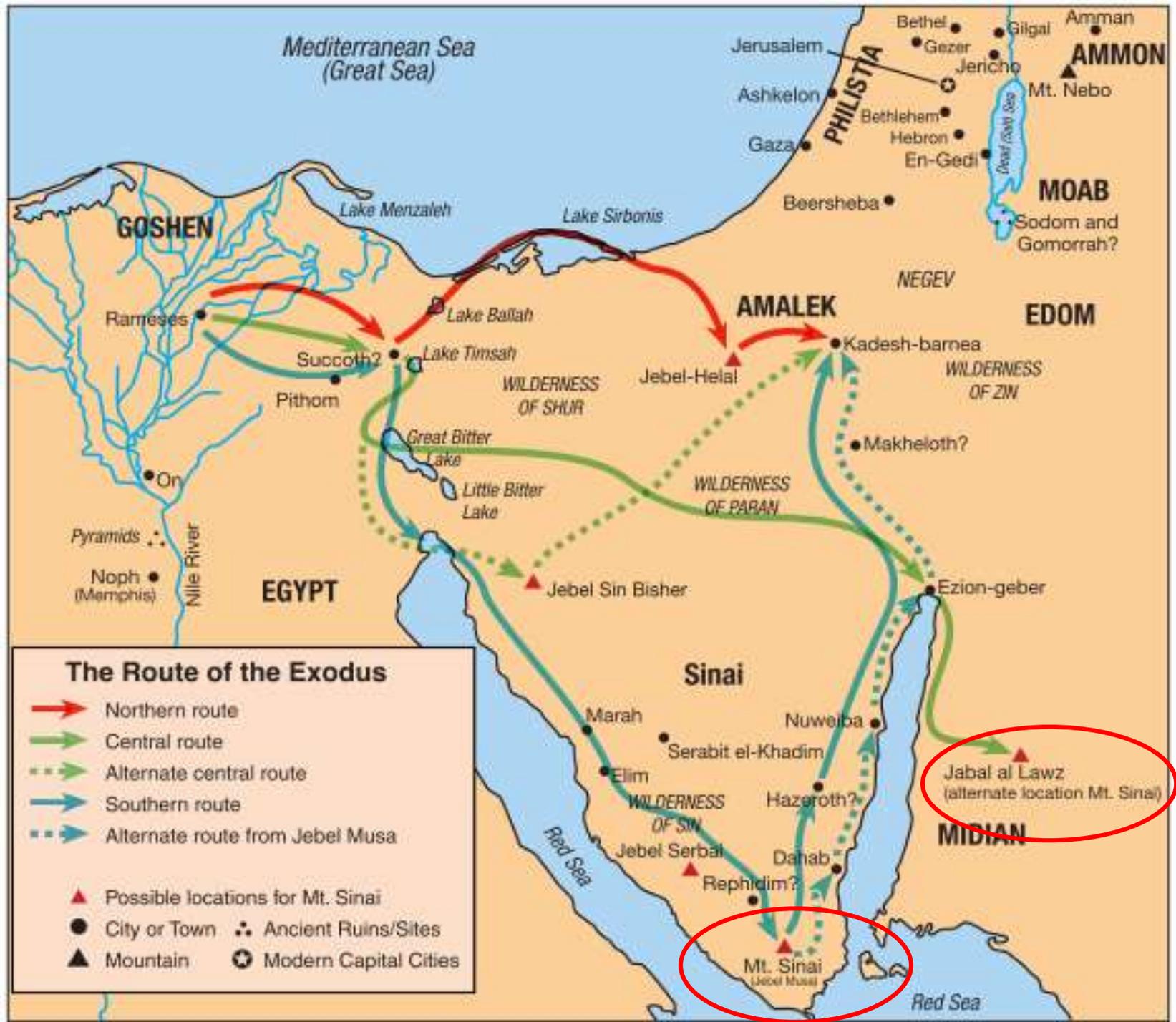


The Last Verses Of Leviticus Chapters 26 And 27 Refer To Mount Sinai



Where Are We?

- ^{NAU} Leviticus 27:34 These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.
- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:1 **Then** the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- The “Then” is a 1 letter word (prefix); ! “particle conjunction” in the Hebrew, in the LXX it is “*kai*”. It connects, means “and, so, even, also, then, now.” Numbers is connected to Lev, Ex, and Gen.



Jabal al Lawz
(alternate location Mt. Sinai)

Mt. Sinai
(Jebel Musa)

The Tabernacle at Mount Sinai:

God's Glorious Presence



Moses Wrote It

- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- ^{NAU} 2 Chronicles 23:18 ...as it is written in the law of Moses...
- ^{NAS} Nehemiah 9:14, 8:1 And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel.

Moses Wrote It

- ^{NAU} Matthew 8:4 And Jesus said ...Moses commanded...
- ^{NAU} John 3:14...Moses lifted up the serpent...
- ^{NAU} Luke 2:22, 24:44 ...the law of Moses...
- ^{NAU} Luke 5:14 ...Moses commanded...
- ^{NAU} Luke 24:27 Then beginning with Moses...
- ^{NAU} Luke 20:37 ...Moses showed...the burning bush...
- Luke uses “Moses” 10 X’s and most confirm it

Heb 11, Acts 7, Nehemiah 9:9-25, History Summary

- Nehemiah 9:9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red Sea. ¹⁰ "Then Thou didst perform signs and wonders against Pharaoh, Against all his servants and all the people of his land; For Thou didst know that they acted arrogantly toward them, And didst make a name for Thyself as it is this day.
- ¹¹ "And Thou didst divide the sea before them, So they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground; And their pursuers Thou didst hurl into the depths, Like a stone into raging waters.
- ¹² "And with a pillar of cloud Thou didst lead them by day, And with a pillar of fire by night To light for them the way In which they were to go.
- ¹³ "Then Thou didst come down on Mount Sinai, And didst speak with them from heaven; Thou didst give to them just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments.
- ¹⁴ "So Thou didst make known to them Thy holy sabbath, And didst lay down for them commandments, statutes, and law, Through Thy servant Moses.
- ¹⁵ "Thou didst provide bread from heaven for them for their hunger, Thou didst bring forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, And Thou didst tell them to enter in order to possess The land which Thou didst swear to give them.
- ¹⁶ "But they, our fathers, acted arrogantly; They became stubborn and would not listen to Thy commandments.
- ¹⁷ "And they refused to listen, And did not remember Thy wondrous deeds which Thou hadst performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But Thou art a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness; And Thou didst not forsake them.
- ¹⁸ "Even when they made for themselves A calf of molten metal And said, 'This is your God Who brought you up from Egypt,' And committed great blasphemies,
- ¹⁹ Thou, in Thy great compassion, Didst not forsake them in the wilderness; The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go.
- ²⁰ "And Thou didst give Thy good Spirit to instruct them, Thy manna Thou didst not withhold from their mouth, And Thou didst give them water for their thirst.
- ²¹ "Indeed, forty years Thou didst provide for them in the wilderness and they were not in want; Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell.
- ²² "Thou didst also give them kingdoms and peoples, And Thou didst allot them to them as a boundary. And they took possession of the land of Sihon the king of Heshbon, And the land of Og the king of Bashan.
- ²³ "And Thou didst make their sons numerous as the stars of heaven, And Thou didst bring them into the land Which Thou hadst told their fathers to enter and possess.
- ²⁴ "So their sons entered and possessed the land. And Thou didst subdue before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, And Thou didst give them into their hand, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, To do with them as they desired.
- ²⁵ "And they captured fortified cities and a fertile land. They took possession of houses full of every good thing, Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves, Fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled, and grew fat, And reveled in Thy great goodness.

Acts 7:34, The Bible Confirms Numbers

- ^{NAU} Acts 7:35 "This Moses whom they disowned ...³⁶
"This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. ³⁷ "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren.' ³⁸ "This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.... ⁴² "But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'It was not to Me that you offered victims and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, was it, O house of Israel?

Acts 7:34, The Bible Confirms Numbers

- ^{NAU} Exodus 16:35 The sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.
- ^{NAU} Deuteronomy 2:7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing."

Deuteronomy 8

The Bible Confirms Numbers

- ^{NAU} Deuteronomy 8:2 ...the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, **that** He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that **man does not live by bread alone**, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ "Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵ "**Thus** you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. [*Deuteronomy 29:5, Joshua 5:6, Nehemiah 9:21, Psalm 95:10, Amos 2:10, 5:25, Acts 7:36, 13:18, Hebrews 3:9, 3:17*]

Hebrews 11:23, The Bible Confirms Exodus

- Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the first-born might not touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

Chronology of the Book of Numbers

Num 1:1-10:10

Covers a period
of 19 days at
Sinai

Num 13-14

At Kadesh-
Barnea

Num 1:1 - From: 1st day / 2nd mo / 2nd yr
Num 10:11 - To: 20th day / 2nd mo / 2nd yr

Chronology of the Book of Numbers

Num 15-20

The 38 years
of wandering

Num 20:1-
36:13

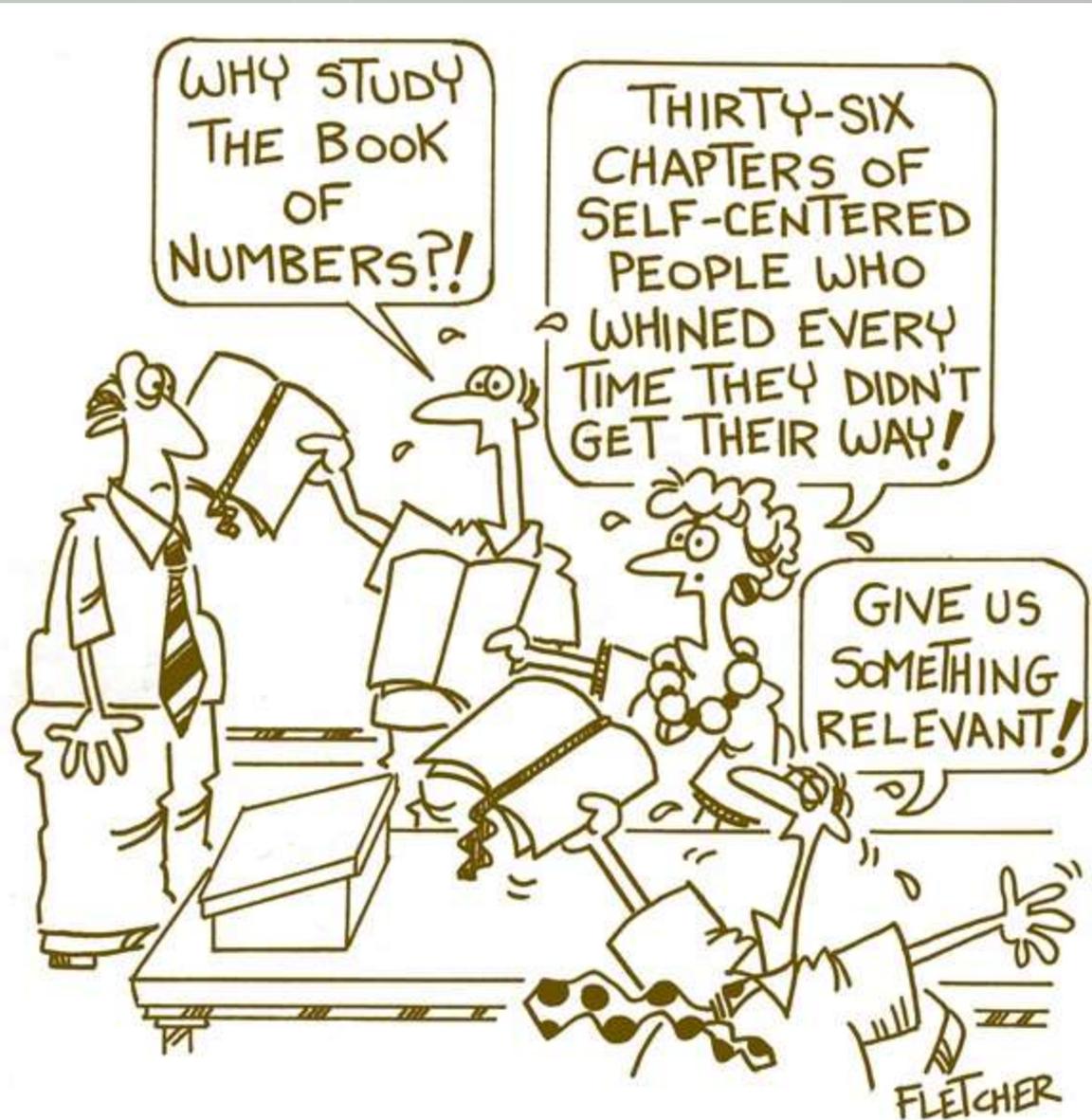
The 40th year
after the
exodus

Num 20:1, 22-29 - From ? Day / 1st mo / ? Yr
(Miriam and Aaron die at Kadesh and Mt. Hor)

Cf. Num 33:36-38 - 1st day / 5th mo / 40th yr

Why Study Numbers?

- NAU Jude 1:16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.
- NAU 1 Corinthians 10:10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- NAU Psalm 106:25 But grumbled in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.



1 Corinthians 10:9, Christ or Lord?

- ^{NAU} 1 Corinthians 10:9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.
- ^{NAS NAU} 1 Corinthians 10:9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did....
- ^{YLT NET NKJ ESV CSB KJV} ...Christ...
- ^{BYZ BGT} ...τὸν Χριστόν...

Numbers Title?

- The Septuagint calls it *Arithmoi*, “Numbers” and we get the English name from that.
- The Hebrew Bible uses the name “*bemidbar*”, *from* the fifth word in Numbers , and it means “in the desert of, pasturage, wilderness, desert, i.e. area not cultivated”
- This word “wilderness” or “*midbar*” is used twice as much here as any other book.
- Some Hebrew Bibles use a the name based on Numbers 1:1, “And the LORD spake”

Two Numberings

- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:46 even all the numbered men were 603,550.
- ^{NAU} Numbers 26:51 These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, 601,730.
- Is this a mistake in the Bible?
- No, it's the total after they died and their children grew up.
- Some critics say that's too many people to survive in the desert.
- That's the point! God supernaturally provided.
- Also, "wilderness" or "*midbar*" = pasturage or not cultivated.

Numbers 1:1-4

- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:3 from twenty years old and upward, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.
- You would be better off enlisting teenagers than men “twenty years old and upward.”
- Could it be our LORD knew it’s a good idea to preserve the genetic info of young men?

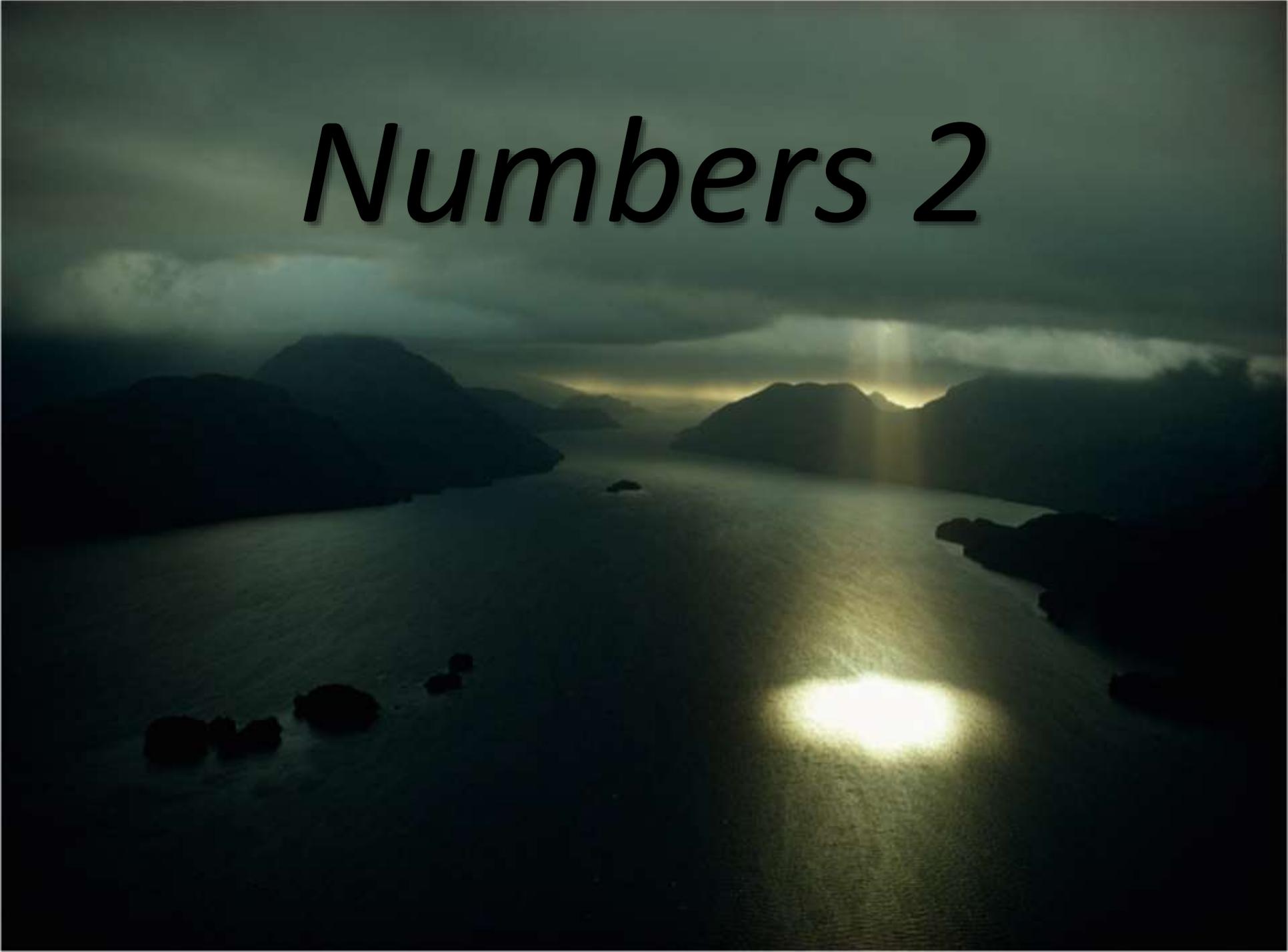
Numbers 1:17-44, Where's Levi?

- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:32 Of the sons of Joseph, namely, of the sons of Ephraim....
- ³⁴ Of the sons of Manasseh...
- ^{NAU} Genesis 48:5 "Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.
- Vocabulary of 14 names= 13 tribes, so it's always 12 tribes no matter who's left out (Levi, Revelation 7= no Dan, etc.)

Numbers 1:49-50, Clergy

- ^{NAU} Numbers 1:49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take their census among the sons of Israel. ⁵⁰ "But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony..."
- Our basis for not shooting the clergy (medics also?) in battles.

Numbers 2



Numbers 2:1, Standards, Banners

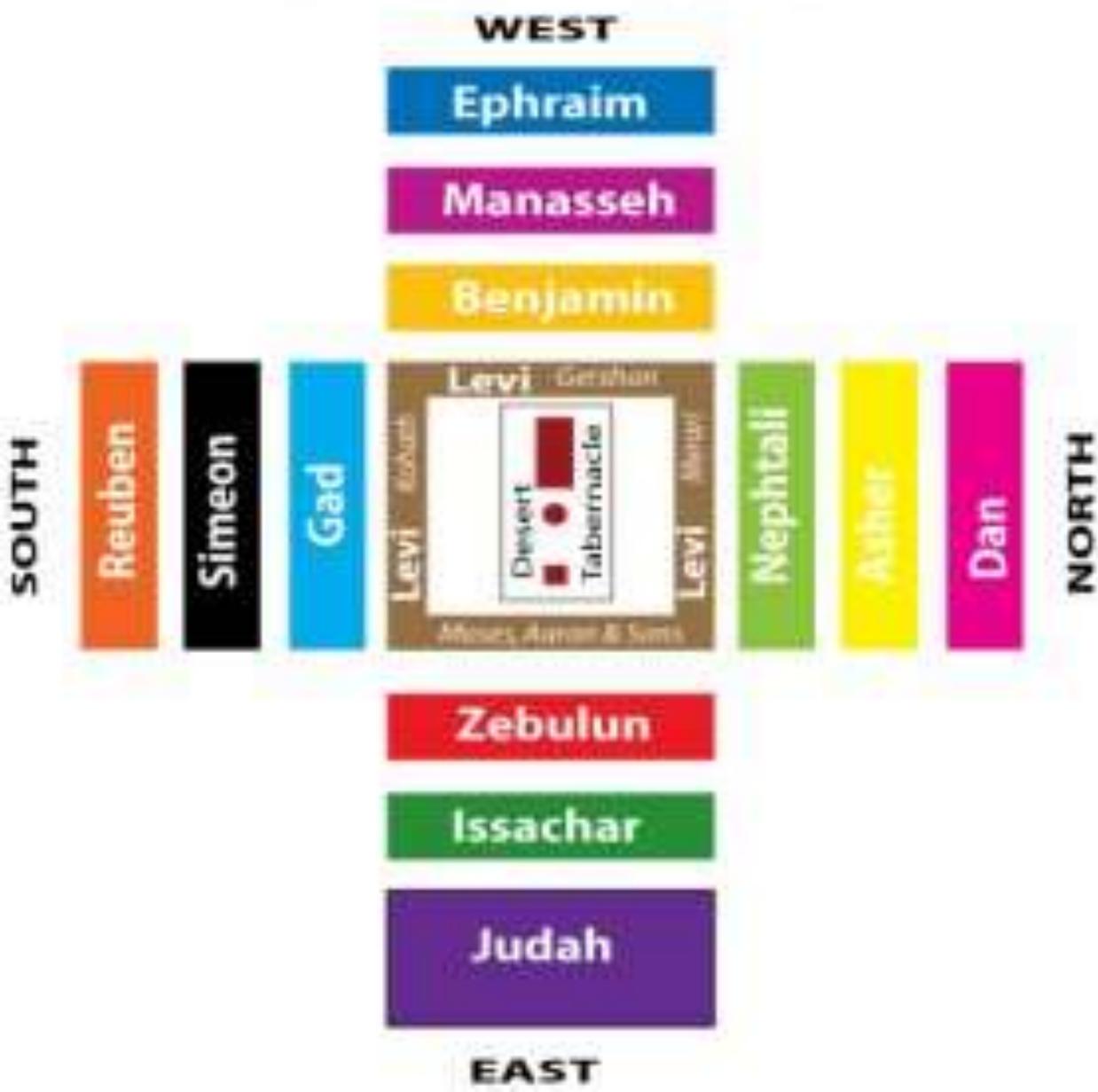
- ^{NAU} Numbers 2:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ² "The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.
- Israel's Standards or banners

Numbers 2:1, Standards, Banners



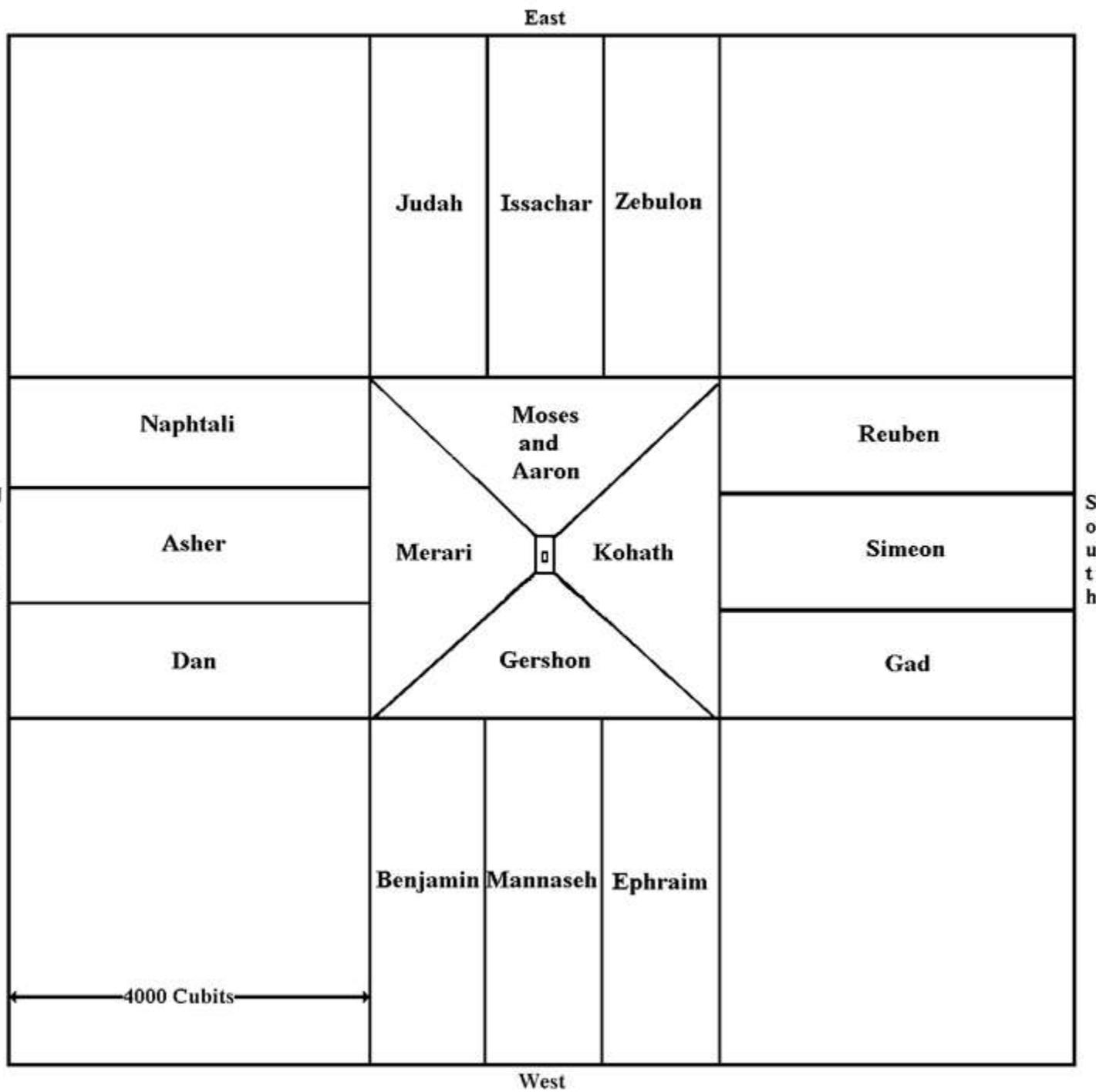
Encampment of the Tribes

Numbers 2:1-34 & 3:21-38



Num 2
Tribes

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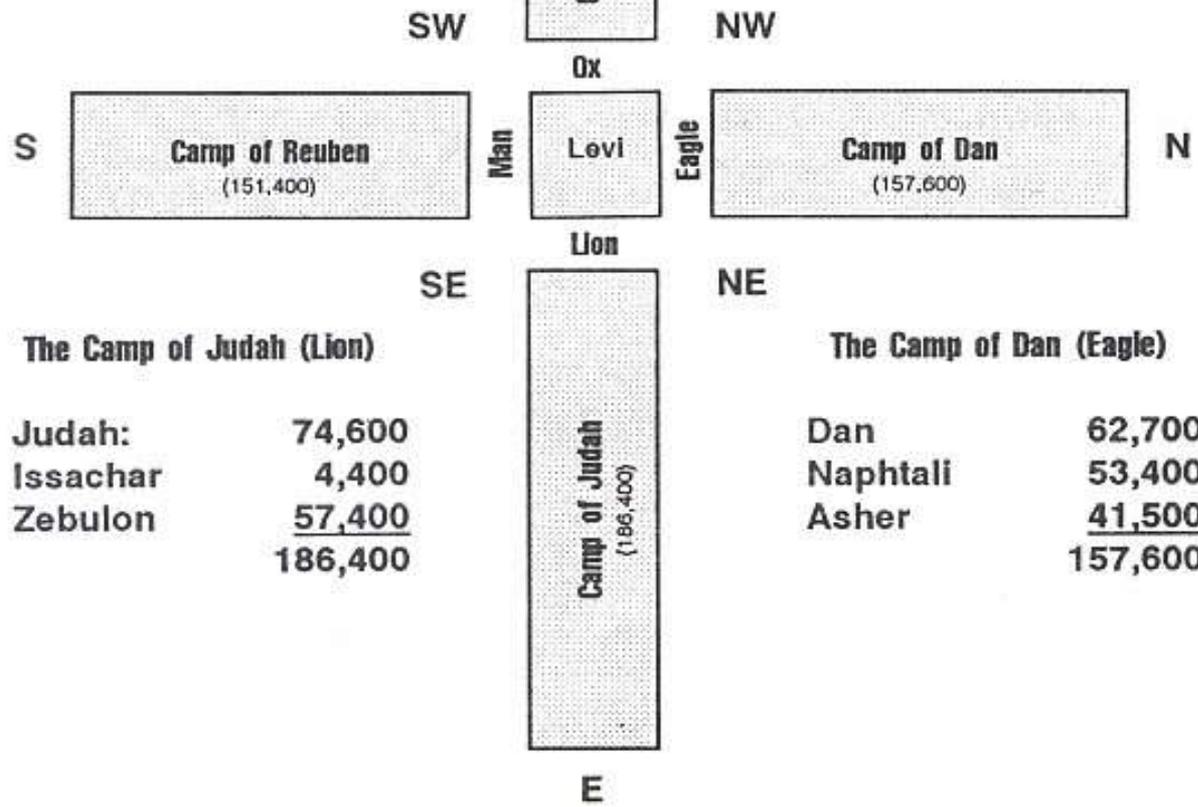
The Camp of Israel

The Camp of Reuben (Man)

Reuben	46,500
Simeon	59,300
Gad	<u>45,600</u>
	151,400

The Camp of Ephraim (Ox)

Ephraim	40,500
Manasseh	32,200
Benjamin	<u>35,400</u>
	108,100



The Camp of Judah (Lion)

Judah:	74,600
Issachar	4,400
Zebulun	<u>57,400</u>
	186,400

The Camp of Dan (Eagle)

Dan	62,700
Naphtali	53,400
Asher	<u>41,500</u>
	157,600

Num 2
Tribes

Numbers 2:34, Think Orderly

- ^{NAU} Numbers 2:34 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family according to his father's household.
- In military order

Numbers 3



Numbers 3:1, God Keeps Good Records

- ^{NAU} Numbers 3:1 Now these are the records of the generations of Aaron and Moses **at the time** when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.
- God records the precise time, “at the time”

Numbers 3:3, The Sons Of Aaron, The Anointed Priests

- ^{NAU} Numbers 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to serve as priests.
- Out of all the sons of Levi, only “the sons of Aaron” were the anointed priests, and only for a specific time of their life
- There are other ways to serve the LORD
- ^{NAU} Numbers 3:6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

Numbers 3:10, Put To Death

- ^{NAU} Numbers 3:10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that they may keep their priesthood, but the layman who comes near shall be put to death."
- ^{NAS NAU} ...the layman who comes near shall be put to death."
- ^{YLT KJV} ...the stranger...
- ^{NET CSB} ... any unauthorized person ...
- ^{NKJ ESV} ... outsider ...
- ^{NIV} ...anyone else who approaches the sanctuary is to be put to death."

TABERNACLE

Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord (Is.52:11)

Levites and their duties (Age 30- 50 years)

Gave unto the Levites according to their service.....Num.7: 5)

(Levites as Gershonites, Merarites, and Kohathites –Num.3: 17)

1.Kohathites (Represents Teachers- James 3: 1)

Num.4: 4; 15-16; 18-20 The Ark, Table, Lamp, Alter of incense,
all instruments, Alter of burnt offerings (Heavier-most holy)

But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none –Num.7: 9)

For their service was to bear upon their shoulders-v.9)

2.Gershonites (Represents evangelist- Rom.10: 15)

Numbers 4:25-26 And they shall bear the curtains, covering, hanging, cords etc.,
(Comparatively light)

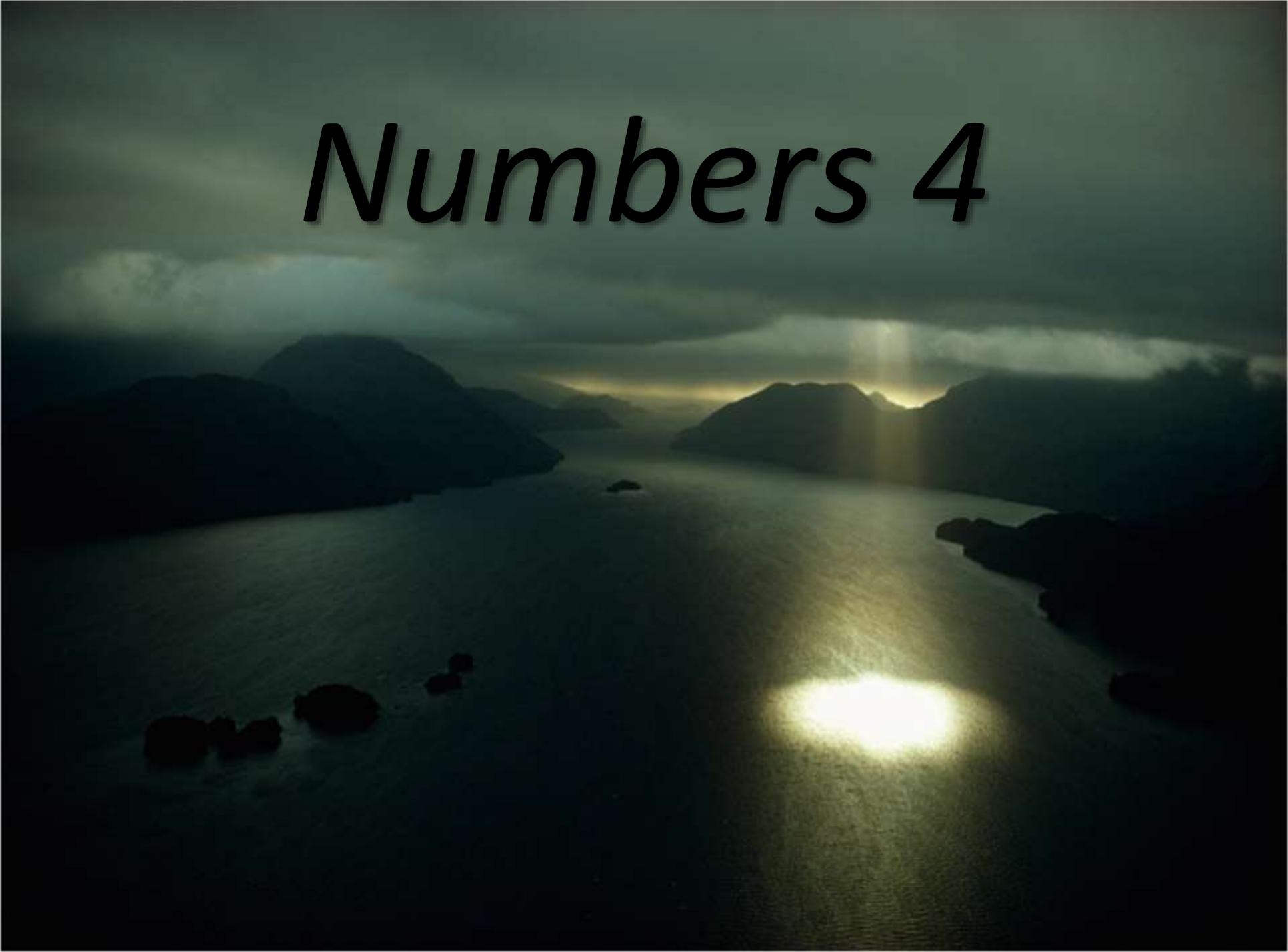
(Gave two wagons and 4 oxen- Num. 7: 6)

3.Merarites (Represents Elders-1.Tim.5: 17)

Numbers 4:31-32 their burden, the boards, the bars, the pillars sockets, pins, and
their cords etc (More heavier things)

(Gave 4 Wagons and 8 oxen – Num.7: 8)

Numbers 4



Numbers 4:3, On 30-50 Year Olds

- ^{NAU} Numbers 4:3 from thirty years and upward, even to **fifty years old**, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.
- God repeats “fifty years old” 7 X’s in chapter 4
- The phrase “to fifty years old” occurs only in this chapter in the NAU

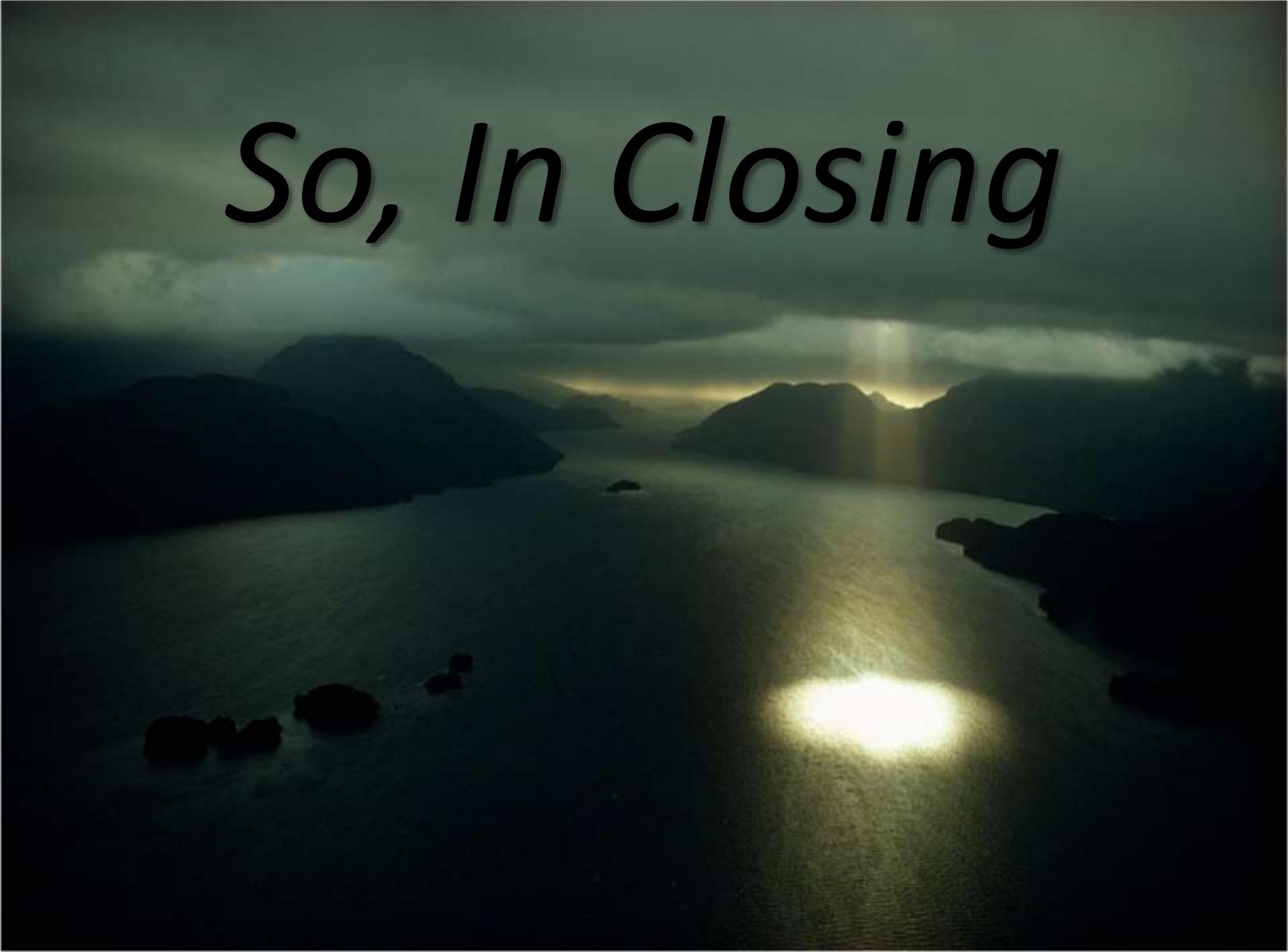
Numbers 4:4, The Sons Of Kohath

- ^{NAU} Numbers 4:4 "This is the work of the descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, concerning the most holy things. ⁵ "When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;...

Numbers 4:32, No Sqabblin'

- ^{NAU} Numbers 4:32 and the pillars around the court and their sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall **assign each man by name the items he is to carry.**
- No slackin' either (no cuttin' buckeye, for y'all that know Boontling).

So, In Closing



THE END *Stay Fit For God*



**HOW MANY
PUSH-UPS CAN
YOU DO?**

ALL OF THEM.