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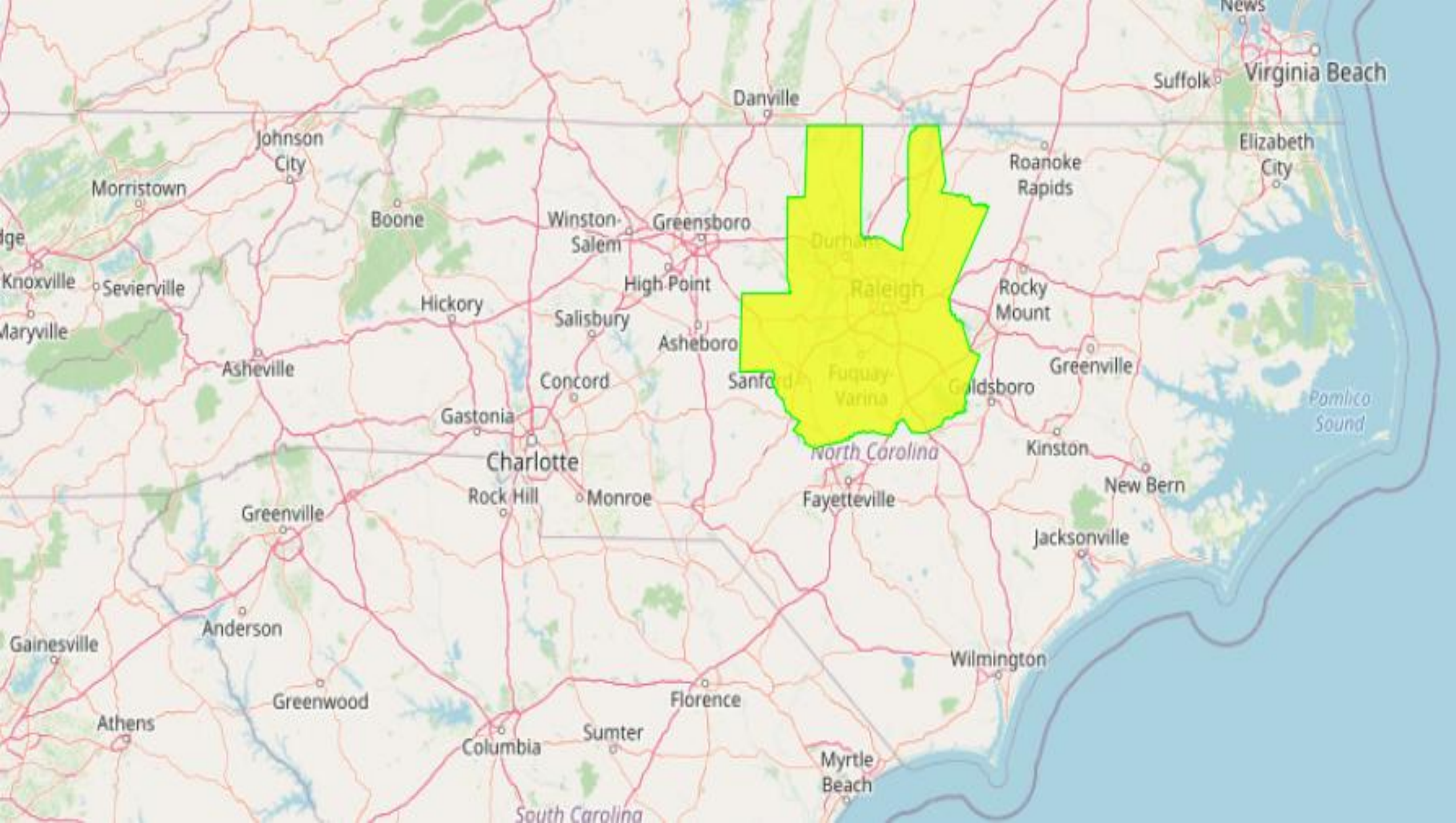
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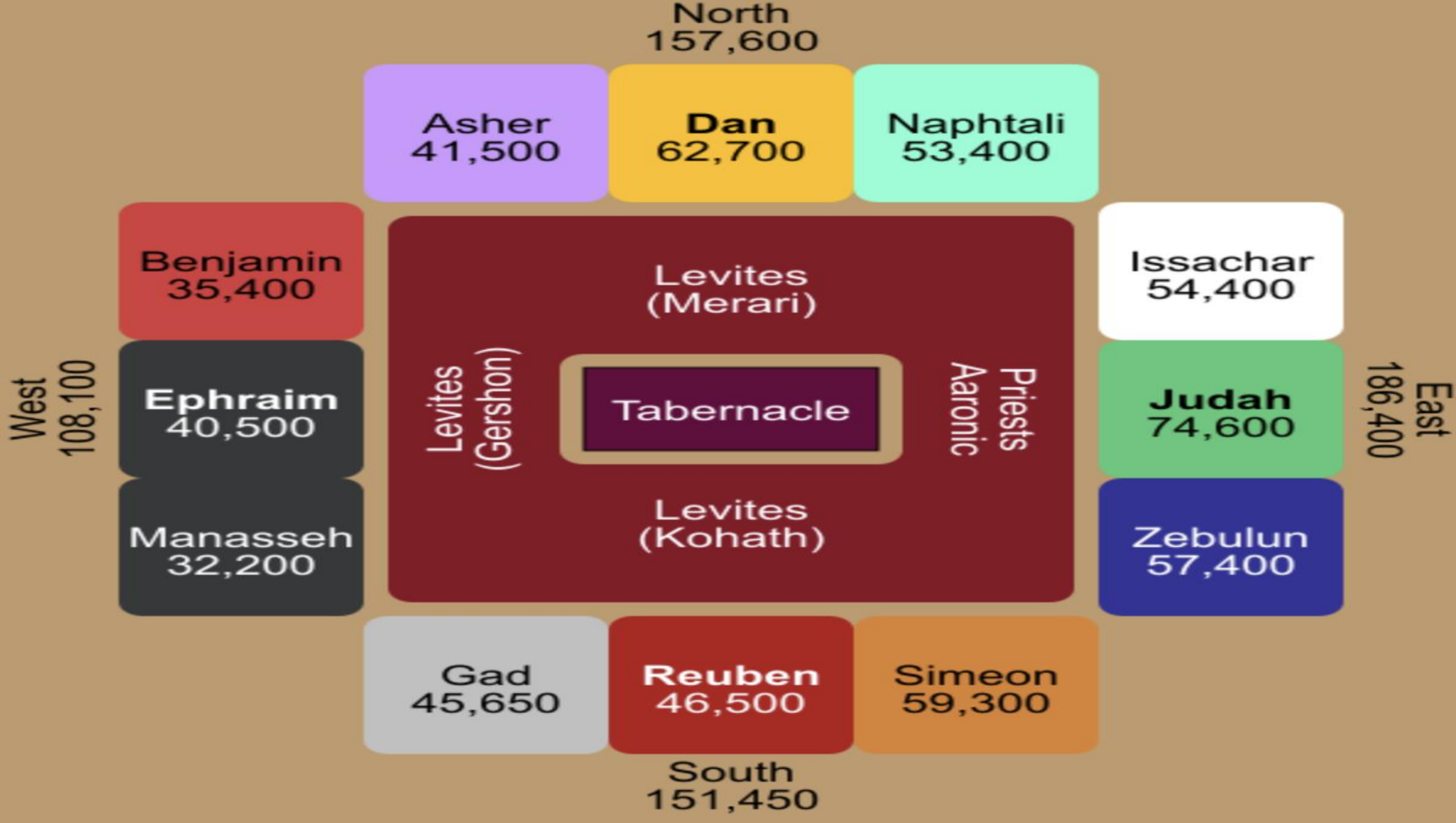




Numbers







A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts, perched on a rocky shore. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. Large, dark rocks line the shore. The ocean is visible in the distance under a dramatic, cloudy sky with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun.

**Just as the Lord
commanded...**

A small, white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney is built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is situated on the left side of the frame. The beach is composed of dark, wet sand and large, dark rocks. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking on the shore. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting or rising sun is visible on the horizon, reflecting on the wet sand and water. The overall mood is somber and isolated.

Foolishness in the Wilderness

How could God do this us?

“Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused.”

Numbers 11:1

Food Cravings

“Now the mixed multitude who were among them craved more desirable foods, and so the Israelites wept again and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat!’”

Numbers 11:4

Challenge to Moses

“Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married an Ethiopian woman). They said, ‘Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? Has He not also spoken through us?’ And the LORD heard it.”

Numbers 12:1-2

Peoples Response to the Spies

“Then all the community raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, ‘If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had perished in this wilderness!’”

Numbers 14:1-2

God's Response

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will this people despise me, and how long will they not believe in me, in spite of the signs that I have done among them?’”

Numbers 14:11

Moses Request

“So now, let the power of my Lord be great, just as you have said, ‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in loyal love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children until the third and fourth generations.’ Please forgive the iniquity of this people according to your great loyal love, just as you have forgiven this people from Egypt even until now.”

Numbers 14:17-19

Reality of Temptation

If only...



“And let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by snakes. And do not complain, as some of them did, and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as *examples* and were written *for our instruction*, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So let the one who thinks he is standing be careful that he does not fall.”

1 Corinthians 10:9-12

God's Silent Protection

Balak (king)

Balaam (messenger)



“Curse 1”

**“How can I curse one whom God
has not cursed, or how can I
denounce one whom the LORD
has not denounced?”**

Numbers 23:8

**“Who can count the dust of Jacob,
or number the fourth part of
Israel? Let me die the death of the
upright, and let the end of my life
be like theirs.”**

Numbers 23:10

"Curse 2"

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a human being, that he should change his mind.

**Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and will he not make it happen?"**

Numbers 23:19

"Curse 3"

**"They (Israel) crouch and lie
down like a lion, and as a lioness,
who can stir him?**

**Blessed is the one who blesses
you, and cursed is the one who
curses you!"**

Numbers 24:9

Promise "Curse 4"

**'I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not close at
hand. A star will march forth out
of Jacob, and a scepter will rise
out of Israel.**

He will crush the skulls of Moab, and the heads of all the sons of Sheth. Edom will be a possession, Seir, his enemy, will also be a possession; but Israel will act valiantly.”

Numbers 24:17-18

A coastal scene at sunset. In the background, a white house with a dark roof sits on stilts atop a rocky cliff. The foreground is a sandy beach with large, dark rocks. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is setting on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene.

**God Promises
Forgiveness**

**Never promises
NO Consequences**

“Do not be deceived. God will not be made a fool. For a person will reap what he sows, because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit”

Galatians 6:7-8

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