Lesson 2: Sinai to Shores (of Promised Land)

English Canon

The order we see reflected in our English Bible comes from the ordering of the Septuagint (Greek translation of the OT). The translators grouped the OT books by genre rather than the tradition Hebrew order: Law, Prophets, Writings (see below).

Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

History: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Prophecy: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, The Twleve (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Hebrew Canon

A compelling case can be made for an inspired order of the OT, as the Bible is a covenantal book, meaning there is a divine intention to its shape.

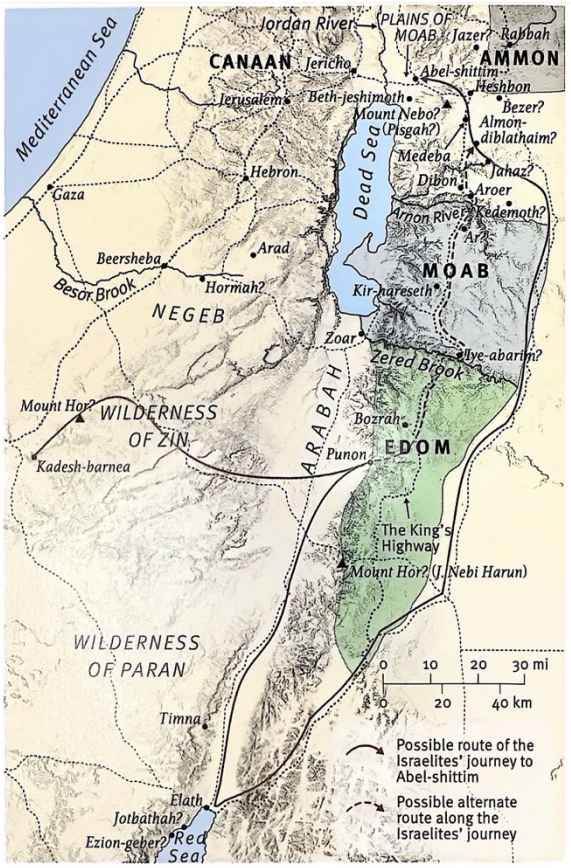
Law/*Torah*: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Prophets/*Nevi'm*

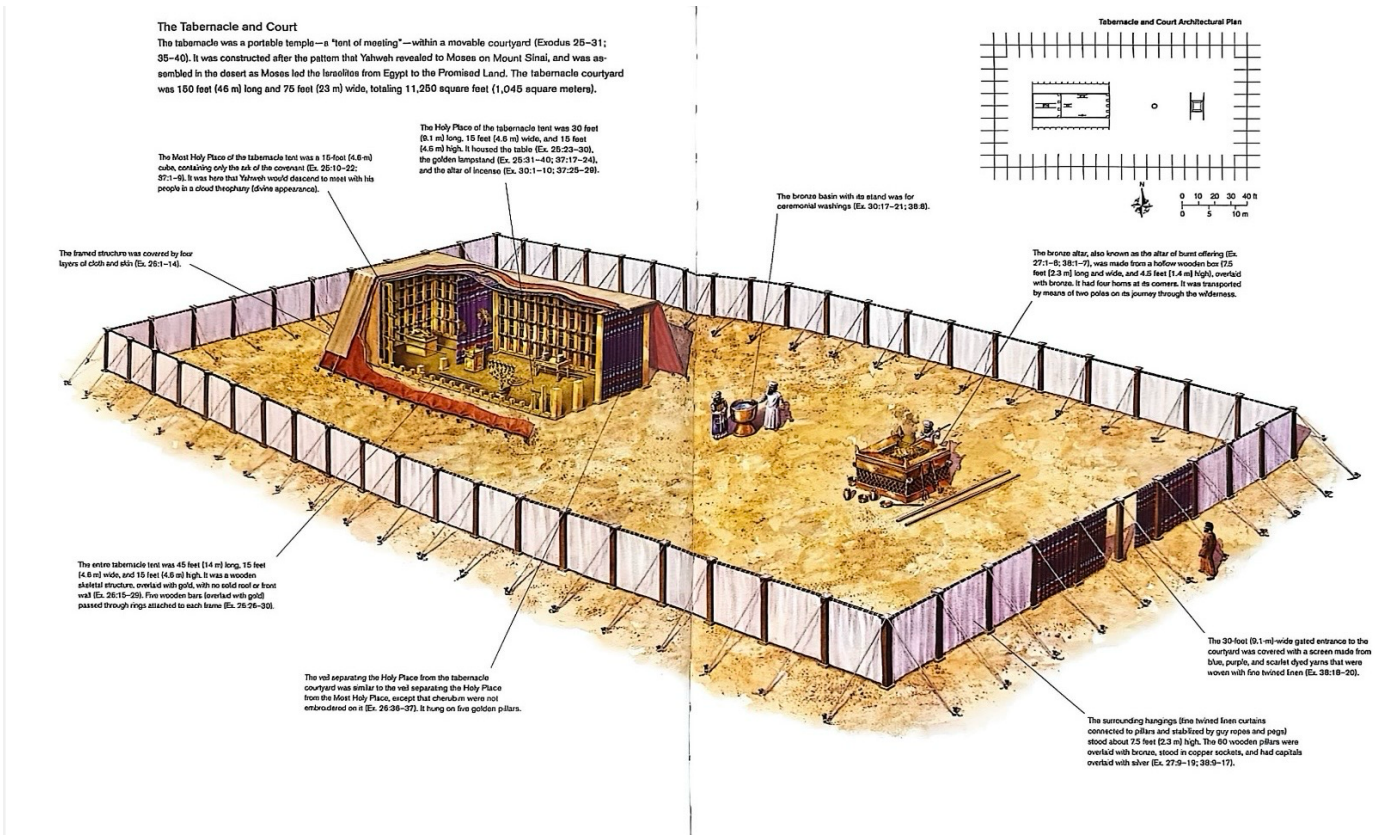
> **(Former):** Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Samuel, Kings
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> **(Later):** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, The Twelve (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Writings/*Ketubim:* Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra/Nehemiah, Chronicles





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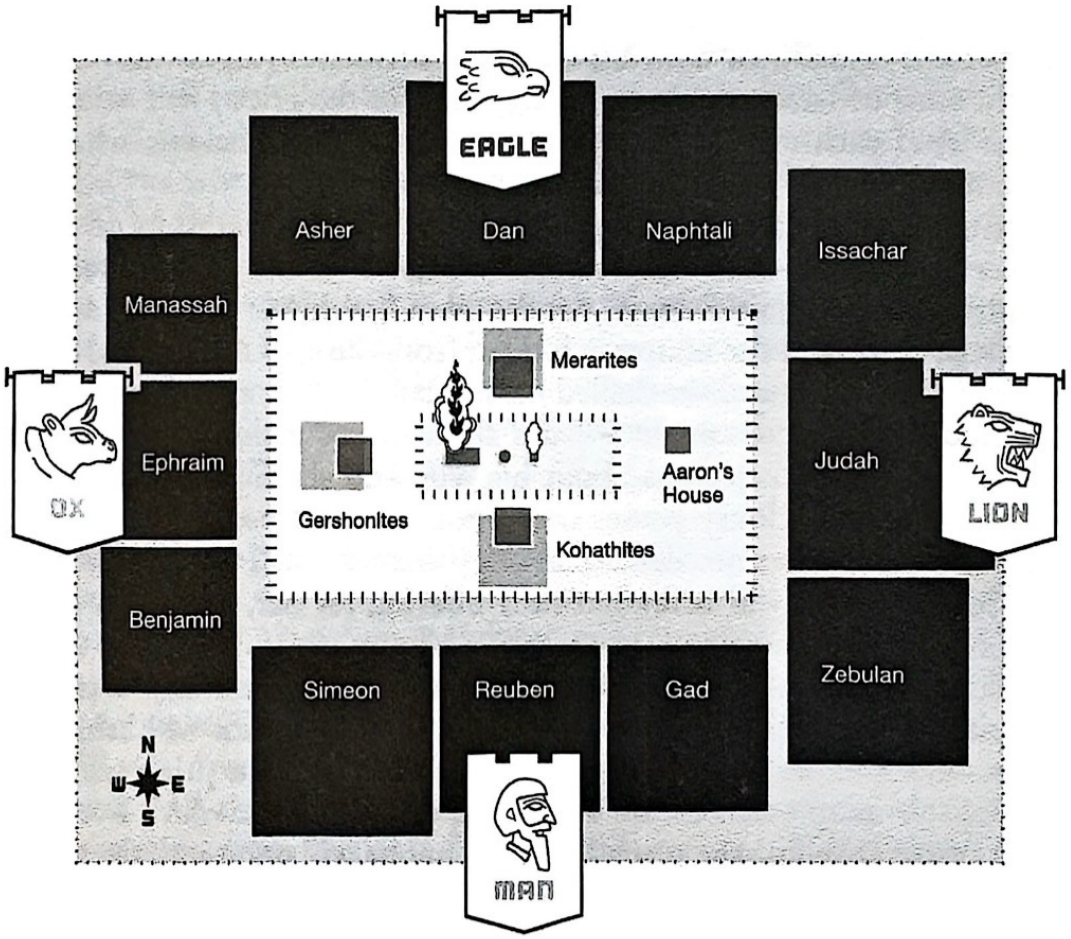


Figure 6: Overview of outer and inner camps

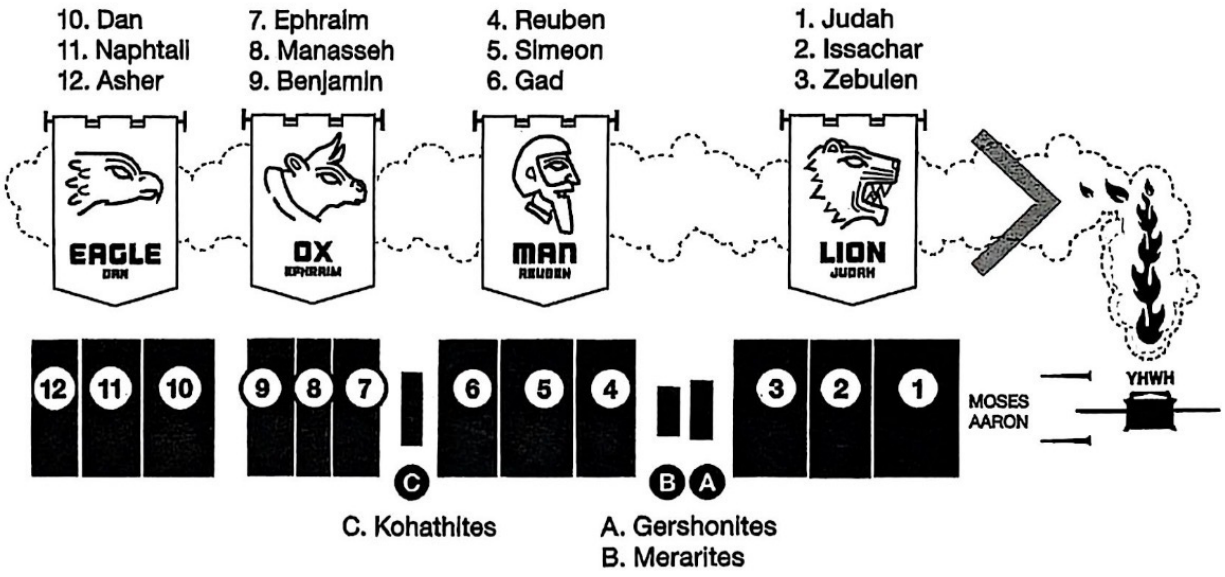


Figure 8: Israel's march from Sinai

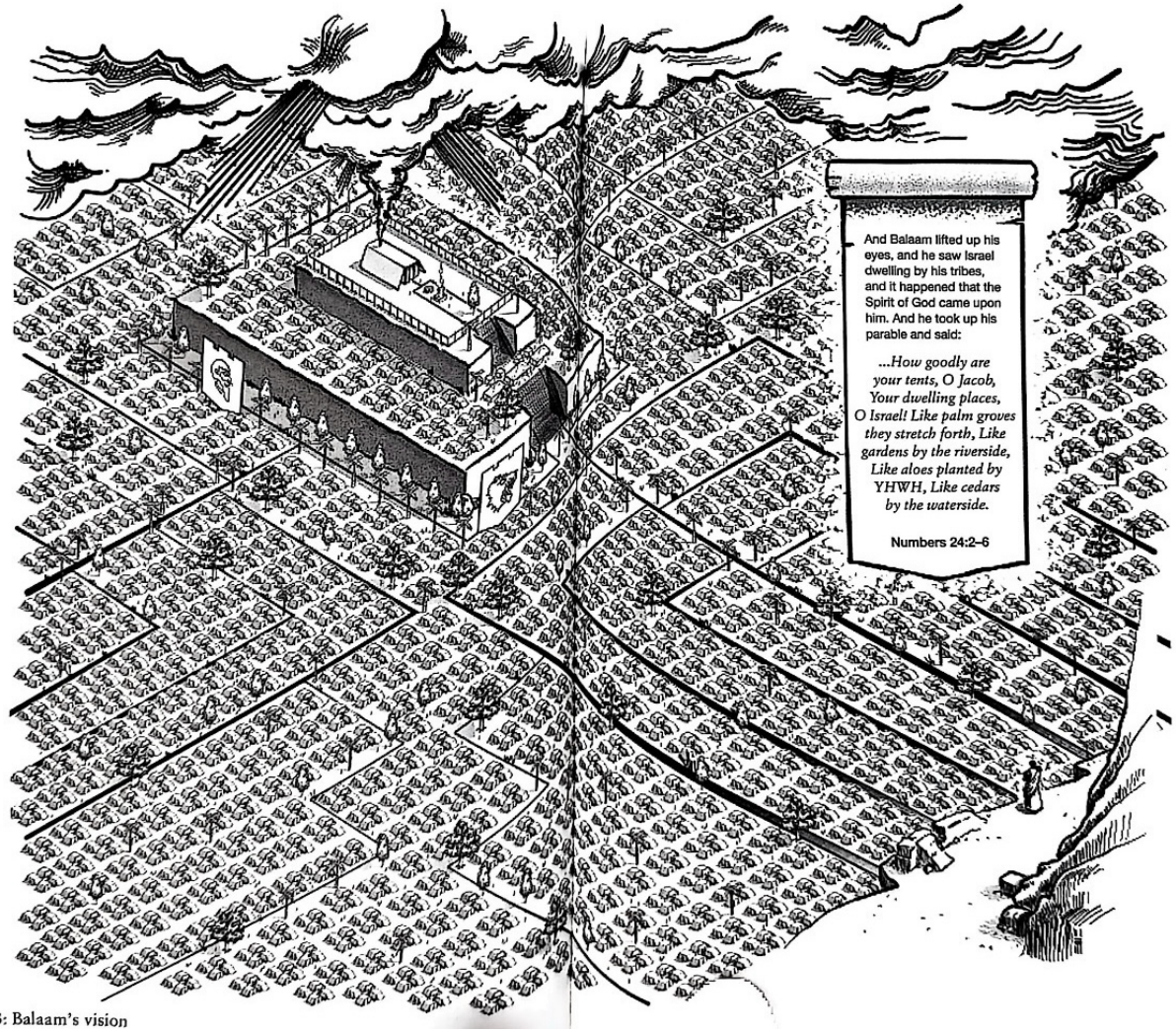


Figure 3: Balaam's vision

Rebellion of the Generations in Numbers 10–21[1]

First Generation	**Second Generation**
Grumbling of the people (11:4–10)	Grumbling of the people (20:1–5)
Moses, Miriam, and Aaron grumbled (11:11–15; 12:1–2)	Sin of Moses and Aaron (20:6–13)
Unbelief of the people (14:1–4)	Grumbling of the people (21:4–5)
Moses prays for the people (14:13–19)	Moses prays for the people and makes a fiery snake pole (21:7–9)

[1] Adapted from Schnittjer, *Torah Story,* 342)

Chronology from Exodus to Deuteronomy[2]

Egypt to Sinai	At Sinai	To Kadesh	Wandering in the Wilderness	To the plains of Moab
Exodus 12–18	Exodus 19–Numbers 10:10	Numbers 10:11–14:45	Numbers 15–19	Numbers 10–Deuteronomy 34
3 Months	*11 Months*	*3 Months*	*38 Years*	*7 Months*

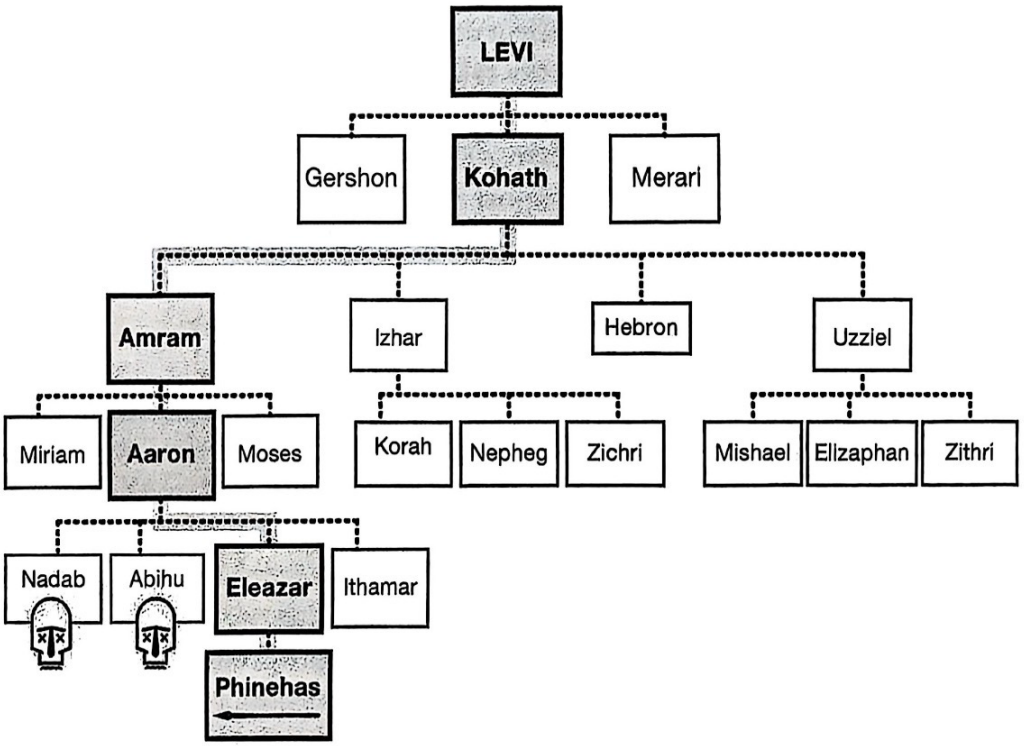


Figure 5: Levi's genealogy

[2] Schnittjer, *Torah Story*, 322.