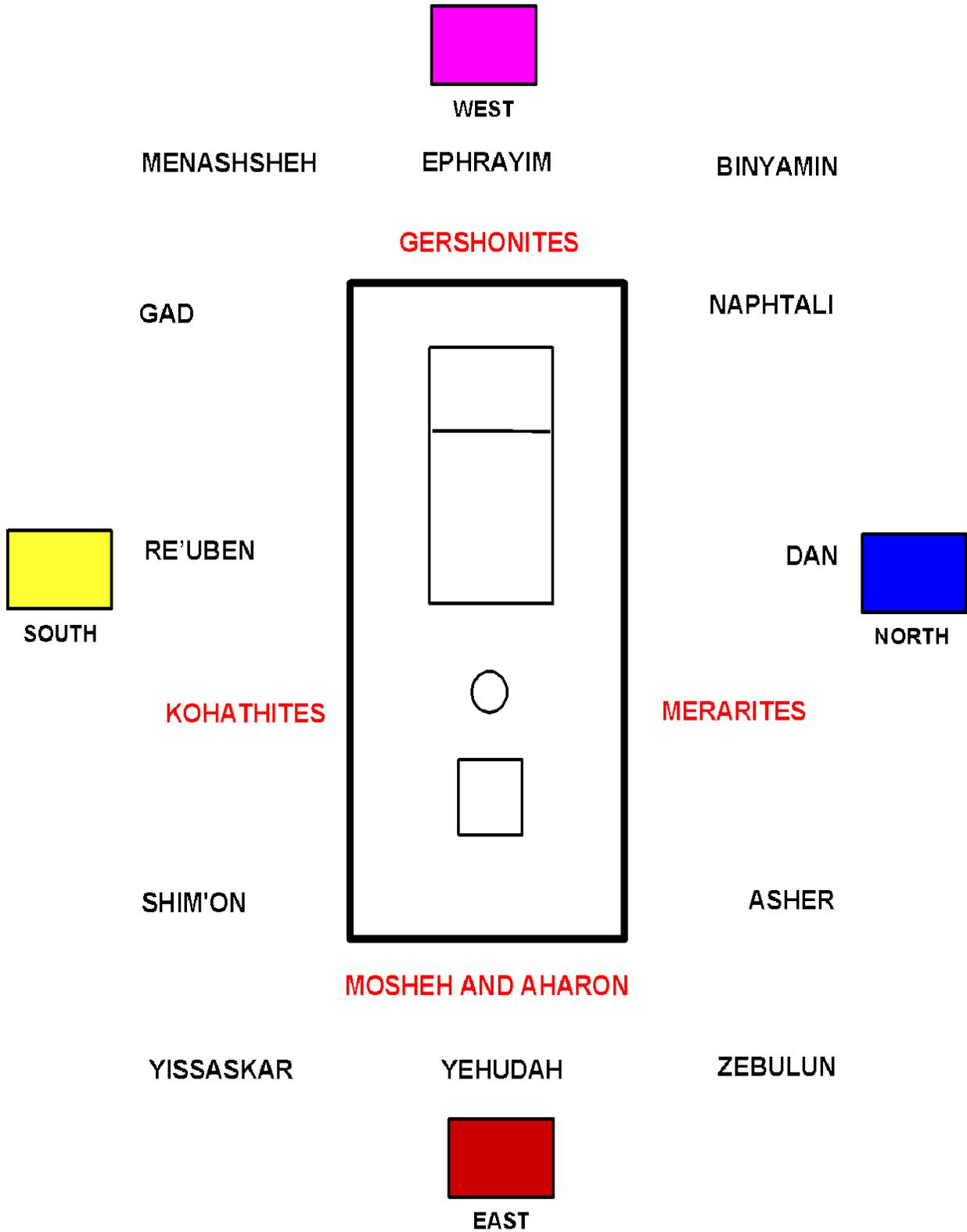


YISRA'EL ENCAMPMENT



Encampment of Yisra'ël

Mosheh wrote that there were about 600,000 men and also women, children and strangers who left Mitsrayim at the Exodus. They came out of Mitsrayim in rank and in file as they journeyed in the wilderness and the Tribes would camp around the Tent of Meeting in Yahuah's/Yahweh's specified locations.

Exo 12:37-38

And the children of Yisra'ël set out from Ra'meses to Sukkoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides the little ones.

And a mixed multitude went up with them too, also flocks and herds, very much livestock.

The Twelve Tribes and Clans

Each of the Twelve Tribes had a specific area of the camp to live in. While they were slaves in Mitsrayim they preserved their Tribal divisions and over the years the Tribes of the Twelve Sons had developed into Tribes and Clans. A good example is in Yehoshua:

Jos 7:14

'And you shall be brought near in the morning, according to your tribes. And it shall be, the tribe which יהוה takes comes according to clans. And the clan which יהוה takes comes by households. And the household which יהוה takes comes by men.

Position Around the Tent of Meeting:

The Twelve Tribes, in groups of three, were divinely situated at a certain distance around the Tent of Meeting. Four of the Tribes Yehudah, Re'ubĕn, Ephrayim, and Dan were recognized as Tribal Leaders and placed in the center positions on the four sides of the Tent of Meeting. Each had its own Standard or Banner to identify it as the Tribal Head while the other Tribes had Ensigns, a lesser type of Banner.

It is important to note that Ya'aqob (the father of the 12 Tribes) had prophesied that the senior position in his Tribes would belong to the children of Yehudah:

Gen 49:9-10

"Yehudah is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?

"The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

Yehudah occupied the greatest area which was on the eastern side facing the Tent of Meeting entrance behind the tents of Aharon. To their right was the Tribe of Yissasakar and on the other side Zebulun. The Tent of Meeting itself was always

found in the very center of the camp with the tents of the various Tribes set up at a certain distance. Yehudah (with Yissaskar and Zebulun) on the east numbering 186,400 men. Re'ubēn (with Shim'on and Gad) in the south numbering 151,450 men. West was Ephraim (with Menashsheh and Binyamin) numbering 108,100 men. On the north side was Dan (with Ashēr and Naphtali) numbering 157,600 men. This brought the total count of men twenty years and upwards to 603,550, not including the Tribe of Lēwi.

Num 2:2

“The children of Yisra'ēl are to camp, each one by his own banner, beside the sign of his father's house. Let them camp around the Tent of Meeting at a distance.”

Each Tribe had a specific Banner:

Exo 28:15-21

“And you shall make a breastplate of right-ruling, a work of a skilled workman, like the work of the shoulder garment. Make it of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine woven linen.

“It is square, doubled, a span its length, and a span its width.

“And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row is a ruby, a topaz, and an emerald;

and the second row is a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;

and the third row is a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

and the fourth row is a beryl, and a shoham, and a jasper. They are set in gold settings.

“And the stones are according to the names of the sons of Yisra'ēl, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name, for the twelve tribes.

Gen 49:2-28

“Gather together and hear, you sons of Ya'aqoḇ, and listen to Yisra'ēl your father.

“Re'ubēn, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.

“Boiling like water, you do not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then you defiled it – he went up to my couch.

“Shim'on and Lēwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence.

“Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they slew a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure.

“Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqoḇ and scatter them in Yisra'ēl.

“You, Yehuḏah, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you.

“Yehuḏah is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?

“The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehuḏah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

“Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.

“His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

“Zebulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships, and his border is unto Tsidon.
“Yissaskar is a strong donkey lying down between two burdens, and he saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, and he inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a subject to slave labour.
“Dan rightly rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra’ël.
“Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider falls backward.
“I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!
“Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.
“Bread from Ashër is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.
“Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.
“Yosëph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.
“And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.
“But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya’aqoḅ – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra’ël –
from the Ēl of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
“The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yosëph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.
“Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey, and at night he divides the spoil.”
All these are the twelve tribes of Yisra’ël, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them, he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

The Tribe of Lëwi (the Lëwitical Priesthood)

Now although there are the Twelve Tribes of Yisra’ël, we notice that there are thirteen names when we identify their places in the Encampment. The Lëwites were ordained for the service of Yahuah/Yahweh and Set-Apart as the Lëwitical Priesthood.

This would have left only Eleven Tribes but the large Tribe of Yosëph was divided into two, consisting of the descendants of his sons Ephrayim and Menashsheh. Each was regarded as an individual Tribe. Not only was the Tribe of Lëwi involved in an act of dedication but also in one of substitution. On that night of terror in Mitsrayim when the firstborn of every Mitsrite family had been slain, the Yisra’ëlite firstborn sons lived because a lamb had died in substitution for him. As soon as this happened Yahuah/Yahweh called on Mosheh to consecrate all those firstborn sons, and those who would be born in the future, to his service. They had been saved from death while those around them had died. From then on, they were to be Set-Apart for the service of Yahuah/Yahweh.

But when the Lěwites were chosen as the consecrated Tribe, it was an act of substitution and they took the place previously required of the firstborn son in each Tribe.

Mosheh and his brother Aharon belonged to the Tribe of Lěwi, the third son of Ya'aqoḃ. Lěwi had three sons; Gěreshon, Qehath, and Merari. Mosheh and his brother sprang from the Clan of Qehath. Mosheh was chosen to be leader of the Set-apart Ones and Yahuah/Yahweh gave further honor to the Clan of Qehath by selecting Aharon to be the first of His Lěwitical Priesthood, and commanding that only the descendants of Aharon should serve as Priests in the Set-Apart Place and represent the Set-apart Ones of Yahuah/Yahweh.

The rest of the men of Lěwi, known as Lěwites, were charged with the care of the Set-Apart Place. This was a Holy Commission which no other Tribe of the Set-apart Ones in Yisra'ěl were permitted to participate. Only the Lěwites could handle the Set-Apart Place and its furnishings when the camp was on the move. When it came to rest they were the ones to erect it, care for it, and assist the Lěwitical Priesthood (the sons of Aharon) in their duties.

Camped just outside Tent of Meeting were the Lěwite tents. The Lěwites performed the duties of the Set-Apart Place and therefore were mediators between Yahuah/Yahweh and the Set-Apart Ones. The Tribe of Lěwi was divided into four Clans. Their tents were pitched between the Tent of Meeting and the Set-Apart Ones, one Clan on each side. The Qehathites on the south numbering 8,600. The Gěreshonites on the west numbering 7,500. The Merarites on the north side numbering 6,200. On the eastern side were the tents of Mosheh and Aharon (the High Priest), and Aharon's sons (the Priests).

Camped in the center of the Set-Apart Place was Yahuah/Yahweh.

Will the Set-Apart ones ever see this Encampment of Yisra'ěl set in place again?

ABSOLUTELY!!!!!!!

Rev 21:10-14

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim, having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'ël:

three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.

As you can see there are no twelve denominations, churches or organizations but only the Twelve Tribes and the Set-Apart Ones who live and reside in the Reign of Elohim.

You must either be one of the Tribes by birth or grafted into one of the Tribes. Therefore you must be or become a Yisra'elite and believe on the Name of Yahshuah/Yahoshua HaMashiach.

Gal 3:29

And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

Deu 1:8

'See, I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which יהוה swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, to give to them and their seed after them.'

Mat 8:11

"And I say to you that many shall come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, and Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob in the reign of the heavens,

If you do not live and observe the Torah and live as our Mashiach did then you are not in His Image and/or Likeness and do not have an invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Selah and Shalom