

The Pentateuch

GENESIS- -book of beginnings

EXODUS- -book of redemption

~80 years
(from chapter 2 on)

LEVITICUS- -book of atonement & worship

1 month

NUMBERS- -book of testing

~39 years

DEUTERONOMY- -book of remembrance

~1 month

The Book of Numbers

I. The Preparation of the Old Generation to Inherit the Promised Land (1:1-10:10)

--20 days

--at Mt. Sinai

II. The Failure of the Old Generation to Inherit the Promised Land (10:11-25:18)

--38 years, 3 months, 10 days

--in the wilderness

III. The Preparation of the New Generation to Inherit the Promised Land (26-36)

--approx. 5 months

--on plains of Moab

Outline of NUMBERS

I. The Old Generation

Chapters 1-14

Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea

II. The Transition Era

Chapters 15-20

The Wilderness Wandering

III. The New Generation

Chapters 21-36

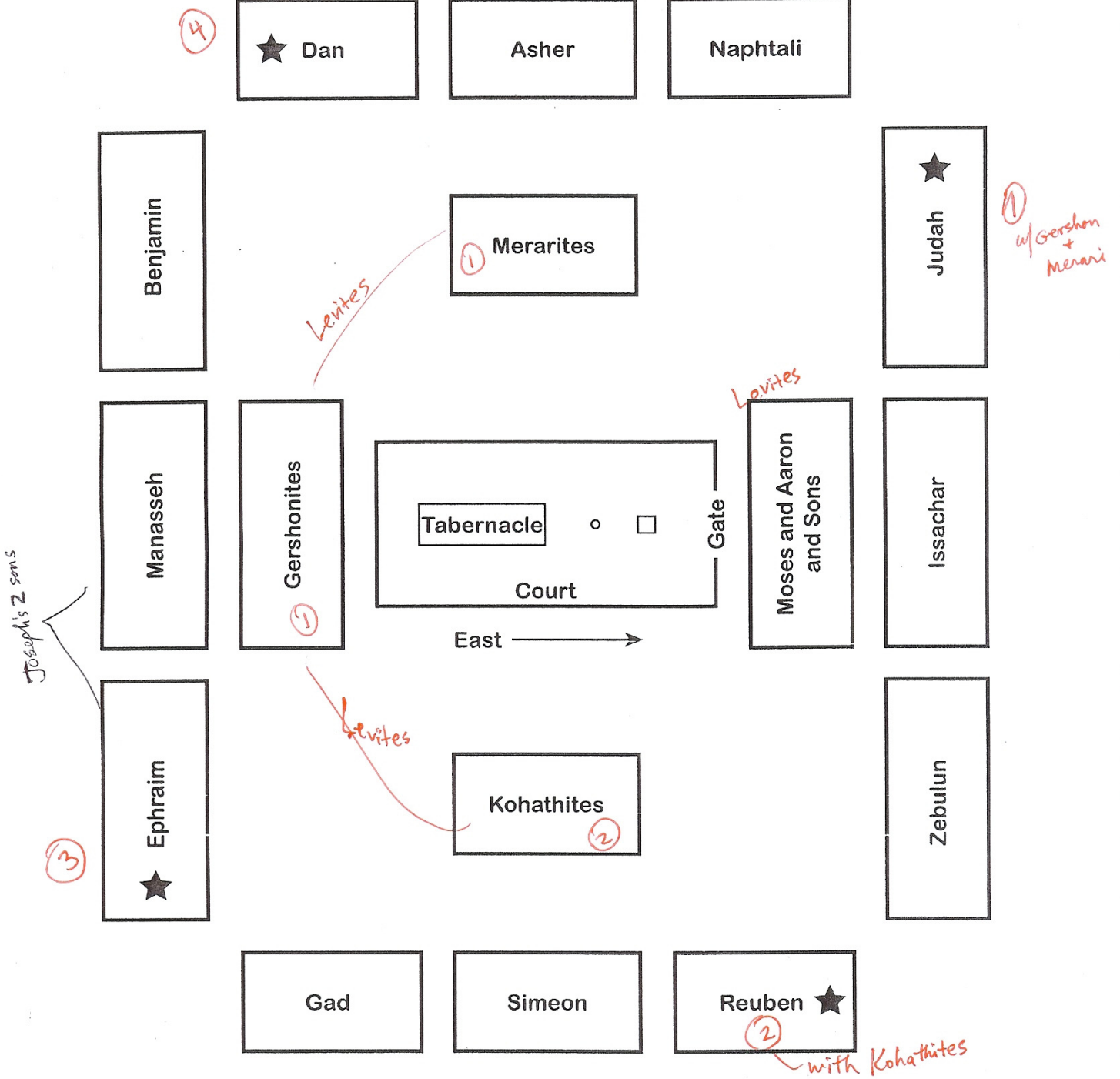
Kadesh to Plains of Moab

(J.S. Baxter)

TIMELINE OF EVENTS—early Exodus history

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Tabernacle raised	2	1	1	Exodus 40:17
First numbering (census)	2	2	1	Numbers 1:1
Leaving Sinai	2	2	20	Numbers 10:11
First stop	2	2	23	Numbers 10:33

Camp Arrangement of Israel's Tribes



Numbers 11 and 12

11:1-15 The People's Complaints

11:16-30 The 70 Elders Receive the Spirit

11:31-35 The LORD sends Quail

12:1-16 Aaron and Miriam speak against Moses

THE LORD SENDS QUAIL-----Numbers 11

“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Has the LORD’s arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not.’” (v. 23)

After the Holy Spirit rested upon the 70 elders, “Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.” (v. 30)

“The next events were a sequence of miracle upon miracle, explained in no other way.”

“(1) A miraculous wind (11:31)

(2) Quails from the sea area, probably from the Arabian Gulf to the southeast (11:31)

(3) The quails dropped at the camp (11:31)

(4) The miraculous number of quails (11:31, 32), blown off normal course in their migration, so that the birds flew waist high (three feet) above the surface of the earth. The flight lasted so long that the Israelites stood for two days and a night knocking down the quails. To keep them from spoiling the quails were spread about the camp to dry in the sun (11:32b).

(5) The climactic miracle of judgment, in which God smote a number of the people with a very great plague (11:33).”

(Irving Jensen)

Kibroth Hattaavah means “graves of lusting”
“graves of craving”
“graves of greediness.”

Numbers----Application

I Corinthians 10:1-12

- Original generation of Israelite in the Exodus were believers (:1-4)
- God was not well-pleased with *most* of them (:5)
- These people are examples (types) for NT believers, and are given as instruction (admonition) for us (:6-12)

“The faithless failure of Israel to enter Canaan may well foreshadow—as it certainly illustrates—the failure of the organised (sic) Church today to possess the heavenly things in Christ.” (A.C. Gaebelin)

“It is the presence of these typical meanings and representative lessons which gives the book its rich spiritual values for us today. He who knows Numbers well will be well admonished for the pilgrim journey to the heavenly Canaan, and will escape many a sad set-back.”

(J.S. Baxter)

NUMBERS 11 and 12- - - for us today

Romans 11:22 “Behold the goodness and severity of God”

I Corinthians 10:12 “Let him who thinks he stands
take heed, lest he fall”

Hebrews 3:12 “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any
of you an evil heart of unbelief in
departing from the living God”