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## Rewarded with service

- Separate even in census
- Appointed over tabernacle, etc.
- Camp around tabernacle
- Three-fold service: 1. the priesthood, 2. the tabernacle, 3. the congregation
- Chosen instead of the firstborn

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## Unfaithful Firstborns

Gen.4:1	Cain	Seth
Gen.21:9-10	Ishmael	Isaac
Gen.25:25	Esau	Jacob
Gen.29:32	Reuben	Joseph
Gen.38:7	Er	Judah (?)
Ex.13:2	Israel's Firstborn	Levites
Num.3:2	Nadab	Eleazar
1Sam.16:6	Eliab	David
2Sam.3:2	Amnon	Solomon

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## The Nature of the Service – Numbers 3

### Gershon

*Eliasaph - 7500*

v.25 – tent with covering, door for tabernacle screen

v.26 – screen and hangings with chords for court

### Kohath

*Elizaphan - 8600*

v.31 – ark, table, lampstand, altars, utensils, the screen

v.32 – Eleazar made chief – kept charge of sanctuary

### Merari

*Zuriel - 6200*

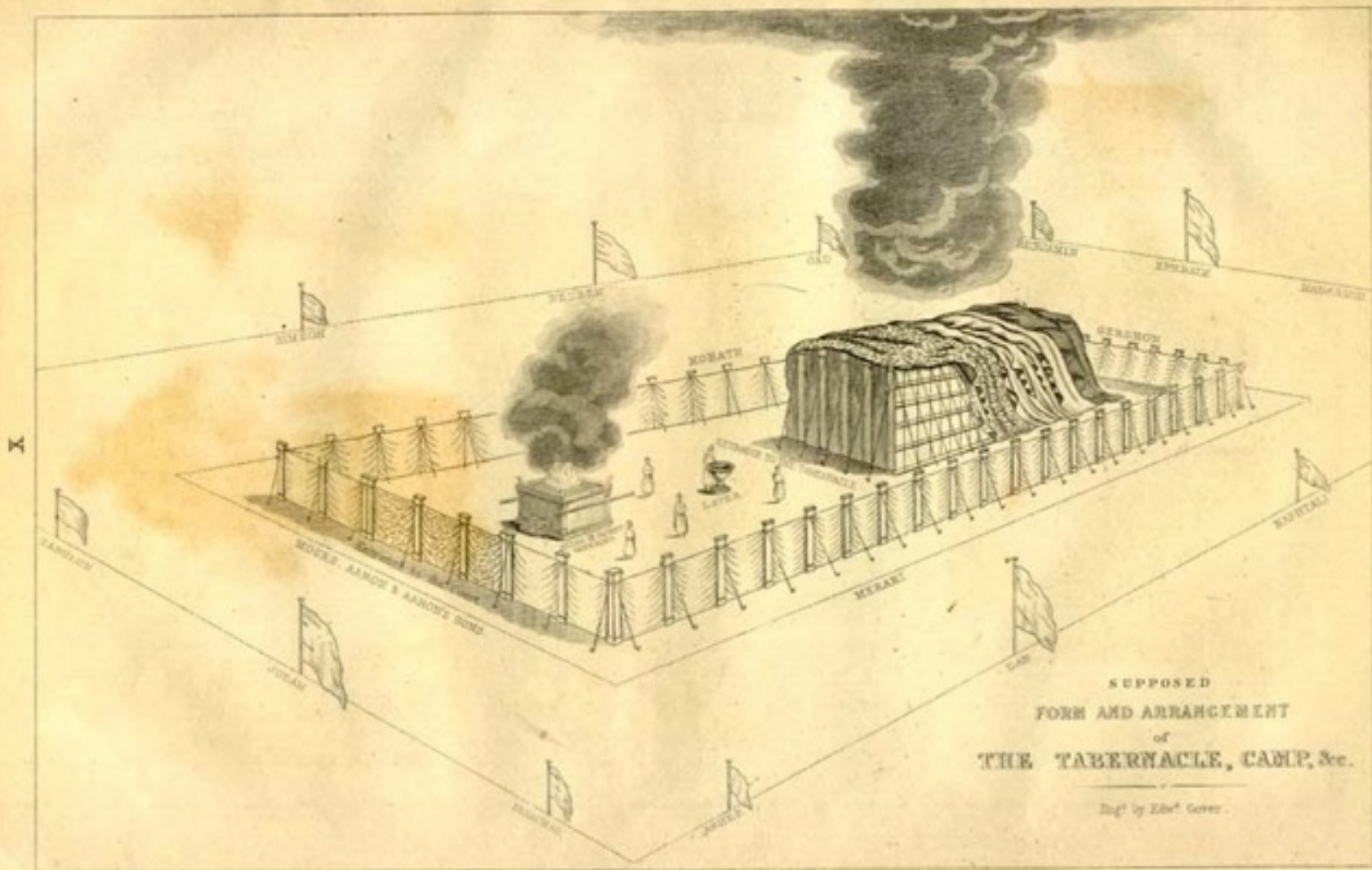
v.36 – boards, bars, pillars, sockets, etc. of tabernacle

v.37 – pillars of court, sockets, pegs, chords





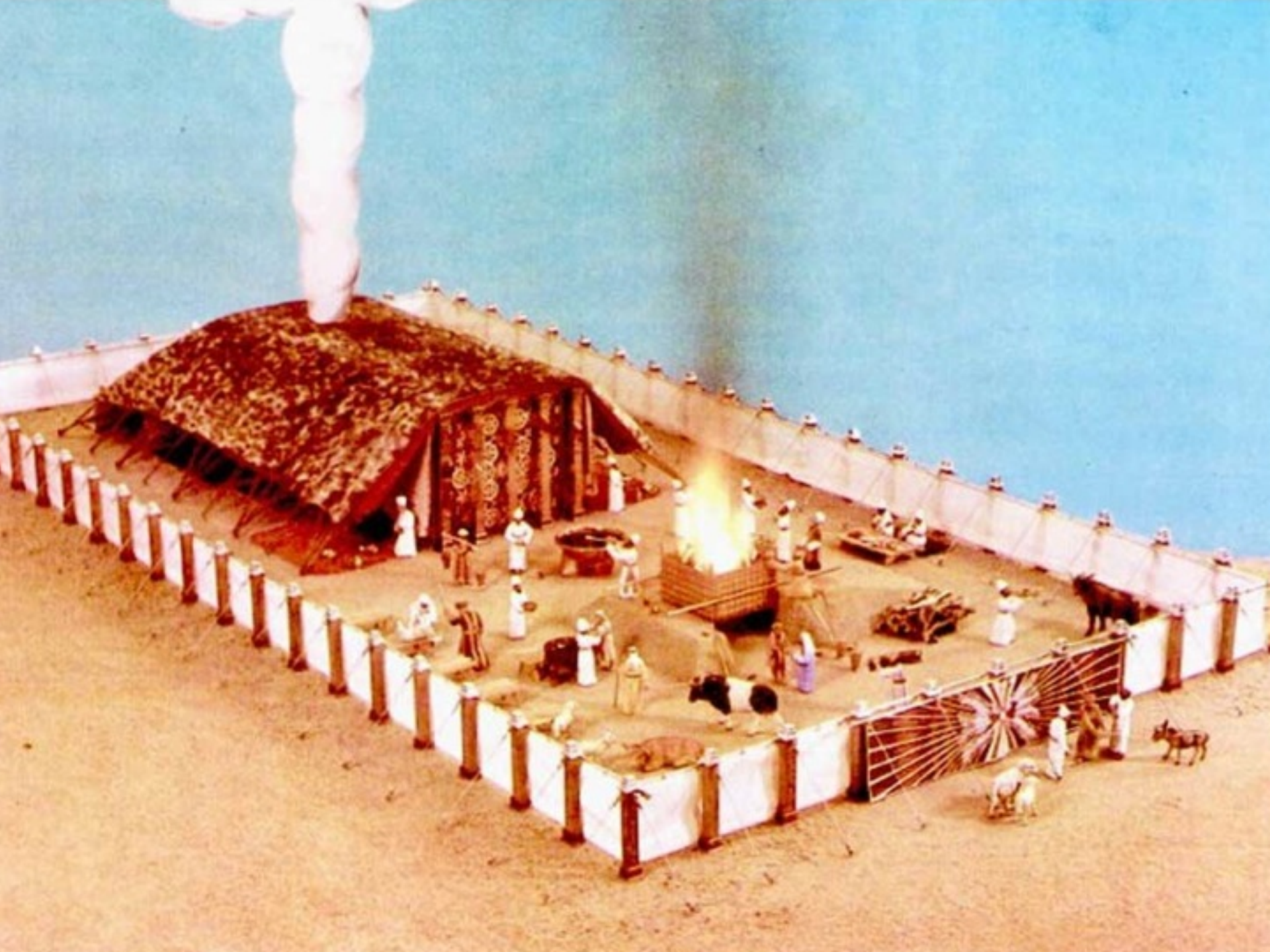


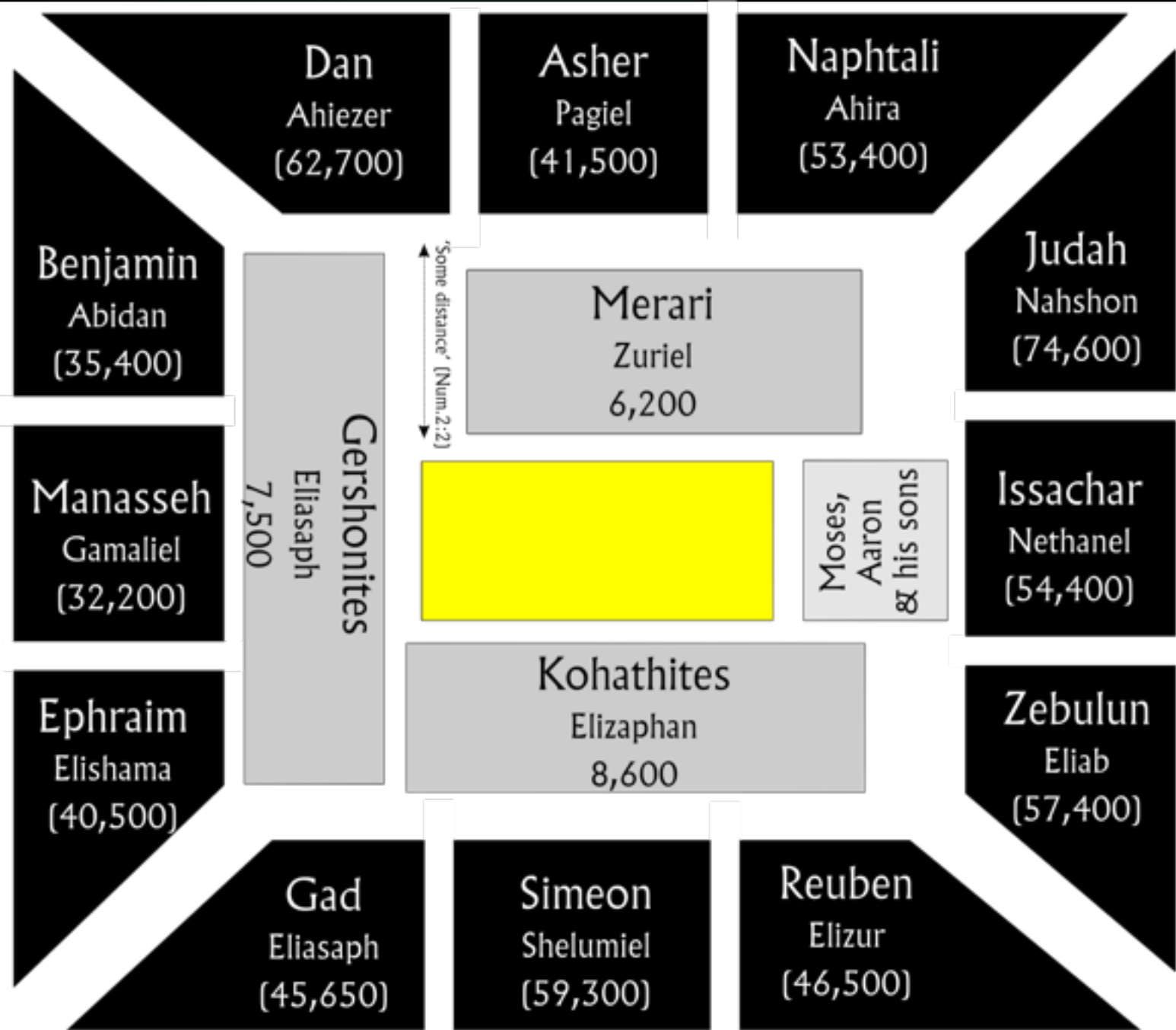


SUPPOSED  
 FORM AND ARRANGEMENT  
 of  
 THE TABERNACLE, CAMP, &c.

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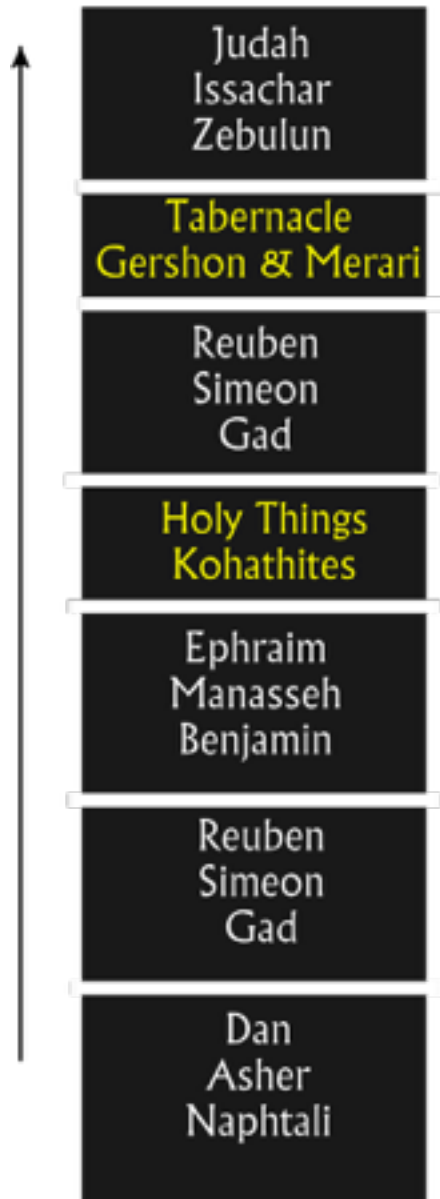


'These shall break camp first' (Num.2:9)  
 'The East side, toward the rising of the sun' (Num.2:3)

'They shall be the second to break camp' (Num.2:16)



## Breaking Camp Numbers 2, 10



'The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival' (10:21)

'Thus was the order of march of the children of Israel, according to their armies...'  
Num.10:28



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## The Nature of the Service

‘From this and the next chapter, we see the **very severe labour which the Levites were to perform**, while the journeyings of the Israelites lasted. When we consider, that there was not less than **14 tons 266 lbs. of metal** employed in the tabernacle (see note on Ex. 38:24), besides the **immense weight of the skins, hangings, cords, boards, and posts**, we shall find it was no easy matter to transport this moveable temple from place to place.’ - Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge

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## Korah and Apostasy

<b>Num.16</b>	<b>Korah &amp; Co.</b>	<b>Apostasy</b>	<b>V.</b>
v.2	Rose up against Moses	'opposes and exalts himself'	2Thess.2:4
v.9-10	Total discontent	'some will depart'	1Tim.4:1
v.10	Seek the priesthood	'sits as God in the Temple'	2Thess.2:4
v.22	Korah sinned	'the man of sin'	2Thess.2:3
v.26	Get away from tents	'Come out of her'	Rev.18:4

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## Sons of Korah

- 1 Chron.6:37 – Leaders in singing
- 1 Chron.9:19 – Tabernacle Gatekeepers
- 1 Chron.12:6 – Mighty men in army

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