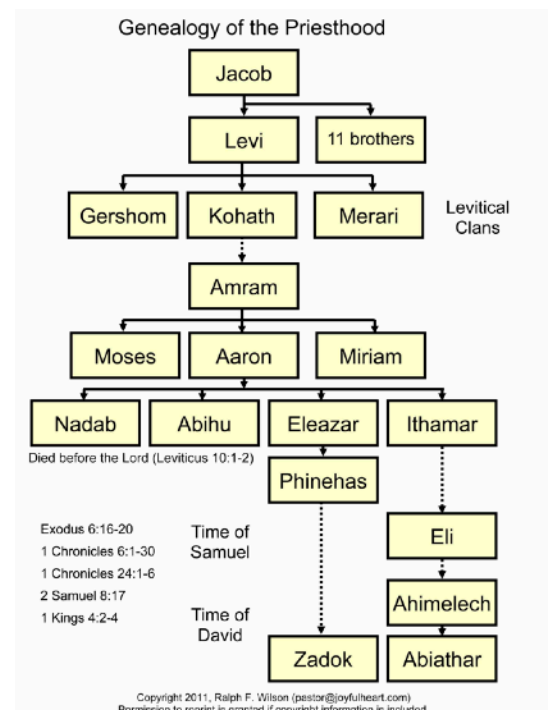
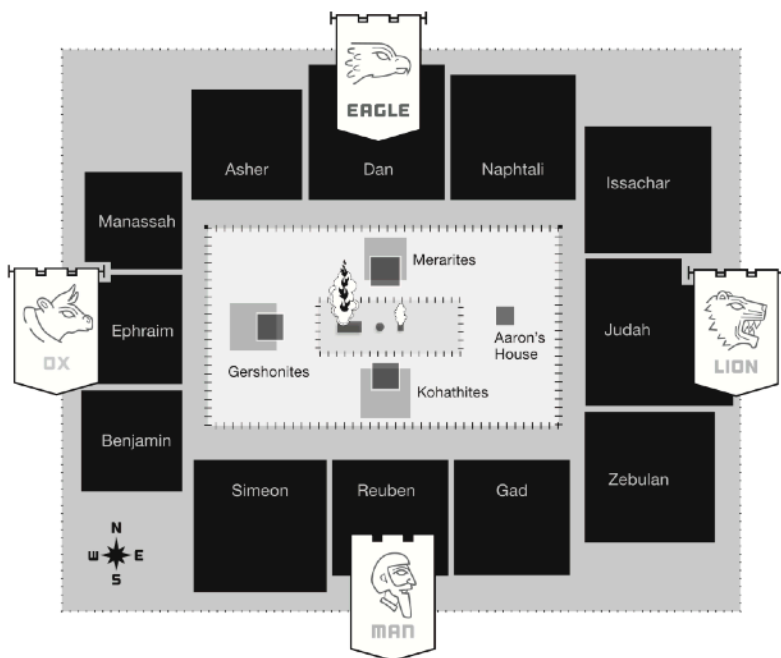


Thesis: Numbers 3 reveals a divinely ordered stratification within Israel's camp—both among the tribes and within the tribe of Levi—that shows that access to YHWH is carefully mediated through His appointed priesthood.

- The tribes are kept at a distance from YHWH by the Levites.
- The Levites are kept at a distance from YHWH by the Priests.
- Access to YHWH comes in two primary ways:
 - Through Moses, who mediates YHWH's Word.
 - Through Aaron and his sons, who mediate through sacrifice.

Sons of Levi	Clans	Duties (as detailed in Ch. 4)
Gershon	Libni, Shimei	1. Tent with its coverings 2. Curtain/Screen for Holy Place 3. Courtyard curtains & cords
Kohath	Amram, Izhar, Hebron, Uzziel	1.) Ark covered by the screen to the Holy of Holies (v.v. 5-6) 2.) Table and its vessels (v.v. 7-8) 3.) Lampstand and its vessels (v.v. 9-10) 4.) Altar of Incense and its tools (v. 11) 5.) Vessels of Ministry—miscellaneous tools used within the Tabernacle (v. 12) 6.) Bronze altar and its tools (v. 13-14) 7.) Bronze Laver (implied)
Merari	Mahli, Mushi	1. Frames (bars, pillars, bases, pegs, and cords)



The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Showbread
8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Pillar of Smoke

The Temple

Pillar

Court of the Tabernacle

Brazen Laver

Slaughter Tables

Brazen Altar

Entrance Curtain

Curtain enclosure

American Football Field

Size comparison (approximate):

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Temple Brazen Altar
Laver

Court of the Tabernacle

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