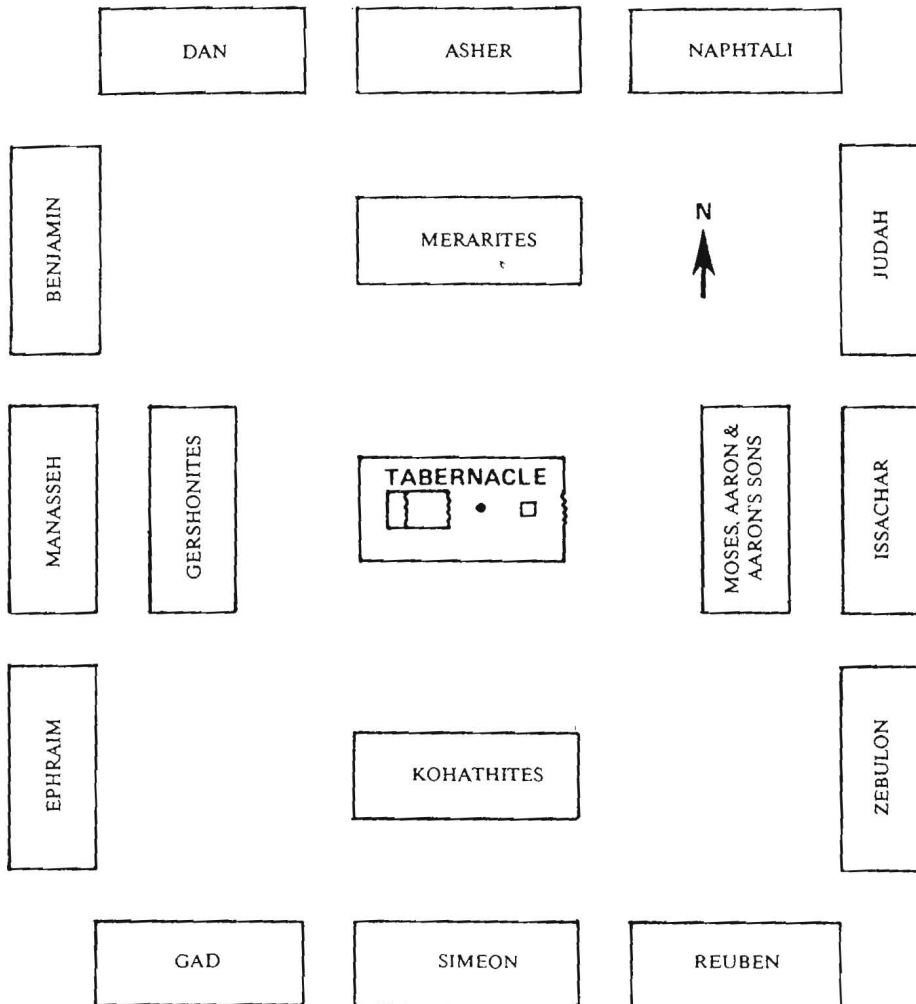


POSITION OF THE TABERNACLE IN ISRAEL'S CAMP (Numbers 2 & 3)



The Kohathites, Gershonites, and Merarites were descendants of the three sons of Levi: Kohath, Gershon, and Merari. Each was responsible for transporting various parts of the tabernacle, as specified in Numbers 3 & 4.

The tabernacle had 12 tribes encircling it not including the tribe of Levi. The reason is that while in Egypt Joseph had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Jacob (Israel) adopted these two sons of Joseph as his own, thus giving the tribe of Joseph double representation. It is significant that the successor of Moses, Joshua, was of the tribe of Ephraim.