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# A Blessed Life

Psalm 84



# The Blessed Life

- Session 1: Psalm 1
- Blessed is the man who:

## [The Blessings]

- Be like a tree planted by (many) waters
- Be fruitful in life
- Shall not be withered by life
- Whatsoever he does shall prosper

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- Session 1: Psalm 1
- Blessed is the man who...

## [The Conditions]

- Walks not in the council of the ungodly
- Nor stands in the ways with sinners
- Nor sits in the seat of the scornful
- But his delight is in the Law of the Lord
- In the Law he meditates day and night

# The Blessed Life

- Session 2: Psalm 32
- Blessed is the man who...

## [The Blessings]

- Kept from being swept away by the world
- A hiding place in the LORD
- Peace amidst trouble
- Overflowing Joy
- Taught by the LORD
- Led by the LORD
- Free to walk with God

# The Blessed Life

- Session 2: Psalm 32
- Blessed is the man:

## [The Conditions]

- Who's transgression is forgiven
- Who's sin is covered (dealt with)
- To whom the LORD imputes not iniquity
- In whom is no guile (deceit)

# The Blessed Life

- Session 3: Psalm 40
- Blessed is the man:
  - Who makes the LORD his trust
  - 3 Compelling Reasons:
    - David's testimony
    - God's wonderful works (Creation)
    - God's thoughts toward us (Redemption)

# The Blessed Life

- Session 3: Psalm 40
- Blessed is the man:
  - Who makes the LORD his trust
  - Who respects not the proud
  - Nor those who turn aside to lies
  - 3 Compelling Reasons
    - The proud speak from man's wisdom
    - We should fear God not man
    - The lies of man undermine the truth of God

# The Blessed Life

- Session 3: Psalm 40
- The Blessings:
  - Whatever my state I can be content
  - We will be delivered from \_\_\_\_\_
    - the circumstances may remain, but our perception changes cf. Simon Peter
  - Our feet are set on the Rock
    - The most certain place in this life
  - Our lives filled with joy & gladness
    - Magnify God's continued salvation (victory)



4 Blessed is **that man** that maketh the LORD his trust,  
and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to  
lies.

Psalm 40:4

- ‘Not **אִישׁ** ‘lysh’ or **אָדָם** ‘Adam’
- Geber **גִּבֹּר** used 68x
- ‘not all men’, used of specific, chosen individual
- *Properly, a valiant man or warrior*
- *Emphasising strength or ability to fight.*



# The Blessed Life

Psalm 84:1-12

To the Chief Musician Upon Gittith  
A Psalm for the sons of Korah

- <sup>1</sup> How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup> My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
- 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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A Psalm for the sons of Korah

Psalm 84

- Worthy of the highest ranking
- Gittith – an instrument from Gath
- ‘Wine press’
  - For one who has been crushed
  - And now is at the end of themselves



<sup>1</sup> Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

<sup>2</sup> And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

**Numbers 16:1-2**

*“Now Korah, son of Yitsar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, HE TOOK even Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, son of Peleth, SON OF REUBEN; and they rose up...” - Adam Clarke*

*3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

**Numbers 16:3**

- Who had lifted Moses and Aaron up?
- *'Who gave you authority...?'*
- It is so often those ordained by men...
- ...who question those ordained by God!



4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

**Numbers 16:4-5**

<sup>6</sup> This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

<sup>7</sup> And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

**Numbers 16:6-7**

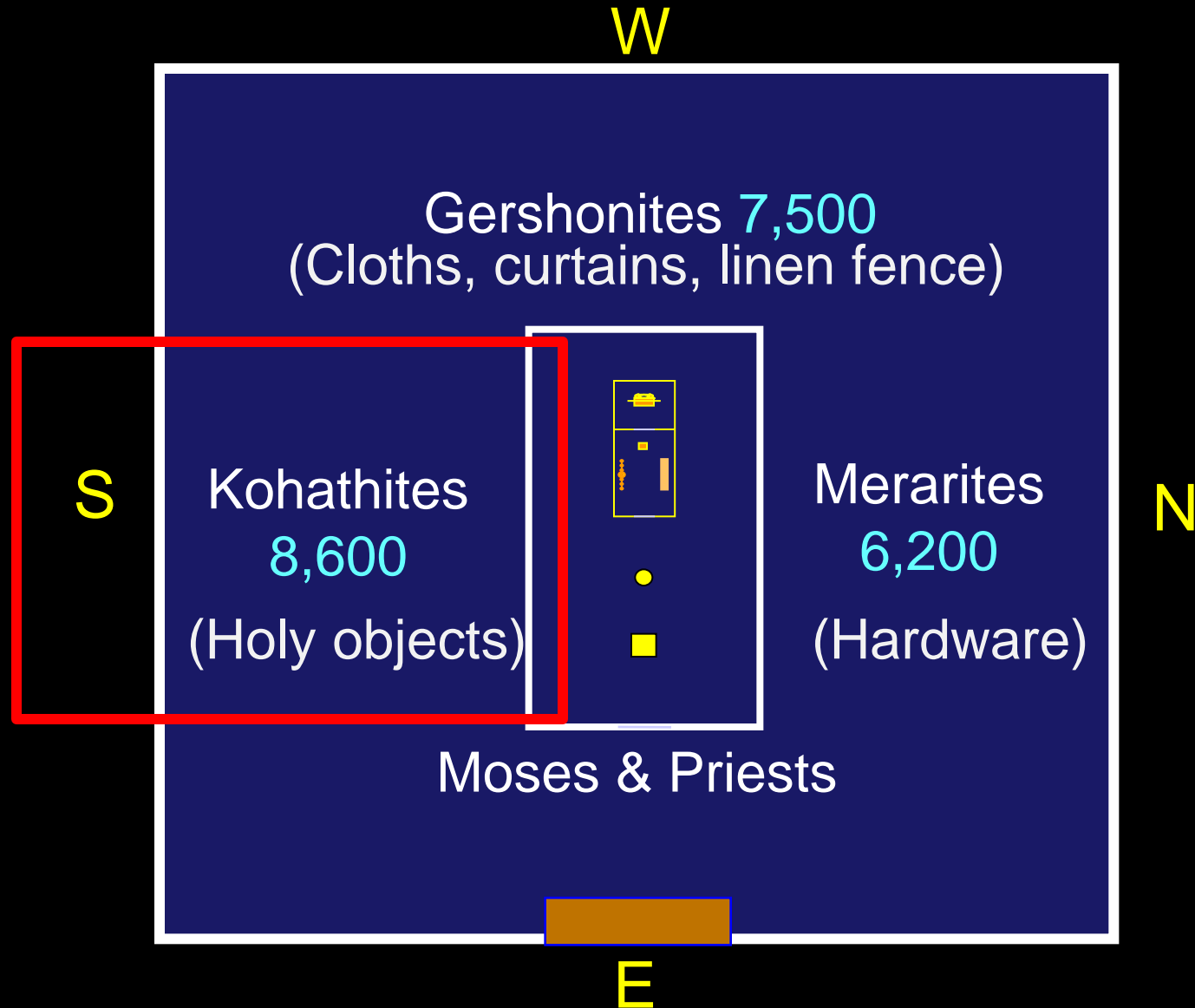
- Ye take too much....
- Korah was from the line of Kohath (Levi)
- To them pertained the service of the most holy things

# Root of Division

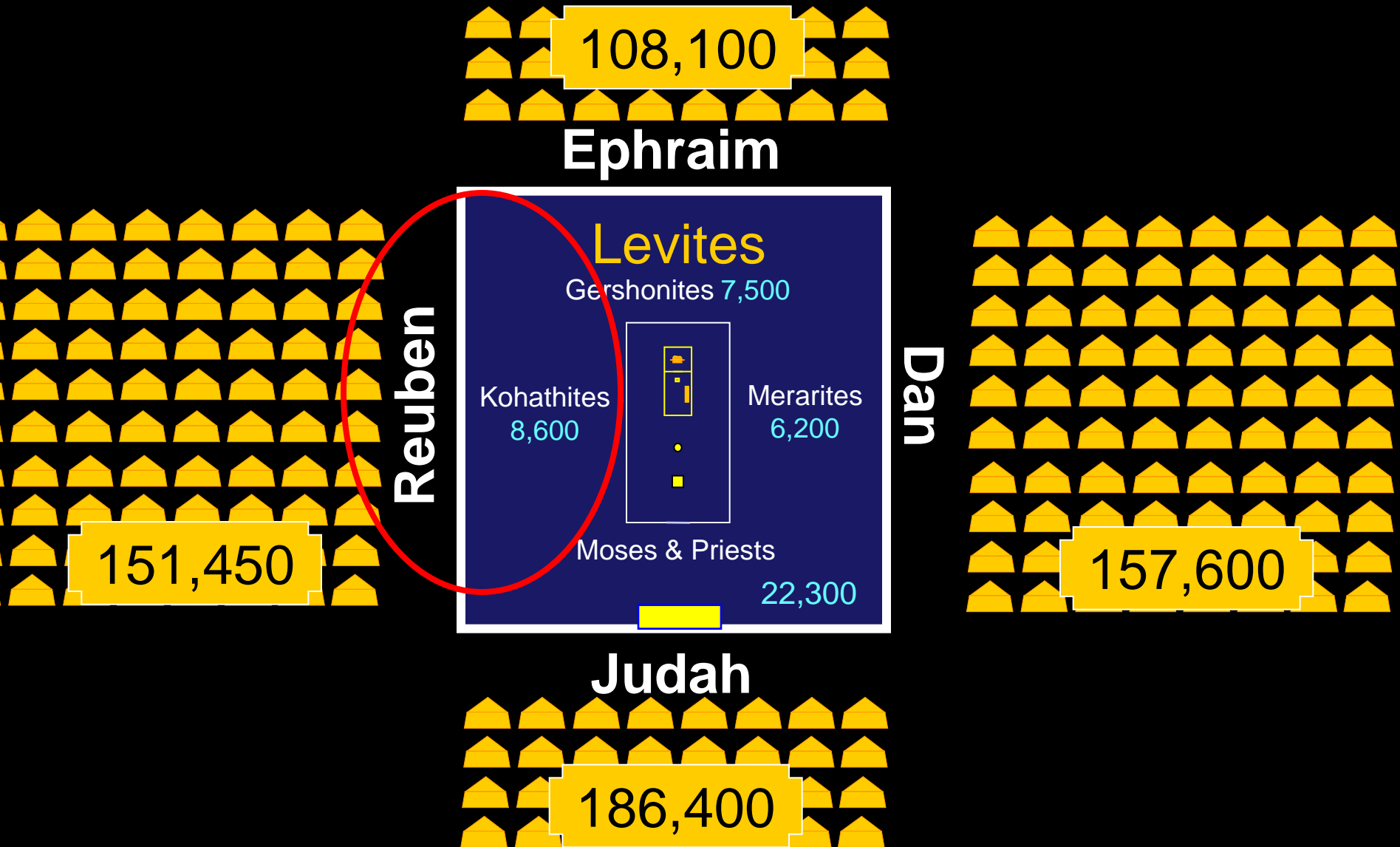
10 Only by pride cometh contention

**Prov 13:10**

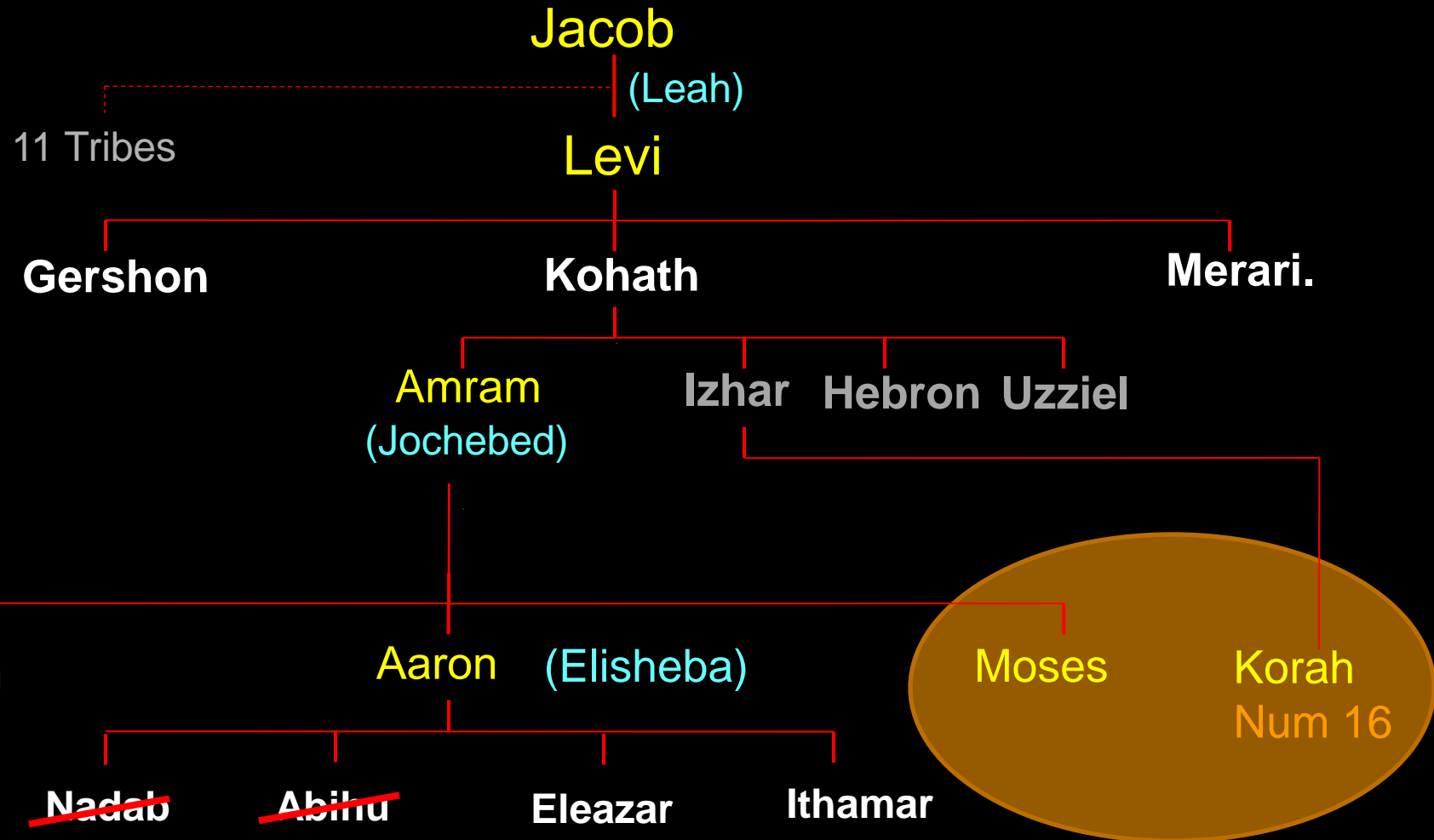
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# The Tribe of Levi



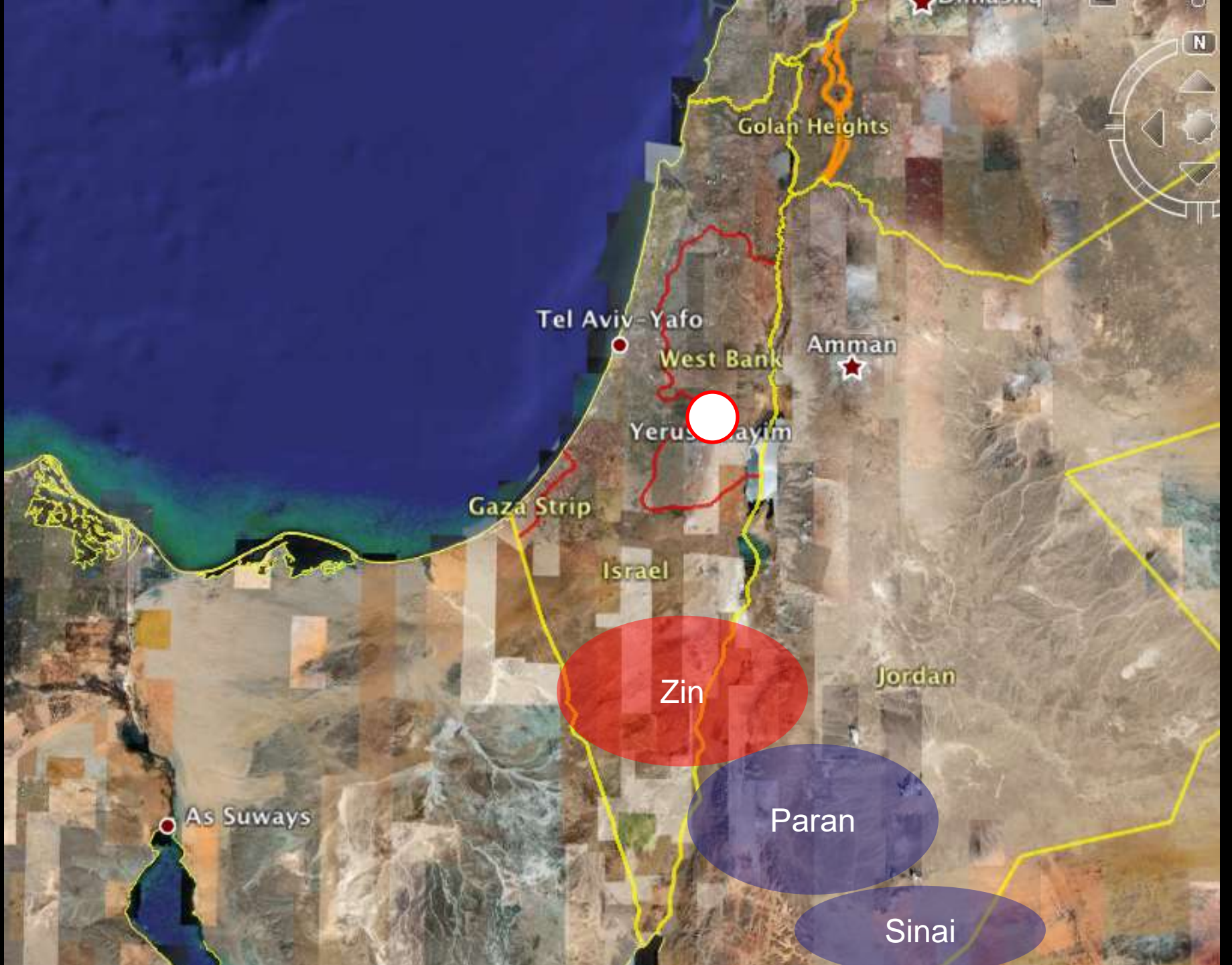
<sup>9</sup> And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram, which were famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

<sup>10</sup> And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.

<sup>11</sup> Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

**Numbers 26:9-11**





Golan Heights

Tel Aviv-Yafo

West Bank

Amman

Jerusalem

Gaza Strip

Israel

Jordan

Zin

Paran

Sinai

As Suways



# In The Kingdom

<sup>1</sup> Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

**1 Chronicles 26:1**

# In The Kingdom

<sup>12</sup> Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

**1 Chronicles 26:12-13**

- They were reassigned as gate keepers!

<sup>1</sup> How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

**Psalm 84:1**

- How lovely is thy dwelling place!
- Voice of experiance
  - **Sadly some never know**

# David's Desire

- 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

**Psalm 27:4-5**

*I How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!*

**Psalm 84:1**

- 'The things of earth become strangely dim'



# Where Two or Three...

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

# Fellowship More...

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

# God's Dwelling Place

- <sup>1</sup> Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?
- <sup>2</sup> For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Isaiah 66:1-2



2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psalm 84:2

- We have come a long way from the man who was prone to walk in the council of the ungodly...
- The man who covered his own sin...
  - Then his flesh cried out in torment
- The man whose concern was getting out of the horrible pit he was in.

# Spiritual Growth

- Psalm 1 – the issue was conduct
- Psalm 32 – the issue was repentance
- Psalm 40 – the issue was trust
- Psalm 84 – the issue is fellowship
  
- Where are you now?

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Psalm 84:2

- In Psalm 32 his bones grew tired
- There was a continual 'roaring' (no peace)
- Now there is a thirst for the things of God
- We will naturally thirst for something

# Our Thirst

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Luke 16:22-24

# Our Thirst

**37** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

**38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

**John 7:37-38**

# The Last Day of The Feast

- Water drawn from the pool of Siloam throughout the Feast – poured out on the alter
- The last day water not drawn to indicate their thirst was not yet satisfied, i.e Messiah was not yet come
- They would read from Isaiah 12

# Living Water

<sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

**Isaiah 12:3-6**

# Living Water

<sup>6</sup> Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

**Isaiah 12:3-6**

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**Psalm 84:2**

- Once the Psalmist had experienced it, there was no forgetting the wonder of God's presence...
- Why?

# Perfect Peace

<sup>3</sup> Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

**Isaiah 26:3-4**

# The Blessed Life

<sup>1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

**Matthew 5:1-12**

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- 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

**Matthew 5:1-12**

# The Blessed Life

- 10** Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you

Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

**Psalm 84:3**

*“Without altering the text, if the clause be read in a parenthesis, the absurdity will be avoided, and the sense be good”.*

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**(Adam Clarke)**



# Priorities?

- Is God's 'Tabernacle' our home?
- Where do you most want to be?
- What is the highlight of your week?

<sup>12</sup> I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food

**Job 23:12**



4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

**Psalm 84:4**

## Psalm 84 part1: The Blessings:

- ‘Continually’ praising
- Nothing to distract
- No world to offer ungodly council
- No sin to separate
- No horrible pit to fall into

## Psalm 84 part 2:

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

**Psalm 84:5**

- 'Blessed is the man that leans on thee'
- Joseph – before Pharaoh
- Daniel – before Nebuchadnezzar

# Cast Your Burdens

*If we undertake work for God and get out of touch with Him, the sense of responsibility will be overwhelmingly crushing; but if we roll back on God that which He has put upon us, He takes away the sense of responsibility by bringing in the realisation of Himself.*

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

**Psalm 84:5**

## The Contrast

5 *Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*

**Jeremiah 17:5**

# Moses' Strength

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

**Exodus 15:2**

# David's Strength

- <sup>1</sup> I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
- <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

**Psalm 18:1-3**

# David's Strength

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Psalm 23:4**

# The Contrast

<sup>6</sup> Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

**Isaiah 36:6**

- What are you leaning on now?
- Success?
- Career?
- Will they pierce you?



# Everlasting Strength

- 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*
- 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:*

**Isaiah 26:3-4**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Psalm 84:5

- Just two Hebrew words:
- lêbâb לבב 'Heart' or 'Courage'
- mesillâh מסלה 'on Course' / 'path'
- 'Whose heart is set on the right course'
  - the idea of pilgrimage to Jerusalem
  - They had to stay on course

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

**Psalm 84:6**

- 'Baca' = weeping
- Did the valley change?
- What changed?
- His perspective!

*The wind was actually boisterous, the waves were actually high, but Peter did not see them at first. He did not reckon with them, he simply recognised his Lord, and stepped out in recognition of Him and walked on the water. Then he began to reckon with the actual things, and down he went instantly. Why could not our Lord have enabled him to walk at the bottom of the waves as well as on the top of them? Neither could be done saving by recognition of the Lord Jesus.*

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*,

# Heavenly Perspective

<sup>11</sup> Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with  
gladness;

**Psalm 30:11**

# All Things...

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

# Being Confident...

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:6

# Lacking Nothing...

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:2-4



<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

**Psalm 84:7**

- We are to maintain our course
- Strengthened by His Grace
- We all\* have an invitation to the throne room to appear before Him

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

Psalm 84:8

- 'This is my desire, what I want'
- *"For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I"* (Rom 7:15)
- Appeal is therefore made directly to God

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

**Psalm 84:1-12**

- *“You’ve called us and appointed us, don’t leave us here (mid journey)”*

<sup>10</sup> For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Psalm 84:1-12**

- The sons of Korah had become doorkeepers,
- They could so easily have dwelt in the tents of the wicked

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