



# Bi-115, The Pentateuch Numbers Part 3

Scheduled April 16, 2015  
Actual April 23, 2015



# Outline: (22-36)

## A. The Threat from Moab (22-25)

1. The external threat ~ the Balaam story (22-24)
2. The internal threat ~ sin with the Moabites (25)

## B. Census of the Second Generation (26)

## C. Review of the journey and Preparation for Possession of the Land (27-36)



# Review of the Journey (27-36) and Preparation for the Possession on the Land

1. Inheritance of Zelophehad's daughters (27:1-11)
2. The new leader for Israel (27:12-23)
3. Regulations concerning offerings and vows (28-30)
4. The war against Midian (31)
5. The settlement of the Transjordan by 2.5 tribes (32)
6. Review of the wilderness itinerary (33)
7. A preview of the land itself (34-35)
  - a. Boundaries and allotments of Land (34)
  - b. Special cities dispersed through the land (35)
    - i. Levite towns described (35:1-5)
    - ii. Cities of refuge (35:6-34)
8. Inheritance of Zelophehad's daughters (36)



# Balak summons Balaam

- Balak, king of Moab sent for Balaam (a prophet of Yahweh) to come a place a curse on Israel....
- Balaam consults Yahweh who tells him
  - Do not go (originally)
  - Do not curse Israel
  - I (Yahweh) am blessing them



Balak again sends for Balaam who finally agrees to go with, but on the way is confronted by the Angel who is first seen by his donkey.



# Balaam is told ONLY speak MY word

- Three times, Balaam offers an oracle of blessing.
- 23:7-10, after offering sacrifices on 7 altars, Balaam retires, and God reveals a blessing
- 23:18-24, after another 7 sacrifices Balaam again receives God's word and blesses Israel
- 24:3-9, after another 7 sacrifices Balaam did not seek Yahweh but proceeded to bless Israel.



# Balaam 4<sup>th</sup> oracle (24:15-25)

- After offering another sacrifice Balaam again begins an oracle:
  - raises a star, a scepter out of Jacob crushing Moab and disposing Edom
  - Recounts overthrowing of Amalek
  - Predicts the victory of Asshur over the Kenites and Kain
  - Predicts the defeat of a sailing nation.



# Baal Worship

- Israel started living with the Moabites,
  - They started sharing their woman
  - They started sharing their worship of Baal
- And God responds to maintain the purity of the people of Israel

*How did Moab move from trying military defeat and wanting to live with the Israelites ??????*



Balaam could not curse but he  
Told Balak how to have them cursed by God.

Numbers 31:15-16 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>Moses said to them, "Have you let all the women live?

<sup>16</sup>Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.



# Selection of the new leader (27:12-23)

- God is preparing Moses for his death, and Moses immediately requested that a new shepherd is appointed to replace him.
- The Lord told Moses to take Joshua,
  - To lay hands on him
  - Stand him before the priest & congregation and commission him
  - Invest him with your authority.



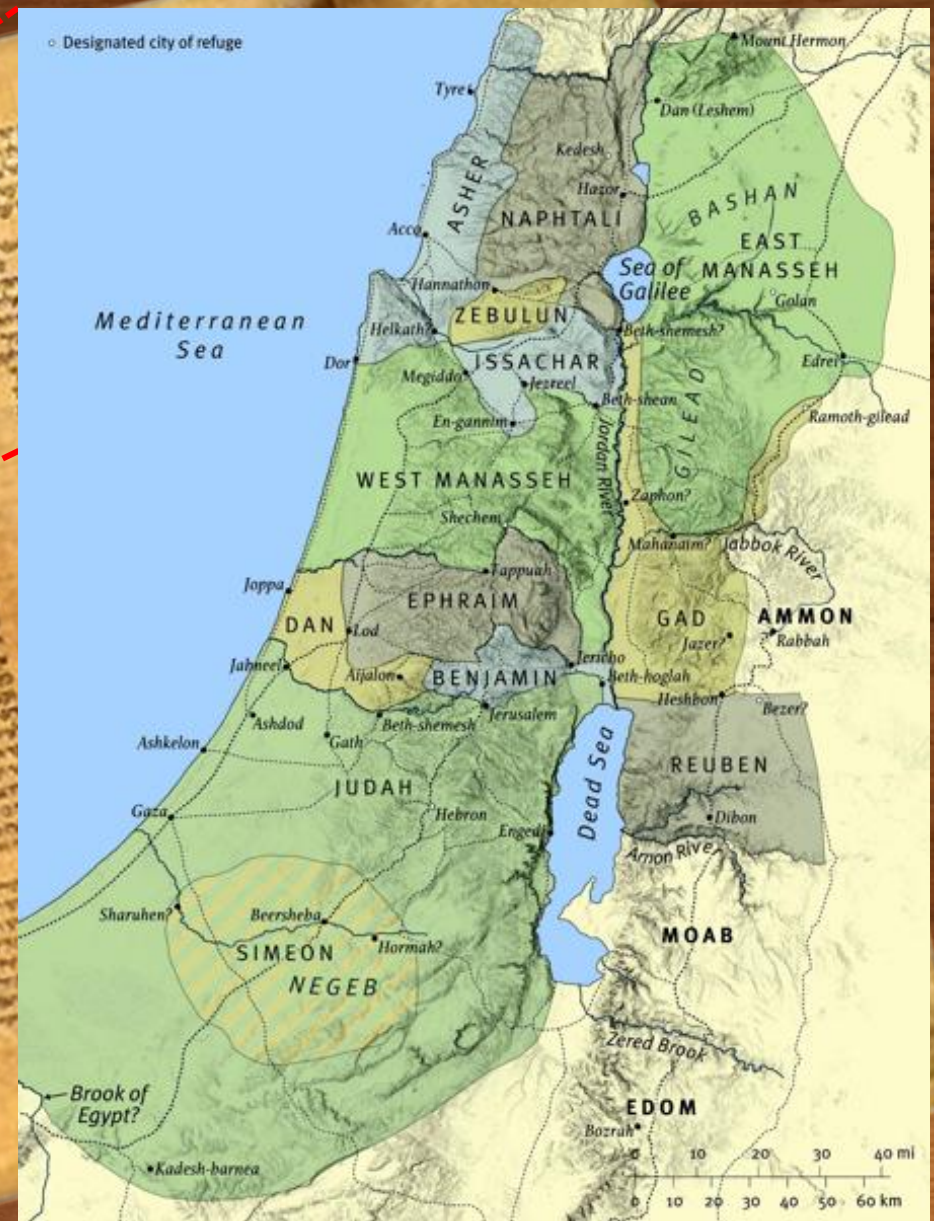
# Daily Public Sacrifices (28:1-29:40)

Occasion	Bulls	Rams	Lambs	Goats
Every Day (28:3)			2	
Sabbath (28:9-10)			2	
1 <sup>st</sup> day of the month (28:11-15)	2	1	7	1
Unleavened Bread [each day] (28:17-25)	2	1	7	1
Pentecost [Feast of Weeks] (28:26-31)	2	1	7	1
1 <sup>st</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month (29:1-6)	1	1	7	1
Day of Atonement (29:7-11)	1	1	7	1
Feast of Booths (29:12-38) 1 <sup>st</sup> day	13	2	14	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> day	12	2	14	1
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	11	2	14	1
4 <sup>th</sup> day	10	2	14	1
5 <sup>th</sup> day	9	2	14	1
6 <sup>th</sup> day	8	2	14	1
7 <sup>th</sup> day	7	2	14	1
8 <sup>th</sup> day	1	1	7	1

***The actual daily sacrifice for any day is the sum of all sacrifices specified in the chart above.***

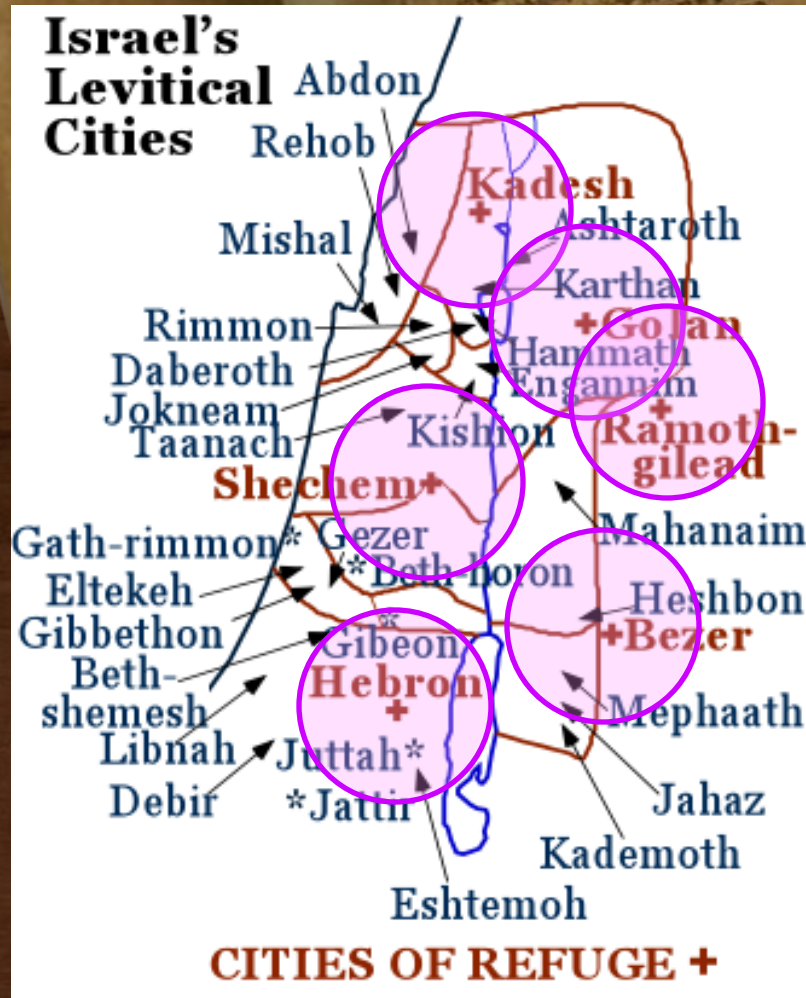


# The Lands ... And the Tribes



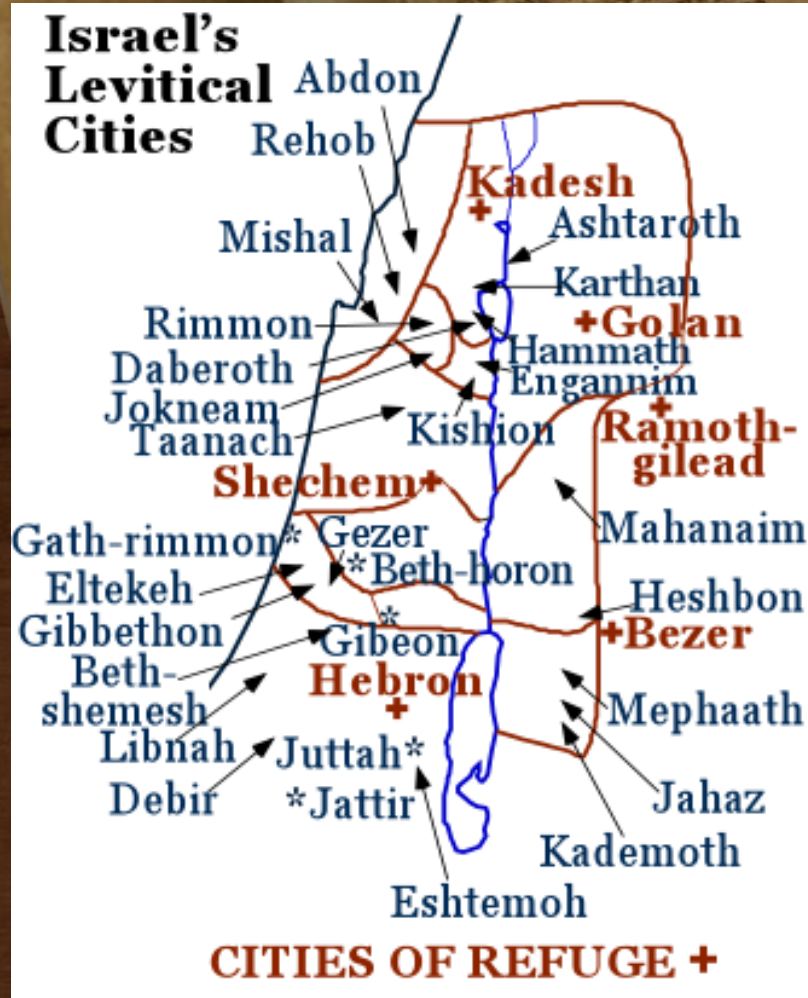


# The Levitical Cities (35:1-8) & The Cities of Refuge (35:9-34)



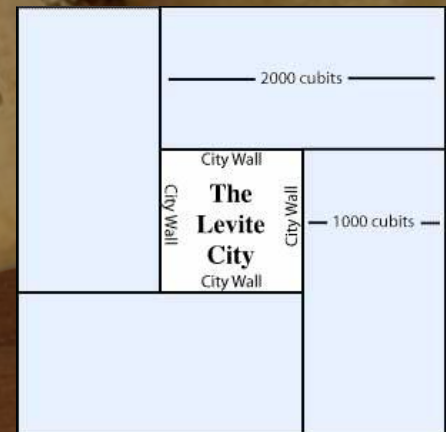


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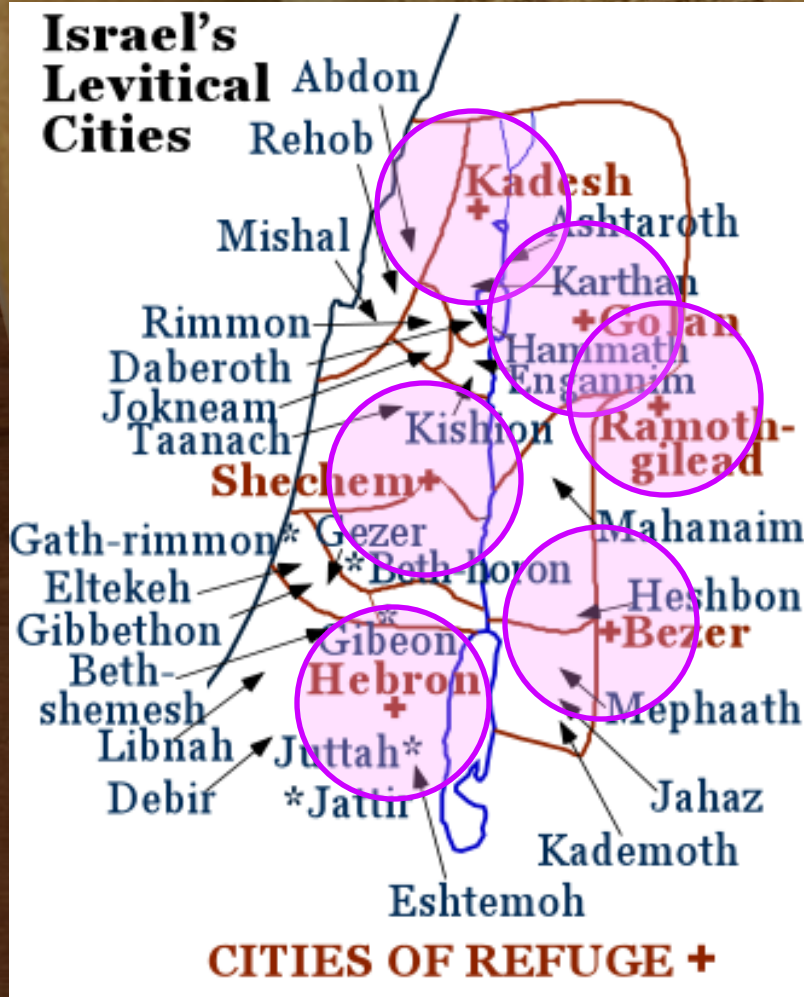
2“Command the people of Israel to give to the Levites some of the inheritance of their possession as cities for them to dwell in. And you shall give to the Levites pasturelands around the cities.

City, 1000 cubits square,  
Fields, 1000 cubits around the city.





# The Cities of Refuge (35:9-34)



<sup>10</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

<sup>11</sup>then you shall select cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person without intent may flee there. <sup>12</sup>The cities shall be for you a refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation for judgment.





# Cities of Refuge

- God clarifies, and creates a means for preserving the life of the person who kills someone without intent, that is by accident.



# Female Inheritance

- Zelophehad died, prior to receiving his inheritance of land, and had no male offspring.
- Numbers establishes the rights of female offspring to receive the inheritance and preserve it as the family inheritance.



# Female Vows:

- Two options are presented:

1. A woman, still in the home of her Father

Vows made, that are not immediately overturned by the father when he hears of it stand

2. A woman, who is married and in the home of her husband.

Vows made, that are not immediately overturned by the husband when he hears of it stand.

- A widower or divorced woman is always bound by vows that are made.