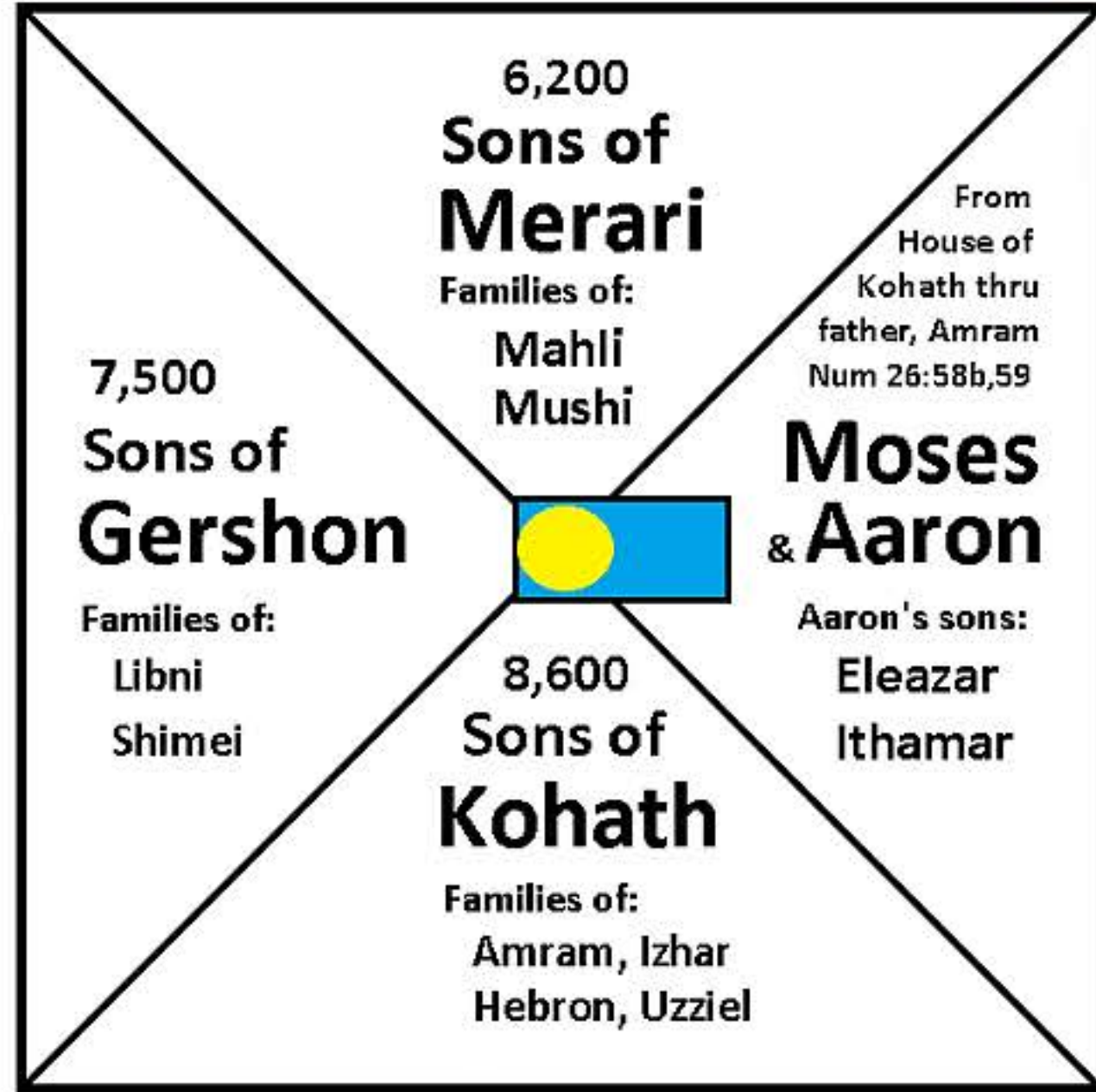


LEVITE MINISTRY in the MIDDLE

OF THE WILDERNESS CAMP OF ISRAEL

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Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be Commander of the Commanders of the Levites, with the oversight of those who keep the requirements of the sanctuary. Bamidbar/Numbers 3:32

FAMILY	DUTY	COMMANDER	VERSE
Kohath 8600	The most holy things—the ark, the table of showbread, utensils, the screen, the altars, the golden lampstand, etc.	Elizaphan - H469 - el-ee-tsaw-fawn' - El my treasure son of Uzziel - H5816 - ooz-zee-ale' - my strength is El	3:27-32
Gershon 7500	All the curtains, coverings, and hangings of the tabernacle and outer court, except the "veil" wrapped around the ark when moved.	Eliasaph - H460 - el-yaw-sawf' - El is gatherer son of Lael - H3815 - law-ale' - Belonging to El	3:18-26
Merari 6200	The boards, the bars, the pillars, the sockets, the pegs, and the cords.	Zuriel - H6700 - tsoo-ree-ale' - rock of El son of Abihail - H32 - ab-ee-hah'-yil - father of might	3:33-37

Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock; and the Levites shall be mine. I am YHWH. For the redemption of the [number of firstborn] who exceed the number of the Levites you shall take five shekels apiece for each one .. and you shall give the money, with which their remainder is redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons. Num 3

Elizaphan the son of Uzziel - who, with his brother Mishael, carried Nadab and Abihu out of the camp, and buried them. He descended from the last of the families of the Kohathites. This could be a reason for Korah's dissatisfaction, and conspiracy against Moses and Aaron. Lev 10:4

When giving the layout of the tribes in the camp of Israel, Moses starts with the east and goes clockwise from there. When giving the layout of the Levites, Moses starts with the Gershonites in the west, then goes back to the south to list the Kohathites, then lists the Merarites in the north. Only after that does he mention himself and the priesthood in the east. Moses is being careful not to put himself and his Kohathite clan first, so as not to take special honor for himself and his clan. In fact, YHWH chose Moses as leader, and Aaron & sons as priests, from the Kohath line. Further the Kohath Levites had the most honored duty, caring for the holy things. Kohath was also the most numerous tribe. Num 3

TABERNACLE MINISTRY CHAIN OF COMMAND



All who were numbered of the Levites .. from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand (22,000). Numbers 3:39

The reason why 300 are left out in the sum total may be, because there were 300 firstborn babies among the Levites. Being firstborn themselves, these could not be exchanged for the firstborn of the other tribes. (T. Bab. Becoroth, fol. 5. 1.)