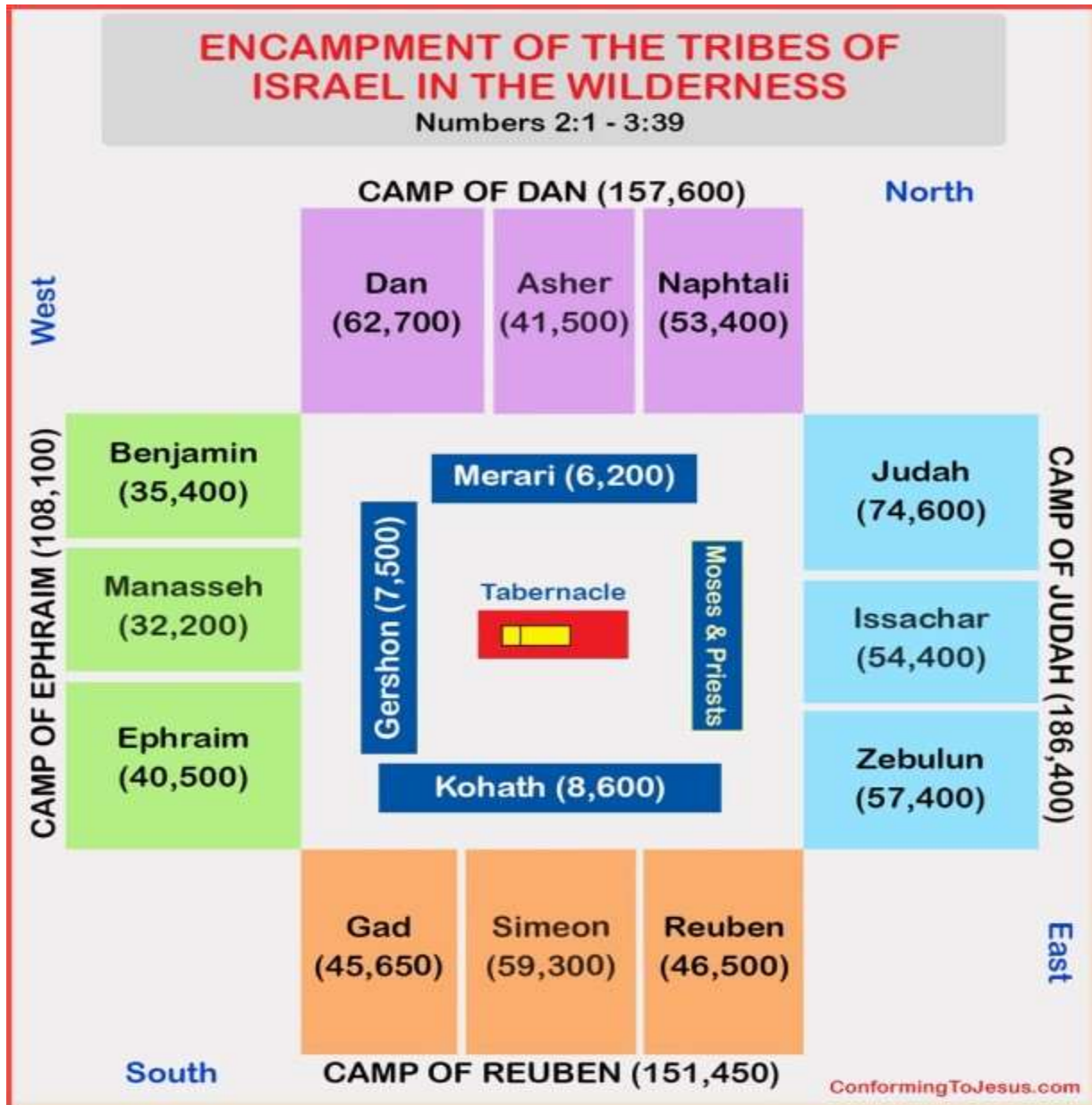


Numbers 2

Verses 1 - 9

Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²“The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.

See chart 205 when Israel camped



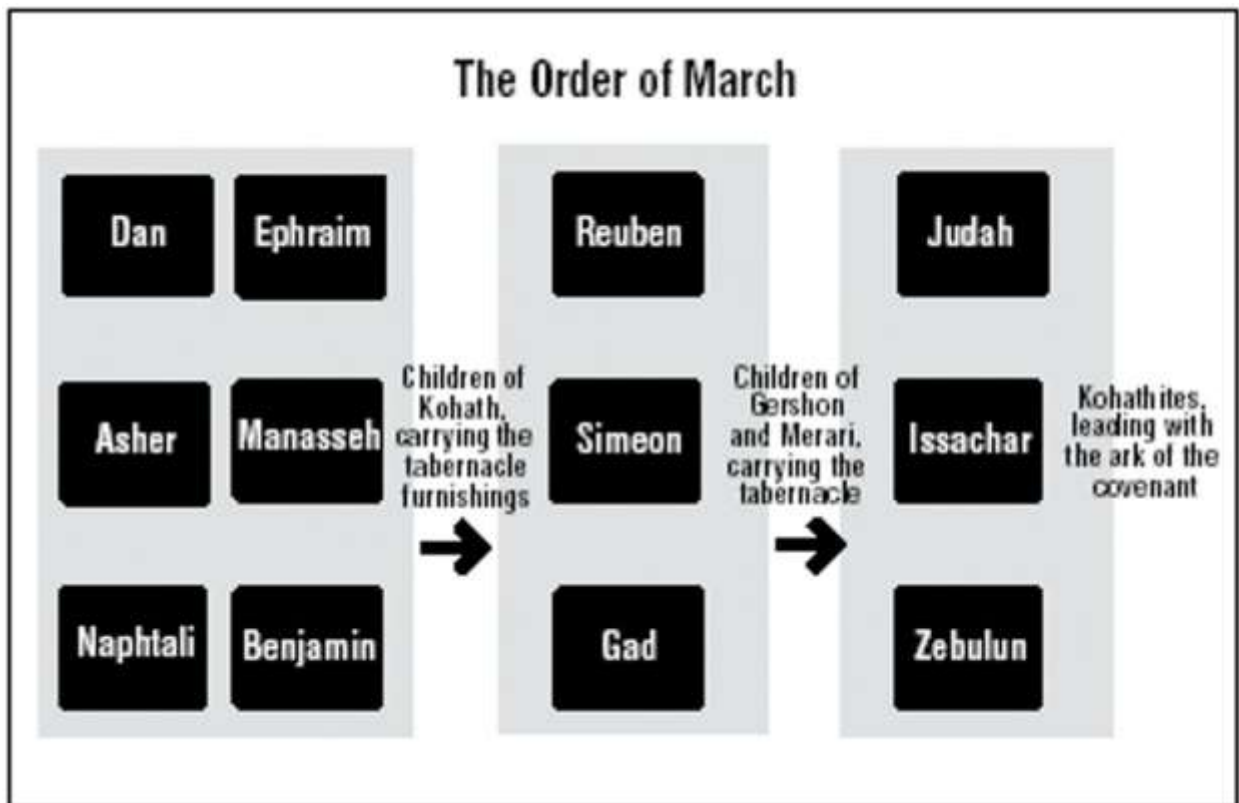
³ Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab, ⁴ and his army, even their numbered men, 74,600. ⁵ Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar, ⁶ and his army, even their numbered men, 54,400. ⁷ *Then comes* the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon, ⁸ and his army, even his numbered men, 57,400. ⁹ The total of the numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. They shall set out first.

³ Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* Judah, Issachar, Zebulun.

⁹ They shall set out first.

When Israel went to a new location they marched in the following order.

See chart 210 Israel on the march



Verses 10 – 16

¹⁰ “**On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur,** ¹¹ and his army, even their numbered men, 46,500. ¹² Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ¹³ and his army, even their numbered men, 59,300. ¹⁴ Then *comes* the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Deuel, ¹⁵ and his army, even their numbered men, 45,650. ¹⁶ The total of the numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And **they shall set out second.**

Those who camp on the south side

Reuben, Simeon and Gad

See Chart 105 again

They shall set out second.

Their place in line when marching was second.

See chart 210 above

Verse 17

¹⁷ “**Then the tent of meeting shall set out *with* the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place by their standards.**

A more detailed description of the marching order for the Levites is given in The Book of Numbers chapter 10

1. Verses 33 & 34 with the ark of the covenant of the Lord going on in front of them
2. Verse 17 the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who were carrying the tabernacle
3. Verse 21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy *objects*

See chart 210 above

Verses 18 – 24

¹⁸ **“On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud,**
¹⁹ **and his army, even their numbered men, 40,500. ²⁰ Next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the sons of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ²¹ and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200. ²² Then comes the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni, ²³ and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400. ²⁴ The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And they shall set out third.**

Those who camp on the west side

Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin

See Chart 105 again

They shall set out third.

Their place in line when marching was third.

See chart 210 above

Verses 25 – 31

²⁵ **“On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ²⁶ and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700. ²⁷ Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: Pagiel the son of Ocran, ²⁸ and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500. ²⁹ Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan, ³⁰ and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400. ³¹ The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan was 157,600. They shall set out last by their standards.”**

Those who camp on the north side

Dan, Asher, Naphtali

See Chart 105 again

They shall set out fourth.

Their place in line when marching was fourth.

See chart 210 above

Verses 32 - 34

³² These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, 603,550. ³³ The Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the Lord had commanded Moses. ³⁴ Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, everyone by his family according to his father's household.

The Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

The Levites were not numbered in the general census with the rest of the people.

However, they are counted in the next chapter

See verse 3:43

All the 1st born males one month old and upward came to 22,270

These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, 603,550.

If the number of men over the age of 20 is 603,550

What is the total population?

See chart 215

Population of Israel in 1445 BC

People	Age	Numbers
Men fit for war	20 Plus	603,550
Women	20 Plus	603,550
Sons & daughters	average of 2 kids per couple	1,207,100
Men not fit for war		??
Their wives		??
Levite Men	1st born one month old plus	22,270
Levite Women	one month old plus	22,270
Sons & daughters	1/2 to young for kids	22,270
Total		2,481,010

There are some assumptions made here.

1. The same amount of women as men
2. Not all the men and women over 20 were married but with an average of 2 to 3 kids for those who were married, this would be close to an average of 2 kids for the group as a whole.
3. The total number of Levites was greater than the 1st born that was counted but we will leave this “as is” so our guesstimate is conservative.