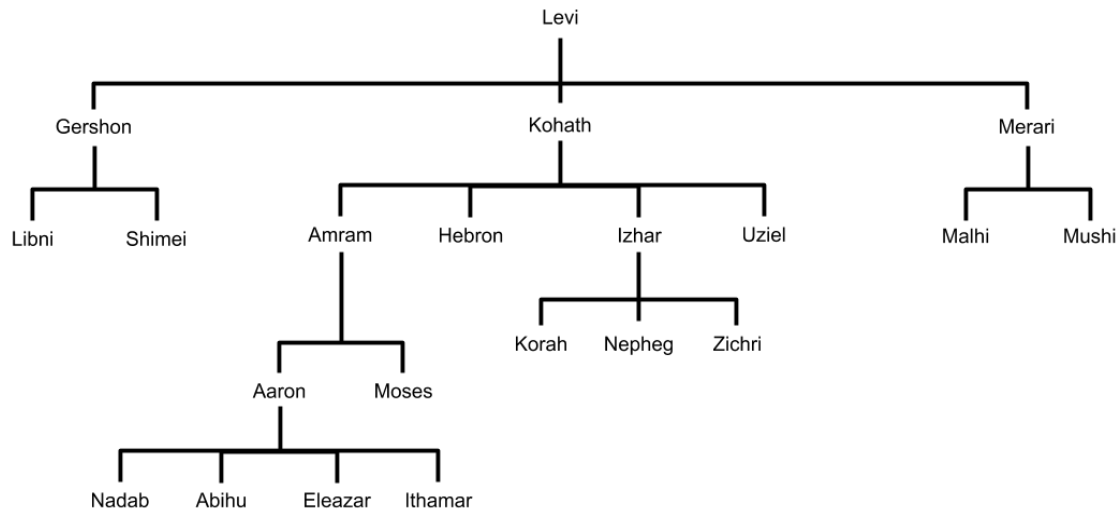


Numbers 3-4: The Role of the Levites



1. What is the tabernacle?
 - a. The immanence of God: He dwells among His people!
 - i. Exo. 25:8-9, 2 Sam. 7:1-7

מִקְדָּשׁ (miq.dash)	= holy place
מִשְׁכָּן (mish.kan)	= tabernacle or dwelling
σκηνή (skēnē)	= tabernacle; tent, shelter, dwelling
 - b. New Testament parallels with Jhn 1:14
2. What does Jesus save us from?
 - a. The transcendence of God: He is too holy to approach (Num. 4:15-20)
3. Tribal encampment pattern
 - a. Possible “family cohesion” among each quadrant
 - b. The protective role of the Levites?
 - i. Num. 1:53, 3:5-10
4. Who can serve as a priest?
 - a. Not even Moses was a priest (does this seem a bit odd?)
 - i. How is Moses a foreshadowing of Christ?
5. The Levites were not counted among the fighting men in Num. 1-2, and they never received any specific tribal allotment...
 - a. Why don't they receive any tribal allotment?
 - i. Historical reasons (Gen. 34:25-29, 49:5-7)
 - ii. Redemptive reasons (Exo. 32:25-29)
 - b. For what reason are they being counted now?
 - i. Exo. 13:11-16 (cf. Luke 2:22-24)
6. Packing up camp
 - a. Kohathites - Transport the most holy elements of the tabernacle
 - i. This is very dangerous work, so they are repeatedly warned
 - b. Gershonites - Transport the courtyard curtains
 - c. Merarites - Transport the frames, crossbars, etc...