

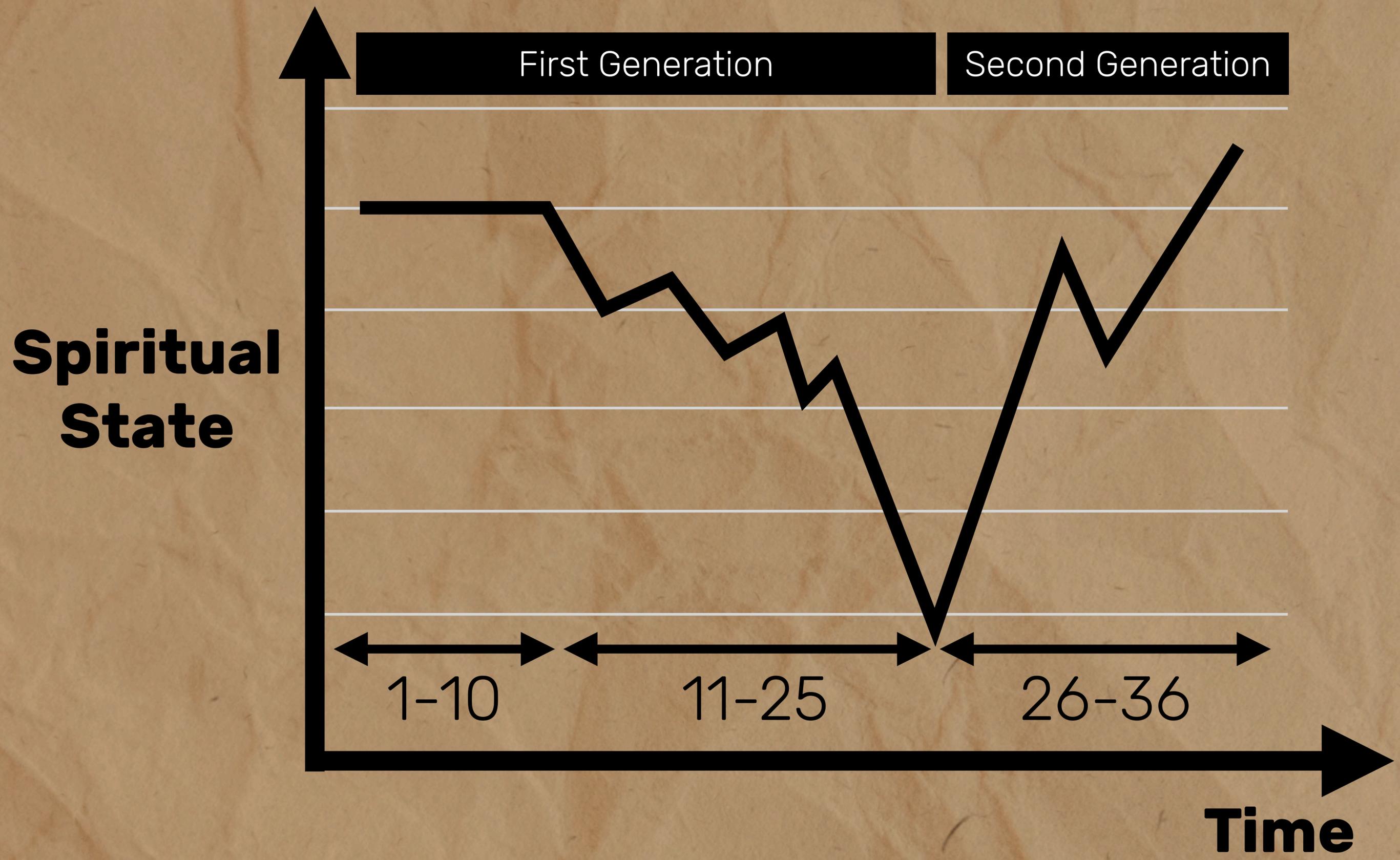
# NUMBERS

LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS

# **Background & Bearings**

**The Lord spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt.**

Numbers 1:1



# **Background & Bearings**

**He said:**

Numbers 1:1

**“I am with you always,  
to the end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:20

# **God's Provision For His People**

**“Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one. You and Aaron are to count according to their divisions all the men in Israel who are twenty years old or more and able to serve in the army.**

Numbers 1:2-3

# **God's Provision For His People**

**From the descendants of Asher: All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were listed by name, according to the records of their clans and families. The number from the tribe of Asher was 41,500.**

Numbers 1:40-41

# **God's Provision For His People**

**From the descendants of Naphtali: All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were listed by name, according to the records of their clans and families. The number from the tribe of Naphtali was 53,400.**

Numbers 1:42-43

# **God's Provision For His People**

**These were the men counted by Moses and Aaron and the twelve leaders of Israel, each one representing his family. All the Israelites twenty years old or more who were able to serve in Israel's army were counted according to their families. The total number was 603,550.**

Numbers 1:44-46

# **God's Provision For His People**

**The ancestral tribe of the Levites, however, was not counted along with the others. The Lord had said to Moses: "You must not count the tribe of Levi or include them in the census of the other Israelites. Instead, appoint the Levites to be in charge of the tabernacle of the covenant law—over all its furnishings and everything belonging to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they are to take care of it and encamp around it.**

Numbers 1:47-50

# **God's Provision For His People**

**Whenever the tabernacle is to move, the Levites are to take it down, and whenever the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall do it. Anyone else who approaches it is to be put to death. The Israelites are to set up their tents by divisions, each of them in their own camp under their standard.**

Numbers 1:51-52

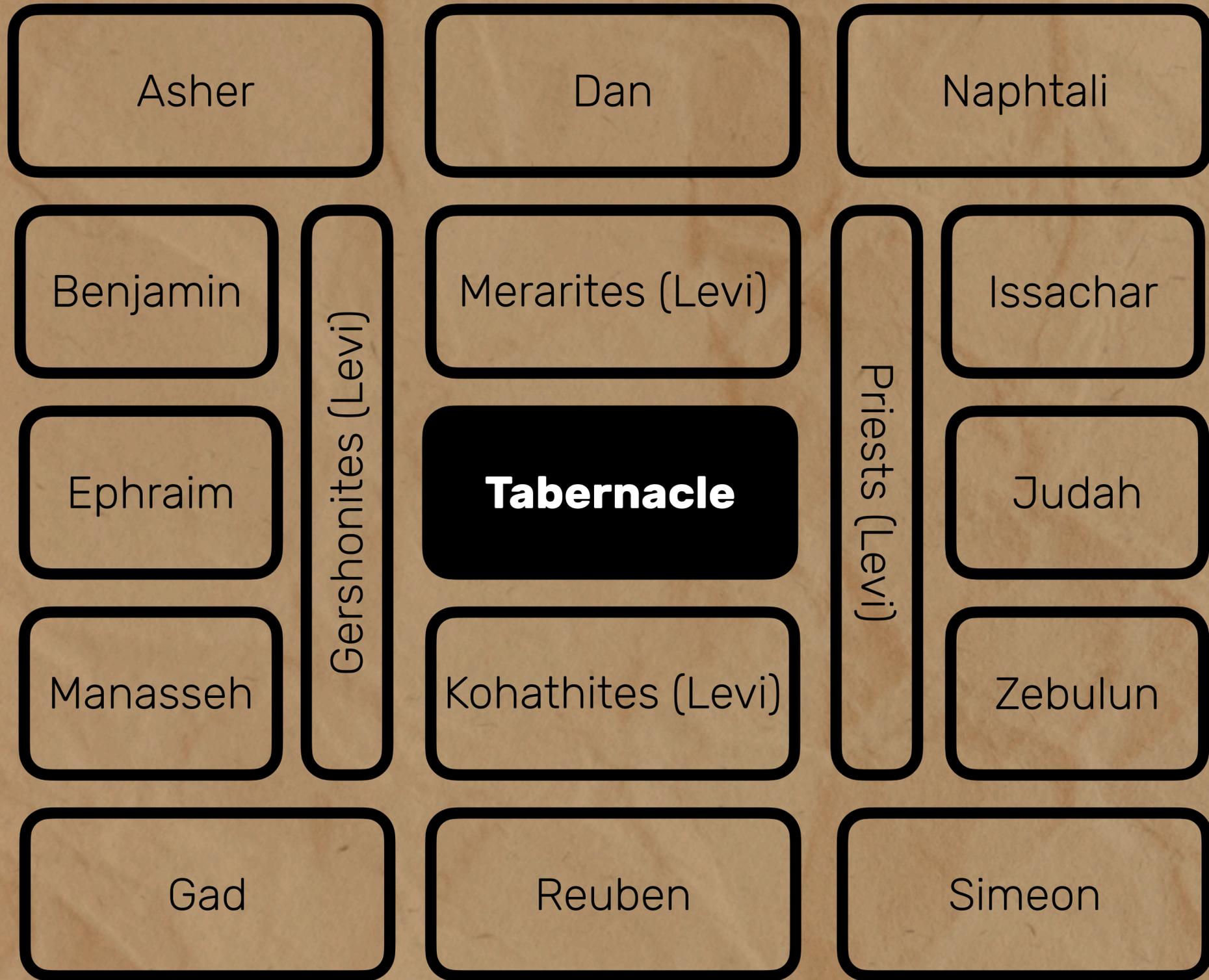
# **God's Provision For His People**

**The Levites, however, are to set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant law so that my wrath will not fall on the Israelite community.**

**The Levites are to be responsible for the care of the tabernacle of the covenant law."**

**The Israelites did all this just as the Lord commanded Moses.**

Numbers 1:53-54



**“The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family.”**

Numbers 2:2

# God's Provision Of Himself

**On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire. Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. At the Lord's command they encamped, and at the Lord's command they set out. They obeyed the Lord's order, in accordance with his command through Moses.**

Numbers 9:15-17; 23

# **God's Provision Today**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14

**Therefore,**

**Let us be assured of God's presence,  
orientating ourselves to him.**

**Let us order our life under God, geared  
towards holiness.**



# **Over Coffee**

Share how have you found  
god's presence comforting in  
your life.