

Numbers 9:15-23

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[God Leads His People According to His will and Purpose]

The Pentateuch

The Book of Numbers



The Book of Numbers is the fourth of five parts which Scripture calls "The Book of Moses.", In the Book of Numbers, the Israelites experienced the failure of the aborted conquest of Canaan and the years of trial when God instructed and disciplined His children in the wilderness wandering. The book concludes in the fortieth year after leaving Egypt, at the Israelite encampment on the Plains of Moab on the east side of the Jordan River. During those years of wandering, the old generation died, and a new generation grew to maturity, a generation that had not known slavery and the worship of false gods in Egypt. Raised in obedience to the divine Law of the Sinai Covenant, the vigorous new generation of the children of Israel was fully prepared to become Yahweh's holy warriors and the conquerors of the Promised Land.

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The Results of the Census of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Numbers 1:1- 34)

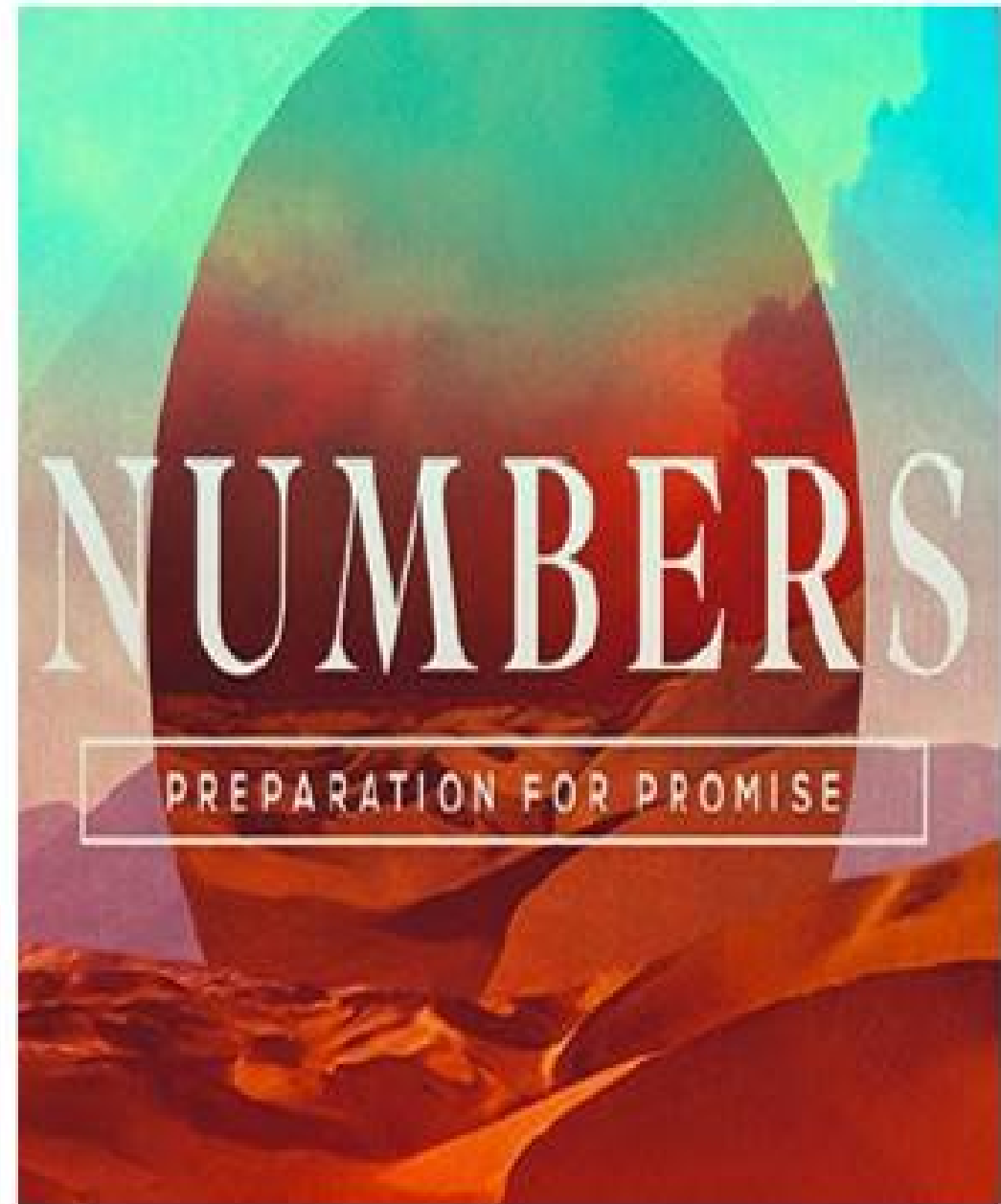
| Tribes and fighting men in Numbers 1:21-43 | |
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| Tribes of Israel | Numbers of fighting men |
| 1. Ruben | 46,500 |
| 2. Simeon | 59,300 |
| 3. Gad | 45,650 |
| 4. Judah | 74,600 |
| 5. Issachar | 54,400 |
| 6. Zebulun | 57,400 |
| 7. Ephraim | 40,500 |
| 8. Manasseh | 32,200 |
| 9. Benjamin | 35,400 |
| 10. Dan | 62,700 |
| 11. Asher | 41,500 |
| 12. Naphtali | 53,400 |
| Total tribe count of men 20 years or older who are eligible for military service. | 603,550 |

Preparation for The Promise is a series about the Book of Numbers.

God is always pointing us somewhere, but sometimes it isn't always clear where he's pointing us. As we wait for his direction, God will shape us and teach us how to trust him.

However, the danger of waiting is that during that time we can grow restless, frustrated, and even disobedient.

The book of Numbers is a great reminder to keep our eyes focused on God while we wait “in the wilderness” for God to fulfill his promises.



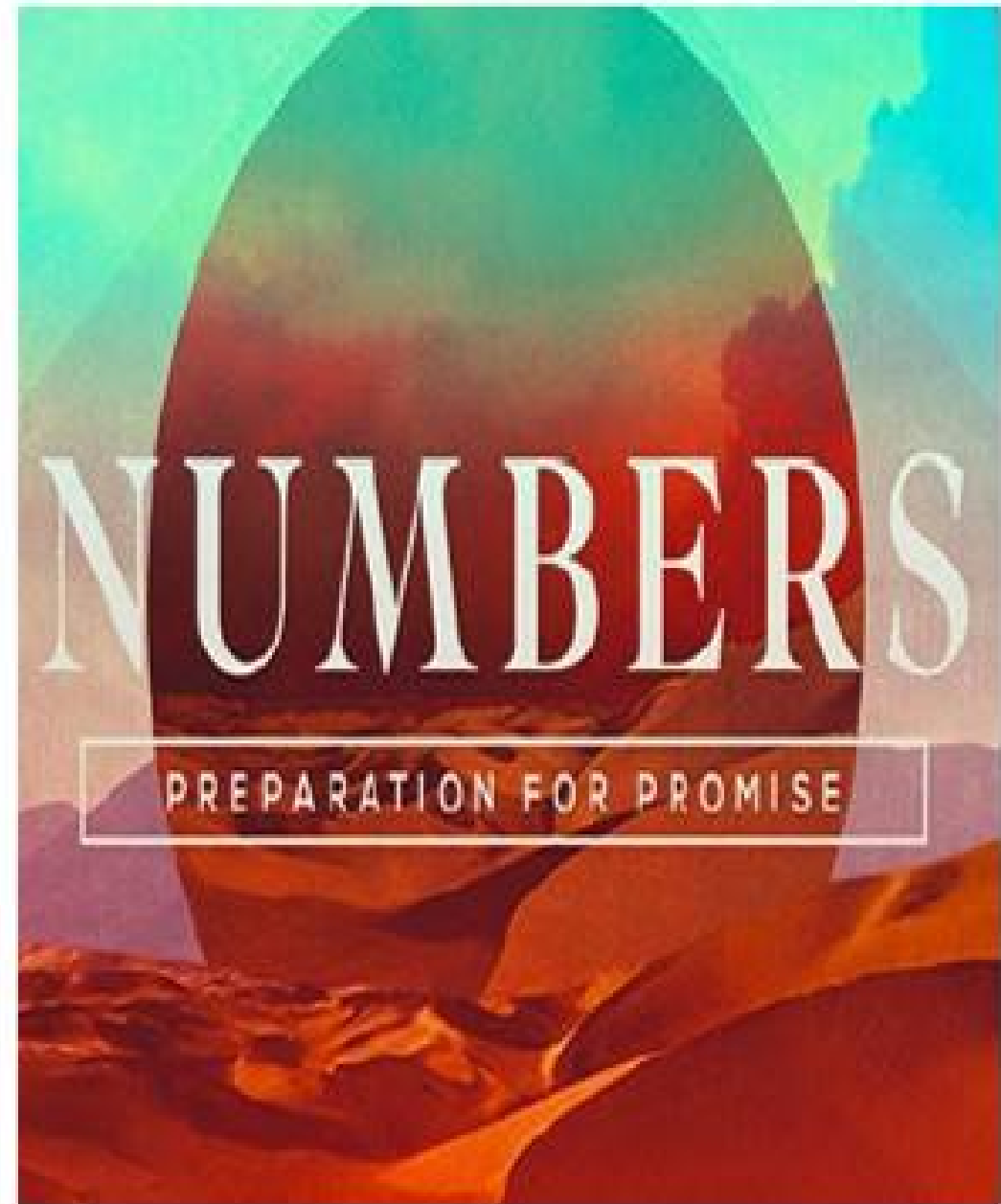
Centering around Four major events, the book easily divides into Four sections:

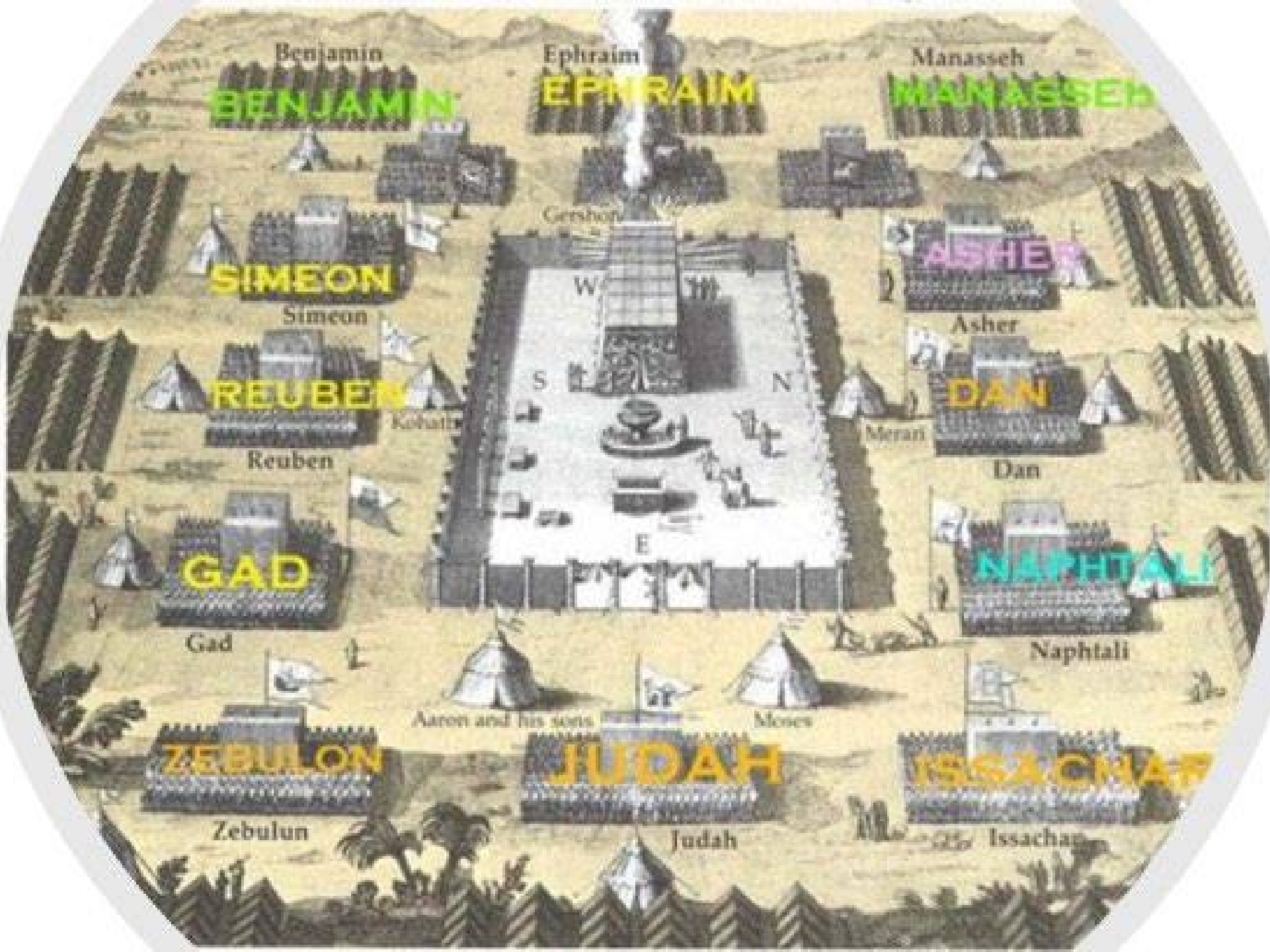
1 The consecration of Israel at Sinai
(1:1–10:10)

2 The rebellious generation in the wilderness (10:11–25:18)

3 The preparation of the new generation (26:1–30:16)

4 preparation for war and entry into the promised land (31:1–36:13)





Benjamin
BENJAMIN

Ephraim
EPHRAIM

Manasseh
MANASSEH

SIMEON
Simeon

ASHER
Asher

REUBEN
Reuben
Kohath

DAN
Dan
Merari

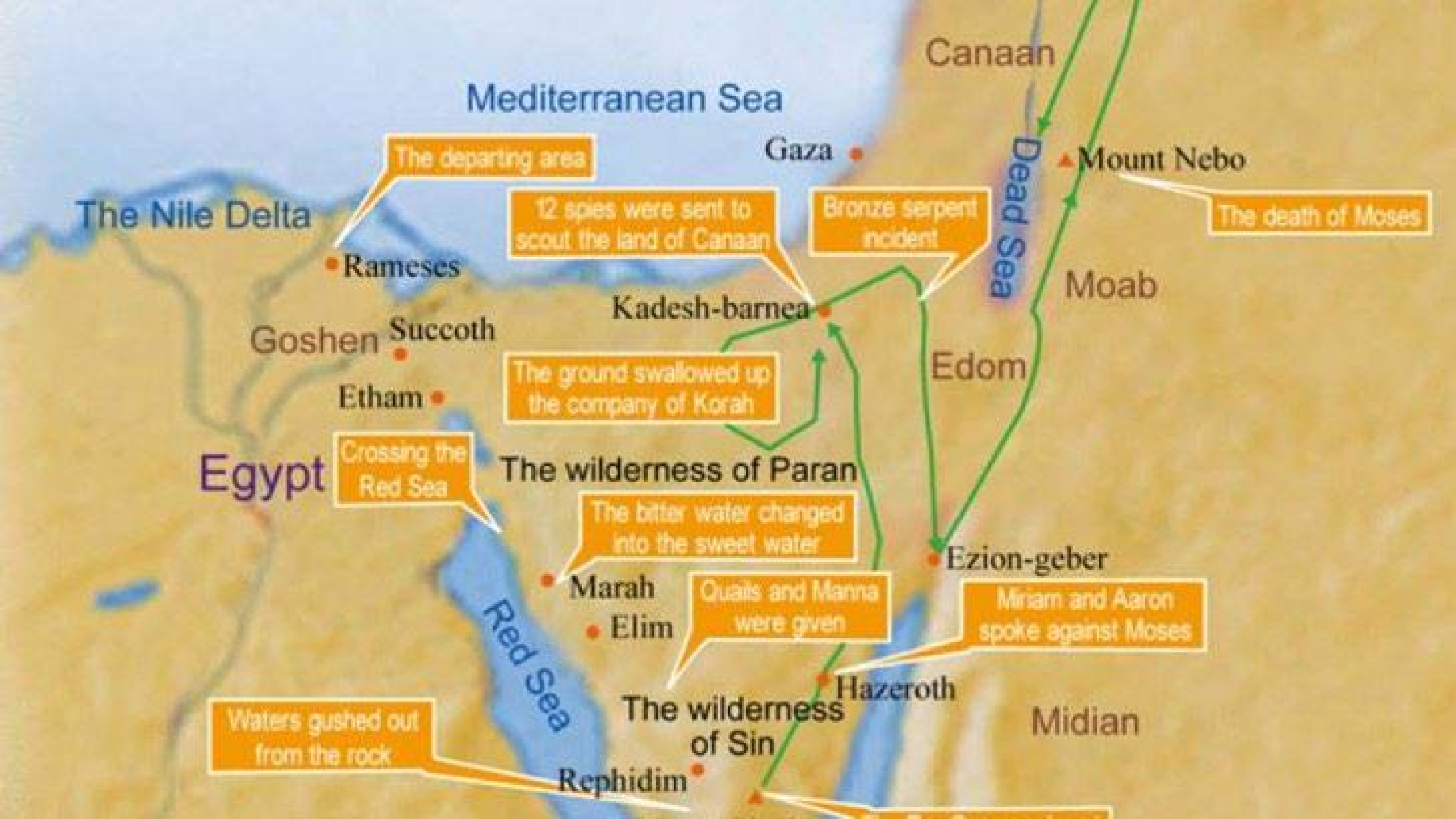
GAD
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NAPHTALI
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ZEBULON
Zebulun

JUDAH
Judah
Aaron and his sons
Moses

ISSACHAR
Issachar



Mediterranean Sea

Canaan

Gaza

Mount Nebo

The death of Moses

Bronze serpent incident

12 spies were sent to scout the land of Canaan

The departing area

Moab

Dead Sea

Edom

The ground swallowed up the company of Korah

Kadesh-barnea

Crossing the Red Sea

The wilderness of Paran

The bitter water changed into the sweet water

Ezion-geber

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses

Quail and Manna were given

Marah

Elim

Midian

The wilderness of Sin

Hazeroth

Waters gushed out from the rock

Rephidim

The Nile Delta

Rameses

Goshen

Succoth

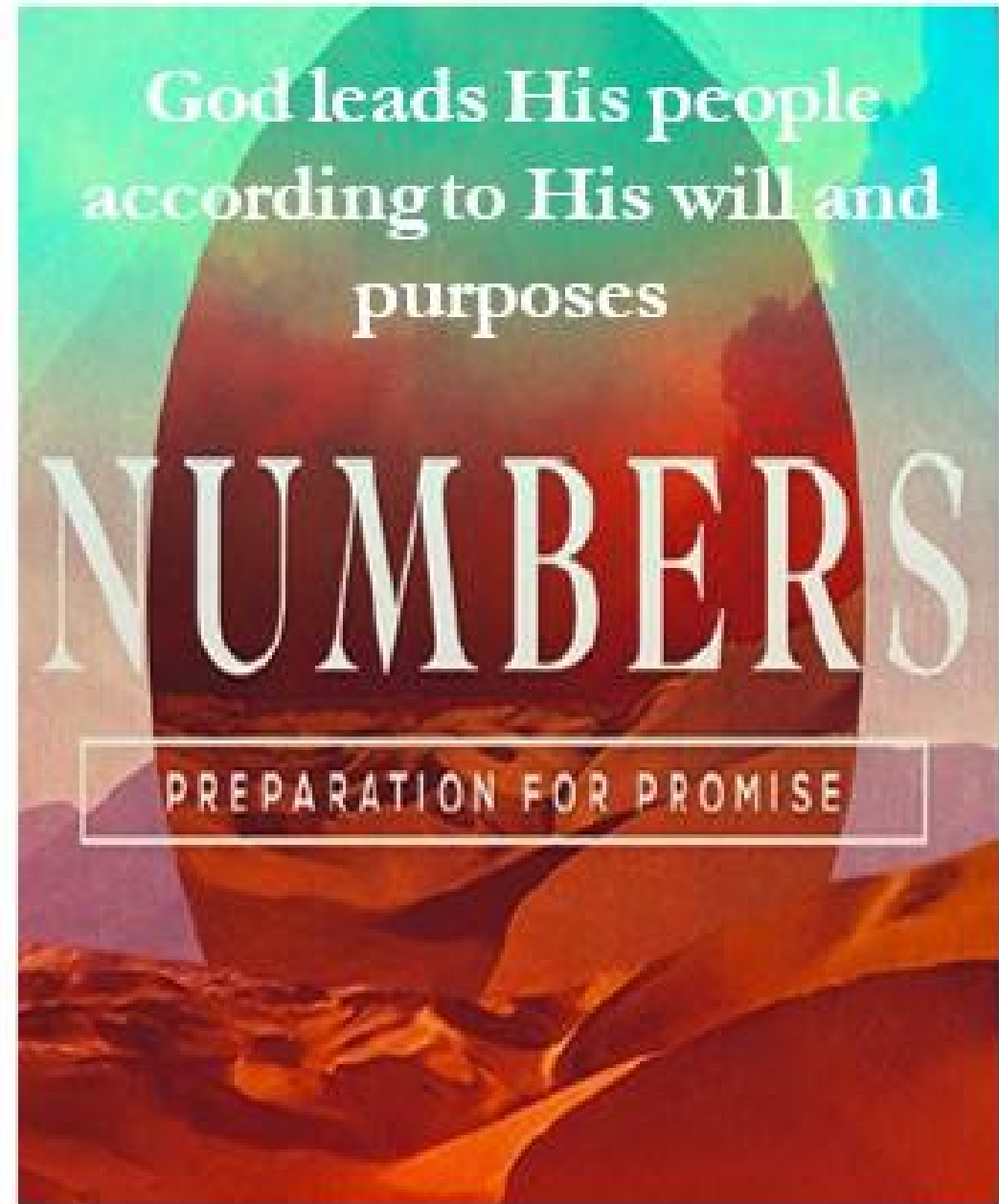
Etham

Egypt

God establishes the tabernacle at the center of the camp, thus establishing worship as the center of the Israelites.

If God is not the center of all that we do, we will fail to worship him as we are called to do. We must strive to take seriously God's expectation to worship him fully.

The Israelites waited for God to lead them out into the wilderness. We have to learn to fully trust God's promise to lead us, which means that we stay put when he calls us to and we move along when he prompts us to go.



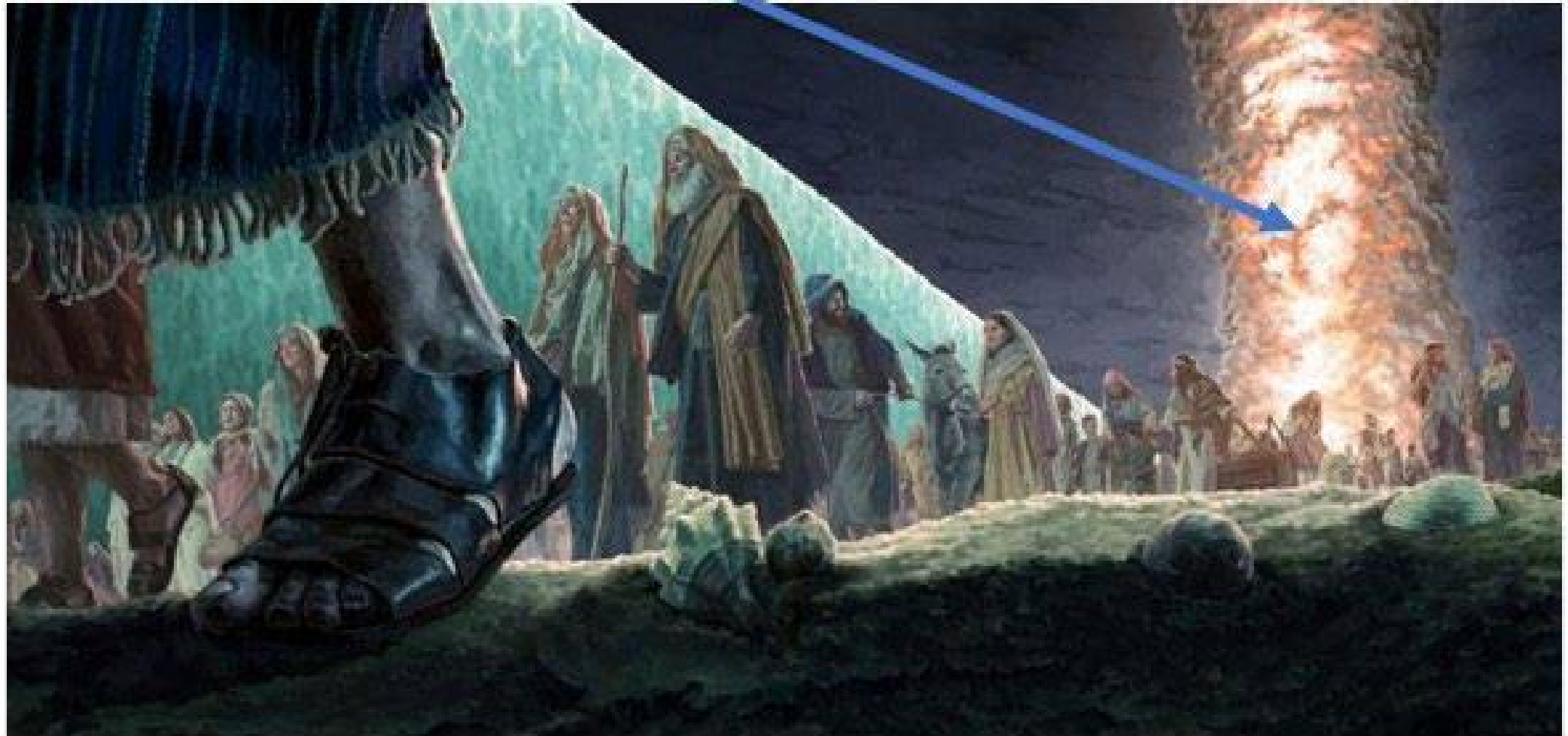
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PREPARATION FOR PROMISE

1. THE PRESENCE OF JEHOVAH (NUM.9:15-16)

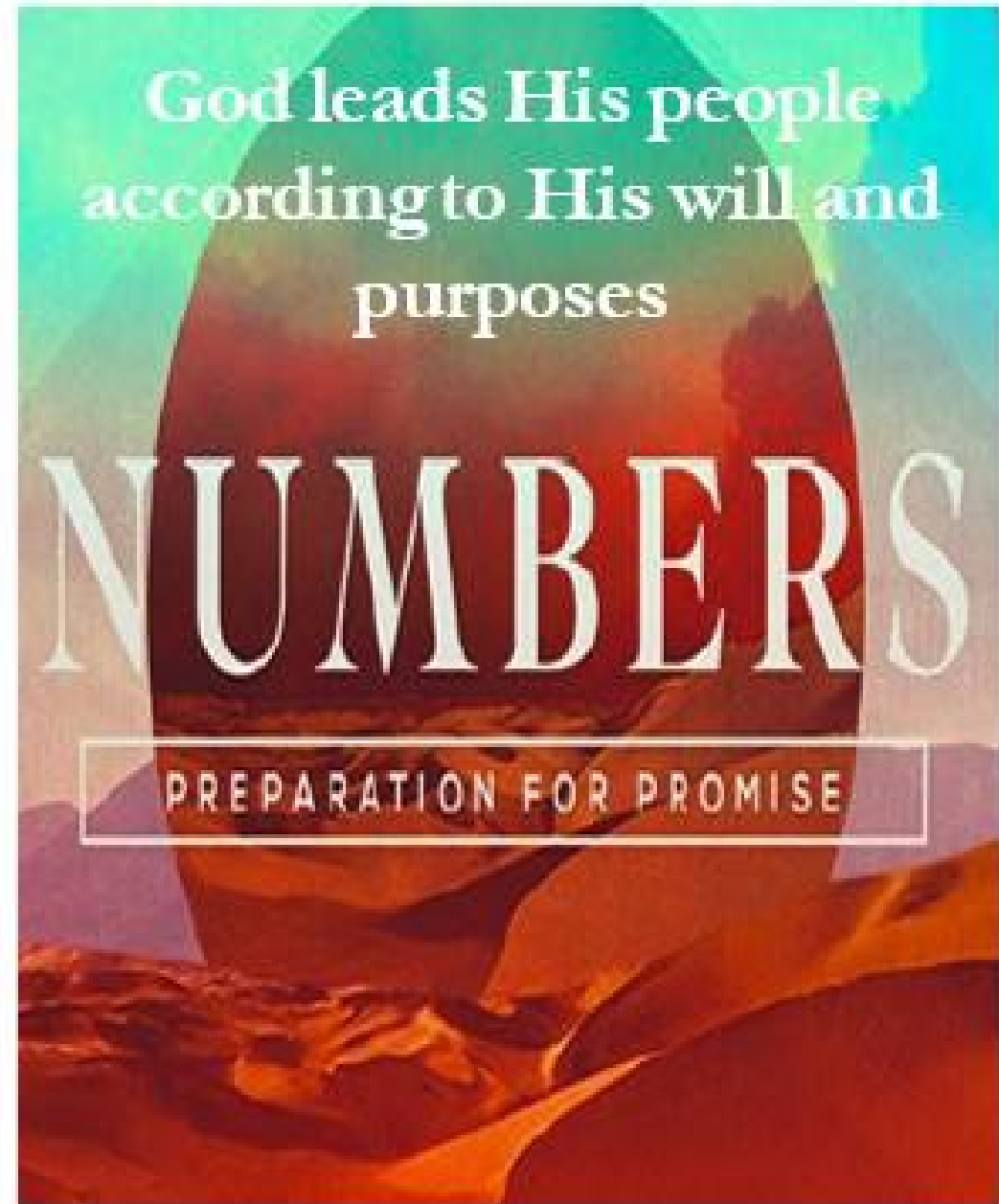
The Second Passover and the Departure

The cloud that first appeared at the Red Sea after the first Passover (**Ex. 13:17-22; 14:19**) would be their constant guide as long as they remembered, worshiped, and followed the God who delivered them from bondage.



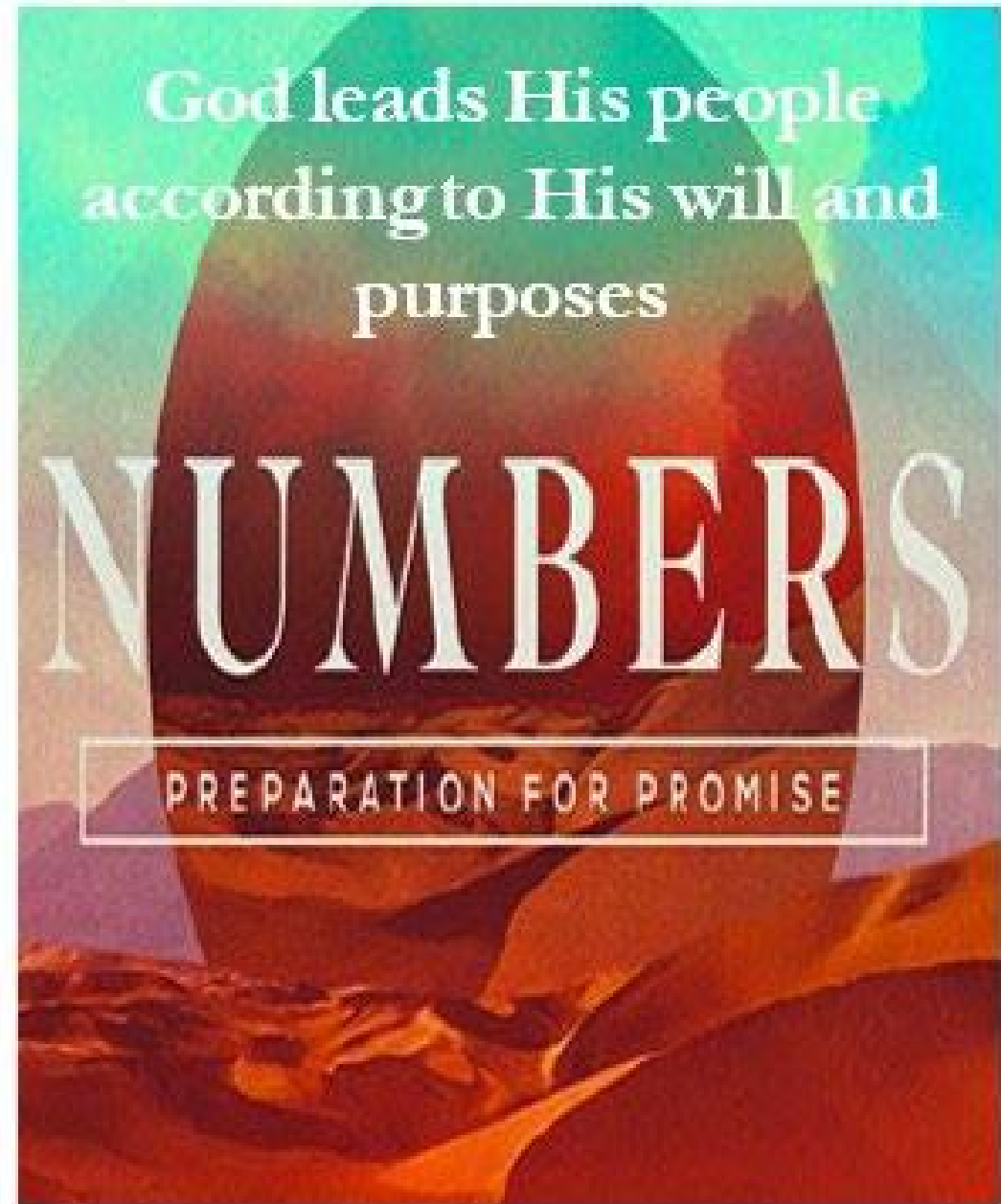
Numbers 9:15 KJV

And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.



Numbers 9:16 KJV

So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.



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PREPARATION FOR PROMISE

2. THE PRACTICE OF JEHOVAH (NUM.9:17-22)

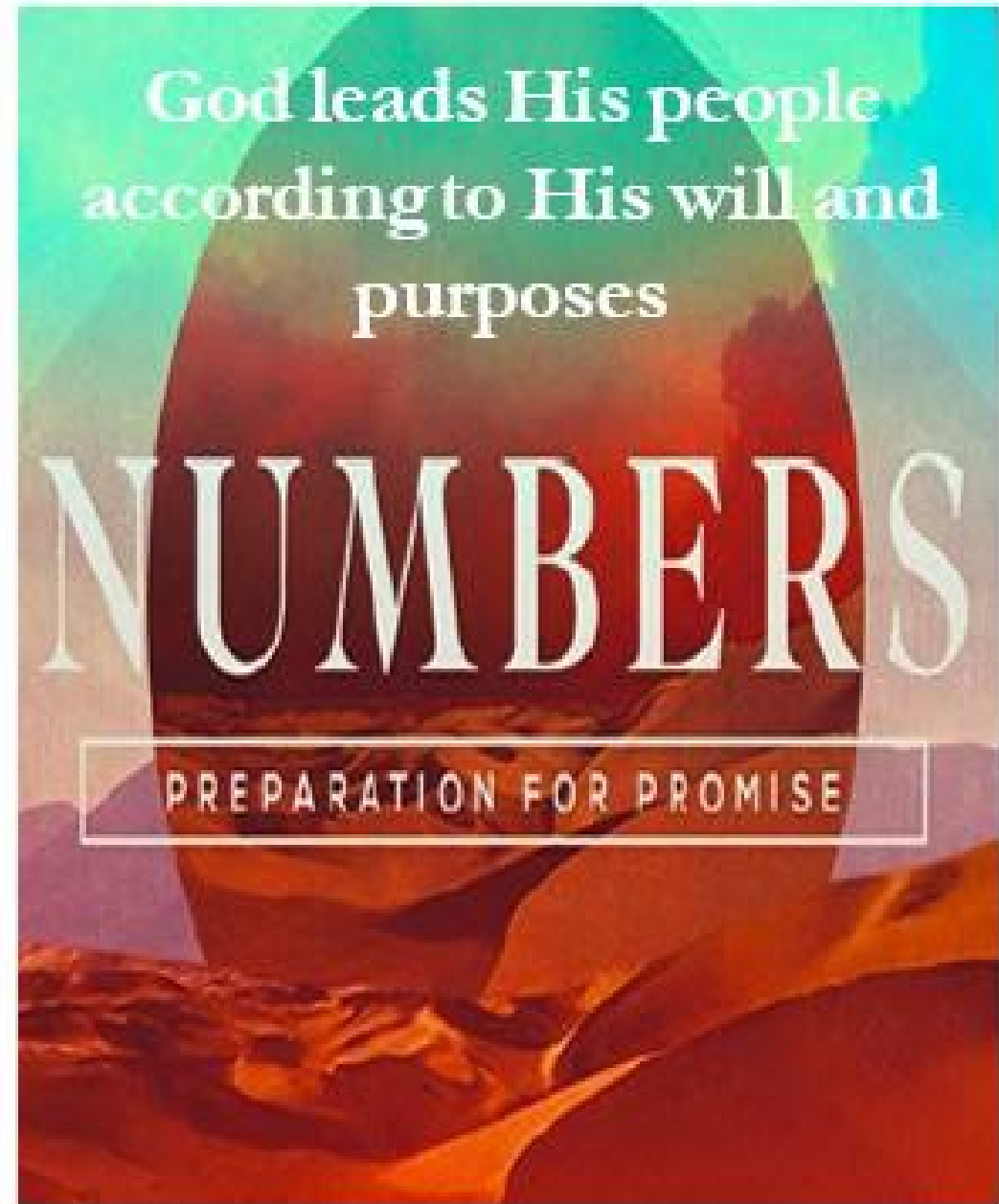
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The cloud and **the fire** relieved Moses of the headache of informing and persuading the multitude of people that it was time to march or to camp. By following the cloud, these pilgrim **people marched** through the wilderness **like an army**, pursuing the goal of inheriting the promised land.

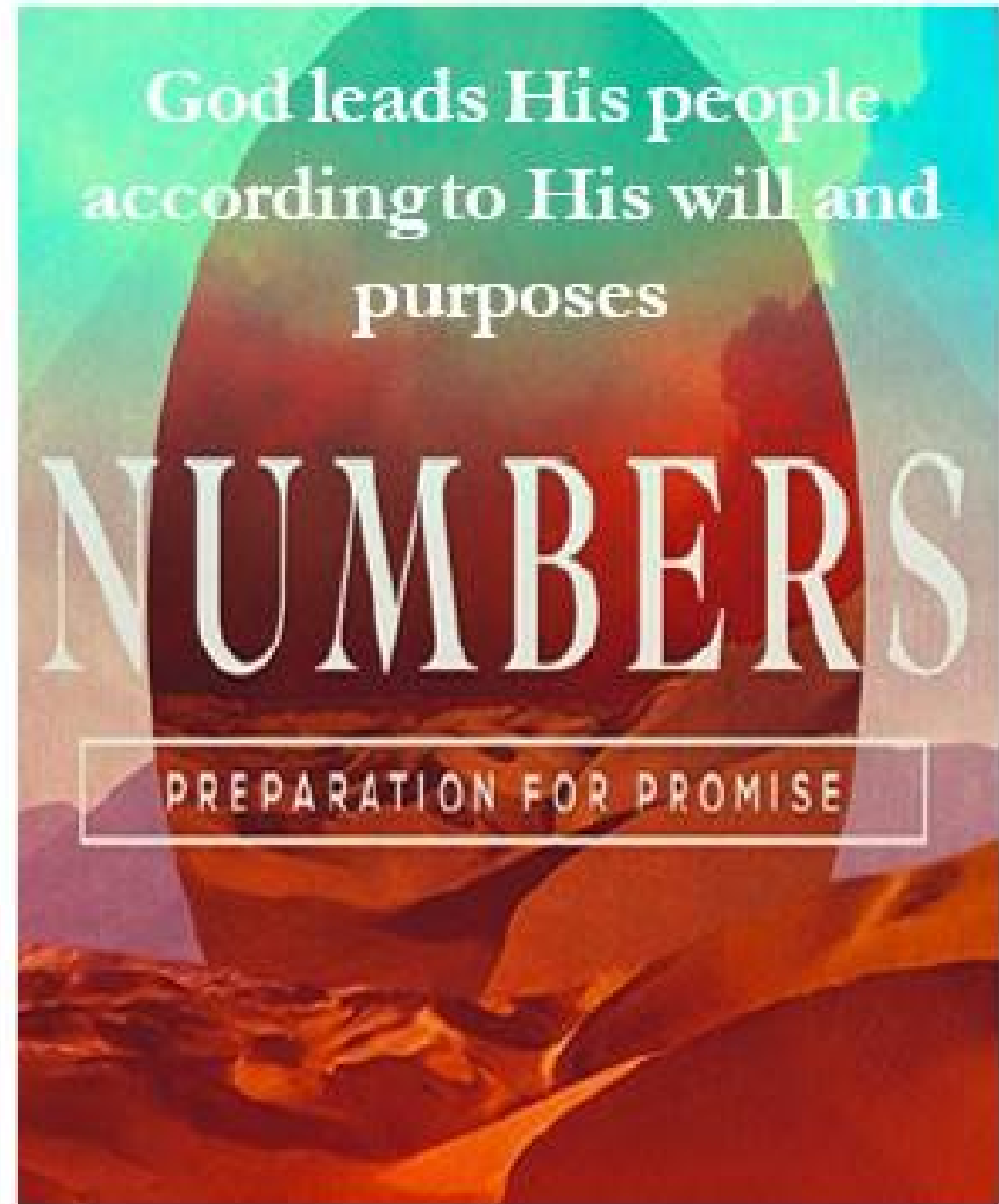
Numbers 9:17 KJV

And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.



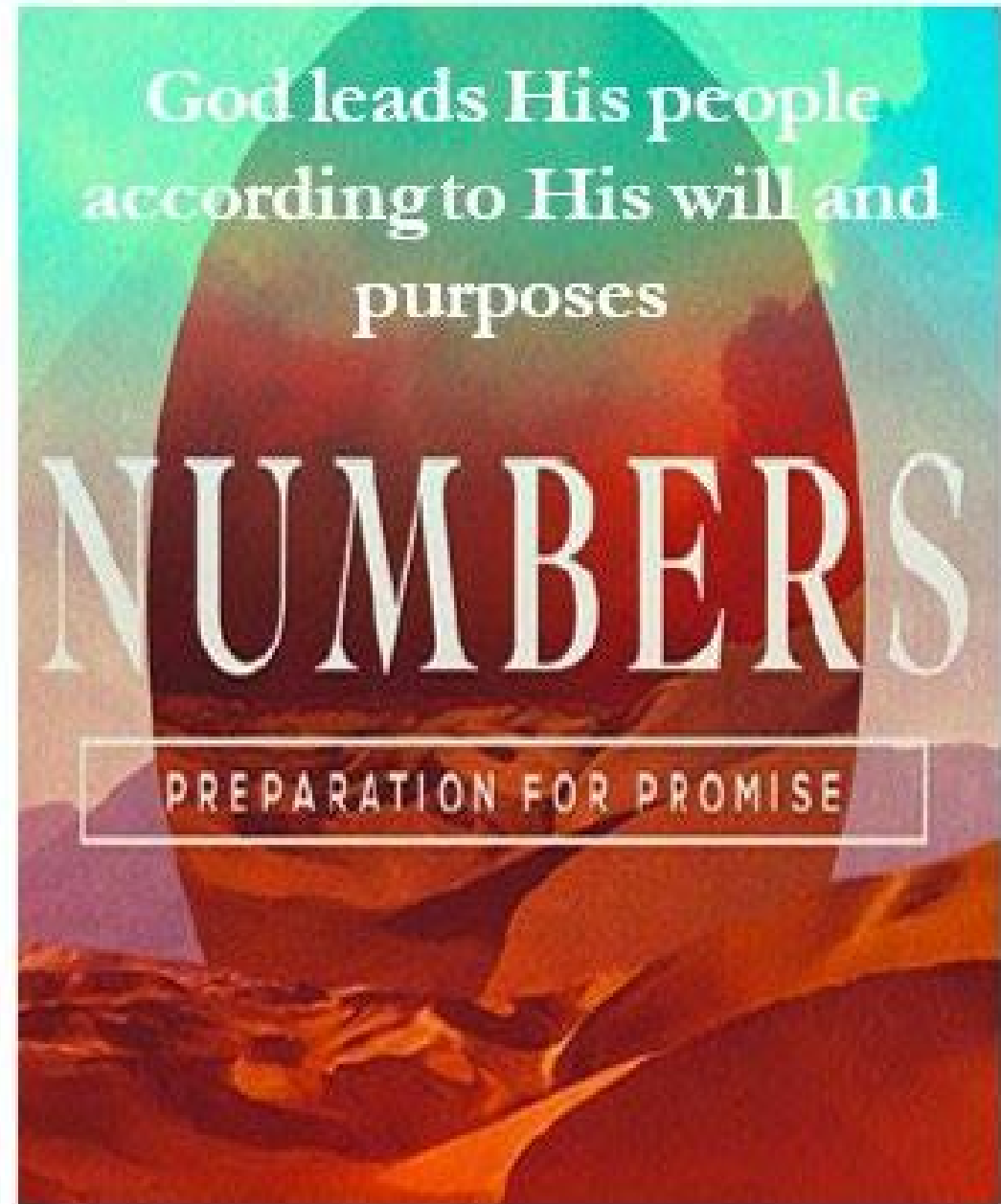
Numbers 9:18 KJV

At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.



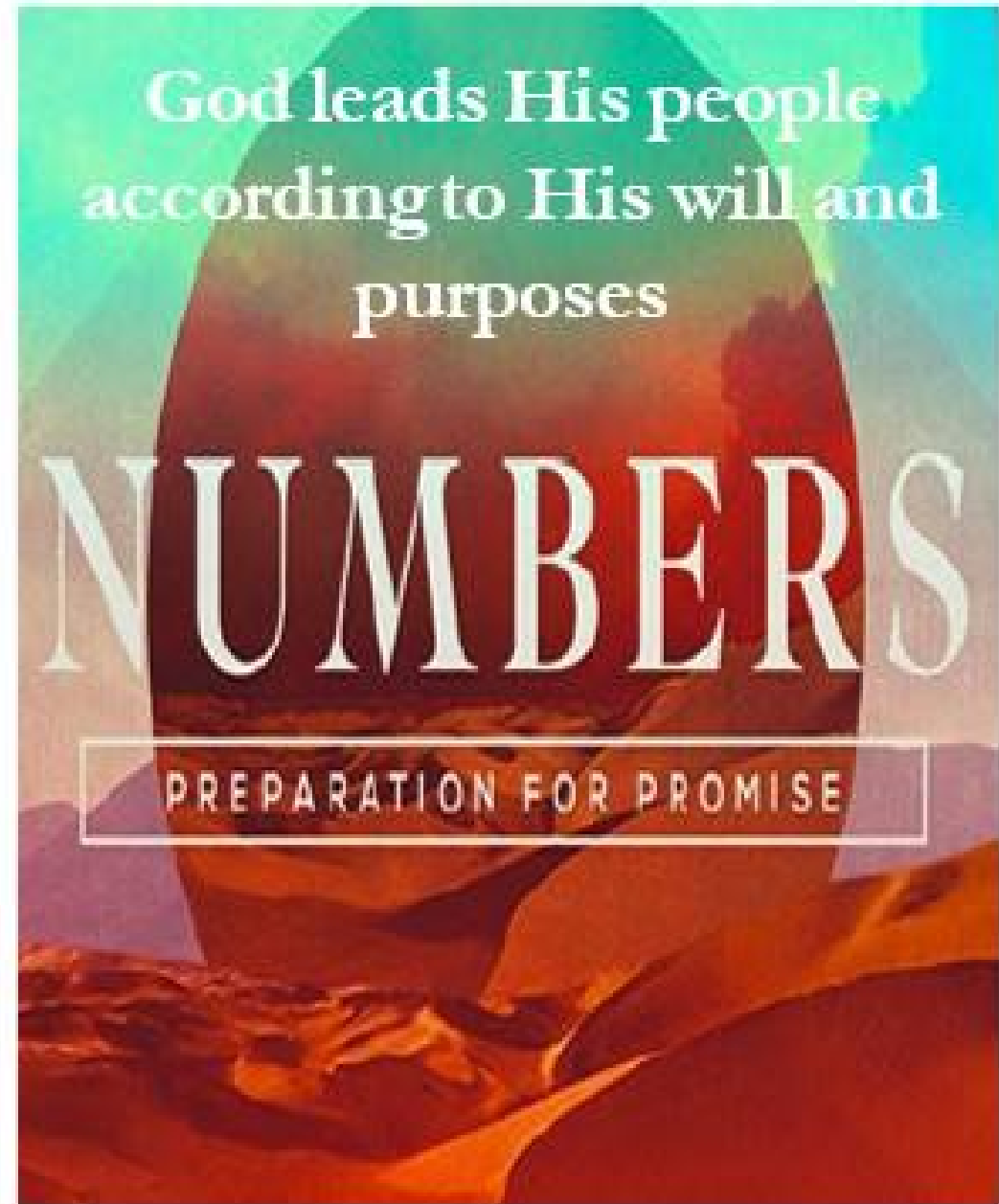
Numbers 9:19 KJV

And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord, and journeyed not.



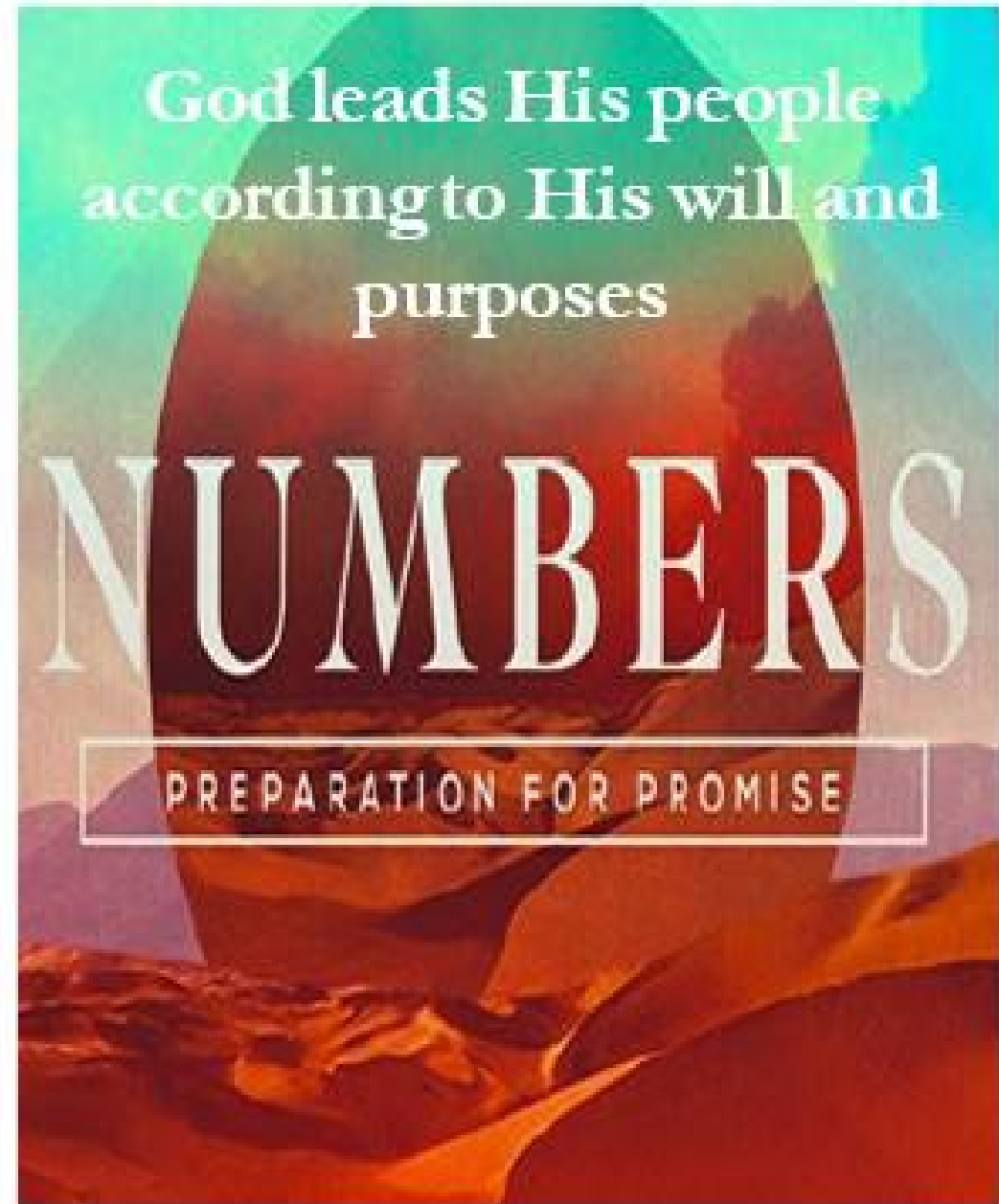
Numbers 9:20 KJV

And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the Lord they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed.



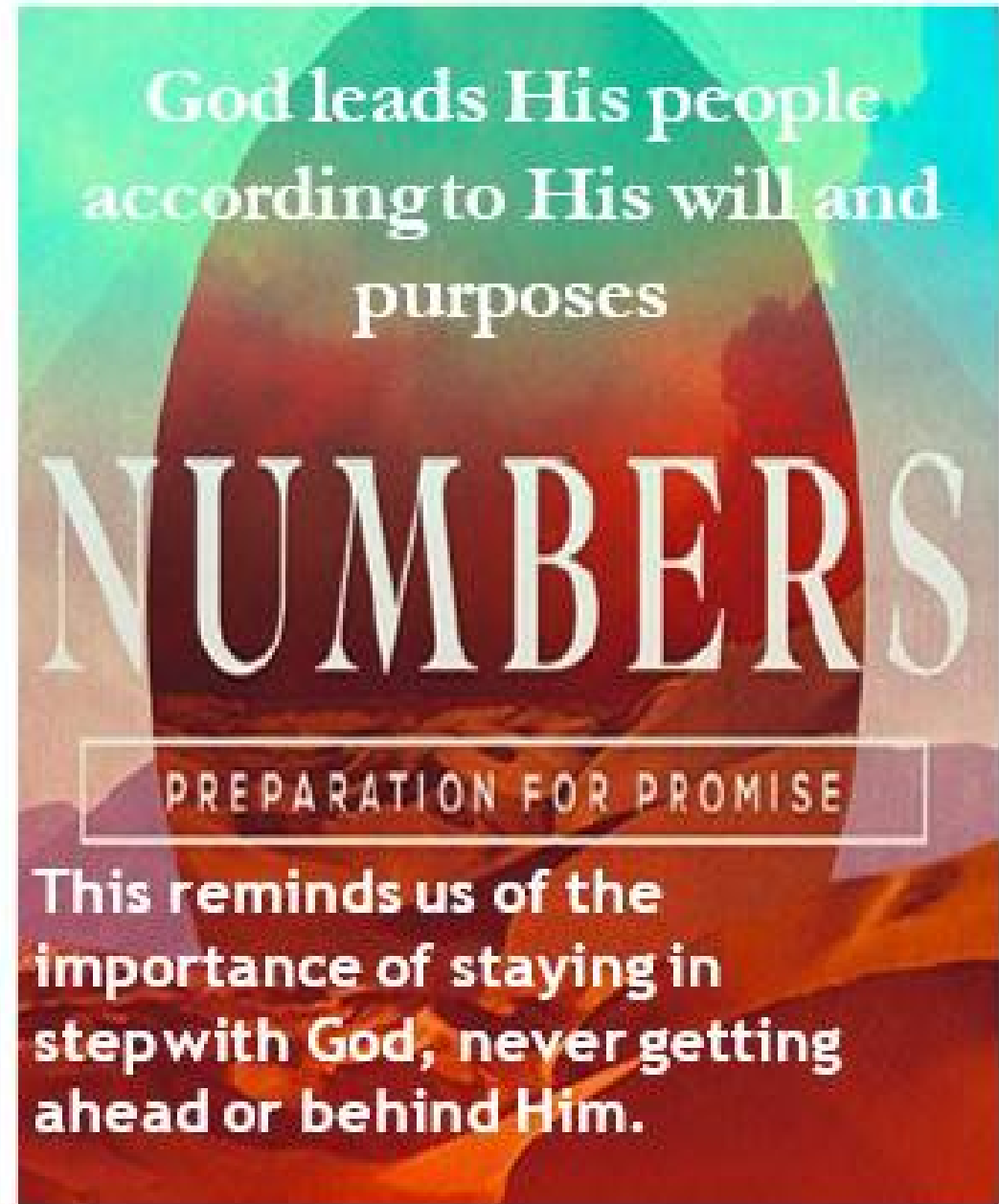
Numbers 9:21 KJV

And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.



Numbers 9:22 KJV

Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.



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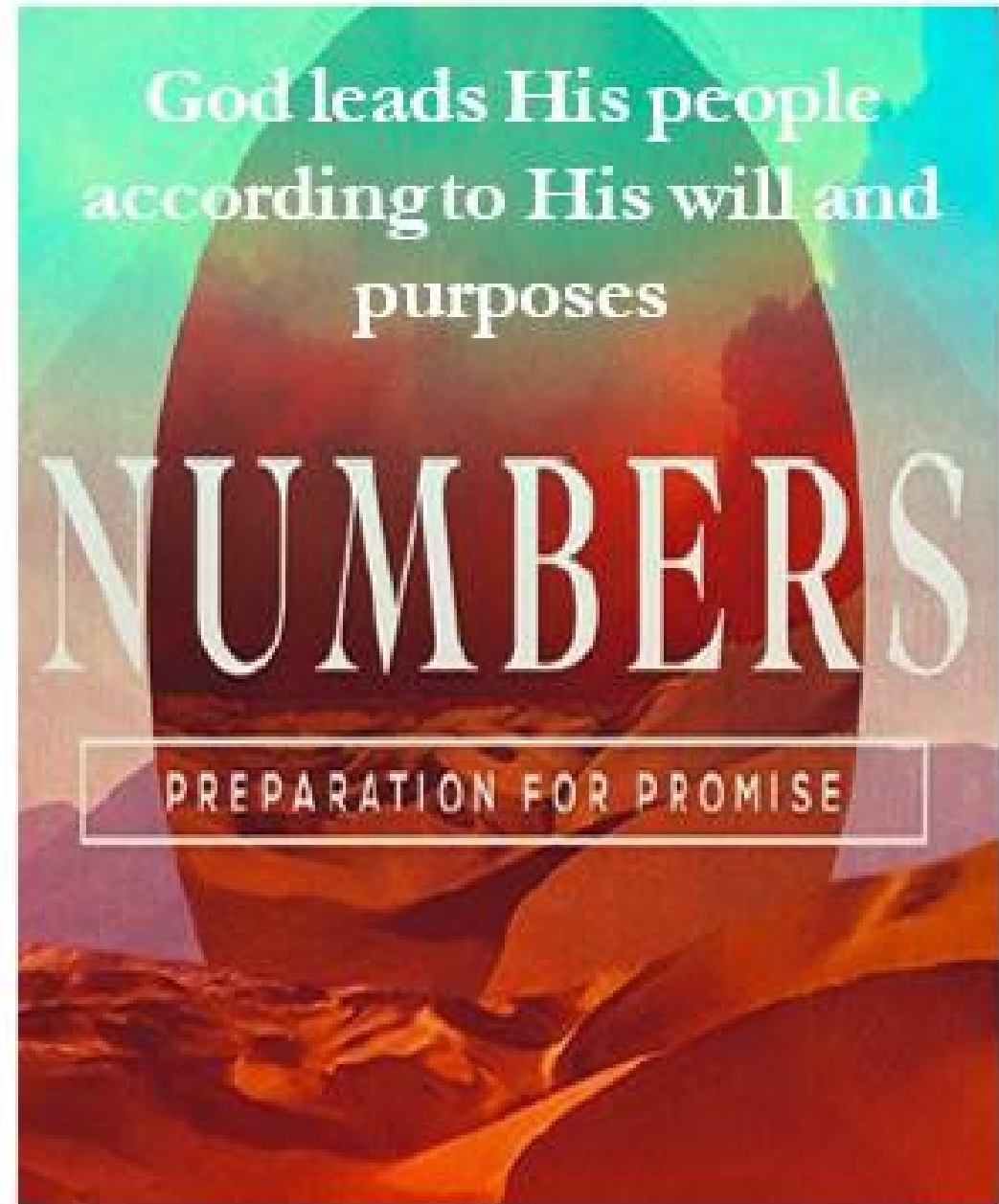
PREPARATION FOR PROMISE

3. THE PRINCIPLE OF JEHOVAH (NUM.9:23)

The Second Passover and the Departure

Numbers 9:23 KJV

At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.



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