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YA'AKOV HAD 12 SONS



Beresheet 46:27 tells us that 72 Hebrews were in Mitzraim.

This was Ya'akov, his wives, his 12 sons Yoseph and his 2 sons.

There are 12 sons with their families who will become the 12 tribes of Israel/Jacob.

This small group is united as one family – the House of Jacob or Israel.

Israel is in captivity in Mitzraim 430 years (Shemot 12:40)

They have multiplied to a very large population and at the end of their captivity they leave Mitzraim by their divisions.

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Shemot 12:41 “...all the divisions of Yahweh went out from the land of Mitsrayim.”

Shemot 12:51 “... Yahweh brought the children of Yisrael out of the land of Mitsrayim according to their divisions.”

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Yahweh sees the House of Jacob as a unity in 12 separate parts or divisions or tribes.

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COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

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Yahweh's relationship with the House of Jacob is a Covenant relationship.

Yahweh relates to His people through a covenant relationship ONLY. That covenant relationship is from a Scriptural, Hebraic perspective. This is poorly understood in our western thinking.

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The Covenant with Avraham

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In Beresheet chapters 12, 15 and 17 Yahweh makes a Covenant with Avraham. Part of this covenant is to become a great people.

Beresheet 12:2 “And I shall make you a great nation ...”

Beresheet 17:2 “And I give My covenant between Me and you, and shall greatly increase you.”

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Beresheet 17:4 “As for Me, look, My covenant is with you, and you shall become a father of many nations.”

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and so there is no confusion about who the covenant is with:

Beresheet 17:21 “But My covenant I establish with Yitzchak ...”

The initial promise to Avraham is Beresheet chapter 12. The ratification of the covenant – Beresheet chapter 15. The sign of the covenant is in Beresheet chapter 17.

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The ratification of this covenant with Avraham is by blood (the animals in Beresheet 15:8-10) and the covenant sign by blood – circumcision (Beresheet 17:9-10).

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Therefore it is the first blood covenant. This covenant is also referred to as “the covenant of promise”.

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This was not a “universal” covenant. It was made with one man and his descendants or **seed** (זרע).

There is a “limited number” of descendants even though that number is “countless”.

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Those outside of Avraham's seed (זרע) are NOT included.

All other covenants are based on this one.

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The Covenant with Moshe

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Shemot (Exodus) chapters 19 – 24 and 31

This is the **continuity** of the Avrahamic covenant – it does not do away with the Avrahamic covenant or replace it.

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This covenant is made with **ALL** 12 tribes of Israel. This covenant is for Israel **ONLY** (all 12 tribes) and not for the gentiles. Gentiles may join by becoming Israelites and giving up their gentile ways.

This covenant allows Israel to receive the promises Yahweh made to Avraham.

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The covenant sign is the Sabbath. It should be noted that failure to observe the Sabbath of Yahweh means that the individual is **NOT** a part of Yahweh's Covenant.

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Yahweh sees Israel through the blood of the covenant relationship.

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When He takes Israel out of Mitzraim he is keeping His covenant with Avraham. He will protect Israel and teach them His ways.

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He will take them out into the wilderness to

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Protect them and care for them

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Give them His commands

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Separate them into the tribes of Jacob

They left Mitzraim as a rabble with true Israelites and sojourners (Shemot 12:38).

In Devarim chapters 1 and 2 we see Israel divided into their distinct tribes. The sojourners join a tribe to become a permanent part of Israel.

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A MILITARY CAMP

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Bemidbar 1:1-2 “Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Yisra’el, by their clans, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army in Yisra’el. Number them by their divisions, you and Aharon.”

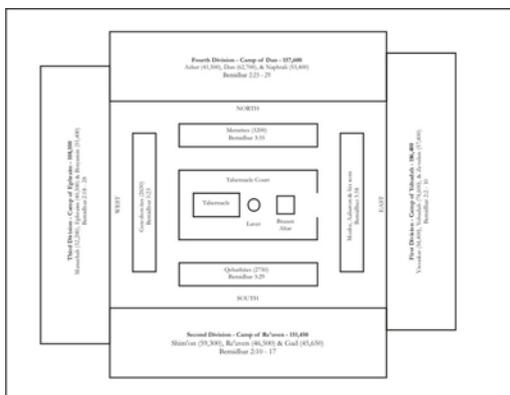
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Notice the Scripture says “...everyone going out to the army in Yisra’el”.

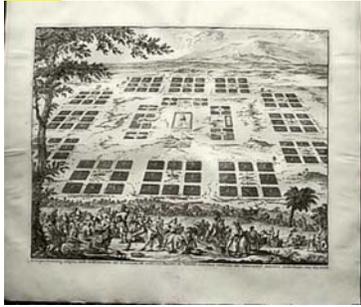
In the ANE a typical military camp consisted of the commander in the center and the army surrounding his command post by their divisions.

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The layout of Israel’s camp is the same.



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When the camp moved out they moved out in order – Yahweh is an Elohim of order.

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THE ARMY OF ISRAEL

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Bemidbar 2:32 “These were registered ones of the children of Yisra’el by their fathers’ houses. All who were registered according to their divisions of the camps: six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.”

The army is over 600,000 men. However, this number did not include men over or under Army age. It did not include women or girls. It has been estimated that the total size of all of Israel in the wilderness was 2 to 3 million.

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LOGISTICS OF THE ARMY OF ISRAEL

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According to the Quartermaster General of the US Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1500 tons of food each day. 2 freight trains a mile long a day.

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For cooking it would require 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long a day.

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They would require water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day, and a freight train with tank cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring water!

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The Israelite camp would be two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island, or a total of 750 square miles. Cumberland county is 685 square miles.

The size of this camp would strike fear into the heart of any nation seeing it.

CONCLUSIONS

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Yahweh made a promise to Avraham. This promise is a blood covenant. Yahweh will keep His promise to Avraham.

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That covenant is between Yahweh and Avraham's physical seed.

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Avraham's physical seed is manifest in the 12 tribes of Israel. Any sojourners or non-Israelites who want to be a part of this covenant must physically adopt into Israel.

This means adopting the Torah of Israel.

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Yahweh has not forgotten His promise.

Mal'aki (Malachi) 3:6

"For I am Yahweh, I shall not change, and you, O sons of Ya'akov, shall not come to an end."