

# LEVIAS

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**THE PRIESTLY  
TRIBE**

# ⋮ The Priestly Tribe

According to the biblical account, in the tenth plague (death of the firstborn) all the families who sprinkled the doorposts with the blood of the Passover lamb were saved.

That is why the Bible says that every firstborn belongs to the Lord (Ex 13).



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Therefore, they would be the firstborn to **minister in the presence of God**, symbolizing the worship of their entire family. However, to facilitate the organization of worship, a different tribe was chosen to replace them in the office: **that of Levi (Num 3)**.



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According to the Bible, the choice was not accidental: the Levites sided with **Moses** in the episode of the golden calf, promoted by Aaron the priest (**Ex 32**).



**Exodus 32:26** ●●●

*Then he stood at the entrance of the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, let him join himself to me." All the Levites joined him.*

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**From among the Levites**, the descendants of Aaron were chosen to serve **as priests**, who were the main officiants and the only ones who had access to the **interior of the Tabernacle** and the altar.

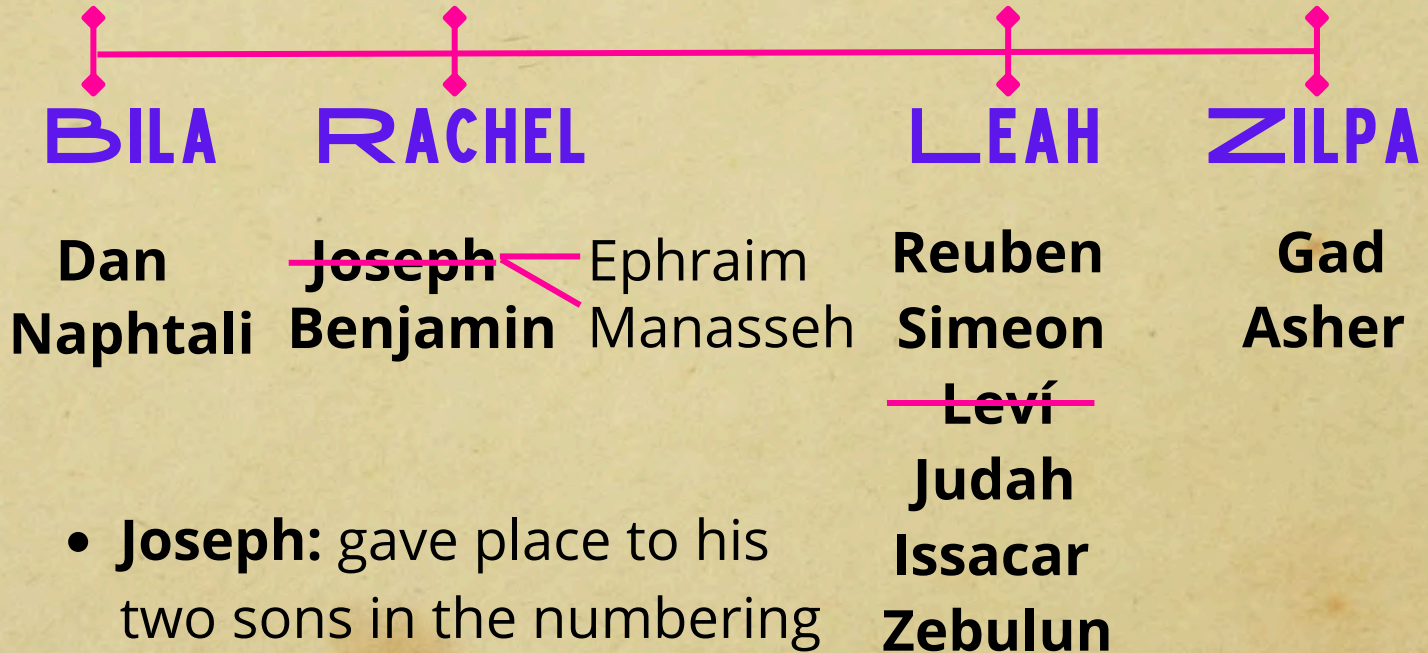
The rest of the tribe was in charge of **transporting, setting up and taking down the Tabernacle** and assisting the priests in the functions of worship (cleaning, gathering wood, carrying water, etc.).



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## THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

Jacob (Israel)



- **Joseph:** gave place to his two sons in the numbering of the tribes.

- **Levi:** they separated to serve and did not gain land.



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## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

**The Decalogue** was not part of the ceremonial law, but of the moral law. Anyone who broke its precepts was subject to ritual sacrifice for sin, or even capital punishment for murder or adultery.

Below are the commandments, paraphrased from Exodus 20:



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# THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Not to have other gods.

2. Do not make idols.

3. Not to take the Name in vain.

4. To sanctify the Sabbath.

• • • • • 5. Honor father and mother.

• • • • • 6. Not to kill.

• • • • • 7. Do not commit adultery.

• • • • • 8. Do not steal.

• • • • • 9. Do not lie.

• • • • • 10. Do not covet.





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**The priests** wore special clothes, made of white linen, with an embroidered linen belt, gold, blue, purple and red, and on the head a mitre (linen turban).

**The high priest**, the chief among them and elected annually, wore on the same **tunic with layers that differentiated him:** a blue surplice, an embroidered priestly mantle and a breastplate containing twelve precious stones.

