



Four Square Camp of Israel

**Texts for this study—Num. 2:1-31;
Eze. 1:10; 10:16-22; Rev. 4:6-8**

The Levites were chosen to care for the Tabernacle because of their fidelity when the tribes rebelled against God in building the golden calf (Ex. 32:26-28)

Levi is represented through his sons – the Kohathites, Merarites, and Gershonites

Rachel was the matriarch of the three tribes on the west side

Ephraim and Manasseh are sons of Joseph and fill the places for Joseph and Levi; thus Joseph received the double portion of the birthright from Jacob

The ensign for each side of the camp represents some aspect of Christ's work for mankind

- (1) He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and King of kings (Gen. 49:9, 10; Rev. 5:5)
- (2) He assumed the nature of man so that as us He could overcome where Adam failed (Son of Man; Heb. 2:14-17; John 5:27)
- (3) As man, He worked to save us from the penalty and punishment of sin (1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- (4) He is the soaring eagle that protects us and lifts us to heavenly places (Ex. 19:4; Deut. 32:10-12; Isa. 63:9; Rev. 12:14)

**Mixed
Multitude**

Asher

DAN

Naphtali

Levites

Merarites

**Prophet
and High
Priest**

MOSES

AARON

Moses and Aaron
are also Levites

Issachar

JUDAH

Zebulun

Sons of Leah

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Issachar
Zebulun

Sons of Bilhah

Dan
Naphtali

Sons of Zilpah

Gad
Asher

Sons of Rachel

Joseph
Benjamin

**Gen. 29:31-35;
30:1-24; 35:16-18**

**The Sacred
Tabernacle**

Gershonites

Kohathites

REUBEN

Gad

Simeon

**All Unclean
Persons**

These must remain outside the camp