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## CHAPTER ONE

# No Inheritance

*“Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him” (Deuteronomy 10:9).*

*“The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance. Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them” (Deuteronomy 18:1-2). (See also Numbers 18:20; 26:62; Deuteronomy 12:12; 14:27; Joshua 13:14; 14:3; 18:7; Ezekiel 44:28.)*

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The Bible clearly teaches that the tribe of Levi was not to have an inheritance in the Promised Land with their brethren. Some have, in times gone by, found in this a basis to question the church furnishing a place for its pastor to live—a parsonage. But such persons are evidently unaware of other provisions that Jehovah God made for His ministers, the Levites.

God has, throughout the past and on into the future, provided a place for the Levites to live.

### **In the Wilderness**

*“The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward. . . . The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward. . . . And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari was Zurriel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward. . . . But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons” (Numbers 3:23, 29, 35, 38).*

**THE CAMP OF ISRAEL**

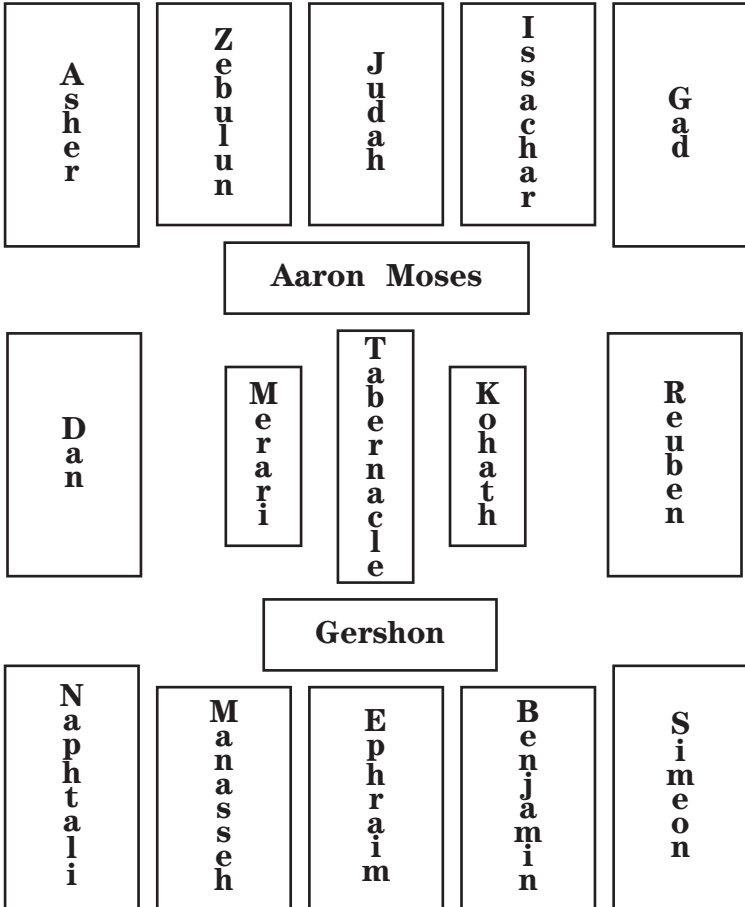


Figure 1

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In the midst of God's organizing of the camp we find that He provided living space for the Levites. They still were not numbered among the rest of the tribes, and they received no inheritance with the rest, but God knew their needs (Luke 12:29-30) and provided for them. (See Figure 1.)

And for those who doubt that this example has anything to do with today, let us remember that Stephen called this group the "church in the wilderness" (Acts 7:38). What was shadow then is substance now, and the symbol has been made the actual. So from the wilderness we trace the minister's right to a place to live.

### **In the Promised Land**

*"And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their*