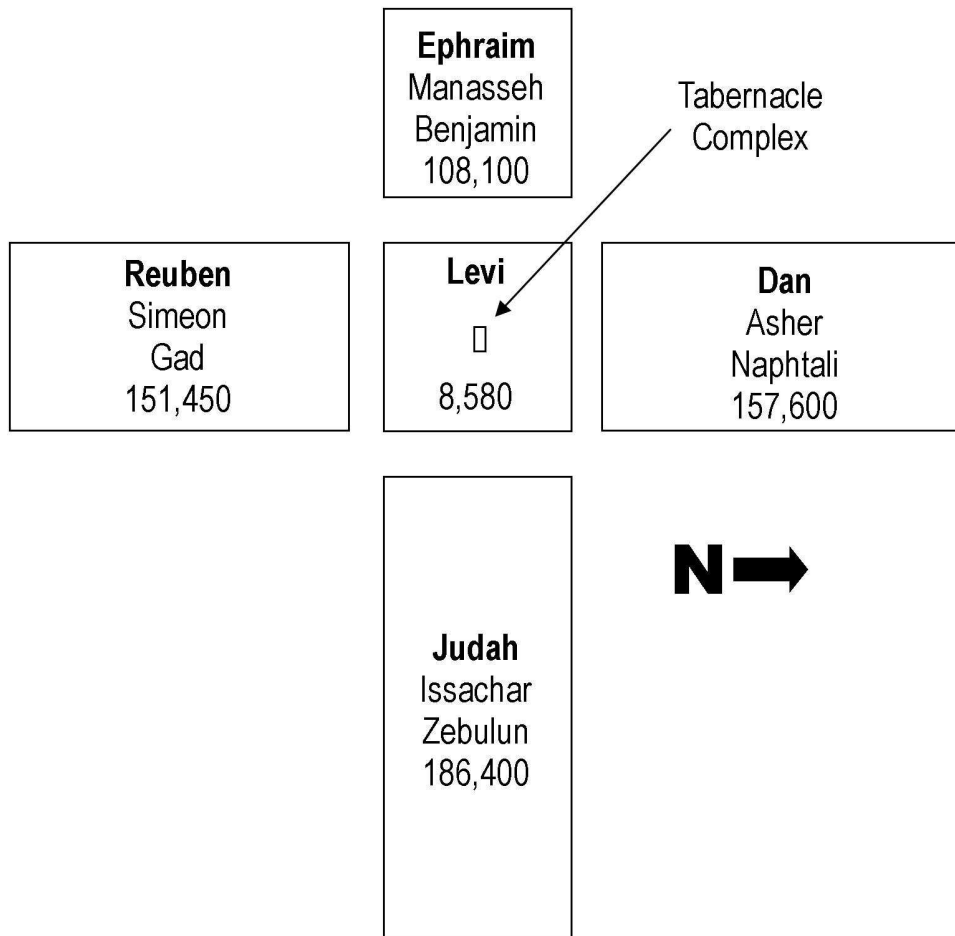


The Wilderness Encampment

Once the tribes were counted, they were ordered to arrange themselves roughly in the following manner—with the four groups encamped in ranks surrounding the Levites, who encircled the tabernacle. Notice that when this configuration of the tribes is rotated, it forms a cross, as pictured below:



So from God's perspective, the tribes were depicting the redemptive work of their Messiah, centuries before Christ was ever born!