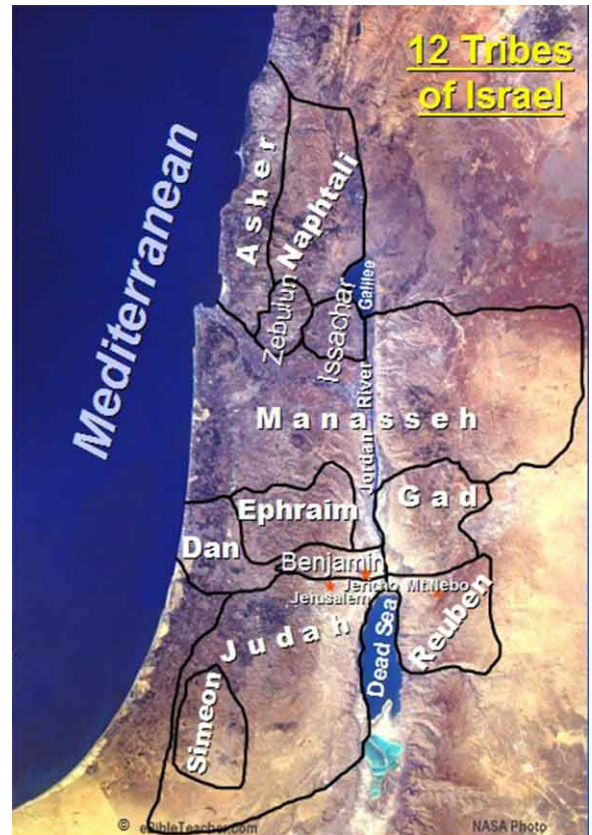


“But the Levites have no part among you; for The Priesthood Of The LORD Is Their Inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.” *Joshua 18:7 KJV*

The Levites were the “Priesthood of the LORD.” God only Provided them a dwelling place among those with whom they dwelt. “The Children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the Commandment of the LORD.” The daily provision for the Levites depended upon their Tabernacle service. God Made Provision for their needs, but their inheritance was from God. “The Priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance.” They didn’t serve THE Temple, they served God IN the temple and by so doing received the provision that service provided. So it is for believers. “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you.” Maybe you’ve already determined the similarity of this scenario with the believer’s walk of Faith. Believers are “Kings And Priests unto God,” whose duty is keeping the “temple. What? Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost Which Is In you, Which ye Have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” Believers are “strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Their provision is directly related to their relationship to God. “My God Shall Supply all your need.” Their Inheritance Is Not of this earth, because “The Spirit Itself Beareth Witness with our spirit, That we Are The Children of God: And if Children, then Heirs; Heirs of God, And Joint-Heirs With Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may Be Also Glorified Together.” Temple duty was hard work; performed rain or shine, heat or cold, desert or mountain. Like gold mining, a believer’s walk of Faith is not easy. Your eye must be on the prize to do either. Peter was unaffected by the tempest until he looked at it. “But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink...” He was afraid and sank, because he focused on the tempest. Payoff is the reward of suffering. “The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory Which Shall Be Revealed in us.” Past saints “died in Faith, not having received the Promises, but having seen Them afar off, and were persuaded of Them, and embraced Them.” Their Faith was “The Substance of Things Hoped for, The Evidence of Things Not Seen.” Faith is the “pick and hammer” of the believer. He mines for gold unknown to others!



The saints of God will rule and reign,  
 Without the aid of earthly gain,  
 Though they may walk through toil and fear,  
 They’ll live for aye without a tear! –CGP

“Temple” service brings needed provision and by itself is incentive to do right! Neither rain, shine, heat, cold, desert, nor mountain will deter God’s faithful saint from serving IN the “temple!” I need not pursue wealth if my daily needs are already known and provided by God. He is my inheritance. I need only pursue Him!

*“Ye also, as lively stones, Are Built Up A Spiritual House, An Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. But ye Are A Chosen Generation, A Royal Priesthood, An Holy Nation, A Peculiar People; that ye should show forth the Praises of Him Who Hath Called you out of darkness Into His Marvellous Light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the People of God: which had not obtained Mercy, but now Have Obtained Mercy.” 1 Peter 2:5, 9-10 KJV*