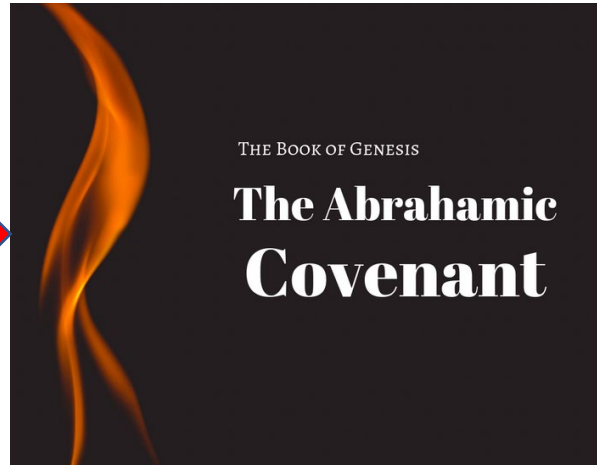


# The Priesthood – Old and New Covenants

## The Way of Access to God





# The Abrahamic Covenant

## Genesis 12:1-3

*"In you, all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

Messiah will be a descendent of Abram (Abraham).

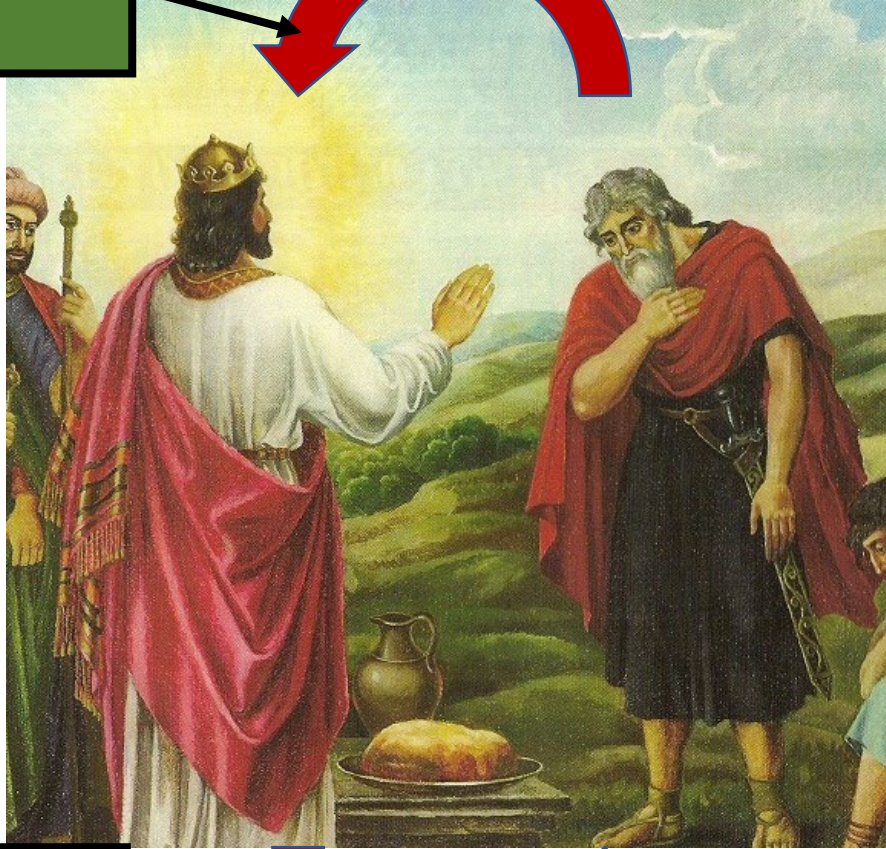


# Melchizedek - Genesis 14:18-20

Abram gives a tenth  
(tithe) of all to  
Melchizedek

## Melchizedek

- Means “King of Righteousness”
- Was King of Salem (Jerusalem) in Abraham’s day

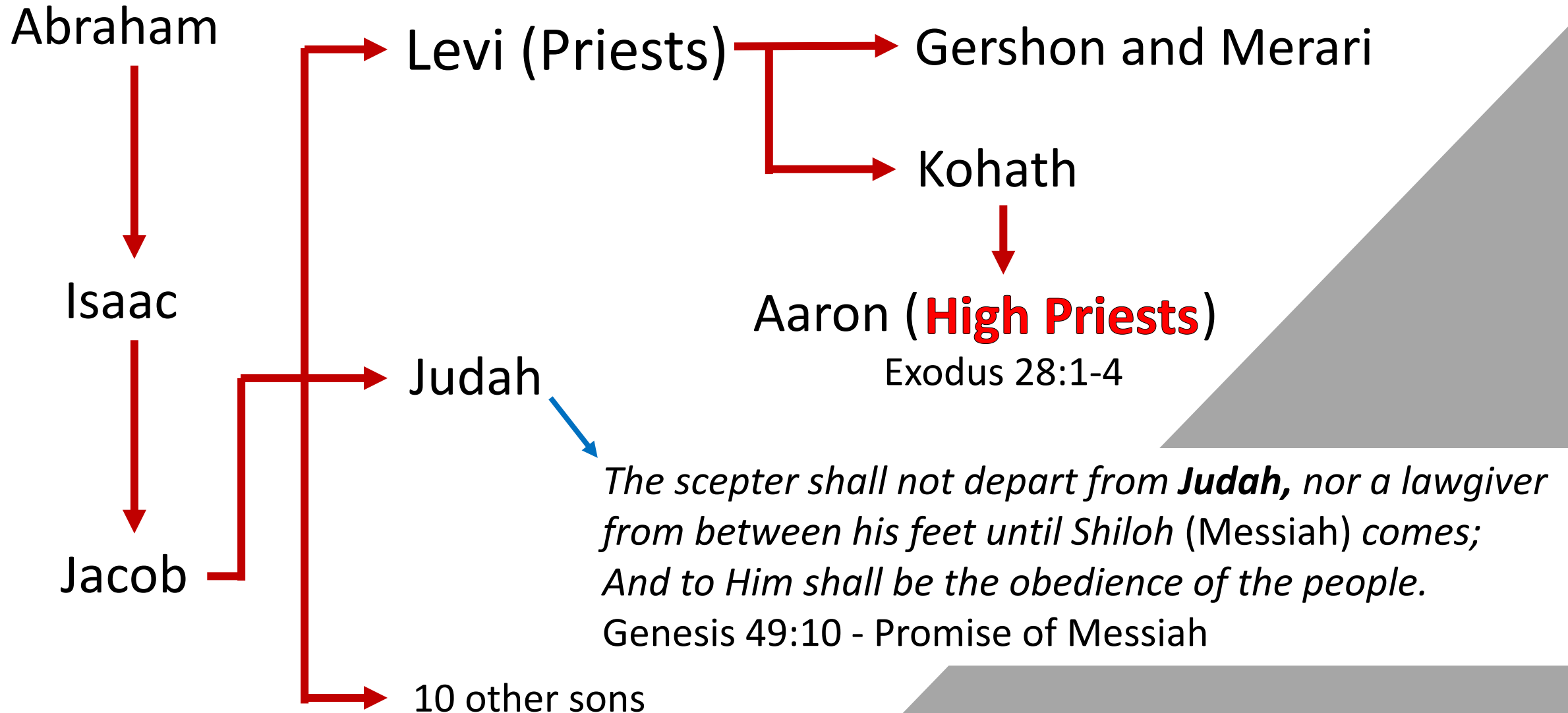


Melchizedek blesses  
Abram

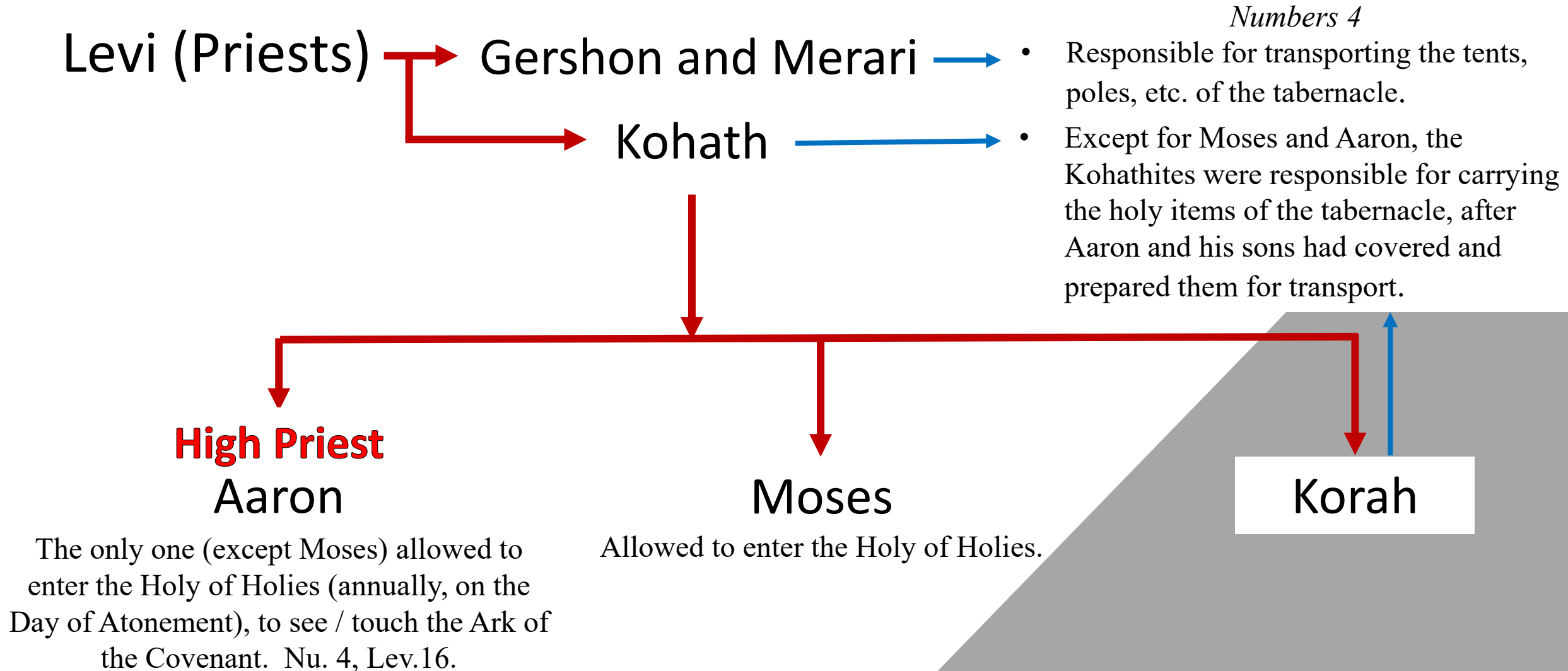
*“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and  
earth, and blessed be God Most High  
Who has delivered your enemies  
into your hand.”*

1. The greater blesses the lesser.
2. The lesser tithes to the greater.
3. Therefore, Melchizedek is greater than Abraham.

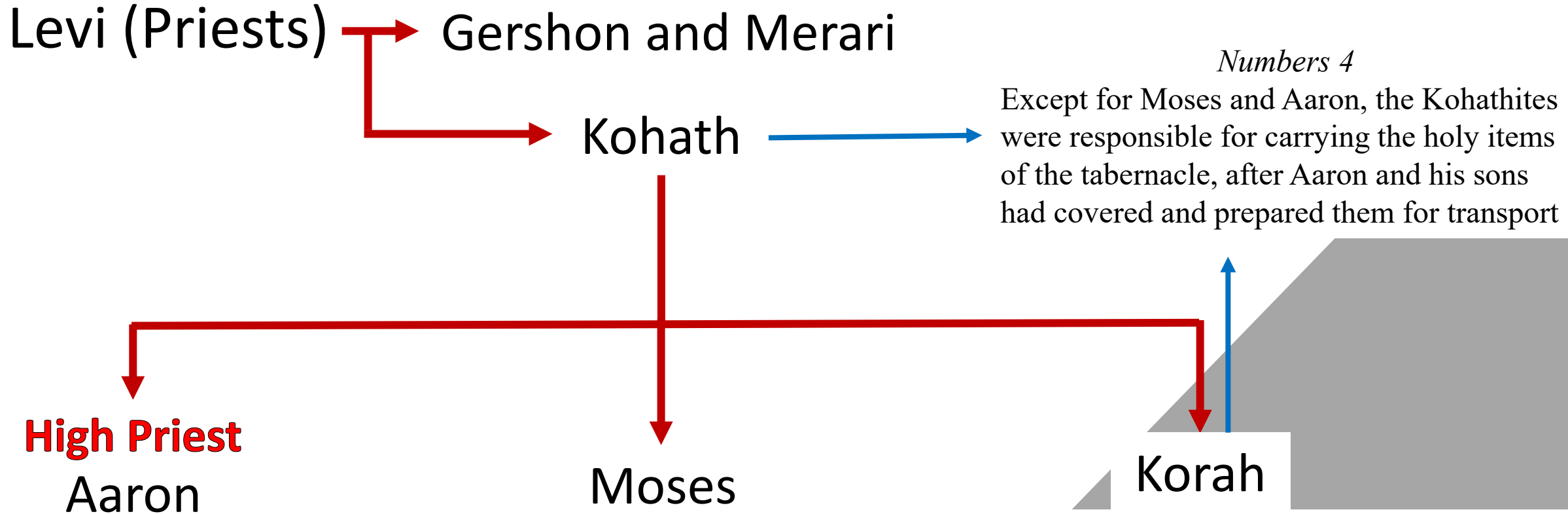
# Lineage of the Abrahamic Covenant & Priesthood



# Duties of the Levitical / Aaronic Priesthood



# Attempts to Usurp the Priesthood



*Numbers 4*

Except for Moses and Aaron, the Kohathites were responsible for carrying the holy items of the tabernacle, after Aaron and his sons had covered and prepared them for transport

*Numbers 16 & 17*

- Tried but failed to usurp the High Priesthood of Aaron
- God judged: Earth opened and buried all the who rebelled
- Only Aaron's rod budded when placed on the Ark of the Covenant

*Lesson:* No one but Aaron can be the High Priest

# The Davidic Covenant

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



**Judah**

(Gen 49:10)



**David**

*2 Samuel 7 and Psalm 110*  
The Messiah and a new priesthood  
(after the order of Melchizedek)  
will come through David.

Levi & 10 other sons

## 2 SAMUEL 7:8-11

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.'



# David and Hezekiah Usurp Priesthood w/o Judgment

**Judah**

**David**

**King Hezekiah**

Messiah and new Melchizedekian  
Priesthood (Psalm 110)

13th King of Judah after David

- Wears the ephod of the High Priest  
Ex. 29:4-5; 1 Sam. 30:7-8; 2 Sam. 6:13-14;  
1 Chron. 15:26-27.
- Eats from the Table of Showbread  
Lev. 24:5-9; 1 Sam. 21:4-6; Matt. 12:1-4.
- Goes to the Ark of the Covenant  
2 Sam. 6:17-18, 7:18-29.

- Goes to the Ark of the Covenant  
2 Kings 19:14-15

**Levi**

Priesthood /  
High Priesthood  
through Aaron



# Uzziah Usurps Priesthood and God Judges Him

David

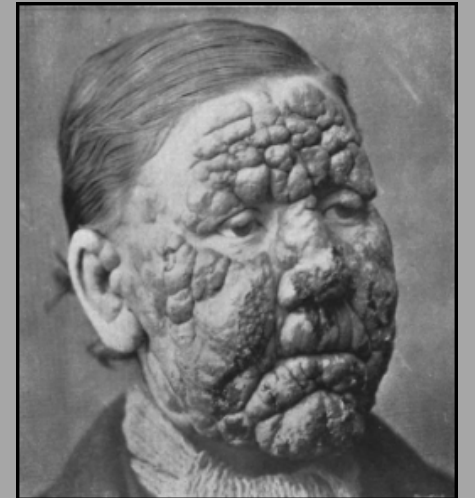
King Uzziah

10<sup>th</sup> King of Judah after David

- Proudful, puts on High Priest garments and attempts to burn incense at the altar
- Breaks out with leprosy on his forehead  
2 Chronicles 26:16-23



"Holiness to the Lord"



# First to Last Priesthoods Appointed by God

**Melchizedek**

Genesis 14:18-20  
Hebrews 7:1-3

**Aaron**

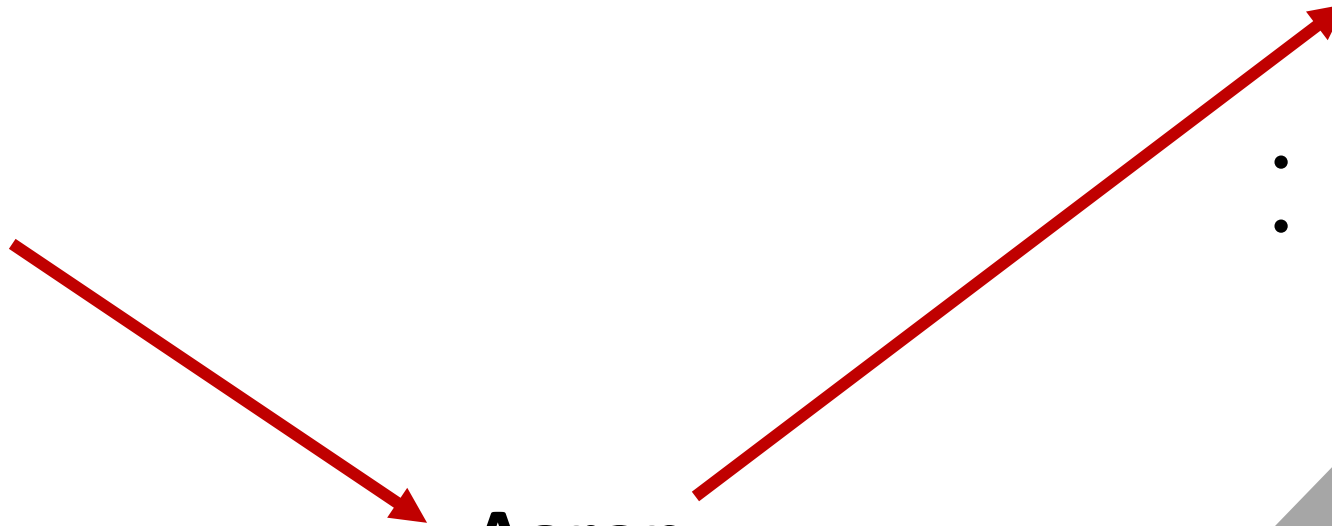
Exodus 28:1-4

A lesser priesthood because  
Abraham was lesser than  
Melchizedek

**Jesus**

Psalm 110  
Hebrews 5-7

- Fulfilled Psalm 110
- Eternal King and Priest according to the order of Melchizedek



# SUMMARY

- Only God appoints priests
- Only three priesthoods through all of history
  1. Melchizedek (Greater)
  2. Aaron (Lesser)
  3. Jesus (Greatest, Supreme, Eternal)
- Those who attempt to usurp the priesthood were judged by God.  
Exceptions:
  - David – Because God was hinting at the fulfillment (by Jesus, the Son of David) of Psalm 110, written by David. Matthew 22:41-46
  - Hezekiah – Because he came to God in humility. An example of all who come humbly to the Throne of Grace by faith in Jesus.

