

# Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI



ALTHOUGH THE ISRAELITES MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM EGYPT AS A MOB OF STRAGGLING REFUGEES, MOSES KNEW THIS CONDITION MUST BE CHANGED! AND HE WAS RIGHT—THE PEOPLES THEY RAN INTO DURING THEIR DESERT WANDERINGS WERE UNFRIENDLY AT BEST, WHEN THEY WEREN'T DOWN-RIGHT WARLIKE! TO SURVIVE, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE ISRAELITES TO DEVELOP INTO A STRONGLY-ARMED FORCE, CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY THEM. SO IT BECAME THE DUTY OF ALL MEN, AGES TWENTY TO FIFTY, TO BEAR ARMS, TO BE READY FOR BATTLE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE! THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THESE MEN NUMBERED 603,550 WARRIORS FROM ALL THE TRIBES WITH AN EXCEPTION TO THE TRIBE OF LEVI, WHO WERE EXEMPT AS THE PRIESTHOOD. EVEN THEIR ENCAMPMENT WAS LAID OUT WITH MILITARY STRATEGY, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD BEING PROTECTED IN THE CENTER OF AN AREA WHICH COVERED SOME TWELVE SQUARE MILES.

BY THE TIME JOSHUA FINALLY LED THEM INTO CAANAN TO CONQUER THE PROMISED LAND, THE ISRAELITES MARCHED AS BATTLE-TESTED VETERANS, SKILLED IN THE ARTS OF WAR FROM MANY DESERT CAMPAIGNS!

**NEXT WEEK: THE WEAK-WILLED MAN WHO COULD HAVE SAVED JESUS!**

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