

## TRIBE OF SIMEON - PROPHETIC OF KINGS OF EUROPE - CRUSADERS

### INTRODUCTION

Numbers Chapter 2 describes a Desert Camp where twelve tribes were arranged in order around the tabernacle. Each Israelite tribe in the Camp corresponds to a world power at a time in history. The order of the Israelite tribes corresponds to the chronological order of the world powers in history. The desert tribes were marching to the 'promised land'. Secular history is leading towards the Millennium rule of Christ on Earth in Jerusalem.

We use prophetic passages in the Bible pertaining to each Israelite tribe to identify the world nation they represent. The tribal emblems and the chronological order also contribute to identifying the nation. The gematria<sup>1</sup> of the verses referring to that tribe in Numbers Chapter 2 is prophetic of events that take place in that nation at the time in history where it occurs in 'the march'.

The tribes are prophetic shadows of the world powers: the world powers are not the tribes. Because of the dispersion of Israelites among the nations and even descendants among their royalty, some believe the nations are Israelite tribes. Remnants of Israelite language and DNA may be present in a given society and culture. But Israel was a man to whom specific promises were made concerning the land of Canaan. His physical children became the tribes which occupied that land and then were dispersed. An Israelite lives in Palestine and worships God under the Mosaic covenant. No one else is an Israelite.

History shows the prophecies hidden in the Book of Numbers have been fulfilled. God being the only person who knows the future, this is strong evidence that God was the author of the Book of Numbers.

### SUMMARY

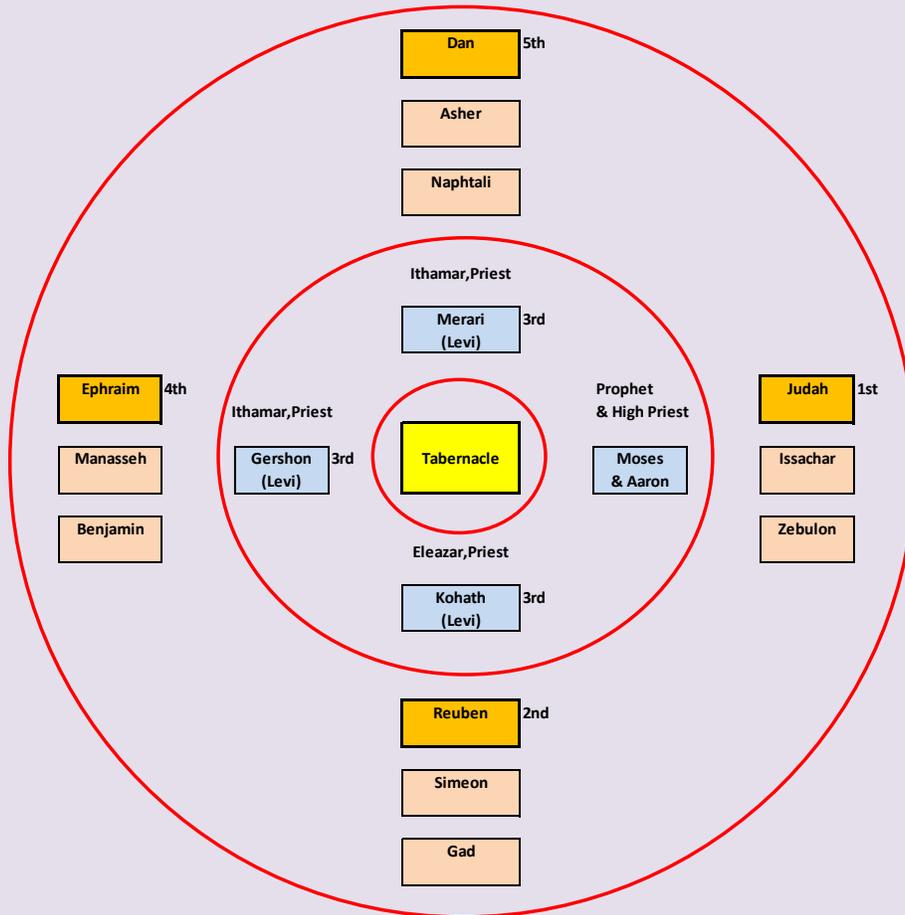
The tribe of Simeon is prophetic type of the Kings of Europe / Crusaders [799 – 1534 AD]. Simeon is a supporting tribe of the lead tribe Reuben in the Desert Camp. Reuben is a prophetic type of the Catholic Church and State [380 – 1776 AD]. It is recommended to read the paper on Reuben before this one.

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<sup>1</sup> Gematria is the numerical value of the Hebrew letters in the Old Testament. The numerical values of Hebrew letters are well accepted. Ancient Hebrews did not have a separate Arabic numeral system - they used letters in words and also as numbers. We take the spiritual meanings of the numbers from the 'Bible Numbers for Life' website<sup>1</sup> since the meanings of numbers provided there has been validated many different ways.

**MAP OF THE DESERT CAMP**



ORDER OF BREAKING CAMP	TRIBAL EMBLEM	PROPHETIC OF WORLD POWERS	ERA OF HISTORY	SPAN (YRS)
1st	JUDAH ISSACHAR ZEBULON	Lion/Scepter Ass/Two Flocks Haven for Ships	Babylon Media / Persia Greece / Rome	604 - 539 BC 539 - 331 BC 331 BC - 380 AD 712
2nd	REUBEN SIMEON GAD	Man/Water Sword Troop Tramples	Catholic Church and State Kings of Europe / Crusaders Colonial Empires	380 - 1776 AD 799 - 1534 AD 1492 - 1776 AD 284
3rd	LEVI	Sword	Inner Circle	ALL
4th	EPHRAIM MANASSEH BENJAMIN	Fruitful Vine/Arrows Fruitful Vine/Arrows Wolf/Eats Spoil	United States of America United Kingdom Modern State of Israel	1776 - Present 1534 - 1947 AD 1947 - Present ? 243 ?
5th	DAN ASHER NAPHTALI	Biting Viper Food of Royalty Hind Let Loose	False Prophet World Commercial System Man of Lawlessness	Last Days Last Days Last Days 7 7 7

## THE PROCESS OF MATCHING TRIBES TO WORLD POWERS IN HISTORY

The Bible says “**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see**” (Heb. 11:1). For reasons known to God, he is greatly pleased when we exercise faith. In the same spirit, we cannot offer to you proof that a certain Israelite tribe is prophetic of a certain world power in history. However, we can offer you Scriptural evidence, including: the written text, numbers quoted in the written text, and the numbers implicit in the letters of the written text. Like a trial before a judge, the objective is to test the evidence to see if it supports the assertion.

To evaluate this evidence it is necessary to read Scripture figuratively as well as literally. We know from Galatians Chapter 4:21-31 that Paul used the historical characters of Hagar and Sarah to signify two groups of people: religious Jews and believing Christians respectively. Hagar and Sarah were real people who lived long ago. However, their story in Scripture is a type and a shadow of people and events many centuries later. We believe that allegories, types, and shadows exist in most if not all Bible stories. Therefore, we will base some of our evidence on matching Israelite tribes to world powers on the same principle, to wit, that God intended us to understand that these true historical accounts also prophetically signify times and events far into the future.

## PROPHECIES IN SCRIPTURE - RELATED TO SIMEON

Simeon was the second son of Jacob. Simeon’s mother was Leah and his full blood siblings (of the same mother and father) were: Reuben, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulon, and his sister Dinah. There are prophetic parallels between Simeon and the Crusaders:

### BRIEF HISTORY – THE LIFE OF SIMEON

1. Leah named her second son Simeon because “**Because the Lord heard I am not loved, he gave me this one too.**” (Gen. 29:33)<sup>2</sup>. Leah was unloved by Jacob in favor of Rachel.
2. When Simeon’s sister Dinah was raped by Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, Levi and Simeon offered peace in return for the locals of the village being circumcised. But when they were lying in pain Levi and Simeon killed them all by the sword (Gen. 34).
3. Jacob was upset over the murderous vengeance of Levi and Simeon. He had not been consulted and the whole family was put at risk by debacle (Gen.34:30). This shows both Reuben and Simeon disrespected their father, presumably for not loving their mother.
4. On the first visit of the sons of Jacob to Egypt to purchase food, Joseph had Simeon bound and thrown in jail as hostage to ensure the sons of Jacob would bring Benjamin back to Egypt (Gen.37:4). The singling out of Simeon points to him being the chief advocate for killing Joseph - who was over-ruled by Reuben (Gen.37:20-22). Simeon being older than Levi, it is likely he also originated the plan to lie to the Shechemites then murder them;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> First reference to Simeon in Scripture is in Chapter 29 Verse 33. The spiritual number 29 means “**Holy Life**”, and the spiritual number 33 means “**Scattered Remnant**”. Simeon’s inheritance was scattered in Israel (Gen.49:7).

<sup>3</sup> When the sons returned home and told Jacob that Simeon was a hostage, one can only wonder whether their father reasoned Simeon’s incarceration pointed to guilt in the other family scandal - the loss of Joseph,

### PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION

1. We start with the assumption that the tribes in the Desert Camp are arranged in chronological order<sup>4</sup>. Further, we have already established that Reuben represents the Catholic Church and State (see other paper on the topic of Reuben).
2. This means the tribe of Simeon represents a nation which is a world power, closely following and overlapping the time the Catholic Church and State was a world power.
3. We note that the transition of world power from one nation to another is seldom observable as occurring at a point in time, but more often is a gradual transition from one nation as world power to another nation as world power. We often see both nations existing concurrently. This was certainly true in the case of Reuben and the supporting tribe of Simeon, who had mutually beneficial relations even as one faded and the other arose.
4. Our interpretation is Simeon represents the Kings of Europe / Crusaders. Although the nations of Europe were separate entities their kings were related and as time progressed more related. Our perspective is the royal families of Europe as a group constituted a world power in their own right. They held absolute authority and under the doctrine of divine right of kings saw themselves accountable only to God. Or, to his representative: the Pope. For this period of time, national boundaries were of lessor importance. The kings loyal to the Pope, whoever they were and however they divided up the continent, were rulers of all.
5. The era of European history to which Simeon applies is the time when the European royal families faithful to the Pope held absolute power. The Roman Empire was declared Catholic in 380 AD so the religious common denominator was in place for some time.
6. The Simeon period begins about the time the kings of Europe centralized power. During the Dark Ages kings were often merely brokers who relied on alliances with powerful earls, dukes, and barons. The first European king to concentrate power was Charlemagne. He consolidated royal power in France, then Italy, then Germany. He was a devout Catholic, loyal to the Pope, and was crowned 'Emperor' in 799 by Pope Leo III. He Christianized as he conquered and fought the Moors in Spain. We take the Simeon period to begin in 799 AD.
7. Around 1060 AD, the first Crusade embarked from France to the Holy Land. At the preaching of Pope Urban II, a religious fury was whipped up and for the next 200 years the Catholic kings of Europe led crusade after costly crusade to retake the holy land. The crusades resulted in many massacres and loss of innocent life. They brought the name of Christ into disrepute among Middle Eastern peoples for centuries thereafter.
8. As to the end of the Simeon period, England was the first nation of Europe to have a king who switched allegiance away from the Pope. Specifically, King Henry VIII split from the

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<sup>4</sup> The only exception is Manasseh (United Kingdom) and Ephraim (United States). But Jacob crossed his arms and blessed the younger son with the right hand, so that is how Ephraim became the lead tribe even though chronologically he was younger.

authority of Rome in 1534 when he divorced Catherine and married Anne.<sup>5</sup> We take it the period Simeon ended in 1534, but it could just as well have been some time beyond that.

Importantly, there are a number of passages related to Simeon that are explicitly prophetic:

**BLESSING OF JACOB TO SIMEON** (Genesis Chapter 49)

- (v.6) “Simeon and Levi are brothers – their swords are weapons of violence”  
 ”Let me not enter their council, let me not join in their assembly”  
 “For they have killed men in their anger and hamstringed oxen as they pleased”
- (v.7) “Cursed be their anger, so fierce and their fury so cruel!”  
 “I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel”

**INTERPRETATION**

Simeon is a sinister character:

- Part of a Council (An inner circle)
- Part of an Assembly (A separate group from common people)
- War is their Craft (The sword is their tool of choice)
- Hardened Murderers (They would kill men and mutilate animals without a thought)
- Cruel Hearted (Thinking not of others but only their own gain)
- Prone to Furious Rages (Possibly demon possessed)
- Cursed by God (No inheritance from their father – no blessing whatsoever)

Many of the kings of Europe during the Middle Ages also had hearts of stone:

- Their council was Religion: the Church of Rome and the Pope ruled over them
- Their assembly was the Court: composed of other powerful aristocracy
- Making war was their way of life
- They would attack and destroy even their own relatives without mercy
- They calculated only the gain to their empire, not the pain to others
- If offended they would seethe in anger and plot painful revenge
- Often their reigns were short and their end was brutal death

Some examples of the deeds of the kings of Europe from 800 to 1534:

- There were over 200 wars in this period<sup>6</sup>, not including crusades
- The frequency of European wars increased each century from 1100 to 1600

<sup>5</sup> This also explains why the United Kingdom is the prophetic fulfillment of another tribe: Manasseh. Specifically, Manasseh and Ephraim are Protestant nations and that is a different Camp altogether.

<sup>6</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_conflicts\\_in\\_Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_conflicts_in_Europe)

**BLESSING OF MOSES TO SIMEON** (Deuteronomy 33)

Moses provided no blessing to the tribe of Simeon. They are not even mentioned.

**INTERPRETATION**

Simeon, his craft of war, his secret councils and plotting among the powerful of the earth, his murder of innocents, and all his heinous acts are of no spiritual use to God whatsoever.

**TRIBAL EMBLEMS & NATIONAL SYMBOLS**

In Numbers Chapter 2 it says “Every one of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father’s house” (Numbers 2:2). We thus conclude that each tribe of Israel had emblems, or tribal symbols. The tribal symbols of Simeon would likely have been:

- Symbol of a Sword

How fitting: a sword is all he knows.

**GEMATRIA ANALYSIS – NUMBERS CHAPTER 2 VERSE 12 AND 13**

The gematria of the word ‘Simeon’ is 466, which means: Division (2) of His Praises (51)<sup>7</sup>. Putting it another way, Simeon means “Shame to God”. His bloodshed, his pursuit of glory for his own name, his disrespect for human life that gets in his way, all are bad enough but when these crimes are done in the name of God they are of all things most abominable.

There are two verses in Chapter 2 of Numbers regarding Simeon.

**Verse 12**

Bible Phrase	Hebrew	Gematria		Meaning of the Spiritual Numbers
And those which pitch	והחונם	115		
	עליו	116	X1	751   Brotherly Love (133rd prime)
by him shall be the tribe	מטה	54		
of Simeon:	שמעון	466		Y1   2,759   Family (31) of Son of David (89)
and the captain	ונשיא	367		
of the children	לבני	92		
of Simeon	שמעון	466	X2	2,008   False Teaching (54) of New Man (8)
shall be Shelumiel	שלמיאל	411		
the son	בן	52		
of Zurishaddai.	צורי	306		
	שדי	314		

<sup>7</sup> 466 = 2 x 233. The number 233 is the 51<sup>st</sup> prime, therefore it has the core meaning “His Praises” (51)

### INTERPRETATION

Gematria analysis begins at the lowest level of parts of phrases (X1 to X2 [verse 12] and X3 to X4 [verse 13]), then to totals for verses ( Y1[verse 12] and Y2 [verse 13]), then to sums of verses (Z1=Y1+Y2).

The spiritual meaning of the verse number 12 is “**Government**”. There is no escaping the interpretation of Simeon that it refers to rulers, those in control of the government. In the time period to which Simeon applies, the government would be the kings of Europe.

The first phrase in Verse 12 (X1) has the gematria value of **751**. The number **751** is the **133<sup>rd</sup>** prime number therefore the meaning of **133** is at the core of the meaning of **751**. The spiritual number **133** means **Brotherly Love (133)**. This indicates that on Earth at the time of history when Simeon was in prophetic fulfillment God found a group that displayed his most prized virtue: love for one another. Clearly this can have nothing to do with the conniving paranoid power maddened kings of Europe. However, at this time in history we do see the blossoming of **the monastic movement**, where cloisters of saints lived a life of devotion to God, care for one another, and ministry to the poorest. While madness prevailed in the highest reaches of power, sanity and sanctity was shed abroad in the hearts of the lowly monks and nuns. Monastic life had its roots in earlier times, but it was in the 12<sup>th</sup> century during the era of Simeon when the Franciscan, Carmelite, Dominican, and Augustinian orders began.

The second phrase of Verse 12 (X2) has the gematria value of **2,008** which means **False Teaching (54)** of **New Man (8)**. The kings of Europe on the one hand claimed they worshipped Jesus Christ and on the other hand lived lives of violence and aggression. This presented a completely false testimony to the world of Christ’s teaching. In particular during the crusades, they damage done to the reputation of Jesus in foreign lands was enormous. Even today in the Arab world Christians are simply known as ‘crusaders’: barbaric people from Europe who massacre innocents. It is hard to imagine a more devastating misrepresentation of the true nature of Jesus.

The entire Verse 12 (Y1) has the gematria value of **2,759** which means: **Family (31)** of the **Son of David (89)**. This is rather an astonishing association with the kings of Europe. There might be those who suppose the royalty of Europe contains the blood of King David in it. There is even some evidence Jeremiah sailed to Ireland and married a royal daughter of the line of David with one of the local kings. From there the blood line of King David spread to the kings of England then to the kings of the rest of Europe. Those who support this point to the heraldry of Ireland which is David’s harp and the Lion of Judah in the British coat of arms. Whether that is true or not, we don’t know. The term “**Son of David**” (**89**) is primarily a title of Jesus. Does the gematria say the kings of Europe are descended from the blood line of Jesus Christ? This would be unscriptural since there is no Biblical account of Jesus having a wife. Furthermore, the Lord came to Earth to give his life as an offering for sin: by so doing the Lord purchased a bride who is the corporate body of believers. The marriage supper of the Lamb will take place at the beginning of the Millennium and the Lord will be unmarried till then. To propose that Christ married a common woman, slept with her, and fathered children is a lie of the Devil.

So what then is the meaning of the gematria (Y1)? The family of King David was ripe with intrigue, rebellion, and bloody struggles for power. The account of Absalom’s conspiracy, his attempt to over-

throw his father, the war that was decided in David’s favor, and Absalom’s death are a story line which is repeated a 1,000 times over in the history of the kings of Europe. One generation after King David the kingdom was divided and wars continued for hundreds of years between the Kingdom of Israel to the North and the Kingdom of Judah to the South. Whether there is some truth to the theory the blood lines of David are in the royalty of Europe matters not. The point is generational conflict and the warring fratricidal spirit of Simeon is on full display.

**Verse 12 and Verse 13**

The gematria value of Verse 12 and Verse 13 which pertain to the tribe of Simeon is **5,482** which has the spiritual meaning: **Division (2)** of the **Holy Flock (100)**<sup>8</sup>. The Catholic Church and State often sponsored the fratricide and warring between the kings of Europe. The Church had the power to anoint kings and took sides in conflicts. Kings not on the good side of the Pope could be and were ex-communicated from the Church. Thus these so-called ‘Christian’ nations were divided against one another not only by the greed and callous adventuring of kings but also by the interference of the Pope. The Pope decided who were the Holy Flock, the righteous people before God, and those who were not. The kings of Europe were in fact the pawns of the Pope in his power games. The result was the unity of Christianity was the victim and brother took arms against brother.

**Verse 13**

The meaning of the spiritual number **13** is “**Rebellion**”. The kings of Europe ruled with absolute power and authority for a season of time and they used that opportunity to walk in ways that were in direct rebellion to the Word of God, in letter and in spirit. Proof in the spiritual meaning of the values of the gematria of verse 13 below:

Bible Phrase	Hebrew	Gematria		Meaning of the Spiritual Numbers
And his host,	וצבאו	105	X3	350 Suffering Servant (35)
and those that were num	ופקדיהם	245		
of them, were fifty	תשעה	775		Y2 2,723 False Prophet (77) to The End (7)
and nine	וחמשים	404		
thousand	אלף	111	X4	2,373 End(7) of Truth (3) of Rapture of Saints (113)
and three	ושלש	636		
hundred.	מאות	447		

The first phrase of Verse 13 (X3) has the gematria value of **350** which means **Suffering Servant (35)**. How many ways did believers in Jesus suffer under the kings of Europe? Should we count those who died in wars and crusades? Should we count those whose cities were burned, whose land was confiscated, or who were burdened under taxation? Should we count those whose heads were lopped off without a criminal charge, a fair trial, or representation of a lawyer? The list goes on and on.

<sup>8</sup> 5,482 = 2 x 2,741. The number 2,741 is the 100<sup>th</sup> prime. As such the heart of the meaning of 2,741 is the meaning of 100, which is “Holy Flock”.

The second phrase of Verse 13 (X4) has the gematria value of **2,373** which means **The End (7)** of the **Truth (3)** of the **Rapture of the Saints (113)**. The doctrine of the Roman Catholic church concerning the after-life did not teach those who put their trust in Jesus have their sins forgiven, are raised from the dead and go directly to heaven. At the ecclesiastical Council of Claremont in 1095, Pope Urban II said soldiers who went on crusades would receive absolution of sins and those who died fighting in the crusades to regain Jerusalem would go directly to heaven<sup>9</sup>. Thus the Pope made war into a 'Holy' thing and set aside the most powerful and precious teaching of Scripture to do so. The military might of the kings of Europe became complicit in abominable heresy.

The gematria value of all of Verse 13 [Y2] is **2,723** which means: **False Prophet (77)** to **The End (7)**<sup>10</sup>. This message simply says the kings of Europe were dedicated and loyal to the Pope and the teachings of the Church of Rome no matter how false and patently manufactured they were. The Pope could say their dogs will go to heaven if they say seven 'hail Mary's' and nothing would budge their devotion to Catholicism. Such is the spiritual blindness loving religion will bring!

### Simeon's Fighting Men

In verse 13 Reuben is credited with having **59,300** fighting men. The spiritual meaning of **59,300** is "**God Alone Can Save**" (**108**)<sup>11</sup>. This is certainly not the way of thinking of Simeon, who relies on cunning, plotting, deceit, and murder. No, "**God Alone Can Save**" (**108**) would be the heart's cry of true believers in Jesus who suffer from the violence and oppression of religious royal madmen with armies of soldiers at their disposal.

### NEAREST LEVITE FAMILY IN THE DESERT CAMP

This topic is covered in depth in our study of Reuben. Everything that would apply to Reuben would apply to Simeon since the same Levite tribe is next to them both.

<sup>9</sup> Bull "Origins" Oxford History of the Crusades pp. 32-34

<sup>10</sup>  $2,723 = 7 \times 389$ . The number 389 is the 77<sup>th</sup> prime. Therefore at the heart of the meaning of 389 is "False Prophet" (77).

<sup>11</sup> 593 is the 108<sup>th</sup> prime number. Therefore the core meaning of 393 is the same as the meaning of 108, which is: "**God Alone Can Save**" (**108**).

## **HISTORY OF TRIBE OF SIMEON**

In the first census of the Desert Camp the host of Simeon was one of the larger fighting forces (59,300 fighting men). That number declined by 37,100 to a mere 22,200 after the second census, the lowest of all the tribes. The second census was taken after Moab seduced the children of Israel into committing sexual immorality. Tribes whose populations declined after the second census were more susceptible to sexual immorality. [It hardly bears repeating but the kings of Europe were notorious cheaters].

The inheritance of Simeon in the Promised Land lay entirely within the boundaries of his brother Judah. We suspect none of the other tribes trusted Simeon to be a neighbor so Simeon was not given a border to any Israelite tribe. Judah had plenty of space relative to their needs so they could afford to share [the worst of it] with Simeon. The tribe of Simeon received a wilderness land with only twenty or so towns, no cities. Simeon's territory bordered the Negev desert to the South and land of the Philistines to the West and the land of the Arabs to the East. God therefore ensured Simeon would be occupied with trouble from Israel's enemies and would have little opportunity to make trouble of its own among brothers. He also ensured Simeon would be located as far as possible from everyone else. It was hardly an inheritance: it was more like a posting to the Foreign Legion<sup>12</sup>.

Where are the kings of Europe today? Their descendants have no political power. They have been discretely removed to ceremonial duties. In the case of some countries like Russia royalty was wiped out.

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<sup>12</sup> The Foreign Legion was originally created as a way to remove disruptive elements and criminals from French society. They would be under harsh discipline and live in unbearably hot and dry conditions. In more recent times this is no longer the purpose of the Legion.