



When Abraham started on his long journey to the promised land, he had to have a home that he could pick up and move with him. So he lived in a tent. Even after Abraham came to the promised land, he kept moving around. He had large herds of sheep and goats. He stayed in one place as long as the animals could find food. When the pasture was all eaten, Abraham packed his tent and all his belongings and began looking for a new home.

Abraham is not the only man in the Bible who lived in a tent. Abraham's son Issac, and his grandson Jacob also lived in tents. Moses lived in a tent too when he was taking care of sheep, before God called him to lead His people out of Egypt.

When the Israelites came out of Egypt all of the people lived in tents. This is how many people there were -

603,550

There were so many tents they had to have a plan for setting them up in a camp. This was God's plan! In the middle they

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put the house of God, the tabernacle. Then the tents were pitched in a big circle all around the tabernacle. Three tribes pitched on each side - the north, west, south, and east. Each tribe put up a banner to show where this tribe was camped.

Tents gave the people protection from -

the sun

the wind and sand of the desert

wild animals