

Twelve Tribes of Israel

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Study of the Twelve Tribes of Israel

Why study the 12 Tribes of Israel?

While the Bible is a story that is simple enough that even a child can understand it, only the deep things of God are discovered after you search and research the Word. We can never know the mysteries of the many things in the Bible unless we can begin to know the meaning of the shadows, the symbols and the types that are represented in the various scriptures in the Bible. We know that even the Parables that Jesus told have more meaning than just what we first read. The names, places and the exactness of things done in the Bible show us that there is more to the Bible than just the surface of what we read. I believe that God challenges us with all the things in the Bible. He challenges us to dig deep into His word to find what it means for our spiritual walk and responsibility.

The importance of the Tribes of Israel is overwhelming in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament. We know that each of the disciples was from a different Tribe. Even Jesus, we are told, was from the Tribe of Judah. And we realize from scripture that lineage was very important. The Old Testament shows that the Israelites are a Chosen People and that much was prophesied about these people. In the New Testament, the book of Revelation shows us that these people will fulfill and finish God's plan. There is already a book of studies that has been done on the Tribes of Israel but I believe God is shining a light on certain portions of the Word as we come into the end of the ages. God is going to allow us to see things we have not seen before and discover with understanding the very mysteries of His Word. The Tribes of Israel is one of these portions that are coming into the light. The Word itself says that in the last days there will be new understanding and revelation so this should not be surprising to us. We should just take hold in a firm way, seeking and applying them to our life.

Where do we begin our study?

We begin with God's original plan. Back in the Garden of Eden, it was God's plan to have a relationship with man; to walk with man in a ruling and reigning relationship. He wanted to put all things under God and God chose man to do this work for Him. He continued with this by making a Covenant with Abraham and then renewed it with Isaac and with Jacob. It was then given to the 12 Tribes of Israel. That Covenant from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation was the promise, blessing and inheritance God gave to His people as they began to walk in His ways and not their own. God said, "For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God. The Lord thy God hath chosen this to be a special people unto Himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth. (Deuteronomy 7:6)" So we begin this study of the Tribes of Israel recognizing that the Tribes played an important part in passing down the Covenant of God.

Not natural Israel but Spiritual Israel

Now because the Tribes went into captivity in 600 BC it is impossible to trace the physical placement of the Tribes; although there are studies to the effect that certain Tribes are located in certain locations of the world. This is very speculative. Also, we do see a natural Israel being formed and it may at times help us to see things in the Bible that speak about Israel. This gives us a clear understanding of certain scriptures, for the Bible says what will be in the natural will be in the spiritual. But many people are taking natural Israel and using these natural things to measure spiritual things to the point of using this natural Israel as signs and wonders. It is not altogether incorrect, but it is not accurate. For we know that to measure the spiritual things of God by the flesh of man will hardly ever bring us to the spiritual truth we seek. For this reason, the only way we can find the Tribes of Israel is in a spiritual way.

Not a history lesson

The spiritual truth we seek about the Tribes of Israel is not easy to come into. We must trace each Tribe and look at how they acted, what motivated them, what caused their troubles and struggles and ask questions about why they were placed in specific places in the wilderness. Why did they function in the “body” of Israel as they did? We should be happy that the events of the Tribes of Israel have been recorded but they are more than just history. They are a symbol, shadow and type of deeper things. The following will be a general overview of some of the areas used to examine the Tribes of Israel for an in-depth study.

Parents of the Tribes of Israel

The first time we see the Tribes mentioned is as the individual sons of their father Jacob. These run from Chapter 29 to 35 of the book of Genesis. All the sons except Benjamin were named by their mother. Those names of the sons constitute the names of the tribes. Although the sons had a common father (Jacob), they had four different mothers.

Mothers of the Tribes were:

Leah	Zilpah (Leah's maid)	Rachel	Bilhah (Rachel's maid)
Reuben	Gad	Joseph	Dan
Levi	Asher	Benjamin	Naphtali
Simeon			
Judah			
Issachar			
Zebulun			

Mother's names meanings:

Leah- tired, exhausted and wild cow
Rachel- mother sheep, sheep, lamb
Bilhah- fear, dread, timidity, modesty
Zilpah- drop, tear, closeness, maybe so

Meaning of the names of the 12 Tribes of Israel

No student of the Bible ever let the names of people go by without seeking to find the meaning of the names. The names of the people in the Bible are not by accident. God changed the names of people and not for just the sake of changing it but because in changing the names, God was changing the nature of the person. Abram was changed to Abraham, Jacob was changed to Israel and Saul was changed to Paul. Just for a moment let us look at the change of Jacob to Israel.

Jacob means "to take the place by force or scheming".

Israel means "God's fighter, God's hero, ruler with God and Prince of God".

As you can see these changes show us the change of the nature of Jacob into the nature of Israel. Therefore, it is important to know the meaning of the names of the Tribes of Israel so we can see their nature. Genesis 49 is where the land was divided between them.

Names	Meaning
Reuben	To see, son
Simeon	To hear, intellectual
Levi	To abide, joined
Judah	Celebrate, praise
Zebulun	To reside, dwelling
Issachar	For hire
Dan	To rule, to judge
Gad	Troop, overcome
Asher	Happy
Naphtali	To wrestle
Joseph	Adding
Benjamin	Anointed son, son of comfort

How the Tribes of Israel were to minister

The nature and character of each of the Tribes is what we seek to discover. There are four places that the Bible speaks specifically of the job individual tribes are to do for the "body" of Israel. In Deuteronomy 27 the Tribes are called to the job of blessing or cursing the people.

Tribes that shall stand on Mount Gerizim To bless the people:	Tribes that shall stand on Mount Ebal To curse the people:
Simeon	Reuben
Levi	Asher
Judah	Zebulun
Issachar	Dan
Joseph	Naphtali
Benjamin	Gad

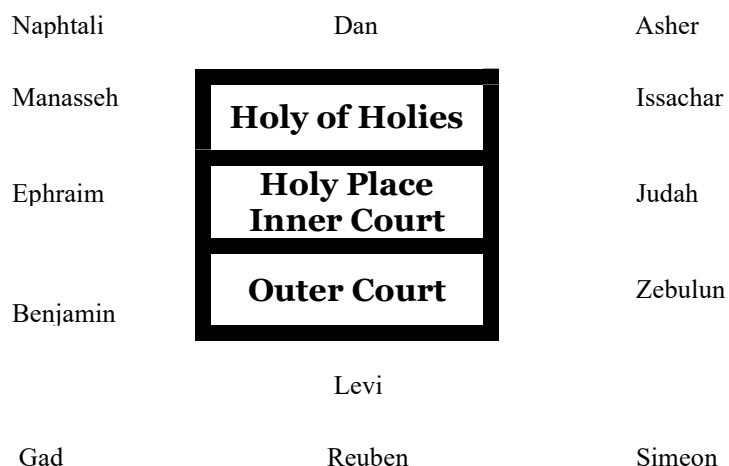
This information of who is to bless or curse can certainly tell us something of the disposition of the individual tribes. You will not have a Tribe who must curse with the gift of mercy but rather with the gift of exhorting.

Prophecies for the Tribes of Israel

The prophecies given to the Tribes tell us many things about them- weaknesses and strengths. The first prophecies were given by their father, Jacob in Genesis 49. Moses gave them prophecies on his deathbed in Deuteronomy 33. The prophecies foretell and forecast the destiny of the Tribes, but they also give us a good chance to study the types and symbols of the Tribes such as “unstable as water” or “digged down a well”. These are things that were said of the Tribe of Reuben and Simeon.

Placement of the Tribes of Israel around the Tabernacle

Where the Tribes were placed in the land is recorded in Numbers Chapter 2. When Moses built the Tabernacle in the wilderness, he placed each of the Tribes in certain places. Some were in the North, some in the South and so on. Moses also placed each Tribe in groups of three and put certain Tribes with certain other Tribes. The Tabernacle itself has many things within it. There is the Laver Bowl, the Candlesticks, and the Showbread etc. If everything inside the Tabernacle is so exact, then why not the outside too?



When we look up certain words just in Strong's Concordance, we see that there is much meaning in the placement around the Tabernacle.

Tabernacle means: Where God inhabits with man

North means: God's place of judgment

South means: Place of refreshment

West means: Place of sunset, rest

East means: Place of the Glory of God

End- time Information

Another piece of information that needs to be examined by itself is the prophecy by Ezekiel in chapter 48 of the book of Ezekiel and the vision of John in the book of Revelation chapter 21. These prophecies deal with the place where the Tribes will be at the gates of the city of the New Jerusalem at the end of the ages. With this understanding and the meaning of the directions (north, south, etc.) and then knowing that the spiritual meaning of the Gates means, "Christ the Way" and the scripture reference, "the gate is narrow", here again we get a clearer and clearer mental image or impression of the spiritual nature of the Tribes of Israel.

Importance of the Tribes of Israel

Before we take an in-depth look at each individual Tribe, we need to mention the 144,000 people which are mentioned in chapters 7 and 14 of the book of Revelation. We read that these 144,000 people are from each individual Tribe of Israel. We see also that they are 144,000 people from the Tribes who are "sealed servants of God with the seal on their foreheads". It says in these scriptures that they are a people undefiled and without guilt. They have a new song in their life, and they walk in the heavens, and they will rule and reign during the end times with God.

What an exciting time to live for God! He is truly pouring out His Spirit on us and revealing great truths. As you find your identity in the Tribes it is most assuring that you will find your identity in the Body of Christ.

Chart of the Tribes

Tribe	Shame or Guilt	Weaknesses & Strengths	What keeps them on target
Levi	Shame	Wanting to do it right	Letting God do it for them
Rueben	Guilt	Wanting love	Learning from God how to love
Simeon	Guilt	Wanting to fight	Learning from God when to fight
Judah	Guilt	Wanting to speak truth	Learning and talking God's truth
Naphtali	Shame	Wanting independence	Learning to submit to God's ways
Issachar	Shame	Wanting perfection	Learning & living in God's perfection
Zebulun	Guilt	Wanting to be loved	Learning and letting God's love be enough
Gad	Shame	Wanting more in life	Learning that God gives the increase
Manasseh	Guilt	Wanting balance	Learning and living in God's balance
Ephraim	Guilt	Wanting righteousness	Learning and living in God's righteousness
Asher	Guilt	Wanting peace	Letting God's peace be enough
Benjamin	Shame	Wanting for himself	Yielding themselves to God's way

REUBEN

Genesis 29, 31, 32

Meaning of the Name of Reuben

See, a son

New beginning

Scriptures about Reuben

Genesis 30:14-18

Genesis 35:32

Genesis 37:19-30

Genesis 42:21, 22

Numbers 26:5-10

Numbers 16:31, 32

Symbol of Reuben

The symbol of Reuben is a rising sun which speaks of a new beginning, new anointing, new life and beauty coming forth. It also speaks of hope.

Stone of Reuben

The stone of Reuben is the Sardius. The blood red color speaks of the blood covering of God. Every time Reuben looks at his own weakness and failures he also can remember his stone which is the covenant of forgiveness through the blood.

Prophecies given to Reuben

Genesis 49:3, 4

Deuteronomy 33:6

Distinguishing Characteristics of a person from the tribe of Reuben

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Reuben

- 1) They are a loving people and a compassionate people. They are people who are full of good hearted deeds, but they are people whose compassion can suddenly turn into uncontrolled passion.
- 2) Reuben has courage but little moral strength. He has love but also is often confused between love and lust. He has compassion but is often ruled by passion.
- 3) If a Reuben man is guided by a Godly woman, he will be a great power of God but let her be an ungodly woman and he will be led astray.
- 4) Reuben has this fault that he wants to accomplish God's plan in his own way. He wants to make himself important in a ministry, but it will always be his destruction.
- 5) Reuben finds it hard to be content with the calling wherein he is called. He continues to lust after greener pastures; pastures he has not been called to or capable of doing, nor prepared to do.
- 6) Reubens have an impulsive and/or unpredictable nature.

- 7) Sometimes in moments of impulsiveness, he will do something he thinks he is doing for God only to find out later it was not. Not everything we are doing for God is done in the will of God.
- 8) If you ask a Reuben to testify he is always reluctant, but when he is supposed to sit quiet and pray he is ready to preach sermons.
- 9) In a moment of passion, he will say things that will shock him 24 hours later. He himself will not believe that he could have said such a thing.
- 10) Many times, they would rather just stay nice and comfortable where they are and they use the excuse. "After all it is not my battle," or "God will take care of it."
- 11) Because they do not like to get involved, they will at times find themselves just flowing along with any situation and they can easily be misused by the wrong people.
- 12) Reubens have to be encouraged to stay in fellowship with the anointed ones or they will wander off by themselves into the back side of the desert.
- 13) Once a Reuben drifts away from the vision and the union of family he gets far away and it is hard to bring him back.
- 14) Reuben has been known to build his own altars which take the place of personal fellowship.
- 15) Reubens are strong physically. Don't tell them they cannot do something. They will go ahead and pick up that piano and walk away with it. They will not ask for help either. They are going to do it all by themselves.
- 16) Reubens are strong minded. Sometimes their strong mindedness is also a stubborn mind and head strong. If they have it in their minds to do something you will not be able to stop them. They are going to do it the way they planned so get out of their way.

Strengths of the Tribe of Reuben

- 1) Reubens are able to bring sacrifices to God because it takes love to bring a great sacrifice and Reuben has that kind of love because Reubens are lovers.
- 2) If you are a Reuben you will find that there is something in you that wants to give things to people. If you see someone you love has a need, you will not rest until you can discover a way to meet that need.
- 3) Reubens have great courage and loyalty to those whom they love. They will "stick their necks out" and risk their own lives or favor to help someone in need.
- 4) Reubens will not easily play tricks on you. He will assume the responsibility of caring for the little brother.
- 5) Reuben is a brother's keeper. He has a big brother heart.
- 6) Reuben's reason with their natural mind, they speak with much intelligence.
- 7) A Reuben can be easily led into sin, but he will be a miserable sinner. Reuben can be easily moved away for the call of God, but he will never be happy doing anything that is outside God's will.
- 8) Reubens see their own weakness and so they find it easy to forgive what others do to them.
- 9) Reubens do not like to fight. They just don't like to get involved when there is a battle. They do not like bloodshed. They are just ordinary people, and they are loving people who hate to go to battle.
- 10) Reubens do have great skill and are valiant men when they finally do go to battle, but they must be pushed and they must trust God to go to battle.

God's answer for this Tribe

When Reuben walks humbly before God, God will bless them in spite of their sin. But he must remember to keep humble before the Lord.

Reuben is a beautiful tribe. The character is that of a lover. We see compassion, understanding and strength. The weakness of Reuben shall be overcome through the work of the Holy Spirit leaving a gem-like quality throughout eternity.

SIMEON

Genesis 29:33

Meaning of the name of Simeon

To hear, to obey, intellectual

Scriptures about Simeon

Genesis 49:5, 7

Genesis 42:1-24

Genesis 34:1-31

Numbers 26:20

Numbers 25:1-8

Numbers 13:5

Examples of a person who comes from the tribe of Simeon

Simeon of the Temple-Luke 2:15-18

Peter

Symbol of Simeon

Simeon has two symbols given to them. The first is a pitcher with a sword behind it. This speaks of an insignificant earthly vessel being used of God to fight the battles of God. The other symbol is a gate which speaks of the promise to Simeon that all the battles will be victorious when they are fought by the direction of God for Simeons will enter the gates of their enemies.

Stone for Simeon

The stone for Simeon is the Topaz. The Topaz has a unique thing about it in that it breaks in a completely flat parallel way making it distinguishable at sight from other minerals or similar appearance. For this reason, the Topaz stone has been known as the stone of wisdom and balance. It is most appropriate for Simeon to have this stone because of his fighting nature and the weakness of this nature for they need wisdom and balance to keep them out of trouble.

Prophecies given to Simeon

Genesis 49:5-7 Jacob's

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Tribe of Simeon

Weaknesses of the tribe of Simeon

- 1) Simeons must be careful who they listen to because they are a people who can be influenced by others.
 - a. Jacob had to separate Simeon from his brother Levi because they were bad for each other.

- b. Simeon also lost their leadership because of their immaturity, and the Tribe of Judah was given ruler ship over their inheritance. As long as they were linked with Judah, they won many battles.
 - c. Simeon has such a strong nature of doing that in the process he can begin to rule by his own hand and his own passion and in doing so can do destruction against God's plan rather than for God's plan.
- 2) In order for Simeon to hear correctly from God, he needs to be separated from the crowd where God can deal with him alone. As fighters, they will fight against this separation.
- 3) All Spiritual growth for the Simeons will come through trials and suffering.
 - a. One of the hardest suffering and trials Simeon had was when in his own power he led his brothers against their brother Joseph. Simeon, Judah and Levi were the leaders in creating the spirit of hate and jealousy against Joseph. (That is why God allowed Judah to rule over Simeon.)
 - b. Simeons have a hard time coming into maturity, but I believe God allowed us to see Simeon in the Temple to let us know that the Simeon Tribe did come into maturity.
- 4) Simeons must not fight their own battles. They will destroy themselves if they go to war in their own strength and in their own gifts and not in the will of God.
- 5) Simeon also has the danger of using his God given gifts in his own battles. This too will bring destruction to them.
- 6) The weakness of Simeon is they act ahead of the Lord. They may be fighting God's battles, but they may not be fighting them in God's timing or in God's will. They go out from under their covering.
- 7) When they get out from under the covering of God they begin to act in their own anger and their own self-righteousness. This makes them do things in hiding and secrecy.
- 8) Simeon is a strong fighter against the wrong way. But if the do not let God continue to deal with their own life they can fall into the very sin they are coming against or fighting against.
- 9) When passion rules a Simeon, they get into terrible trouble. In a moment of recklessness, he not only makes a fool of himself but he also hurts many lives around him.

Strengths of the Tribe of Simeon

- 1) Simeon hears and obeys the Word of the Lord.
- 2) Simeon will be a people who will know not only how to hear the Word of the Lord but to obey the things which God is speaking to them.
- 3) Simeons have an eye for the future. They can know when God is doing a new thing and they are ready to get involved with it.
- 4) When the Spirit of God speaks to Simeons they will "report in" for duty NOW and follow with all their hearts.
- 5) A Simeon will not shrink from the job or duty to be done. He is not afraid of anything and will become exceedingly strong as they set out to do the job.
- 6) Simeons are fighters. When a Simeon comes to fight, they come with the cause of the King in their hearts. They hear the will of God and follow Him with all their heart.

- 7) Simeons will not hold back from all kinds of battles and God is going to use them to clean up the world and get it ready for the Kingdom. They are a weapon of justice used by the hand of God.
- 8) Simeons are people always wanting to do the will of God. They are not people that you will have to tell two or three times to do something. They will do all that is expected and ask for more. They obey to the softest “whisper” of God. (When the call came for them to do battle with David, the Simeons brought 7,000 warriors to the fight. Judah was the only other tribe to bring 6,000. The other tribes brought far less.)

God’s answer for the Tribe of Simeon

Simeons are the “hearers” of the tribes. They will be the first to bear witness and to give the report of what the Lord is doing in the last days. They will hear before the rest of us. God so desires that Simeon be kept balanced, that they know their weaknesses, that they reach for purity in all that they do and that they seek to be a people with a peaceful spirit and a gentle heart that is full of mercy for others.

Those of us who are not from the tribe of Simeon should do well to stay close to these “hearers” and to help them all we can.

LEVI

Genesis 29:34

The meaning of the name of Levi

Joined, to be fastened to, devoted to, attached to, united, knotted to

Scriptures about the tribe of Levi

Deuteronomy 10:8, 9

Deuteronomy 18:1-8

Joshua 13:14

Numbers 1:47-49

Numbers 18:12-26

Deuteronomy 21:15

Examples of people who are of the tribe of Levi

Moses

Aaron

Miriam (Moses' sister)

Symbol of the Tribe of Levi

The symbol of Levi is the breastplate which holds the 12 different stones on which are engraved the names of the tribes of Israel. The Levi tribe carried this breastplate over their heart when they came before the Lord. This symbol is one of the most beautiful in Israel because it shows the loving care that God has for each one of the tribes.

Stone of the tribe of Levi

The stone of Levi is the Carbuncle which is commonly called Garnet. A Garnet is a deep red color. Its meaning is "seed". Garnets typically are found in metamorphic rocks which were often used as bullets in ancient firearms. If we put these things together, this stone speaks of the calling in Levi's life to plant the seed of God's word in all of Israel and that the power to do this work will always be in the power of the Blood of Jesus.

Prophecies given to the tribe of Levi

Genesis 49:5-7 Deuteronomy 33:8-11

Distinguishing characteristics of the tribe of Levi

Demands of the tribe of Levi

- 1) A true Levi will always carry the ministry which the Lord has given him upon his heart.
- 2) He will not be able to lay this ministry God has given him down even to take a vacation. He will always be a Levi, and it will be with him day and night.
- 3) A Levi is called to offer prayers and praise and make intercessions before the Lord not just now and then but his whole life through.
- 4) Levi is given the calling of planting the "seed" of God's word in all of Israel. They will be the teachers of the Oracles of God.

- 5) The true Levi has been called to live for God and for others. He is to be an intercessor, a guardian of the people.
- 6) A Levi is to live a life of prayer, praise and faith.
- 7) God chose Levi as his priestly family, His first formed family. Levi represents all of Israel before the Lord.
- 8) The Levis were chosen to set a perfect example before all of Israel by keeping God's word and His covenant. They were to offer sacrifices and to teach the judgment and Law of God.
- 9) Levis are to put incense before the Lord and offer whole sacrifices on the altar withholding nothing for themselves. They will never have an inheritance. God said "I will be their inheritance".
- 10) Levi is called to be a mediator between God and man. He not only offers up the sacrifices to God, but he is also called to be a sacrifice himself. He has a lifetime of service before him.
- 11) The call of a true Levi is not to defend himself, (God will do that), but to "stand between the dead and the living" and to plead God's mercy on the sinner even the ones who falsely accuse him and try to destroy him.
- 12) Levi has a special dedication to God and also to the people he represents. For that reason, the tribe of Levi will be required to be more like Jesus than any of the other tribes.
- 13) The great law the Levis must keep and teach is the law of love.

Weaknesses of the tribe of Levi

- 1) A Levi must guard against his tendency to be cruel at a moment when the spirit of anger comes upon him.
- 2) Levi must be totally God controlled in all his nature for in the strength of his calling Levi can cause himself to become angry when others will not listen thus becoming unreasonable and unjust.
- 3) The tribe of Levi is called for the deliverance of God's chosen people but in order to never forget that their strength and the power to overcome their weakness of anger, cruelty and violence they will go thru many personal Gethsemanes.
- 4) Levi must never for a moment pamper their weakness or hide it away in a closet feeling that they can continue to do God's work just because they have not been caught in a great sin. For if this weakness goes unchecked they can develop such a self – righteous, self-will that they will destroy themselves and all the people around them and all the time saying "God told me to do it." (Moses was a man who endured long and suffered greatly and was exemplary in his humility but his anger destroyed him.)
- 5) Levi must be careful in their relationships with others. For they can really make trouble if the Holy Spirit is not allowed to guard their lives (remember here again it was Levi as a youth who was separated from Simeon for their wrongdoings.)
- 6) Because Levi is so important in God's plan the devil will attack Levi in deeper ways. One is that Satan will use the weakness and the strengths of Levi to get the people so afraid of a Levi that they will not want to work with them.
- 7) A Levi can never have cliques around them. As soon as he gets attached to someone, God will cut that relationship apart.

- 8) It will cost Levi a great price to stand strong with God. It will cost maybe even their own father, mother, sons and family.
- 9) The Levis are a people who have a high calling of God upon their lives. As soon as they try to accumulate wealth, houses and land, etc., unless they are absolutely led by God, they are going to get into trouble. God wants to be their inheritance, their all in all.
- 10) Because of the gift of teaching and studying the Word, they will give their life to do it, making them misunderstood and abused. But their love of the Word is more important than their daily bread.

Strengths of the Tribe of Levi

- 1) When a Levi is living right and in a place of anointing, communicating with God, they will produce blessings in all things.
- 2) The tribe of Levi when under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, will be invincible.
- 3) When a Levi is in the anointing, the strength of anyone who comes against them will be completely broken. For God said He Himself will smite anyone who comes against the tribe of Levi.
- 4) A true Levi will always be ordered by the Lord and will do the will of God regardless of what will happen.
- 5) God has promised a supernatural supply of all Levis needs because their life is a life of faith.
- 6) God takes special care of the Levi because He has promised to be their inheritance.
- 7) God wants Levi to live a life of faith. He will supply all their needs. As they look to Him and give the sacrifices to the Lord on the altar, He will give them the finest of the grains, the first fruits and so on.
- 8) The Lord has given to the Levi the gift of understanding and teaching the Word to others.
- 9) Because they are teachers of the Law, they will live the Law.
- 10) Do not try to hide anything from the eyes of the Levi. God will show you up to be a fool. The closer Levi walks with God the more they will see into the depth of each tribe that they are to minister to.
- 11) God is not pleased with “show business”. He desires that Levis ministry be in the anointing. A true Levi knows the difference between what a true Pentecostal spirit is and what is a false display of emotions and religious zeal.
- 12) The Levi can step into a situation where there is strife, confusion, anger, and all kinds of misunderstandings and they will step up with the authority of God and strike at the hard place and solve the problem instantly. This is the blessing of a Levi when they can stand in a hard place with the right answer.

God's answer to the tribe of Levi

In the prophecies of the end of the ages, we see that Levi is standing at the North gate to the “City” right along with the other two tribes of that Gate. This should speak to the Levi to continue to stand high in their calling for truly they will be doubly blessed. Not only do they have the inheritance of God, but they have the inheritance of the Kingdom of God.

JUDAH

Genesis 29:35

The meaning of the name of Judah

To praise, to celebrate. These words do not mean just what we have to come to use them for. To praise is to extend your hands as to cry out or to throw as throwing a stone. Praise also can mean to moan unto God or travail unto God. The meaning of the work Judah is full of contradictions and certainly this contradiction shows us the complexities of the tribe of Judah of which there are many.

Scriptures about the tribe of Judah

Genesis 37:26

Genesis 38:1-30

Micah 5:2

Genesis 43:1-15

Genesis 44:14-15

Genesis 46:38

1 Chronicles 5:2

Examples of the tribe of Judah

Judas

David

Jesus

Symbol of the tribe of Judah

The symbol of Judah is the lion. Here again we will see the complexities of this tribe for this symbol speaks of not just the adult lion but of the cub stage and the youth stage of the lion. All of these characteristics of this symbol of a lion are the ages and stages that the tribe of Judah will go through coming finally to the mature Christian who know who he is in God.

Stone of the tribe of Judah

The stone is the emerald which speaks of immortality. It speaks of the eternal royalty of the House of David which is in the tribe of Judah. The immortality and royalty were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It takes many centuries of time in order to form an emerald in its perfect state and so beautiful color. It likewise takes a lifetime to make a saint and specifically of the Tribe of Judah. But by looking at the emerald, the tribe of Judah can hold on to the reality that it will be done in them.

Prophecies given to the tribe of Judah

Deuteronomy 33:7

Genesis 49:8-12

Distinguishing characteristics of the tribe of Judah

Weaknesses of the tribe of Judah

CUB

- 1) Judah has the spirit of rejection, self-pity, complaining and fault finding.
- 2) Judah can live constantly in a feeling of inferiority, feeling they are unloved, feeling unwanted.
- 3) Judah can be caught off balance and overtaken when they are in great passion or grief. They always want someone to turn to for comfort.
- 4) Judah always wants to see what is in it for them, to make a profit for themselves.

YOUTH

- 1) Judah's weakness is drunkenness, love of riches and lust (that is money, beautiful people, good situations, and wine).
- 2) Judah doesn't like to do difficult things. It is all right if no one is watching but if he might get into trouble or he might lose "face" over the situation then he will get someone else to handle the difficulty. Judah hates to lose face or their reputation.
- 3) In the moment of passion or the darkness of the night he is reckless and unconcerned but in broad daylight he doesn't want anyone to know what he has done. He is concerned about himself.
- 4) When Judah gets into a lukewarm condition spiritually it is very dangerous for his soul.

ADULT

- 1) Judah must be careful that he places value on the true values which are eternal for if they don't, they will lose their inheritance.
- 2) Judah has to sin and to be humbled to have compassion on others. It seems as if Judah will never come to his place in God until he falls.
- 3) Judah has a lot of pride, self-confidence and self-assurance and it is only after they fall flat on their faces and realize their weakness that they can walk in humility.
- 4) Judah does not like authority over him. Judah is to be royalty and is to be great but only as Judah realizes and submits to the God given authority over his life (which is the priestly tribe of Levi). When Judah submits, then he can find his rightful place in God's eternal plan.

Strengths of the tribe of Judah

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- 1) Judah's are born businessmen or women. They can have access to the blessings of finances. Judah's sons are the world's top financiers.
- 2) Judahs have the gift of reasoning. Some of the top layers today are from the tribe of Judah.
- 3) Judahs are peacemakers. They have the gift of reconciliation and can judge fairly and wisely.
- 4) Judah is an organizer. If you want an organizer, then look for someone of the tribe of Judah. They can organize.

- 5) Judah has great ability and gifts in his hands. Some of the world's great pianists and artists are Judahs.

YOUTH

- 1) Judahs can settle crucial and difficult troubles and solve crises, bringing peace into a situation that was full of turmoil.
- 2) As Judah comes into maturity, he is willing to take a risk for the price of love.
- 3) The key to the tribe of Judah is in his humility and his entering into a life of praise.
- 4) Judah's gift as a lawyer is with the gift of oratory and reasoning.
- 5) Judah will become the communicators of God. The Oracle of God to man will become the praises of Judah. He will sing them forth.
- 6) Judah is the law giver, and he is ready to fight for God and defend God's law.

ADULT

- 1) When maturity comes to Judah, they will be great intercessors, mediators and they can stand as advocates between God and man.
- 2) If Judah sees their weakness and walks in humility before the Lord, he will be lifted up by God and God will make him to sit in high places.
- 3) As Judah grows in God we see the balance, the strength, the poise, the dignity, the graciousness, the compassion, and the reasoning power develop into a beautiful nature.
- 4) Judah has strength in their anointing and woe to anybody who comes against them for Judah will break the neck of their enemies.
- 5) Judah will come into greatness as he learns to be like the adult lion that remains sitting and proudly observes God working things out.
- 6) Judah has the symbol of ruling power and God decreed that Judah will rule and never lose it until Jesus comes again.

Facts about the tribe of Judah

- 1) Most Judahs are more immature than they will confess even to themselves.
- 2) Judah will not attain his high calling of ruler ship unless he enters through the gate of praise.
- 3) Most of Judah's problems come when he leaves the fellowship and safety of his pride.

God's answer to the tribe of Judah

Judah may be the princely tribe but only as they willingly lay their life upon the altar and serve God with all their heart will they come into all that God has ordained for them. Judah must always keep their eyes on the perfect Prince of their tribe which is Jesus. He set the example and He is the one they must follow.

BENJAMIN

Genesis 35:16-20

The meaning of the name Benjamin

Benjamin was given two names. One by his mother which was Benoni which means “son of my affliction, son of my sorrow”. But it was changed to Benjamin by his father right after Benjamin’s mother was dead. Benjamin means “son of the right hand, so of the right side, son of happiness.

Scriptures about the tribe of Benjamin

Genesis 42:13	Genesis 41:36	Genesis 46:21	1 Chronicles 7:11
II Chronicles 31:1	Judges 1:21	Judges 5:14	Judges 20
Numbers 26:38, 41	I Chronicles 8:1	Numbers 34:21	Esther 2:5

Examples of People from the tribe of Benjamin

Queen Esther Saul (the Apostle Paul) Saul (the King)

Symbol of the Tribe of Benjamin

The symbol of the Tribe of Benjamin is the wolf. There are two different stages of a wolf. One speaks of the early stages of a wolf’s life when they devour their prey for themselves. This speaks of the natural way, of only thinking of themselves and only satisfying themselves. They do not care about anyone else but themselves. The other stage is if the wolf when they become older, more mature. For in their maturity Benjamin will share with others all of which they have captured. So, the symbol speaks to Benjamin to continue to strive, to grow to maturity and it shows them that they can become this and be a blessing to others as God has called them to do.

The stone of the Tribe of Benjamin

The stone of Benjamin is the jasper. Jasper is a rich blue and sometimes green color. In ancient times they believed that it had special powers. If you warm this stone, it will prevent sorrow and give protection. In seeking why this stone was for Benjamin I believe that it has a two-fold meaning. One, that Benjamin being the last son and the only son of Israel’ not Jacob, that Benjamin will be prevented many sorrows and given special protection because of his birthplace. The prophecies say just that. Plus, as Benjamin matures Benjamin will be able to give these qualities to others.

Prophecies for the Tribe of Benjamin

Genesis 49:27 Deuteronomy 33:12

Distinguishing characteristics of the Tribe of Benjamin

Weaknesses of the tribe of Benjamin

- 1) Because Benjamin came into this world with a great struggle, they have to fight for their very existence many times.
- 2) The spirit of wanting for himself all he can get and at all costs is a spirit that Benjamin is born with and he must fight against the selfish nature.
- 3) In his immaturity Benjamin is a very selfish person.
- 4) Benjamin is a pampered and spoiled child in many ways. They don't get spanked like others as a youth. They just get away with things.
- 5) As long as Benjamin is spoiled by others and he does not fight against all those things, Benjamin will never grow up into perfection.
- 6) Benjamin's family hangs on to them. Everybody wants and needs them. Until Benjamin can allow God to guide them and not be guided by their family, Benjamin will never come into his own maturity. Benjamin has to break free.
- 7) Benjamin's selfishness comes out in the areas of food. For in a house where there is a Benjamin you see that they will want and desire to have five portions to another's one portion. Benjamin fills up their plate and doesn't look around to see if anyone else is waiting to have the plate passed to them. Also, Benjamin's are usually so hungry they can hardly wait for the blessing before they take the first bite. In fact, most of the time they must sneak a sample or two when no one is looking.
- 8) God is going to put Benjamin through some very hard things and drastic measures to get the selfishness out of them. Some of these things they will never forget.
- 9) Benjamin has a hard time in his life not consuming and devouring all things around him and never sharing with others. It is Benjamin's greatest weakness.
- 10) Still another weakness can surface as God works and trains Benjamin and that is their pride. Benjamin will not understand why God is working so hard on them and they will say, "I am special, why must I go through this?"
- 11) Because of his spoiled nature Benjamin has a tendency to make himself comfortable and become indolent to others. It all boils down that they are just plain lazy.
- 12) In this same laziness, Benjamin will just not fight for their rights. If you step on something of Benjamin's, he will let you have it. They are not going to fight for it.
- 13) Because of Benjamin's weakness of being spoiled, not fighting and being lazy, Benjamins have a great difficulty coming into a total committed life to God and to His holiness. Scripture points to the sin of "sodomy and every kind of evil."
- 14) Benjamin has such a strong will it takes much to break them and bring them into the nature of God.
- 15) It is by continually humbling himself that Benjamin will come into his fullness.

Strengths of the Tribe of Benjamin

- 1) As Benjamin comes into maturity his whole nature will change and Benjamin will be willing to share with others.
- 2) In his maturity Benjamin is willing even to make sacrifices for others and give out the good things which God has given him.

- 3) Benjamin can go into difficult and dangerous situations (in the will of God) and there they will find a special protection as God watches over them.
- 4) Benjamins are given a special protection and also given special training for they are to be great and mighty warriors and soldiers for Israel.
- 5) Benjamins are going to be there when the battle starts, and they will not look for the first hiding place. In fact, they will instead say “Lord, where do you need me on the front lines today?”
- 6) Benjamins will make great warriors “fit to go out for war and battles”. Benjamins are ready to go to battle.
- 7) The Lord is going to carry Benjamin and deliver him in every appointed assignment that God gives to him.
- 8) No matter what happens to a Benjamin it seems as if everything good comes their way.
- 9) As Benjamin comes into his true nature, they will fight great and glorious and victorious battles for God.
- 10) As they come under God’s special training and special protection, Benjamins will also have courage, be a pure and obedient apostle and a missionary in the likeness of a man like Paul.
- 11) Benjamin has not trouble working together with a woman. Benjamin will be happy to cooperate with the one whom God has anointed and called to a position of leadership no matter who this will be.
- 12) The anointing is what breaks the yoke and for a Benjamin it is truly his very life to come under the anointing for it will transform and elevate Benjamin to all that God wants for them. God called Benjamin “beloved of the Lord.” It is truly a special position that Benjamin has under the anointing.
- 13) Benjamins are also very loyal to the ones they love.
- 14) God has given Benjamin a powerful gift of discernment. Benjamin will know the “man of the hour” and Benjamin will follow even if it means leaving loved ones behind.
- 15) Because of the gift of discernment, Benjamin will be in the middle of what God is doing new, no matter what it is.
- 16) Benjamins are not leaders, but they are wonderful helpers and supporters. Ask a Benjamin to do anything in the move of God and they are open and willing to do it.
- 17) Benjamin will “carry” the burdens and struggle to do what God is calling them to do. Benjamin will not fight against individuals or split hairs. They do not want to put on their “own show” or do their own thing. They want to flow together and get God’s job done.

Facts about the tribe of Benjamin

Benjamin has one unique thing about him which is that many Benjamins are left-handed.

God’s Answer to the Tribe of Benjamin

God is wonderful to give us all types of personalities in the Tribes and Benjamin is just one of them. In the last days I believe Benjamin will be there to help, to support and to minister. They will be there to carry the burdens and to fight the battles of God.

ZEBULUN

Genesis 30:20-21

The meaning of the name Zebulun

To dwell in and comes from the root word which means “to enclose, to reside, dwell with.”

Scriptures for the Tribe of Zebulun

Judges 4:5 Judges 6:35 I Chronicles 12:33
I Chronicles 13:40 Judges 12:11, 12 II Chronicles 30:10
Genesis 46:14 Deuteronomy 27:13 Isaiah 9:1-5
Psalm 68:27-28

Symbol of the Tribe of Zebulun

The symbol of Zebulun is the ship which speaks of Zebulun’s ability to stand on the seashore and look out into the distant horizon and see far, far away. Zebulun has this view of far horizons. They can see ahead, they have a view of far horizons. They can see ahead, they have a view and a vision. The ship also speaks of Zebulun’s concern for those souls who are lost in storms and seas. The heart of a Zebulun is a heart for soul winning.

The stone of the Tribe of Zebulun

The stone of the Tribe of Zebulun is the Aquamarine. Because Zebulun’s inheritance is related to the sea it is very fitting that the stone of this Tribe should be an Aquamarine. Every time a Zebulun looks at their beautiful Aquamarine they will be lifted up out of the land and in their spirit they will be sailing the blue-green seas, which is the color of their stone. The call of distant shores and the far away place with strange sounding names is a call on Zebulun all their life.

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Tribe of Zebulun

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Zebulun

- 1) Zebulun finds it hard to express their true feelings, but they feel things deeply.
- 2) Zebuluns are very, very sensitive people but very few people know it because they try hard not to show it.
- 3) Zebuluns cannot share their true feelings because they put a wall around their own heart. They are afraid of being hurt. It is a long-standing weakness for a Zebulun to build walls around themselves.
- 4) Zebuluns make wonderful fishermen but a terrible soldier. They will avoid any confrontation as long as it is possible. They only fight when they have to fight.
- 5) Zebuluns are gifted people, but they have a tendency to run away from their gifts because every gift or talent that we receive from God has responsibility and with

responsibility comes sweat and sacrifice and also criticism and that is what Zebulun fear the most that someone will not like the things that they do.

- 6) Zebulun flee from any situation that will cause them pain. If there is no place to flee they will escape into themselves, pull down the shades, build up the walls around them and you just try to get inside of that.
- 7) It makes them look hard and cold but really it is only that they are protecting themselves against the pain they feel.
- 8) Zebulun is never going to stand and force an issue if they can avoid it. If they do have to face things they will face it with courage and strength. If you are a Zebulun, you will never become strong in God unless you stop running away from difficult situations.
- 9) In their immaturity Zebulun will mock and laugh and doubt the things of God until they are convinced it is God.
- 10) Zebulun can hardly turn away people because they are a hospitable people. Even if a wolf comes to the door, they can hardly turn them away and they sometimes permit wolves to come in and make strong in-roads into their hearts only to find out later that they have paid very dearly for it.

Strengths of the tribe of Zebulun

- 1) Zebulun has an inner instinct of wanting to protect others, especially those they love, against the world. They want to put their arms around them and keep them safe from all hurts and evils.
- 2) Zebulun will do almost anything to bring people that they love or care about into their "enclosure".
- 3) Any division or separation from children, co-workers, loved ones, or people they care about is torment for them.
- 4) Zebulun are hospitable people and for that reason they have a special care for those who are weary. They want to make a home for wanderers, the lost and the desolate ones.
- 5) Zebulun are outgoing people who love to talk. If you tell a Zebulun to keep quiet, they have a terrible time. As they come into their maturity, they will make good town criers in sharing the good news of the gospel and of the saving grace of Jesus.
- 6) Zebulun has the ability to understand what is from the Holy Spirit and what is not. Because of this, Zebulun always sees those people who need to come to the Lord. They will see ahead to the things that are going to happen.
- 7) Zebulun will be given a vision and revelation to share of God. To share the purity, honesty and holiness of God. Zebulun cannot stand shame of false spirituality, and they will not show those things.
- 8) When Zebulun is convinced God has spoken, nothing will hold them back. Zebulun is ready to offer the sacrifice of righteousness. There is no limitation to the sacrifice that Zebulun will make. As they mature, they are almost radical when it comes to serving the Lord.
- 9) The only reason Zebulun will go to battle is to fight for those who God has given them. Love and compassion for their people will cause them to fight.
- 10) No one can force a Zebulun to carry any yoke or burden that is not of the Lord. They just shake it off. They run from trouble, but they also run when it is good to run.

- 11) Zebulun do not like to fight but when the time comes that they must defend themselves, they are ready to muster up their army and then watch out.
- 12) When Zebulun have been led into battle they are fearless of the strongest enemy and they willingly stand up and fight.
- 13) Zebulun is faithful to answer the call when there is a need.
- 14) Zebulun are true friends, even willing to lay down their lives for a friend. They are loyal and not double-hearted.
- 15) If Zebulun finds that someone they had as a friend is double minded, they fear and stay away from this person like the plague. It takes much to win their confidence again.
- 16) God has given Zebulun many gifts: a rod of counseling, the ability to give correction to those who are entrusted to them, the scepter to rule their tribe and the pen to write out what God wants recorded.
- 17) God has given zebulun the gift and anointing to use the pen as others use the sword.
- 18) Zebulun will also be in leadership in music. God will give them songs in the night, poetry in the deepness of their valleys and in the highest of their praise.
- 19) Zebulun has a beautiful quality to keep rank. They do not want to be a drill sergeant if they are a buck private nor a general if they are a drill sergeant.
- 20) When Zebulun becomes mature, they find the key of being strong is to wait upon God. They enter into a place of rest where they know that they can trust God to work things out in their life.
- 21) Zebulun always enjoys the blessings of the Lord and God has promised zebulun a special visitation because God knows they need extra strength so they will not run away from the challenge but rather fulfill God's will in their lives.

Facts about the tribe of Zebulun

- 1) There is an affinity relationship between Judah, even though Issachar is actually the tribe that God has joined Zebulun with.
- 2) Zebulun is not permitted to settle down. At times, Zebulun wants to settle down but there is a call inside of them to move.
- 3) Zebulun have a missionary heart. They may never go out on the mission field, but it will be a calling to do all that they can in the mission field.
- 4) The sun does not go down easily for a Zebulun. They will be up till the last one goes to bed at night. They just don't want to waste time sleeping. They want to stretch the day out just as long as they can stretch it. Zebulun and Issachar are the last ones to go to bed.
- 5) Zebulun loves the light and they want to dwell in the light. Zebulun loves to have all the lights on in the house. They cannot stand darkness. They hate to pull down the shades. They don't even care that much for candlelight but like big wide picture windows. The Zebulun are children of the light.

God's Answer to the Tribe of Zebulun

Zebulun is a blessed and beautiful tribe. God has given them some of the greatest blessings of all the tribes. Do not waste these gifts, nor disregard them as though they were not important. Use them wisely, treasure them. Remember your weaknesses. Do not run from difficult situations or build walls around yourself. Dwell in the light (Jesus) which you love. Truly God will use the tribe of Zebulun in the last days.

ISSACHAR

Genesis 30:14-18

The meaning of the name of Issachar

“He will bring a reward.” It comes from the root word meaning, “to lift, to advance, arise, bring forth, carry away, exalt high, hold up, lofty and raise up.”

Scriptures about the tribe of Issachar

Genesis 46:13	Numbers 26:23	Numbers 2:5
Numbers 13:7	Judges 10:1	I Kings 1:1-4
II Kings 4:8-37	I Kings 15:8	I Kings 15:16, 16:13
I Kings 16:13	I Chronicles 3:15	I Chronicles 12:32-40

Examples of the Tribe of Issachar

Deborah the Prophetess Judges 5:31

Symbol of the Tribe of Issachar

The symbol of the Tribe of Issachar is the humble donkey. A donkey is an animal of low birth, born to be a worker. It is an animal that is to carry heavy loads. This is the nature of an Issachar.

The stone of the Tribe of Issachar

The stone of Issachar is the Amethyst. It is a violet or purple variation of color. Amethyst means “non intoxicating” which speaks of not being led away into wrong. All of this is very symbolic of Issachar for they will live a life of balance, poise and purity.

Prophecies for the Tribe of Issachar

Genesis 49:14-15 Deuteronomy 33:18, 19

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Tribe of Issachar

Weakness of the Tribe of Issachar

- 1) If an Issachar was to be paid by the piece work, they would never make any money because they are usually very, very slow.
- 2) Issachar is always going to read 99 books, but they never get around to reading one.
- 3) So many Issachars become enslaved by their need to do everything perfectly correct.
- 4) It is not big things that bring Issachar into bondage, but a lot of little things which to the rest of the tribes seem insignificant but to an Issachar seem all important.

- 5) Issachar are people who accumulate odds and ends of things that they think are important. For others it can be called junk but for an Issachar they just know sometimes they will need the very thing they have so they will not let go of it.
- 6) One of the dangers of the Issachar is that when they are working on their “things” they can easily become a “workaholic”.
- 7) Issachar can also become “enslaved” with details. They will work for hours on something that is important to them but to others seems of no value.
- 8) It is the hardest thing in the world to get an Issachar to go on a trip. They just want to stay home.
- 9) Issachar has to be careful that they do not try to do everything. They will take on five jobs at once; one job after another until they are going around in circles. Then they even forget what they first started to do.
- 10) There are times when even an Issachar just cannot take any more and they “explode” and lose their temper. They have bad tempers. Afterward, they feel terrible because they do not want to be like that. Issachars do have the grace to say “I am sorry”.
- 11) Issachar can become proud and lifted up. This is when the trouble comes. If Issachars exalt themselves, they will have problems. Issachar must always remain humble. This is their strength.
- 12) Issachars greatness comes when they are made a king or given a position of prominence. As soon as Issachar loses their humility they lose their identity and then they lose their destiny.
- 13) Issachars have a hard time obeying God because of the many doubts they have. With their nature of being very firm and not wanting to move, they must be positive it is God telling them before they move.
- 14) Satan knows Issachar’s weakness of making burdens out of little things and of carrying too many burdens and Satan will:
 - a. Twist and turn Issachar until Issachar is ready to quit. “I just can’t do it all so I won’t do anything.” Is what Issachar will say.
 - b. Whisper to Issachar and have them believe that they are great wonderful Christians for carrying all these burdens and they should get a reward for doing this or that.

All of this is just to get Issachar away from the way God is taking them and to cause them to lose out on their inheritance.

Strength of the tribe of Issachar

- 1) Issachar is a born servant. They are a servant of humility.
- 2) Issachar’s destiny is to a ministry of being a guardian and keeper of God’s children. As Issachar matures, they will make beautiful spiritual fathers, pastors and shepherds of the flock of the Lord.
- 3) Issachars are persons of compassion, and they will never get away from this because they are marked from birth by God.
- 4) If you want a job done, look for an Issachar, they are careful, deliberate and cautious. They are hard workers.
- 5) Issachars are not easily excited or disturbed, they are cool under pressure.
- 6) There is no doubt about Issachar’s great strength. They are not only strong physically they are also strong spiritually.

- 7) Issachars are carriers of the cross. They carry not only their cross but half a dozen other crosses at the same time.
- 8) Issachars are humble; they have learned to get down low enough to be able to carry all those burdens. Issachars is just born to bear big and heavy burdens.
- 9) Issachar will know truths hidden from the foundation of time. These truths will be way down inside of them. They are truths that they just know and maybe are not even able to share with others.
- 10) Issachar doesn't speak much. They usually are quiet, reserved people. They are not a "blabber mouth", but when an Issachar has something to say you should really listen even if it takes them a while to get it out because they have much to say from deep inside themselves.
- 11) Issachars can keep their mouths shut. They are good listeners. They take the time to listen.
- 12) Issachars are born with an instinct of what is going on in the Kingdom of God. They have a great understanding of what to do.
- 13) Because Issachars know and understand the truth they only give to what and to who is called of God. They are great givers when God has shown them who is called of Him.
- 14) Issachar is not a grand-stander or a gatecrasher but where ever they go they will leave their tracks. People will remember them with fondness.
- 15) Issachar does not seek fame or acclaim or promotion or recognition for themselves.
- 16) Issachar will never push people out of their way. Issachar is never at the front of the line, but they will be ready to help someone to get to the front of the line.
- 17) Issachar will not serve God in any other way except with a pure, natural and peaceful heart.
- 18) Issachar has a deep well within them and many times they have the ability to go deep to receive a greater blessing from God than from any other source.
- 19) Issachars love the good earth. They never will be a city person. Issachar has a great appreciation for the creation of God. They do not count the things that others value as important. They love trees, flowers, hills, sea and sky.
- 20) Some tribes fit well together and God has put Issachar together with Zebulun. Issachar is more introverted and Zebuluns are more outgoing. Issachar would rather stay put while Zebuluns want to go to sea. These two tribes have a wonderful harmony in their lives.

God's answer to the Tribe of Issachar

Issachar is a beautiful Tribe; sensitive, caring, full of compassion and so loving. Yet Issachar must always remember not to carry all of those burdens themselves. They must lay them at the feet of the Lord (Matthew 1:28). They must force themselves to pick up their Bible. They must discipline themselves to have spiritual devotion and God will lift them up into the glory of His presence and make them realize what a wonderful servant they have been all along.

Prophecies of the Tribe of Issachar

Genesis 49:13

Deuteronomy 33:18

DAN

Genesis 30:1-6

The meaning of the name of the tribe of Dan

To judge, to rule, to strive, to plead, to minister

Scriptures about the tribe of Dan

I Chronicles 2:8

I Chronicles 27:16-22

Numbers 1,12,38,39

Numbers 10:25

Leviticus 24:1-16

Judges 17:18

Exodus 35:34, 35

Symbol of the Tribe of Dan

Dan has two symbols. The serpent is the first which speaks of the characteristic of Dan's nature. The scale is the second which speaks of the true judgment which is the call and responsibility of every Dan.

The stone of the Tribe of Dan

The stone of the Tribe of Dan is the stone of the Sapphire. The meaning of Sapphire is "a gem used for scratching other substances", and truly this is a good symbol for the Tribe of Dan for many times they need to scratch things in their life and in their personality, character and in their very nature. Dan is called to judge, and the judging must come first to Dan. Dan must make sure that he is clear out of the way so that God can do the judging. The Sapphire should remind Dan that he needs to continually keep right before the Lord.

Prophecies given to the Tribe of Dan

Genesis 49:16-18

Deuteronomy 33:22

The silence and the mysteries of the Tribe of Dan

- 1) In Numbers 1:38, 39 the children of Dan are mentioned but not referred to. All the other Tribes children are referred to by names. Why were the children of Dan just mentioned?
- 2) Just before the 10 tribes went into captivity, the King of Judah (Simeon) sent a message around to all the Tribes for a time of repentance and worshipping God together. Dan did not come. In fact, they mocked and ridiculed the messenger. Jeremiah 8:20 tells about this and he says that as the messenger left they said "they are not saved". Why did they not come?
- 3) In Judges 5:17 the Prophetess Deborah had been called to judge the Tribes of Israel because they had done evil in the sight of God. When she spoke to the Tribe of Dan

she asked the question, “Why does Dan remain in his ships?” Why has Dan moved out to sea? Why is he not on the shore or land?

- 4) In Ezekiel 48-49 we read of the placement of the Tribes around the gates of the city in the end of the ages. In this prophecy the Tribe of Dan is listed. But in Revelation 21:12 where they are now placed, the Tribe of Dan is not listed. Why are they not listed

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Tribe of Dan

Weakness of the Tribe of Dan

- 1) Dan grew up unloved and unwanted with much hurt and pain until a seed of bitterness easily developed in his heart.
- 2) As a youth Dan had much turbulence and problems in the Tribe all along because Dan is a person who is quick to do whatever he does. Sometimes this is good, sometimes this is bad. For Dan would do things in haste and often would be sorry about it later.
- 3) The Tribe of Dan had much turbulence and problems in the Tribe all along because Dan is a person who is quick to do whatever he does. Sometimes this is good, sometimes this is bad. For Dan would do things in haste and often would be sorry about it later.
- 4) Dan has a temper and Satan will try to provoke and anger him until he brings him to a place where Dan will curse and swear to relieve the pent-up emotion that he has been holding in check.
- 5) Worldliness and the love of nice things in the world is a great temptation to Dan.
- 6) There is a lot of pride in Dan because he thinks he can do most things better than the next “dumb bunny”.
- 7) Dan is not a good instructor because he knows it all and he thinks that you should too.
- 8) Dan has such a hard head that he has trouble being shaped.
- 9) Many times, Dan is just not comfortable to be around because of his attitude; he buffs and turns people off.
- 10) Dan is afraid to fight the giants in their backyard. You cannot call them cowards because they do fight but they are known to pick on people and be a people who cannot fight back or are defenseless.
- 11) Dan can discern the hearts of his enemies but again they do not want to fight the giants in their backyard, so they allow themselves to be fooled by those who love them.
- 12) Dan has been called to be a judge of the Tribes in his prophecy therefore he has much spiritual wisdom, courage and can be very cunning too. But because of Dan’s nature, the devil will use this cunningness and self confidence to lead him to fall by the wayside and to stray.
- 13) Dan’s biggest weakness and inability is to come to their full and complete fulfillment because they cannot without much pain rule over the lusts of the flesh.
- 14) It just seems as if Dan is always “about to be birthed” spiritually but never quite accomplishes it.
- 15) Dan just has a hard time being obedient to God.
- 16) The Tribe of Dan because of their nature can come into idolatry very easily because they do have a strong desire to support righteous causes. The strongest idolatry that

can come over Dan is the idolatry of religion. The tribe of Dan was one of the two Tribes who put up graven images unto God and it was to God.

- 17) Because of this idolatry weakness Dan can reject the true call of God.
- 18) In order for Dan to see he cannot use his natural eyes but must use the eyes of God in order to really see.
- 19) Dan as they come into maturity must be careful to leap only when God says to leap. If he leaps before he will find himself once more building altars to false purposes, false visions, and false gods.
- 20) God will let Dan fall as low as they can go until they realize that they cannot make it in their own strength.

Strengths of the Tribe of Dan

- 1) Dans are skillful people and this gives them the ability to acquire things and the ability to prosper and become wealthy.
- 2) Dan is gifted, artistic, quick thinking, and an independent person.
- 3) Because of Dan's artistic ability Dan makes a wonderful designer
- 4) Dan is a good worker and a faithful worker.
- 5) Dan is a gifted and talented person who can figure out the answer to any problem put before him.
- 6) If you say it can't be done Dan doesn't like that answer and it will become a challenge to him and he'll do it.
- 7) Dan is always a brother who is ready to help.
- 8) When Dan makes vows, he is bound body and soul and to fulfill that vow.
- 9) Dan is called and ordained to execute righteous judgment among God's people. With that calling, God has given Dan much physical and spiritual strength to do great feats, along with this, God has given Dan courage and cunningness to carry out this calling of judging.
- 10) Under all of Dan there is this desire for righteousness and when Dans repent, they can become great men of God chosen to lay down their lives for the Lord (like Sampson).
- 11) It may take a lot of dealing by God to bring Dan to say "yes" but once he does there is no turning back no matter how difficult it may be.
- 12) When Dan is under the anointing nobody can fool them or get by with anything because:
 - a. They have a very keen gift of discernment.
 - b. Much wisdom and they think things through with this wisdom.
 - c. Dan does know of the Holy Spirit when he sees it and they want to follow.

God's answer to the Tribe of Dan

Dan never seems to have any idea of what they could be in God. If Dan can let go of their present existence and keep moving they will come forth into sonship, that destiny that waits for them.

GAD

Genesis 30:9-11

The meaning of the name of the tribe of Gad

The meaning of the name of Gad has more than one meaning. The first is “a troop” and the second means “fortune, to attack, to overcome, and to invade.” The meaning of troop is like a ganging up type of troop. There is a negative and a positive meaning to Gad’s name. the positive is to gang up (come) together for something good for God and the negative is to gang up against something. Both of these meanings God has put into Gad’s life.

Scriptures about Gad

Numbers 26:18

Numbers 21:14

Numbers 13:15

II Kings 8:12

I Chronicles 12:8-17

Judges 11-12

I Kings 17:11

Examples of a person from the tribe of Gad

Elijah the prophet

Symbol of the tribe of Gad

The symbol of Gad is three tents which speaks of never really settling down. To live in a tent means one’s whole life is one of never really being settled down. The tent symbol certainly tells of the nature of Gad. for they tend to be roamers and travelers for God. There is another side to the symbol of the three tents in that it reminds us of the scene of Calvary. Gad is to look to Calvary for forgiveness of his sins and then move on.

The Stone of the tribe of Gad

The stone is called the Ligure. The stone is a beautiful deep blue color. For this stone to come into this deep blue color the stone must endure great intense heat and pressure. And so it is with Gad. For God in His tender love will permit Gad to go through more intense heat than any other Tribe to bring them into the perfection of God.

Prophecies given to the tribe of Gad

Genesis 49:20

Deuteronomy 33:20

Distinguishing characteristics of Gad

God has promised a blessing to anyone who enlarges this tribe. Anyone that helps Gad grow in God and anyone who helps Gad to develop into the things of God and Gad’s calling, they will receive a blessing.

Weakness of the Tribe of Gad

- 1) Gad's worse enemy is 'self' within them. Gad has to fight Gad.
- 2) Because Gad has such difficulty with themselves, they will set limitations for themselves, making it hard for them to get moving in God. Gad wants and believes he must stay wherever he is put.
- 3) Gad has such a tendency to think "oh, I am only a Gad". He doesn't appreciate their tribe as they should. God is saying to Gad "stop feeling so inferior".
- 4) Gad needs constant encouraging and pushing and prodding to move out and to expand. It can become a tiring thing to try to get Gad to enlarge their borders and capabilities.
- 5) Gads have a hard time identifying themselves simply because they have many of the characteristics of Reuben and Manasseh who they lived by.
- 6) Gad has a strong will, an independent nature and he will have a tendency to go off by himself and say to himself, "I'll just do my own thing."
- 7) Gad also must be careful they have no hatred for a brother or let jealousy enter in their souls, for it will make them so bitter that will destroy their own life.
- 8) All of these weaknesses, independence, strong willed, jealousy and hatred can be great in Gad but if they confess this, God will deliver them and bring them into the completeness of God's calling in their life. They must repent and confess, it is a must for Gad.
- 9) Gad's countenance is so warrior like so much of the time that it makes most of the people around them afraid to be with them.
- 10) There is something in a Gad that makes you feel like going after them, taking them by the hair of the head and shaking them saying "what are you doing".
- 11) Gad has to be careful that he does not hurt the ones they love the most because often like the Levi they can demand great sacrifices of themselves and think others should too.
- 12) Sometimes because of their rough edges they irritate others, making them feel bad.
- 13) It is typical of Gad because of these intense feelings inside for them to go off and build an altar to God exactly where God doesn't want one. They are often so zealous about the wrong thing.
- 14) Gad makes unnecessary sacrifices, ones that God does not even require from them, but again and again, they are so intense.
- 15) Gad is formed in the heat of trials and testings. God puts Gad through a stiff "boot camp" and if Gad does not know God is permitting and forming Gad in these great battles, Gad will say to himself, "I think I'll just stay right here and not cross over to the battle." The scriptures say that Gad will have stronger trials and testings than their forefathers. But scriptures also say it is because Gad will come forth in the very likeness of the heavens. (Heaven, we know, means Spirit).

Strengths of the tribe of Gad

- 1) Gad does not fool around. They go straight to the source of danger. They do not strike with the little people but go after the ruling monarchs. They strike out at the source of human strength and human effort to disarm the enemy.

- 2) Those who are Gad are called to a ministry in deliverance, going right after the ruling powers of spiritual wickedness. He is trained for this kind of warfare through their own experience in fighting these strong “kings” in their own life.
- 3) Gad will conquer mighty kings and armies.
- 4) Gad looks out for himself. They can ask for what they need.
- 5) Gad is so gifted in anything that has to do with writing and printing the message of God. But they do not know that they are scribes. They will be the last person to confess to having this gift. Still, put them in a printing shop, and they will be able to learn the art of engraving called printing.
- 6) Gads are warriors ready to fight against the wrong, but they must be stirred up to become might men of God, men ready to fit to fight the battles of God.
- 7) Gad men and women are strong. Once they make a vow to God they do not go back on this vow.
 - a. The first woman martyr was a Gad.
 - b. The women of Gad can rise up on their natural desire of motherhood and surrender it to live a life of dedication and sacrifices.
- 8) There is such a willingness to sacrifice that the Tribe of Gad was willing to cross over the River Jordan when it was overflowing its banks.
- 9) When the anointing comes in a Gad he will break through to God and become the elect of the elect.
- 10) He will break through all of his weakness, reservation of their feeling of inferiority to execute the justice of the Lord o all of Israel.

God's answer to the Tribe of Gad

The prophecies given to Gad by Jacob says that Gad's troop, which is himself ganging up on himself, will at times overcome Gad. But in the end the prophecies say Gad shall overcome the troop. For God is going to have an army of Elijahs who shall enter the fullness of their destiny to be the sons of God.

ASHER

Genesis 30:12, 13

The meaning of the name of the Tribe of Asher

Asher means “happy”. Its root word means to be straight, level, right to go forward, be honest, prosper, blessed, guide, lead, relieve.

Scriptures about the Tribe of Asher

Genesis 46:17	Judges 7:23	Deuteronomy 27:13
Judges 1:31	I Chronicles 7:30-40	I Kings 4:16
II Chronicles 30:10, 11		

Example of a person who is of the Tribe of Asher

Anna Luke 2: 36-38

Symbol of the Tribe of Asher

The symbol of the Tribe of Asher is the big fruitful olive tree, which speaks of oil and is a type of the Holy Spirit. This oil speaks of a two-fold purpose for the Tribe of Asher. One is to enable the Tribe to give out to others and the other is to have this for himself. The Asher Tribe needs the oil of the Holy Spirit to keep them a happy tribe and to make them fruitful in God’s Kingdom.

The Stone of the Tribe of Asher

The stone of the Tribe of Asher is the agate. The agate is one of the more humble stones in that it is more common. The agate can be made in various colors, depending on what is used to form them. It can be artificially stained or soaked in certain solutions. The agate is created through a process of intense heat with water working on it to polish it. The agate’s softness makes it adaptable for carving. These things about agate give you a truly good picture of the Tribe of Asher. They are a tribe of softness and tenderness that fit into any situation. This tribe will go through much tribulation so that they can give out whatever is needed for the situation they find themselves in. So, the more Asher surrenders themselves to God, the more they are carved into the likeness of Christ.

Prophecies of the Tribe of Asher

Genesis 49:20	Deuteronomy 33:24, 25
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The distinguishing characteristics of the Tribe of Asher

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Asher

- 1) Asher can dwell so easily in any place that they must be careful to not look for their source of supply or their fullness from any other source than God Himself.
- 2) Asher must trust no other fortress other than God.
- 3) A fight or argument is agony for the Tribe of Asher. They want to please everybody and always get along with people. It is typical of Asher to not like to go to war. They don't want to fight even for their rights. You have to keep encouraging them and stirring them up to even fight for their God given rights.
- 4) Because of their nature for quietness and their love of peace they are not available many times when a crisis happens. They are just not there. They are home resting and staying out of trouble. Or so they think.
- 5) Asher must beware that their very love of quietness and peace will rob them of the place in God's end time army. Asher must beware that in their desires to escape from the noise and the turmoil and the strife of the battle they may miss their destiny and their life's calling.
- 6) Asher must constantly remember to go for it. We never know when it will be our last opportunity to plunge into the river of God's anointing. Asher must make use of every single time to get the touch of God upon their souls.
- 7) Asher wants peace so badly that many times they will compromise but it never works because later it always comes back in a terrible way. Asher must never compromise.
- 8) God is calling Asher to a new Holy Spirit anointed walk. As long as Asher continues in the prosperous, happy, bless me attitude they will not even know what life is all about let alone a holy anointing.
- 9) God is calling Asher to be very careful that their walk is anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit. The most important part of Asher is their walk. It is so easy for Asher to just flow along with what is going on because they are such acceptable folks. You can say to Asher lets clap hands and they clap hands. You can say let's dance in the Spirit and they will dance.
- 10) God allows the Tribe of Asher to go through much tribulation because their anointing is to produce a joyful spirit. Only as Asher reaches deep within can they find that joyful spirit. Only as Asher reaches deep within can they find that joyful spirit.
- 11) Also, it is only through hard trials that Asher will become ready to battle. They must suffer to be raised up in this anointing to do battle with the enemy.
- 12) Asher is promised strength for the day not more than they need but just exactly what they need. If Asher tries to stretch it out, they may find themselves running out of strength.

Strengths of the Tribe of Asher

- 1) Asher is the happy Tribe not from blessings which they receive but it is joy of the Lord from within them.
- 2) Asher is a blessing to the other Tribes because of their call to give. Asher is blessed by giving.
- 3) Asher loves the Word of God

- a) The Tribe of Asher cannot be a person who is content with Sunday school preaching. They will want to get the deep meat of the Word of God.
- b) Asher will be discontented and dissatisfied when they hear a sermon which Asher himself could just as easily have given.
- 4) Because of the love of the Word of God:
 - a) God will give Asher very special revelations in the depths of their soul.
 - b) Asher does not need to spend long hours reading or studying to see the delicacies that God is giving to Asher
 - c) When Asher opens the Word, they see truths no one has ever seen before and they will want to share these truths to those who will listen.
 - d) Those who listen will see that these truths that God has revealed to Asher are very healthy and strengthening and will bring much balance and wisdom to the Body when received.
- 5) Asher shares things in a very pleasant and easy-going manner and they can be received in joy and comfort. Yet Asher can, if necessary, share in a hard way that will make people uncomfortable.
- 6) Asher will make a sermon out of their bitter experience finding something good to preach about using everything they go through in a trial and a test for good.
- 7) Ashers do have a message to deliver that can shake the Body. It just takes a lot to get them to do it. But Asher can suddenly change from someone who is sharing nice revelation into someone who has a hard message, even a message of judgment.
- 8) When Asher is in their anointing, they will be able to walk spiritually and physically in the thistles, stones and rocks, and nothing will hurt them.
- 9) Ashers can fit into any situation and be carved easily into the likeness of Jesus. So it is under the anointing that God will give them. Asher takes their ability to accept and flow easily with things and God makes them fearless. Asher has this attitude within them that everything is going to work out and that they are capable of handling all things that come to them. In god's anointing He enables them to go into the hard places, even the very dangerous places.
- 10) If you light a fire under Asher, you are going to have someone that is going to be a good loyal soldier through to the end.
- 11) Sometimes personalities of some of the Tribes makes it difficult to get along with them, but not Asher. They are great pals to take along on a trip, drink coffee with, shop with and chat with.
- 12) In the church the Pastor never has trouble with an Asher. He never gives people headaches as some other Tribes do.
- 13) Ashers do not try to run the show or usurp authority. They will stay put wherever you place them.
- 14) Asher is never pushy or domineering or insist on their own way. Whatever the Pastor says for them to do they will do it.
- 15) For Asher there is only one thing that gives them the strength to contradict someone, and that is their strong convictions which are deep inside of them.
- 16) Ashers are loyal to their friends to the point of where they cannot see their faults. To have an Asher as a friend and co worker is a blessing from God. They will stick by you. They will be loyal and faithful.
- 17) Because Asher is a giver, Gods' going to bless them with natural and spiritual children. Many will call them mother of father.

God's answer to the Tribe of Asher

God is going to restore the Tribe of Asher and raise them up in the last days for the healing of the Nations. For in these last days we will need a joyful, giving spirit. We will need the Tribe of Asher.

NAPHTALI

Genesis 30:7, 8

The meaning of the name of the Tribe of Naphtali

Naphtali means to struggle, wrestle, forward and to twine. This does not mean to just wrestle but to wrestle to conquer and to win.

Scriptures about the Tribe of Naphtali

Numbers 1:15

Numbers 10:27

Numbers 7:78

Numbers 4:15

II Chronicles 34:6

I Chronicles 12:34

Judges 4:5

Judges 1:33

Symbol of the Tribe of Naphtali

The symbol of Naphtali is a female red deer. This symbol speaks of a number of things. Being female it speaks of motherhood. The deer is sure footed and has agility. Next to the rabbit the deer is the most hunted animal so to be free is of great importance. If we put these things together, we will see Naphtali because Naphtali are great spiritual mothers. They allow God to teach them the keys to intercession and to hang in there until they are sure and confident that their children will be birthed. Yet they value their independent relationship with God.

The Stone of the Tribe of Naphtali

The stone of the Tribe of Naphtali is a diamond. The diamond is known for two things: (1) its' hardness (its' ability to grind everything down except itself.) and (2) its' ability to reflect the light like no other gem. Surely this depicts the Tribe of Naphtali because they have a sweet nature about them and most people like them. But watch out for when you think you know them you find out you do not for there is a hardness about them that keeps them from being known. Only God knows them.

Prophecies given to the Tribe of Naphtali

Genesis 49:21

Deuteronomy 33:23

Distinguishing characteristics of Naphtali

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Naphtali

- 1) Naphtali has a strong self will which God must harness and bring under His control in order to make them a power for God.
- 2) No one is going to tell a Naphtali what to do. They have their own minds and they are going to use them.

- 3) Naphtali are sweet and have a good nature, but that sweetness and sparkle do not reveal how set they can be in their own ways. Don't let them fool you. They can be as hard as nails if they so desire.
- 4) Naphtali have a reckless nature. Just when you think they have settled in they change and leap somewhere else (like a deer).
- 5) Naphtali's biggest problems are their absolutely independent nature and their determination to do it their way.
- 6) Naphtali likes their freedom so much they cannot accept any bondage. But Naphtali will pay a great price to be let loose. It will come only as they obey God and they learn to fast for the power of freedom.
- 7) If you try to tie Naphtali down, you will really lose them.
- 8) Naphtali are quite impatient when they think it is time to get moving.
- 9) Sometimes because of Naphtali's impatience to move they move too quickly. They run ahead of the Lord and do their own thing. Then they fall into a terrible snare, and they cry and weep and howl and wail.
- 10) As long as Naphtali obeys the Word of the Lord to them, they will be safe.
- 11) Naphtali is called to warn God's people. It is nice to belong to a Tribe who blesses but some of us have to belong to a Tribe that warns people of the coming judgment.
- 12) Naphtali's weakness is that they can settle down and live with the inhabitants of the land who God wants to get out of their lives. Naphtali can so inhabit the land and the people that they will allow themselves to receive financial or physical comfort from them.
- 13) It is for this reason that Naphtali must continually ask the question if they are compromising. Compromise will cost them their inheritance.
- 14) Naphtali must be careful in this process of compromising and inhabiting the land. They must have no idols in their life for Satan will use idols to destroy them.
- 15) Settling down is against the very nature of Naphtali. Yet they want to. Naphtali must continue to allow God to make them reach for the new, greener pastures so that they will always be led by the Holy Spirit. God wants Naphtali to possess the nations and move into new places in God both spiritually and physically.

Strengths of the Tribe of Naphtali

- 1) Naphtali cannot keep anger or a bad spirit for long.
- 2) Naphtali has the gift of motherhood and the ability to travel to birth and bring forth children spiritually.
- 3) The greatest gift of the Tribe of Naphtali is her strength to intercede in prayer; to lay hold of the altar of God and not let go until God hears. They are a tribe of intercessors.
- 4) Naphtali has the gift, by the Holy Spirit's power, to go to the Throne of God in prayer.
- 5) Naphtali has a great ability to wrestle, to be sure footed and to come to victory in what they set out to do.
- 6) One of the reasons Naphtali do not hold anger or a bad spirit is they do not hold bitterness. (A deer has no gall bladder. The gall bladder stores the excess fluids which are hard to digest. Thus, for a deer the excess flues are not held but are quickly removed out of the system.) Because Naphtali are intercessors and intercessors love the fallen and unclean, and the demon possessed ones and even the "Judas" in the camp, thy just do not hold bitterness.

- 7) Naphtali instantly attracts you to themselves with their sparkling nature.
- 8) Naphtali is called to minister prayer and also to share with others fair and “glistening” words. They are not blabbers with idle or empty words, but they are given these words as they are led. Sometimes these words are given lightly but with a purpose. Other times these words will pierce like an arrow. This is their gift and it is a blessing.
- 9) Along with these glistening words is that Naphtali are singers. God has anointed the Naphtali to give godly words in song too.
- 10) Naphtali does not really deliberately try to disobey God. For there is nothing that can light up a Naphtali’s life like the presence of the Lord. It is almost impossible to come between Naphtali and the Lord. Their dedication and their life of intercession are what give them their very strength.
- 11) Naphtali is a happy Tribe, gifted by God to enjoy the pleasures which God has promised.
- 12) God promised to protect Naphtali because of the importance of them in God’s plan. They are birthers, builders of the tribes, so God will cover Naphtali and even camouflage them from their enemies if they only allow God to lead them.
- 13) Naphtali can bow low in their grief to travail through to victory. Naphtalis know the key to redemption for they will cry, travail, pray, praise, sing, prophecy, fight and then trust God as He sets the captives free.
- 14) Naphtali can keep rank. They can come with a perfect heart and do the job God has called them and nothing else.

Facts about the Tribe of Naphtali

- 1) Naphtali weep easily and people cannot understand why they cry so quickly.
- 2) Naphtali do not like to fight but if they have to they will.
- 3) A true Naphtali will give, give, give, and give.
- 4) Naphtali and the Tribe of Zebulun are tribes who like each other and they will work together. Naphtali are singers. Zebulun are song writers. Together one writes the words and the other the music.
- 5) A Naphtali man is very masculine and women are very feminine. Naphtali women cannot hardly wear slacks or cut their hair short.

God’s answer to the Tribe of Naphtali

God is surely raising up His Naphtali in the last days. Naphtali will come happy and not be afraid to climb the high places of God and to win the victory. We who are not Naphtali should thank God for the completeness of His plan to give us such great intercessors.

EPHRAIM

Genesis 41:52

The meaning of the name Ephraim

Ephraim means a double fruit, double portion in the inheritance, descendants, fruitful ones.

Scriptures for the Tribe of Ephraim

Numbers 26:35-37

Numbers 1:10

Numbers 34:24

Numbers 14:7-9

Joshua 24:1-32

Joshua 1:2-3, 5-9

Joshua 17:14-18

I Chronicles 7:20

Joshua 16:5-10

Examples of people in the Tribe of Ephraim

Joshua

Samuel

Hannah

Symbol of the Tribe of Ephraim

The symbol of Ephraim is a cluster of grapes. It is a beautiful symbol and reminds us of the cluster of grapes brought back from the land of Canaan. It is the will of God for His people to be fruitful. This was the first command in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:27, 28). Ephraims have been given this symbol as a promise of the fruitfulness in their lives. God wants to make them fruitful in every way.

The stone of the Tribe of Ephraim

The stone of the Tribe of Ephraim is the Onyx. It is the same stone for the Tribe of Manasseh. I will say the same thing for both. The onyx has been used a great deal in the making of cameos. The value of the cameo depends not only on the stone but also on the workmanship. The cameo is a combination of the creation of God and the creative work of man. So the stone of Onyx is an example of what will happen in the lives of both Ephraim and Manasseh. As they cooperate with God in His creation of them and let the Holy Spirit do work in their life to produce a stone that is fit for eternity.

Prophecies of the Tribe of Ephraim

Genesis 40:12-20

Deuteronomy 33:13-17

Ephraim is one of the half-tribes from the family Tribe of Joseph. The family Tribe of Joseph has some distinguishing characteristics that relate to both of the half-tribes.

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Family Tribe of Joseph

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Joseph

- 1) It is so important for the family of Joseph to be kept under the covering of the Lord for His guidance and His direction. This family dare not be anywhere else if they are to receive the blessings of God.
- 2) The family of Joseph must learn to stay grounded in the Lord so that they will have the strength to contest the enemy.
- 3) The family of Joseph must walk in absolute obedience to God when they realize that they cannot turn themselves but that it is God who turns them. They will never come into maturity if they do not walk in obedience.
- 4) The family of Joseph must never envy anyone greater. They must be careful that they are not jealous when someone else wins the victory in a battle. Envy and contention can cause a great tragedy for them.
- 5) It will be through wounding and suffering that the family of Joseph will be great.
- 6) In their suffering and in their dedication lie their greatness and their strength. But it makes them different and surely the family of Joseph will be different in many ways.
- 7) God calls for a complete dedication of the family of Joseph. Half dedication will never suffice for a member of this Tribe.

Strengths of the Family Tribe of Joseph

- 1) The family of Joseph is predestined to be made into God's likeness and conformed into His image. They are destined to rule and reign with Him.
- 2) The family of Joseph is promised many blessings by God, far more than any other Tribe.
- 3) The family of Joseph will be given great power and are hard to tame. But for love, the family of Joseph can be tamed and made into God's total servant. The family of Joseph longs to be a servant of God.
- 4) The family of Joseph makes great missionaries. They are pushers and they will push and push till they get what they want.
- 5) All the experiences and all the tribes the family of Joseph have are to prepare them to be deliverers and saviors of God's people as God has ordained them to be.
- 6) The family of Joseph is a tenderhearted people.
- 7) A true family member of Joseph will be able to flourish all by themselves. In fact, many times they would just as soon be alone at home with their Bible enjoying the presence of the Lord.
- 8) The family of Joseph will treasure their souls and will not easily sell them. They know what it will cost them.
- 9) The family of Joseph will laugh with their blessings and weep and travail in their trials and shall become a great people.
- 10) As the family of Joseph discover their beauty and value of themselves and as God works His workmanship in their lives, they will come to know the specialness of who they are in Jesus.

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Tribe of Ephraim

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Ephraim

- 1) Ephraim must never forget they have a weakness of idolatry in their blood. So, they have to keep a guard over their hearts at all times.
- 2) Ephraim cannot hold any bitter feelings or hurts of the past and still be fruitful. They cannot continue to dwell on them, speak about them, or brood over these things. As long as Ephraim carries scars of the past hurts, they will lose their blessings that they were meant to have.
- 3) The spirit of idolatry is enlarged in Ephraim when:
 - a. Ephraim allows himself to be separated from the fellowship with brothers and sisters
 - b. Ephraim gets so busy with their own activities that they do not have time for their own personal devotions and time with the Lord.
- 4) Ephraim also has a spirit of independence and of doing their own thing. This is a spirit Ephraim will have to fight against the rest of their life.
- 5) Ephraim struggles with the path which God leads them down to servanthood. Many times, because Ephraim knows God has promised them many blessings, they ask God why by saying “Why must I do it this way?” They feel that they should not have to go the hard way.
- 6) God wants Ephraim to fight for what God has promised them. But Ephraim can be a little too spoiled. They want it all to be handed to them for free.
- 7) The key for Ephraim to come into all that God has for them is humility.
- 8) It seems like the things that Ephraims have fought for and strived for become theirs only as they come with weeping and supplication.
- 9) Many times Ephraim leaps out of the baking pan too soon because they cannot stand the hurt. For that reason, they are only baked on one side. If they would only let God bake them on both sides, then they shall indeed become the bread for the nations.
- 10) Ephraim must walk in the Spirit of God and not let it depart. For Ephraim can do things in the flesh very easily. The key for Ephraim to know that they have departed from the Spirit is that they become very weary and the things they do will become hard labor.
- 11) Ephraim finds it hard to see faults in their children and therefore it is hard for them to train them and raise them up in the holiness of God. (But Hannah did because she was so grateful to God.)
- 12) Ephraim can be envious and blame God for not having everything. They cannot be contented with the gifts and ministries that God has given them.
- 13) Ephraim will be lonely people at times for God must bring them to Him in a mighty way to prepare them to do what He is calling them to do.

Strengths of the Tribe of Ephraim

- 1) Ephraim's hands will be made strong and their hands will accomplish whatever task God has called their hands to do. God says He will make them builders of the Kingdom (spiritual builders).
- 2) Ephraim are tender hearted people and are easily grieved when they see God's people go astray. Their love for God's people makes them good pastors for truly Ephraim has a pastor's heart.
- 3) Ephraim has a special calling to read the Word of God and meditate on it. It will be life to Ephraim.
- 4) Ephraim likes to stay in the background because they can be very humble in their servant hood. Ephraim desires to be first and foremost an obedient servant.
- 5) The women of Ephraim are strong women who have great abilities and capabilities.
- 6) I Chronicles 7:2-24 tells about a woman physician. It was a woman from the Tribe of Ephraim. God has given Ephraim a gift of healing to heal the nations.
- 7) Ephraim has an evangelistic calling and Ephraim will bring multitudes to the Lord.

God's answer to the Tribe of Ephraim

What a wonderful thing it will be for the world when Ephraim enters into their inheritance and lives in that place of anointing. For surely God has given Ephraim their birthright. As they recognize this calling and this blessing which God has given them then they will be content in that which God is doing in their life.

MANASSEH

Genesis 41:50, 51

The meaning of the name of Manasseh

Manasseh means one who makes to forget, one who lets you forget the suffering and the father's house, replacement and substitutes.

Scripture for the tribe of Manasseh

I Chronicles 7:12-19
Deuteronomy 3:11-12
Judges 61:8-32

Numbers 26:29-34
Joshua 17:1-10

Numbers 27:1-11
Genesis 48:5

Symbol of the Tribe of Manasseh

The symbol of the Tribe of Manasseh is the palm tree. The palm tree is known for several things. It grows in the desert. It stands strong and tall and firm when the wind blows. The roots of the palm tree are often the same length as the height of the tree. The palm tree produces their best fruit in old age. Every time a Manasseh looks at this symbol it should tell them of the victory that can be theirs because every characteristic of the palm tree speaks of victory or overcoming.

The stone of the Tribe of Manasseh

The stone of the Tribe of Manasseh is the Onyx. Many times we think of the Onyx as being a black stone, but it is not. It has white layers alternating with black. Ephraim and Manasseh have the same stone. The onyx has been used a great deal in the making of cameos. The value of the cameo depends not only on the stone but also on the workmanship. The Cameo is a combination of the creation of God and the creative work of man. So the stone of the Onyx is an example of what will happen in the life of an Ephraim and a Manasseh. As they cooperate with God in His creation of them and let the Holy Spirit do a work in their life, this will produce a stone that is fit for eternity.

Prophecies for the Tribe of Manasseh

Genesis 48: 13-20

Deuteronomy 33:13-17

Examples of People from the Tribe of Manasseh

Gideon

Distinguishing Characteristics of the Family Tribe of Joseph

Manasseh is one of the half tribes from the family Tribe of Joseph. The family Tribe of Joseph has some distinguishing characteristics that relate to both of the half tribes.

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Joseph

- 1) It is so important for the family of Joseph to be kept under the covering of the Lord for His guidance and His direction. This family dare not be anywhere else if they are to receive the blessings of God.
- 2) The family of Joseph must learn to stay grounded in the Lord so that they will have the strength to contest the enemy.
- 3) The family of Joseph must walk in absolute obedience to God when they realize that they cannot turn themselves but that it is God who turns them. They will never come into maturity if they do not walk in obedience.
- 4) The family of Joseph must never envy anyone greater. They must be careful that they are not jealous when someone else wins the victory in a battle. Envy and contention can cause a great tragedy for them.
- 5) It will be through wounding and suffering that the family of Joseph will be great.
- 6) In their suffering and in their dedication lie their greatness and their strength. But it makes them different and surely the family of Joseph will be different in many ways.
- 7) God calls for a complete dedication of the family of Joseph. Half dedication will never suffice for a member of this Tribe.

Strengths of the Family Tribe of Joseph

- 1) The family of Joseph is predestined to be made into God's likeness and conformed into His image. They are destined to rule and reign with Him.
- 2) The family of Joseph is promised many blessings by God, far more than any other Tribe.
- 3) The family of Joseph will be given great power and are hard to tame. But for love, the family of Joseph can be tamed and made into God's total servant. The family of Joseph longs to be a servant of God.
- 4) The family of Joseph makes great missionaries. They are pushers and they will push and push till they get what they want.
- 5) All the experiences and all the tribes the family of Joseph have are to prepare them to be deliverers and saviors of God's people as God has ordained them to be.
- 6) A true family member of Joseph will be able to flourish all by themselves. In fact, many times they would just as soon be alone at home with their Bible enjoying the presence of the Lord.
- 7) The family of Joseph will treasure their souls and will not easily sell them. They know what it will cost them.
- 8) The family of Joseph will laugh with their blessings and weep and travail in their trials and shall become a great people.
- 9) As the family of Joseph discover their beauty and value of themselves and as God works His workmanship in their lives, they will come to know the special ness of who they are in Jesus.

Distinguishing characteristics of the Tribe of Manasseh

Weaknesses of the Tribe of Manasseh

- 1) Because Manasseh is sentimental and deeply fond of certain individuals, they are more easily hurt than others.
- 2) Even though Manasseh has a spirit of forgiveness in them, once someone offends them or disappoints them it is almost impossible for Manasseh to get over it.
- 3) The Tribe of Manasseh does not like changes of anything. Don't ever tell a Manasseh that they are going to do something and then change your mind. You are in for a shock.
- 4) Manasseh wants to know what the future holds and they want to plan it. They are very systematic and organized.
- 5) Because Manassehs do not want to change, they are apt to get set in a pattern and it is difficult for them to accept something new and different.
- 6) Manasseh finds it hard to love and have compassion on those who are imperfect, so they have a real struggle in their spirit over it.
- 7) Manasseh are people who do not easily change their minds. They can look over a situation and pass judgment in a few minutes and that is it. This can hurt them very much.
- 8) The hurts in Manasseh's life many times come by those close to them. Truly those who can hurt you the most are those who are closest to you.
- 9) Manassehs will be great soldiers, but they will still shake and tremble in their boots. To be a soldier is not something Manasseh wants to do.
- 10) According to scripture, Manasseh will be given a double portion of trials and testings to match their great blessings.
- 11) What Manasseh wants they want right now!! They will not allow anything to hold them back; not opposition, not tradition of all kinds, not reasoning of man. Sometimes this is good, sometimes bad but many times it is selfish and not in the will of God.

Strengths of the Tribe of Manasseh

- 1) Manasseh has an inner balance in difficult circumstances and can adjust themselves to different situations as they come up.
- 2) If you are a true Manasseh, you will not crack up when the storms blow. Manasseh will still be standing when the storm passes.
- 3) Manassehs are pushers and they will push extra hard to get all their blessings (remember that they and Ephraim, the other half tribe were given a double blessing).
- 4) Manasseh has the ability to bend with the situations they find themselves in.
- 5) Manasseh has been given a healing gift from God and out of them will flow the healing for the nations.
- 6) Manasseh will not fall into error as quickly as many of the other Tribes because of that inner balance. They are not afraid to ask God to reveal to them the way of the truth.
- 7) Manasseh is called by God to faith in the Word of the Lord and in the anointing of the Holy Spirit that why might have great victory.

- 8) Many times Manasseh will be pushed to the side, but they will still be able to reach out past their limitations and receive even more than what God has promised them.
- 9) Manassehs make such beautiful and loyal friends. They are such tender-hearted people. They will bring comfort and balance to the hearts of their friends.
- 10) Manasseh is called to teach forgiveness and forgetting. They will have anointing to do this ministry. Manasseh is able to give you one more time to try and one more time not to fail.

God's answer to the Tribe of Manasseh

Manasseh was called to be a fruitful people. They get four times as much territory as any other tribe so that they could produce healing for the nations. In the last days we are going to see Manasseh come into their inheritance in God. They are going to break all traditions and all barriers and all limitations to fulfill their destiny.