

BIBLICAL SURVEY

The 12 Tribes of Israel

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12 Tribes

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- 4. They have long term effects

Why 12 ?

- **Eastern**

- Judah
- Issachar
- Zebulun

- **Southern**

- Reuben
- Simeon
- Gad

- **Western**

- Ephraim
- Manesseh
- Benjamin

- **Northern**

- Dan
- Asher
- Naphtali

12 OT

- Ishmael had 12 sons. (Gen 25:13-16)
- Nahor, who was Abraham's brother had 12 sons (Gen. 22:20 -24)
- Joktan fathered 12 sons (Genesis 10:26)

12 NT

- Twelve apostles
- Twelve baskets left over – feed 5000
- Twelve legions of Angels – Gesthemane
- Twelve gates of heaven

Gematria

1 = א
2 = ב
3 = ג
4 = ד
5 = ה
6 = ו
7 = ז
8 = ח
9 = ט

- 3 = God
- 4 = earth
- 3 + 4 = 7 – complete
- 3 X 4 = 12 governmental perfection

- Now that that's out of the way...

The Twelve Tribes Of Israel!

Name the top 3 reasons why we should study the “Blessings of Jacob”



#3 Survey says.....

Jacob's family puts the **FUN** back in
Dys**FUN**ctional!

#2 Survey says.....

- So encouraging!
- I thought **MY** family had problems!

#1 Survey says.....

- Because the Lord told us to and HE will help us understand

Reuben



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The Reuben Sandwich !



Simeon and Levi



We'll skip Judah for now

Levi

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Levi

Judah

Zebulun

Zebulun and Issachar



Zebulun and Issachar



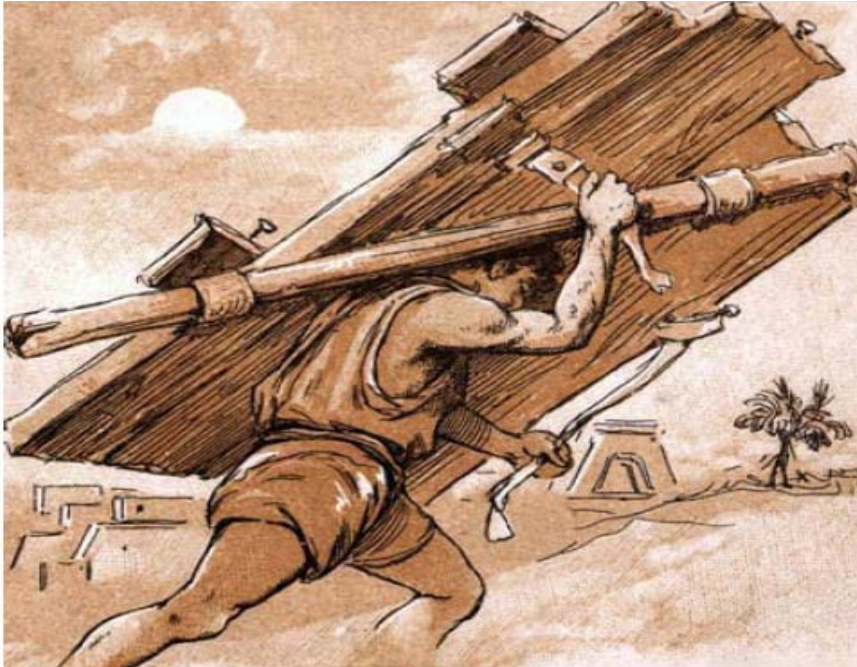
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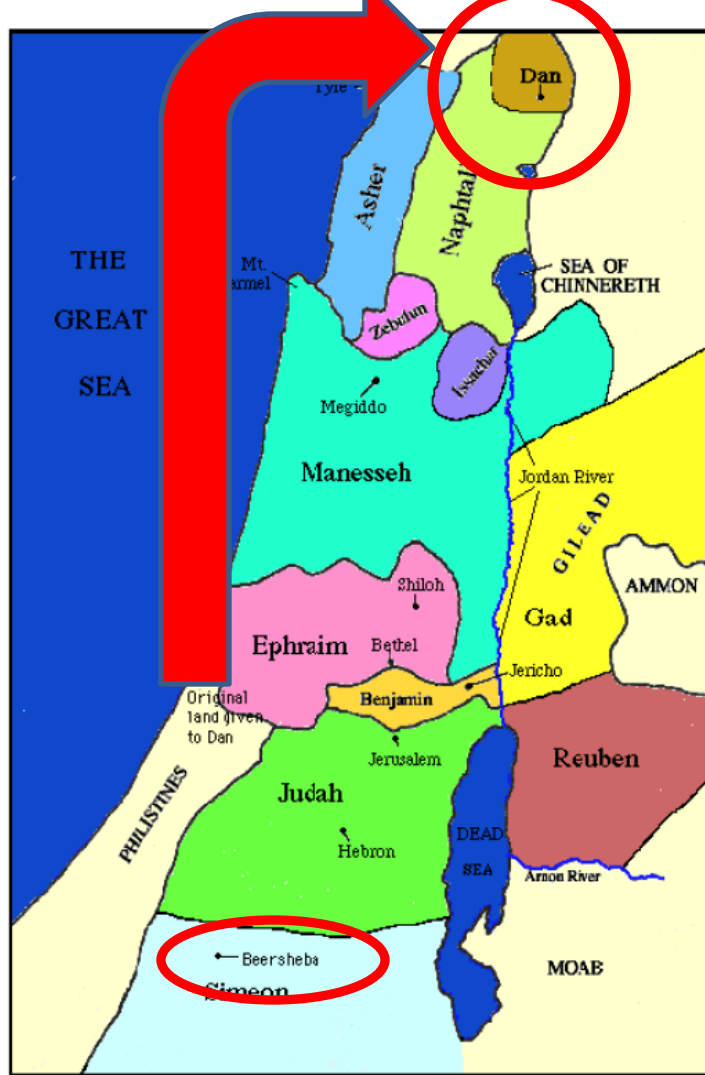


Dan

- Notables:
 - Sampson



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Benjamin



- Notables:
 - King Saul
 - Jonathan
 - Saul (later Paul) of Tarsus

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Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh



Ephraim

- Notables:
 - Joshua
 - Samuel



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Manesseh

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Judah

- Notables:
 - **Jesus**
 - David
 - Solomon
 - Hezekiah



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Hebrews 7:14 “for it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah...”

- Judah + (Tamar) → Perez → *8 names → King David → *26 names → Jesus

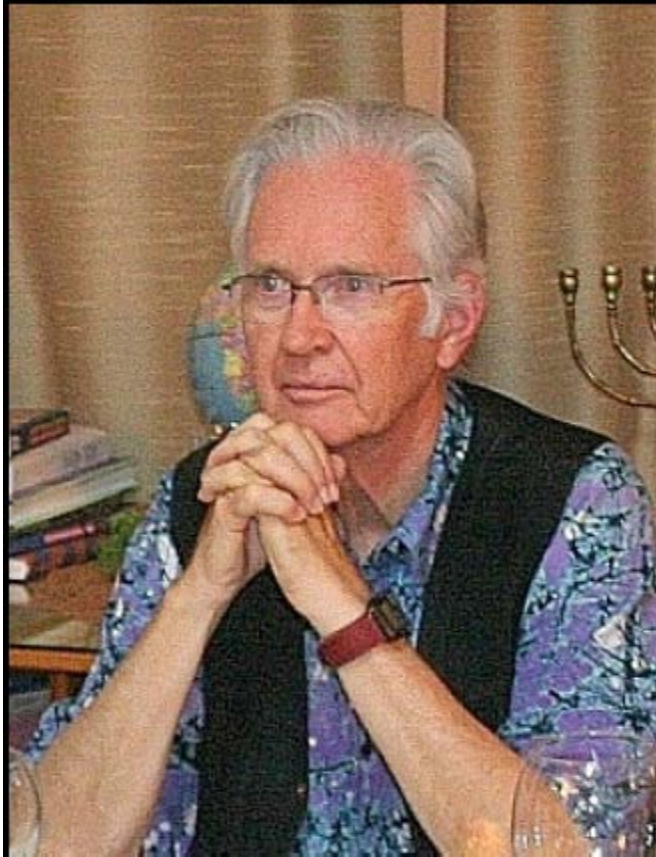
Shiloh



The scepter will not
depart from Judah



Home for Bible Translators, Jerusalem



Hal



Miriam (Mirja)



Points for home

“Then Jacob called his sons and said....”
(Genesis 49:1)

Enrich the next generation with your faith
action and words



Points for home

**“Judah, your brothers shall praise you;”
(Genesis 49:8)**

We can recover from past bad behavior



Points for home

**“They (the Levites) shall teach Jacob
your rules and Israel your law”
(Deuteronomy 33:10)**

**God’s grace can transform us from all
family dysfunction**

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Story of Joseph

