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# Nations

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In this [study](study.html) I would like to explore the concept of nations. I would like to see how this concept, of nations, impacted [Avraham](avraham.html), [Jacob](israelja.html), and the [sons of Jacob](israelja.html):

***Bereshit (Genesis) 13:12-18***[*Abram*](avraham.html) *lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were* [*wicked*](wicked.html) *and were sinning greatly against* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*.* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your* [*eyes*](body.html) *from where you are and look north and south,* [*east*](east.html)*, and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your* [*offspring forever*](eternal.html)*. I will make your offspring like the* [*dust*](rock.html) *of the earth, so that if anyone could count the* [*dust*](rock.html)*, then your offspring could be counted. Go,* [*walk*](walking.html) *through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." So* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at* [*Hebron*](city.html)*, where he built an altar to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*.*

**1.** Abrams offspring will be too numerous to be counted.

***Bereshit (Genesis) 15:1-6*** *After this, the word of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *came to* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *in a vision: "Do not be afraid,* [*Abram*](avraham.html)*. I am your shield, your very great reward." But* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *said, "O Sovereign* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, what can you give me since I remain childless and the* [*one*](one.html) *who will* [*inherit*](inherit.html) *my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my* [*household*](househld.html) *will be my heir." Then the word of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son* [*coming*](coming.html) *from your own* [*body*](body.html) *will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *and count the* [*stars*](mazaroth.html)*--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *believed* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

**1.** [Abram](avraham.html)’s offspring will be as impossible to count as the [stars](mazaroth.html).

***Bereshit (Genesis) 17:1-22*** *When* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *was ninety-*[*nine*](nine.html) *years old,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty;* [*walk*](walking.html) *before me and be blameless. I will confirm my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *between me and you and will greatly increase your* [*numbers*](nchart.html)*."* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *with you: You will be the* [*father*](fathers.html) *of many nations. No longer will you be called* [*Abram*](avraham.html)*; your* [*name*](name.html) *will be* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *as an everlasting* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *between me and you and your descendants after you for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an* [*alien*](aliens.html)*, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." Then God said to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, "As for you, you must keep my* [*covenant*](covenant.html)*, you and your descendants after you for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come. This is my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *with you and your descendants after you, the* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *you are to keep: Every* [*male*](male+female.html) *among you shall be* [*circumcised*](circumcz.html)*. You are to undergo* [*circumcision*](circumcz.html)*, and it will be the* [*sign*](signs.html) *of the* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *between me and you. For the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come every* [*male*](male+female.html) *among you who is* [*eight*](eight.html) *days old must be* [*circumcised*](circumcz.html)*, including those born in your* [*household*](househld.html) *or bought with money from a foreigner--those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your* [*household*](househld.html) *or bought with your money, they must be* [*circumcised*](circumcz.html)*. My* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *in your flesh is to be an everlasting* [*covenant*](covenant.html)*. Any uncircumcised* [*male*](male+female.html)*, who has not been* [*circumcised*](circumcz.html) *in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my* [*covenant*](covenant.html)*." God also said to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her* [*name*](name.html) *will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *fell facedown; he* [*laughed*](mashal.html) *and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" And* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!" Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*. I will establish my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *with him as an everlasting* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his* [*numbers*](nchart.html)*. He will be the father of* [*twelve*](twelve.html) *rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *I will establish with* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*, whom Sarah will bear to you by this* [*time*](time.html) *next year." When he had finished* [*speaking*](mashal.html) *with* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, God went up from him.*

**1.** [Abraham](avraham.html) will be the father of MANY nations.

**nations.**

1471 gowy, go'ee; rarely (short.) [goy](gen-jew.html), go'-ee; appar. from the same root as 1465 (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence a [Gentile](gen-jew.html); also ([fig](bethphag.html).) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts: -[Gentile](gen-jew.html), heathen, nation, people.

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1465 gevah, gay-vaw'; fem. of 1460; the back, i.e. (by extens.) the person:-[body](body.html).

**2.** [Abraham](avraham.html) will be a father of MANY nations.

**3**. Nations will be made of [Abraham](avraham.html).

**4.** Kings will come from [Abraham](avraham.html).

**5**. [Circumcision](circumcz.html) will be the "[sign](signs.html) of the [covenant](covenant.html)". Every [male](male+female.html) descendant must be [circumcised](circumcz.html) or he will be cut off from his people. (The rainbow was the "[sign](signs.html) of the [covenant](covenant.html)" with Noah Bereshit (Genesis) 9:13.)

***Bereshit (Genesis) 17:15-16*** *God also said to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her* [*name*](name.html) *will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."*

**1.** Sarah will be the mother of nations (plural). (Strong's 1471)

***Bereshit (Genesis) 22:15-18*** *The* [*angel*](angels.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *called to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *from* [*heaven*](heaven.html) *a second* [*time*](time.html) *And said, "I swear by myself, declares* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the* [*stars*](mazaroth.html) *in the* [*sky*](heaven.html) *and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

**1**. [Abraham](avraham.html)'s offspring will be as numerous as the [stars](mazaroth.html) in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

***Bereshit (Genesis) 28:1-5*** *So* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *called for* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *and blessed him and commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman. Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your* [*numbers*](nchart.html) *until you become a* [*community*](community.html) *of peoples. May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an* [*alien*](aliens.html)*, the land God gave to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*." Then* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *sent* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *and* [*Esau*](edom.html)*.*

**1.** [Jacob](israelja.html) is to increase and become many nations.

***Bereshit (Genesis) 35:9-15*** *After* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, "Your* [*name*](name.html) *is* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, but you will no longer be called* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*; your* [*name*](name.html) *will be Israel." So he named him Israel. And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in* [*number*](nchart.html)*. A nation and a* [*community*](community.html) *of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your* [*body*](body.html)*. The land I gave to* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *and* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink* [*offering*](korbanot) *on it; he also poured oil on it.* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.*

**1.** Is the nation Israel?

**2**. Is the [community](community.html) of nations: Great Britain, U.S., Canada, Australia, Sweden, Netherlands, and the like?

**3.** Nations is Strong's 1471.

***Bereshit (Genesis) 48:3-6***[*Jacob*](israelja.html) *said to* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me And said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and will increase your* [*numbers*](nchart.html)*. I will make you a* [*community*](community.html) *of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.' "Now then, your* [*two*](two.html) *sons born to you* [*in Egypt*](thebirth.html) *before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they* [*inherit*](inherit.html) *they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers.*

**1.** [Jacob](israelja.html) will be made into a [community](community.html) of peoples.

**2.** Ephraim and Manasseh will be reckoned as [Jacob](israelja.html)'s just as Reuben and Simeon were his

***Bereshit (Genesis) 48:14-20*** *But Israel reached out his right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *and put it on Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html)*, though he was the younger, and crossing his* [*arms*](body.html)*, he put his left* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on Manasseh's* [*head*](body.html)*, even though Manasseh was the firstborn. Then he blessed* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *and said, "May the God before whom my* [*fathers*](fathers.html)[*Abraham*](avraham.html) *and* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, The* [*Angel*](angels.html) *who has delivered me from all harm--may he bless these boys. May they be called by my* [*name*](name.html) *and the names of my* [*fathers*](fathers.html)[*Abraham*](avraham.html) *and* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*, and may they increase greatly upon the earth." When* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *saw his father placing his right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html) *he was displeased; so he took hold of his father's* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *to move it from Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html) *to Manasseh's* [*head*](body.html)*.* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *said to him, "No, my father, this* [*one*](one.html) *is the firstborn; put your right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on his* [*head*](body.html)*." But his father refused and said, "I* [*know*](daat.html)*, my son, I* [*know*](daat.html)*. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations." He blessed them that day and said, "In your* [*name*](name.html) *will Israel pronounce this blessing: 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.*

\* Nations is strong's 1471 again.

**1.** Ephraim will become a group of nations.

**2.** Ephraim will be greater than Manasseh.

**3.** Manasseh will become a great nation.

***Bereshit (Genesis) 49:1-28*** *Then* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *called for his sons and said: "*[*Gather*](gather.html) *around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. "Assemble and listen, sons of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*; listen to your father Israel. "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the* [*first*](one.html)[*sign*](signs.html) *of my strength, excelling in honor, excelling in power. Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it. "Simeon and Levi are brothers--their swords are weapons of violence. Let me not enter their council, let me not join their assembly, for they have killed men in their anger and hamstrung oxen as they pleased. Cursed be their anger, so fierce, and their fury, so cruel! I will scatter them in* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *and disperse them in Israel. "Judah, your brothers will praise you; your* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *will be on the* [*neck*](body.html) *of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness--who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's* [*staff*](staff.html) *from between his* [*feet*](heel.html)*, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. He will tether his* [*donkey*](chamor.html) *to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the* [*blood*](body.html) *of grapes. His* [*eyes*](body.html) *will be darker than wine, his* [*teeth*](body.html) *whiter than milk. "Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend toward Sidon. "Issachar is a rawboned* [*donkey*](chamor.html)[*lying down*](mashal.html) *between* [*two*](two.html) *saddlebags. When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his* [*shoulder*](body.html) *to the burden and submit to forced labor. "Dan will provide justice for his people as* [*one*](one.html) *of the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. Dan will be a serpent by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward. "I look for your deliverance, O* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. "Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders, but he will* [*attack*](attacks.html) *them at their heels. "Asher's* [*food*](food.html) *will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king. "Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns. "*[*Joseph*](joseph.html) *is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. But his bow remained steady, his strong* [*arms*](body.html) *stayed limber, because of the* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *of the Mighty* [*One*](one.html) *of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, because of the Shepherd, the* [*Rock*](rock.html) *of Israel, Because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breast and* [*womb*](thebirth.html)*. Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the* [*head*](body.html) *of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, on the brow of the prince among his brothers. "*[*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder." All these are the* [*twelve*](twelve.html)[*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.*

\* The KJV renders Bereshit (Genesis) 49:1 as:

***Bereshit (Genesis) 49:1*** *And* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *called unto his sons, and said,* [*Gather*](gather.html) *yourselves together, that I may tell you [that] which shall befall you in the* [*last days*](lastdays.html)*.*

\* This prophecy concerns the status of [Jacob](israelja.html)'s sons in the [last days](lastdays.html).

**A.** **Reuben** will no longer excel.

***I Divre Hayamim (Chronicles) 5:1*** *The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (he was the firstborn, but when he defiled his father's* [*marriage bed*](mashal.html)*, his rights as firstborn were given to the sons of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *son of Israel; so he could not be listed in the genealogical record in accordance with his birthright.*

\* This reminds me of Italy.

**B.** **Simeon** and **Levi** will be dispersed in Israel and scattered in [Jacob](israelja.html).

\* There probably will not be any country identified with these [two](two.html). I wonder, though, whether [Jacob](israelja.html) is used to describe the Israelites in the diaspora, while Israel describes the Israelites in [Eretz Ysrael](city.html).

**C.** **Judah** will:

**1.** His brothers will praise him.

**2.** His [hand](fourteen.html) will be on the [neck](body.html) of his enemies.

**3.** His father's sons will bow down to him.

**4.** He is a lion's cub.

**5**. He returns from the prey.

**6.** Like a lion he crouches and lies down.

**7.** No [one](one.html) dares to rouse him.

**8.** The scepter will not depart from Judah. The ruler's [staff](staff.html) will not depart from between his [feet](heel.html)...untill [messiah](mashiach.html) comes and the nations are in obedience.

**9.** He will tether his [donkey](chamor.html) to his vine.

**10.** He will tether his colt to the choicest branch.

**11.** He will wash his garments in wine.

**12.** He will wash his robes in the [blood](body.html) of grapes.

**13.** His [eyes](body.html) will be darker than wine.

**14.** His [teeth](body.html) will be whiter than milk.

**D.** **Zebulun** will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships. His border will extend towards Sidon.

**E**. **Issachar is**:

**1.** A rawboned [donkey](chamor.html) [lying down](mashal.html) between [two](two.html) saddlebags.

**2.** He has a good resting place.

**3.** His land is pleasant.

**4.** He will bend his shoulder to the burden.

**5.** He will submit to forced labor.

**F.**  **Dan**:

**1.** He will provide justice for his people as [one](one.html) of the [tribes](tribes.html) of Israel.

**2.** He will be a serpent by the roadside.

**3.** He will be a viper along the path.

**4.** He bites the horse's [heel](heel.html) so that it's rider falls backward.

**G**. **Gad** will be attacked by a band of raiders, but, he will [attack](attacks.html) them at their [heels](heels.html).

**H**. **Asher's** [food](food.html) will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

**I**. **Napthali** is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.

**J**. [**Joseph**](joseph.html):

1. He is a fruitful vine.

2. He is a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.

3. With bitterness, archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility.

4**.** His bow remained steady.

**5.** His strong [arms](body.html) stayed limber because of the [hand](fourteen.html) of the mighty [one](one.html) of [Jacob](israelja.html), because of the shepherd, the [rock](rock.html) of Israel, because of your father's God who helps you, because of the almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the [heavens](heaven.html) above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breast and [womb](thebirth.html).

**6.** Let all these blessing rest on [Joseph](joseph.html)'s [head](body.html), on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

**K**. [**Benjamin**](benyamin.html) is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.

\* The [twelve](twelve.html) [tribes](tribes.html):

***Bereshit (Genesis) 35:21-26*** *Israel moved on again and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder. While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *had* [*twelve*](twelve.html) *sons: The sons of Leah: Reuben the firstborn of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. The sons of Rachel:* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *and* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*. The sons of Rachel's maidservant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali. The sons of Leah's maidservant Zilpah: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, who were born to him in Paddan Aram.*

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulon

[Joseph](joseph.html)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

**Shemot (**[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 1:1-5*** *These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, each with his family: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun and* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*; Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. The descendants of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *numbered* [*seventy*](seventy.html) *in all;* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *was already in Egypt.*

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulon

([Joseph](joseph.html) was already in Egypt)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 27:11-13*** *On the same day Moses commanded the people: When you have crossed the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, these* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *and* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*. And these* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali.*

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

[Joseph](joseph.html)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Reuben

Gad

Asher

Zebulun

Dan

Naphtali

***I Divre Hayamim (Chronicles) 2:1-2*** *These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan,* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*,* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.*

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulun

Dan

[Joseph](joseph.html)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 13:15-33*** *This is what Moses had given to the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Reuben, clan by clan: The territory from Aroer on the rim of the Arnon Gorge, and from the town in the middle of the gorge, and the whole plateau past Medeba To Heshbon and all its towns on the plateau, including Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath, Kiriathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar on the hill in the valley, Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth --All the towns on the plateau and the entire realm of Sihon king of the Amorites, who ruled at Heshbon. Moses had defeated him and the Midianite chiefs, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Reba--princes allied with Sihon--who lived in that country. In addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination. The boundary of the Reubenites was the bank of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the Reubenites, clan by clan. This is what Moses had given to the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Gad, clan by clan: The territory of Jazer, all the towns of Gilead and half the Ammonite country as far as Aroer, near Rabbah; And from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the territory of Debir; And in the valley, Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah,* [*Succoth*](succoth.html) *and Zaphon with the rest of the realm of Sihon king of Heshbon (the* [*east*](east.html) *side of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, the territory up to the end of the Sea of Kinnereth). These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the Gadites, clan by clan. This is what Moses had given to the half-*[*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Manasseh, that is, to half the family of the descendants of Manasseh, clan by clan: The territory extending from Mahanaim and including all of Bashan, the entire realm of Og king of Bashan--all the settlements of Jair in Bashan, sixty towns, Half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei (the royal cities of Og in Bashan). This was for the descendants of Makir son of Manasseh--for half of the sons of Makir, clan by clan. This is the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *Moses had given when he was in the plains of* [*Moab*](stages.html) *across the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)[*east*](east.html) *of* [*Jericho*](stages.html)*. But to the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Levi, Moses had given no* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*;* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, the God of Israel, is their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*, as he promised them.*

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 15:1-12*** *The allotment for the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Judah, clan by clan, extended down to the territory of* [*Edom*](edom.html)*, to the Desert of Zin in the extreme south. Their southern boundary started from the bay at the southern end of the Salt Sea, Crossed south of Scorpion Pass, continued on to Zin and went over to the south of* [*Kadesh*](stages.html) *Barnea. Then it ran past Hezron up to Addar and curved around to Karka. It then passed along to Azmon and joined the Wadi of Egypt, ending at the sea. This is their southern boundary. The* [*eastern*](east.html) *boundary is the Salt Sea as far as the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. The northern boundary started from the bay of the sea at the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, Went up to Beth Hoglah and continued north of Beth Arabah to the Stone of Bohan son of Reuben. The boundary then went up to Debir from the Valley of Achor and turned north to Gilgal, which faces the Pass of Adummim south of the gorge. It continued along to the waters of En Shemesh and came out at En Rogel. Then it ran up the Valley of Ben Hinnom along the southern slope of the Jebusite* [*city*](city.html) *(that is,* [*Jerusalem*](city.html)*). From there it climbed to the top of the hill west of the Hinnom Valley at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim. From the hilltop the boundary headed toward the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, came out at the towns of Mount Ephron and went down toward Baalah (that is, Kiriath Jearim). Then it curved westward from Baalah to Mount Seir, ran along the northern slope of Mount Jearim (that is, Kesalon), continued down to Beth Shemesh and crossed to Timnah. It went to the northern slope of Ekron, turned toward Shikkeron, passed along to Mount Baalah and reached Jabneel. The boundary ended at the sea. The western boundary is the coastline of the Great Sea. These are the boundaries around the people of Judah by their clans.*

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 16:1-10*** *The allotment for* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *began at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html) *of* [*Jericho*](stages.html)*,* [*east*](east.html) *of the waters of* [*Jericho*](stages.html)*, and went up from there through the desert into the hill country of Bethel. It went on from Bethel (that is, Luz), crossed over to the territory of the Arkites in Ataroth, Descended westward to the territory of the Japhletites as far as the region of Lower Beth Horon and on to Gezer, ending at the sea. So Manasseh and Ephraim, the descendants of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, received their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*. This was the territory of Ephraim, clan by clan: The boundary of their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *went from Ataroth Addar in the* [*east*](east.html) *to Upper Beth Horon And continued to the sea. From Micmethath on the north it curved* [*eastward*](east.html) *to Taanath Shiloh, passing by it to Janoah on the* [*east*](east.html)*. Then it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and Naarah, touched* [*Jericho*](stages.html) *and came out at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. From Tappuah the border went west to the Kanah Ravine and ended at the sea. This was the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of the Ephraimites, clan by clan. It also included all the towns and their villages that were set aside for the Ephraimites within the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the Manassites. They did not dislodge the Canaanites living in Gezer; to this day the Canaanites live among the people of Ephraim but are required to do forced labor.*

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 17:1-18*** *This was the allotment for the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Manasseh as* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*'s firstborn, that is, for Makir, Manasseh's firstborn. Makir was the ancestor of the Gileadites, who had received Gilead and Bashan because the Makirites were great soldiers. So this allotment was for the rest of the people of Manasseh--the clans of Abiezer, Helek, Asriel,* [*Shechem*](city.html)*, Hepher and Shemida. These are the other* [*male*](male+female.html) *descendants of Manasseh son of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *by their clans. Now Zelophehad son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons but only daughters, whose names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. They went to Eleazar the* [*priest*](priests.html)*, Joshua son of Nun, and the leaders and said, "*[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *commanded Moses to give us an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *among our brothers." So Joshua gave them an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *along with the brothers of their* [*father*](fathers.html)*, according to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*'s* [*command*](cmds613.html)*. Manasseh's share consisted of* [*ten*](ten.html) *tracts of land besides Gilead and Bashan* [*east*](east.html) *of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, Because the daughters of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Manasseh received an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *among the sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the descendants of Manasseh. The territory of Manasseh extended from Asher to Micmethath* [*east*](east.html) *of* [*Shechem*](city.html)*. The boundary ran southward from there to include the people living at En Tappuah. (Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, but Tappuah itself, on the boundary of Manasseh, belonged to the Ephraimites.) Then the boundary continued south to the Kanah Ravine. There were towns belonging to Ephraim lying among the towns of Manasseh, but the boundary of Manasseh was the northern side of the ravine and ended at the sea. On the south the land belonged to Ephraim, on the north to Manasseh. The territory of Manasseh reached the sea and bordered Asher on the north and Issachar on the* [*east*](east.html)*. Within Issachar and Asher, Manasseh also had Beth Shan, Ibleam and the people of Dor, Endor, Taanach and Megiddo, together with their surrounding settlements (the* [*third*](three.html) *in the list is Naphoth). Yet the Manassites were not able to occupy these towns, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that region. However, when the Israelites grew stronger, they subjected the Canaanites to forced labor but did not drive them out completely. The people of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *said to Joshua, "Why have you given us only* [*one*](one.html) *allotment and* [*one*](one.html) *portion for an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*? We are a numerous people and* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has blessed us abundantly." "If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites." The people of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *replied, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have iron chariots, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel." But Joshua said to the house of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*--to Ephraim and Manasseh--"You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only* [*one*](one.html) *allotment But the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have iron chariots and though they are strong, you can drive them out."*

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 18:1-20*** *The whole assembly of the Israelites* [*gathered*](gather.html) *at Shiloh and set up the* [*Tent of Meeting*](mikdash.html) *there. The country was brought under their control, But there were still* [*seven*](seven.html) *Israelite* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *who had not yet received their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*. So Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, the God of your* [*fathers*](fathers.html)*, has given you? Appoint* [*three*](three.html) *men from each* [*tribe*](tribes.html)*. I will send them out to make a survey of the land and to write a description of it, according to the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of each. Then they will return to me. You are to divide the land into* [*seven*](seven.html) *parts. Judah is to remain in its territory on the south and the house of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *in its territory on the north. After you have written descriptions of the* [*seven*](seven.html) *parts of the land, bring them here to me and I will cast lots for you in the presence of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *our God. The Levites, however, do not get a portion among you, because the* [*priestly*](priests.html) *service of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *is their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*. And Gad, Reuben and the half-*[*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Manasseh have already received their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *on the* [*east*](east.html) *side of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. Moses the servant of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *gave it to them." As the men started on their way to map out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land and write a description of it. Then return to me, and I will cast lots for you here at Shiloh in the presence of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*." So the men left and went through the land. They wrote its description on a* [*scroll*](letters.html)*, town by town, in* [*seven*](seven.html) *parts, and returned to Joshua in the* [*camp*](stages.html) *at Shiloh. Joshua then cast lots for them in Shiloh in the presence of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and there he distributed the land to the Israelites according to their* [*tribal*](tribes.html) *divisions. The lot came up for the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*, clan by clan. Their allotted territory lay between the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Judah and* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*: On the north side their boundary began at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, passed the northern slope of* [*Jericho*](stages.html) *and headed west into the hill country,* [*coming*](coming.html) *out at the desert of Beth Aven. From there it crossed to the south slope of Luz (that is, Bethel) and went down to Ataroth Addar on the hill south of Lower Beth Horon. From the hill facing Beth Horon on the south the boundary turned south along the western side and came out at Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), a town of the people of Judah. This was the western side. The southern side began at the outskirts of Kiriath Jearim on the west, and the boundary came out at the spring of the waters of Nephtoah. The boundary went down to the* [*foot*](heel.html) *of the hill facing the Valley of Ben Hinnom, north of the Valley of Rephaim. It continued down the Hinnom Valley along the southern slope of the Jebusite* [*city*](city.html) *and so to En Rogel. It then curved north, went to En Shemesh, continued to Geliloth, which faces the Pass of Adummim, and ran down to the Stone of Bohan son of Reuben. It continued to the northern slope of Beth Arabah and on down into the Arabah. It then went to the northern slope of Beth Hoglah and came out at the northern bay of the Salt Sea, at the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the* [*Jordan*](stages.html) *in the south. This was the southern boundary. The* [*Jordan*](stages.html) *formed the boundary on the* [*eastern*](east.html) *side. These were the boundaries that marked out the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the clans of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *on all sides.*

***Yahoshua (Joshua) 19:9-50*** *The* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the Simeonites was taken from the share of Judah, because Judah's portion was more than they needed. So the Simeonites received their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *within the territory of Judah. The* [*third*](three.html) *lot came up for Zebulun, clan by clan: The boundary of their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *went as far as Sarid. Going west it ran to Maralah, touched Dabbesheth, and extended to the ravine near Jokneam. It turned* [*east*](east.html) *from Sarid toward the sunrise to the territory of Kisloth Tabor and went on to Daberath and up to Japhia. Then it continued eastward to Gath Hepher and Eth Kazin; it came out at Rimmon and turned toward Neah. There the boundary went around on the north to Hannathon and ended at the Valley of Iphtah El. Included were Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah and* [*Bethlehem*](bethlehem.html)*. There were* [*twelve*](twelve.html) *towns and their villages. These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of Zebulun, clan by clan. The* [*fourth*](four.html) *lot came out for Issachar, clan by clan. Their territory included: Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem, Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath, Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez, Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah and Beth Pazzez. The boundary touched Tabor, Shahazumah and Beth Shemesh, and ended at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. There were sixteen towns and their villages. These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Issachar, clan by clan. The* [*fifth*](five.html) *lot came out for the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Asher, clan by clan. Their territory included: Helkath, Hali, Beten, Acshaph, Allammelech, Amad and Mishal. On the west the boundary touched Carmel and Shihor Libnath. It then turned* [*east*](east.html) *toward Beth Dagon, touched Zebulun and the Valley of Iphtah El, and went north to Beth Emek and Neiel, passing Cabul on the left. It went to Abdon, Rehob, Hammon and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon. The boundary then turned back toward Ramah and went to the fortified* [*city*](city.html) *of Tyre, turned toward Hosah and came out at the sea in the region of Aczib, Ummah, Aphek and Rehob. There were* [*twenty*](twenty.html)*-*[*two*](two.html) *towns and their villages. These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Asher, clan by clan. The* [*sixth*](six.html) *lot came out for Naphtali, clan by clan: Their boundary went from Heleph and the large tree in Zaanannim, passing Adami Nekeb and Jabneel to Lakkum and ending at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. The boundary ran west through Aznoth Tabor and came out at Hukkok. It touched Zebulun on the south, Asher on the west and the* [*Jordan*](stages.html) *on the* [*east*](east.html)*. The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth, Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath and Beth Shemesh. There were nineteen towns and their villages. These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Naphtali, clan by clan. The* [*seventh*](seven.html) *lot came out for the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Dan, clan by clan. The territory of their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *included: Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh, Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah, Elon, Timnah, Ekron, Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon, Me Jarkon and Rakkon, with the area facing Joppa. (But the Danites had difficulty taking possession of their territory, so they went up and attacked Leshem, took it, put it to the sword and occupied it. They settled in Leshem and named it Dan after their forefather.) These towns and their villages were the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Dan, clan by clan. When they had finished dividing the land into its allotted portions, the Israelites gave Joshua son of Nun an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *among them, As* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *had commanded. They gave him the town he asked for--Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he built up the town and settled there.*

Reuben

Gad

(Levi mentioned, but, no [inheritance](inherit.html) in the land.)

Judah

[Joseph](joseph.html)

Manasseh

Ephraim

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Simeon

Zebulun

Issachar

Asher

Naphtali

Dan

***Yehezechel (Ezekiel) 48:1-28*** *"These are the* [*tribes*](tribes.html)*, listed by* [*name*](name.html)*: At the northern frontier, Dan will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will follow the Hethlon road to Lebo Hamath; Hazar Enan and the northern border of Damascus next to Hamath will be part of its border from the* [*east*](east.html) *side to the west side. "Asher will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Dan from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Naphtali will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Asher from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Manasseh will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Naphtali from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Ephraim will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Manasseh from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Reuben will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Ephraim from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Judah will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Reuben from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Bordering the territory of Judah from* [*east*](east.html) *to west will be the portion you are to present as a special gift. It will be 25,000 cubits wide, and its length from* [*east*](east.html) *to west will equal* [*one*](one.html) *of the tribal portions; the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *will be in the center of it. "The special portion you are to offer to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *will be 25,000 cubits long and 10,000 cubits wide. This will be the sacred portion for the* [*priests*](priests.html)*. It will be 25,000 cubits long on the north side, 10,000 cubits wide on the west side, 10,000 cubits wide on the* [*east*](east.html) *side and 25,000 cubits long on the south side. In the center of it will be the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. This will be for the consecrated* [*priests*](priests.html)*, the Zadokites, who were faithful in serving me and did not go astray as the Levites did when the Israelites went astray. It will be a special gift to them from the sacred portion of the land, a most holy portion, bordering the territory of the Levites. "Alongside the territory of the* [*priests*](priests.html)*, the Levites will have an allotment 25,000 cubits long and 10,000 cubits wide. Its total length will be 25,000 cubits and its width 10,000 cubits. They must not sell or exchange any of it. This is the best of the land and must not pass into other* [*hands*](fourteen.html)*, because it is holy to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. "The remaining area, 5,000 cubits wide and 25,000 cubits long, will be for the common use of the* [*city*](city.html)*, for houses and for pastureland. The* [*city*](city.html) *will be in the center of it And will have these measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the* [*east*](east.html) *side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits. The pastureland for the* [*city*](city.html) *will be 250 cubits on the north, 250 cubits on the south, 250 cubits on the* [*east*](east.html)*, and 250 cubits on the west. What remains of the area, bordering on the sacred portion and running the length of it, will be 10,000 cubits on the* [*east*](east.html) *side and 10,000 cubits on the west side. Its produce will supply* [*food*](food.html) *for the workers of the* [*city*](city.html)*. The workers from the* [*city*](city.html) *who farm it will come from all the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. The entire portion will be a square, 25,000 cubits on each side. As a special gift you will set aside the sacred portion, along with the property of the* [*city*](city.html)*. "What remains on both sides of the area formed by the sacred portion and the* [*city*](city.html) *property will belong to the prince. It will extend eastward from the 25,000 cubits of the sacred portion to the* [*eastern*](east.html) *border, and westward from the 25,000 cubits to the western border. Both these areas running the length of the tribal portions will belong to the prince, and the sacred portion with the* [*temple*](temple.html)[*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *will be in the center of them. So the property of the Levites and the property of the* [*city*](city.html) *will lie in the center of the area that belongs to the prince. The area belonging to the prince will lie between the border of Judah and the border of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*. "As for the rest of the* [*tribes*](tribes.html)*:* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will extend from the* [*east*](east.html) *side to the west side. "Simeon will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Issachar will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Simeon from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Zebulun will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Issachar from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "Gad will have* [*one*](one.html) *portion; it will border the territory of Zebulun from* [*east*](east.html) *to west. "The southern boundary of Gad will run south from Tamar to the waters of Meribah* [*Kadesh*](stages.html)*, then along the Wadi [of Egypt] to the Great Sea.*

Dan

Asher

Naphtali

Ephrain

Manesseh

Reuben

Judah

Levi

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Simeon

Issachar

Zebulun

Gad

***Yehezechel (Ezekiel) 48:31-35*** *The gates of the* [*city*](city.html) *will be named after the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. The* [*three*](three.html) *gates on the north side will be the gate of Reuben, the gate of Judah and the gate of Levi. "On the* [*east*](east.html) *side, which is 4,500 cubits long, will be* [*three*](three.html) *gates: the gate of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, the gate of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *and the gate of Dan. "On the south side, which measures 4,500 cubits, will be* [*three*](three.html) *gates: the gate of Simeon, the gate of Issachar and the gate of Zebulun. "On the west side, which is 4,500 cubits long, will be* [*three*](three.html) *gates: the gate of Gad, the gate of Asher and the gate of Naphtali. "The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. "And the* [*name*](name.html) *of the* [*city*](city.html) *from that* [*time*](time.html) *on will be: THE* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *IS THERE."*

Reuben

Judah

Levi

[Joseph](joseph.html)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

Dan

Simeon

Issachar

Zebulun

Gad

Asher

Naphtali

***Revelation 7:3-8*** *"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the* [*number*](nchart.html) *of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. From the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Reuben 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Gad 12,000, From the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Asher 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Naphtali 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Manasseh 12,000, From the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Simeon 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Levi 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Issachar 12,000, From the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of Zebulun 12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *12,000, from the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html) *12,000.*

Judah

Reuben

Gad

Asher

Naphtali

Manesseh

Simeon

Levi

Issachar

Zebulun

[Joseph](joseph.html)

[Benjamin](benyamin.html)

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**Ephraim**

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***Yahoshua (Joshua) 16:5-10*** *This was the territory of Ephraim, clan by clan: The boundary of their* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *went from Ataroth Addar in the* [*east*](east.html) *to Upper Beth Horon And continued to the sea. From Micmethath on the north it curved eastward to Taanath Shiloh, passing by it to Janoah on the* [*east*](east.html)*. Then it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and Naarah, touched* [*Jericho*](stages.html) *and came out at the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*. From Tappuah the border went west to the Kanah Ravine and ended at the sea. This was the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *of the Ephraimites, clan by clan. It also included all the towns and their villages that were set aside for the Ephraimites within the* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *of the Manassites. They did not dislodge the Canaanites living in Gezer; to this day the Canaanites live among the people of Ephraim but are required to do forced labor.*

***Bereshit (Genesis) 48:11-20*** *Israel said to* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, "I never expected to see your* [*face*](body.html) *again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too." Then* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his* [*face*](body.html) *to the ground. And* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left* [*hand*](mashal.html) *and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right* [*hand*](mashal.html)*, and brought them close to him. But Israel reached out his right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *and put it on Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html)*, though he was the younger, and crossing his* [*arms*](body.html)*, he put his left* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on Manasseh's* [*head*](body.html)*, even though Manasseh was the firstborn. Then he blessed* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *and said, "May the God before whom my* [*fathers*](fathers.html)[*Abraham*](avraham.html) *and* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, The* [*Angel*](angels.html) *who has delivered me from all harm--may he bless these boys. May they be called by my* [*name*](name.html) *and the names of my* [*fathers*](fathers.html)[*Abraham*](avraham.html) *and* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*, and may they increase greatly upon the earth." When* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *saw his father placing his right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html) *he was displeased; so he took hold of his father's* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *to move it from Ephraim's* [*head*](body.html) *to Manasseh's* [*head*](body.html)*.* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *said to him, "No, my father, this* [*one*](one.html) *is the firstborn; put your right* [*hand*](mashal.html) *on his* [*head*](body.html)*." But his father refused and said, "I* [*know*](daat.html)*, my son, I* [*know*](daat.html)*. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations." He blessed them that day and said, "In your* [*name*](name.html) *will Israel pronounce this blessing: 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.*

\* Some have said that [Isaac's](isaac.html) sons became [known](daat.html) as Saxons.

\* I wonder if this is where we get the phrase 'house of [Jacob'](israelja.html) as distinguished from the 'house of Israel'?

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**Dan**

***Bereshit (Genesis) 49:16-17*** *"Dan will provide justice for his people as* [*one*](one.html) *of the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. Dan will be a serpent by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward.*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 27:11-13*** *On the same day Moses commanded the people: When you have crossed the* [*Jordan*](stages.html)*, these* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,* [*Joseph*](joseph.html) *and* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*. And these* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali.*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 33:22*** *About Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's cub, springing out of Bashan."*

***I Divre Hayamim (Chronicles) 2:1-2*** *These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan,* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*,* [*Benjamin*](benyamin.html)*, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.*

\* Some say that Dan can be found in Scandanavia.

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**Zebulun**

***Bereshit (Genesis) 30:20*** *Then Leah said, "God has presented me with a precious gift. This* [*time*](time.html) *my husband will treat me with honor, because I have borne him* [*six*](six.html) *sons." So she named him Zebulun.*

***Bereshit (Genesis) 35:23*** *The sons of Leah: Reuben the firstborn of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun.*

***Bereshit (Genesis) 49:13*** *"Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend toward Sidon.*

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***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 33:18-19*** *About Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and you, Issachar, in your tents. They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer* [*sacrifices*](korbanot.html) *of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand."*

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**Manasseh**

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***Bereshit (Genesis) 48:3-6***[*Jacob*](israelja.html) *said to* [*Joseph*](joseph.html)*, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me And said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and will increase your* [*numbers*](nchart.html)*. I will make you a* [*community*](community.html) *of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.' "Now then, your* [*two*](two.html) *sons born to you* [*in Egypt*](thebirth.html) *before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they* [*inherit*](inherit.html) *they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers.*

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***Tehillim (***[***Psalms***](psalms1.html)***) 60:6-8*** *God has spoken from his* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html)*: "In triumph I will parcel out* [*Shechem*](city.html) *and measure off the Valley of* [*Succoth*](succoth.html)*. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter.* [*Moab*](stages.html) *is my washbasin, upon* [*Edom*](edom.html) *I toss my sandal; over Philistia I shout in triumph."*

\* God says that Ephraim is His helmet.

\* God says that Judah is His scepter.

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 108:5-9*** *Be exalted, O God, above the* [*heavens*](heaven.html)*, and let your glory be over all the earth.* [*Save*](salvation.html) *us and help us with your right* [*hand*](mashal.html)*, that those you love may be delivered. God has spoken from his* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html)*: "In triumph I will parcel out* [*Shechem*](city.html) *and measure off the Valley of* [*Succoth*](succoth.html)*. Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter.* [*Moab*](stages.html) *is my washbasin, upon* [*Edom*](edom.html) *I toss my sandal; over Philistia I shout in triumph."*

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***Micah 5:1-8*** *Marshal your troops, O* [*city*](city.html) *of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a* [*rod*](staff.html)*. "But you,* [*Bethlehem*](bethlehem.html) *Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me* [*one*](one.html) *who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the* [*time*](time.html) *when she who is in labor gives* [*birth*](birth.html) *and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, in the majesty of the* [*name*](name.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace. When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him* [*seven*](seven.html) *shepherds, even* [*eight*](eight.html) *leaders of men. They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into our borders. The remnant of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind. The remnant of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html) *will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes, and no* [*one*](one.html) *can rescue.*

\* Notice that it is the remnant of [Jacob](israelja.html), not Israel, which is in the midst of many people.

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