

Year 1

Week 23

Jacob obeys God, Rachel Dies

Scriptures: Genesis 35

Key Verse: Gen. 35:3 “Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone.”

Key Points:

1. God called Jacob to return to the place he had spoken to Jacob many years earlier on his journey to Laban. The name of this place was Bethel.

2. Jacob and his family took all the idols and jewelry, changed their garments and Jacob buried them under a tree. This was to purify themselves and separate themselves for God.

3. Jacob traveled on to Bethel, the place where he had his dream, and built an altar there.

4. God appeared to Jacob again, blessed him and repeated that his name would no longer be Jacob but Israel. He told him to be fruitful and multiply and that a nation of people would come from him. Jacob set a pillar and poured oil on it for an offering.

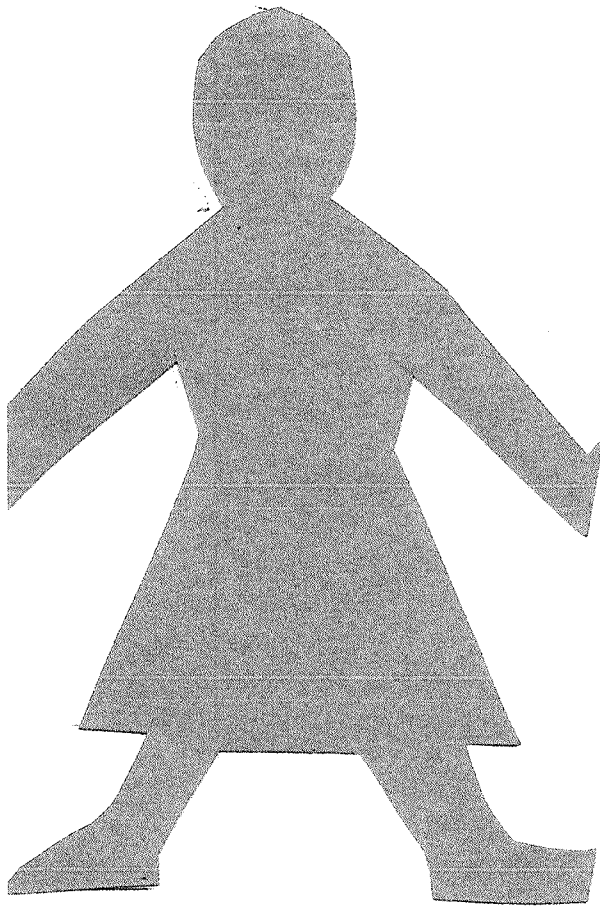
5. Rachel came into childbirth as they traveled on to Ephrath (Bethlehem). She died while having her son Benjamin. Rachel conceived only Joseph and Benjamin-these were Jacob's favorite children. She was buried in this place, close to Bethlehem. Jacob set a pillar on her grave.

Memory Work:

12 Sons of Jacob: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Napthali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin.

12 Sons of Jacob

Make 12 figures from pattern for each child. Make a list of the names for each child. Cut all out. Have children glue the 12 "sons" to a large piece of paper with the listing of the names of Jacob's sons under them. Review often to commit to memory.

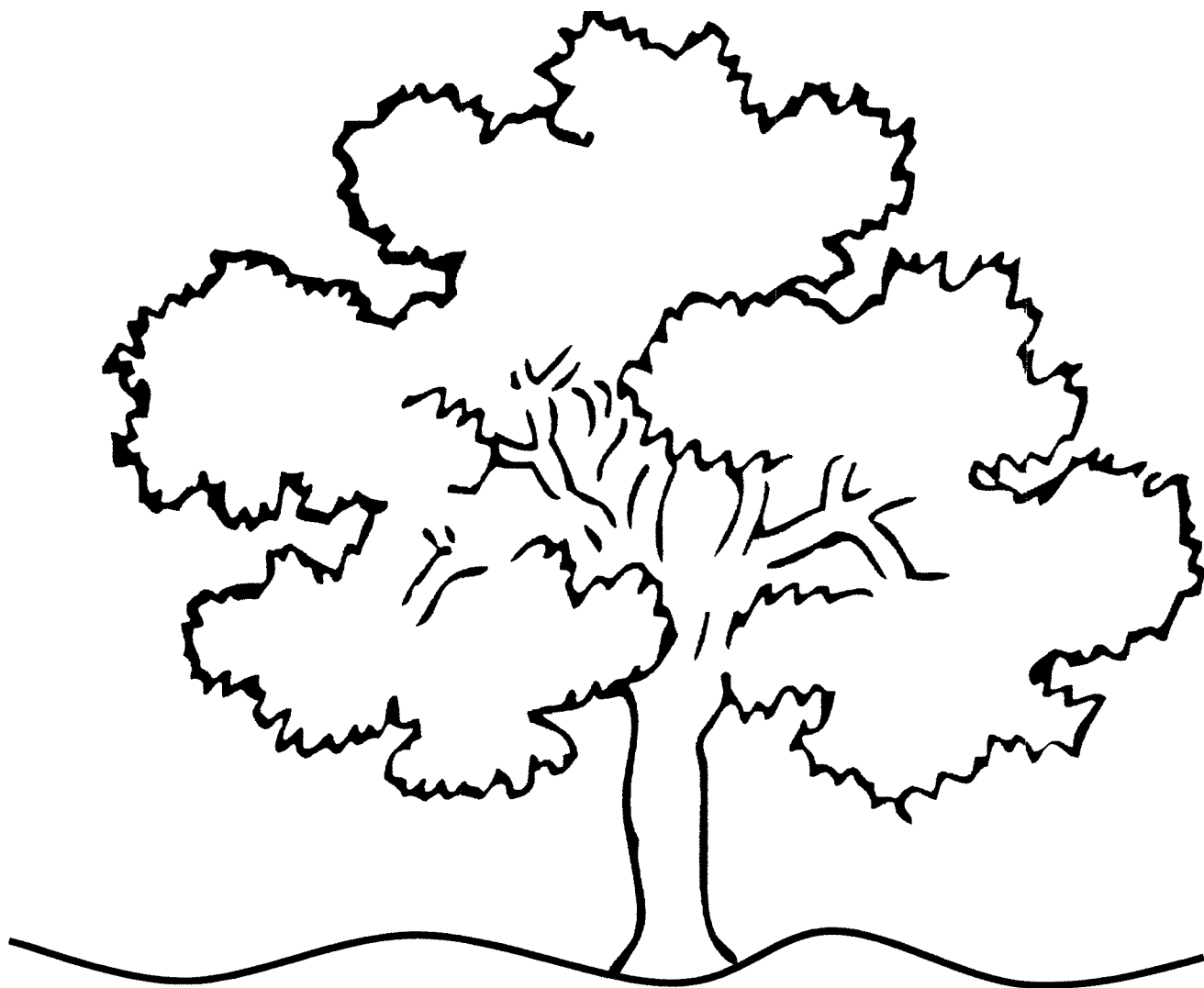


Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Dan
Naphtali
Gad
Asher
Issachar
Zebulun
Joseph
Benjamin

Genesis 35:4

Name _____

*So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears;
and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem*



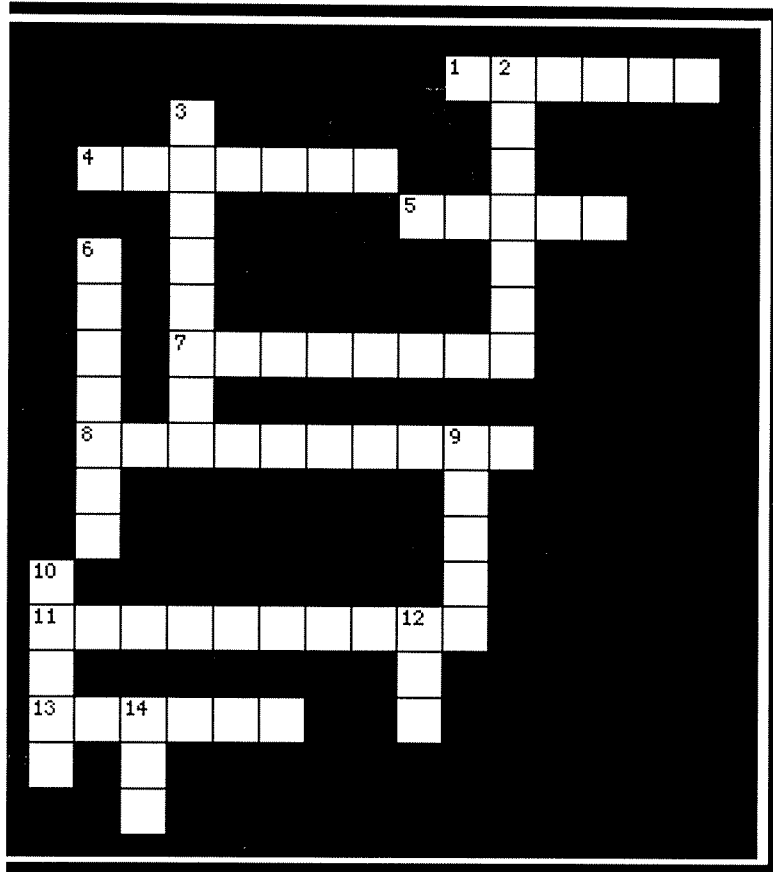
Jacob Flees From Laban (Gen. 30: 25-43 and Gen. 31)

Fill In The Blanks:

1. And it came to pass when Rachel had borne _____ that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country."
2. Jacob went on to say, "Give me my _____ and my _____ for whom I have served you, and let me go. . ."
3. Laban wanted Jacob to stay because he knew the Lord had blessed him because of Jacob. Laban said to Jacob, "Name your _____ and I will give it."
4. Jacob said, "Let me pass through all your _____ today, removing from there all the _____ and _____ sheep/ and all the _____ ones among the lambs, and the _____ and _____ among the goats; and these shall be my wages."
5. Thus, Jacob became exceedingly _____ and had large _____ female and male servants, and _____ and _____.
6. Then the Lord said to Jacob, "_____ to the land of your fathers and to your _____ and I will be with you."
7. God said, "I Am the God of Bethel where you anointed the pillar and where you made a _____ to me. Now _____ and get out of this land and return to the land of your _____."
8. Jacob arose and set his _____ and his _____ on camels.
9. So Jacob fled with all that he _____. He arose and crossed the _____ and headed toward the mountains of _____.
10. When Laban caught up with Jacob, Jacob said, "Thus I have been in your house _____ years. I served you _____ years for your two daughters and six years for your _____, and you have changed my _____ ten times."
11. Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the _____ of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away _____. God has seen my affliction and the _____ of my hands, and rebuked you last _____.

THE SONS OF JACOB

(GENESIS 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26)



- 3 DOWN "Behold, children are a _____ from the LORD." PSALM 127:3
- 10 DOWN "_____ is the man who has his quiver full of them." PSALM 127:5
- 11 ACROSS "The LORD has surely looked on my _____. Now therefore my husband will love me." GENESIS 29:32
- 2 DOWN "Because the LORD has heard that I am _____. He has given me this son also." GENESIS 29:33
- 7 ACROSS "Now this time my husband will become _____ to me, because I have borne him three sons." GENESIS 29:34
- 13 ACROSS "Now I will _____ the LORD." GENESIS 29:35
- 1 ACROSS "God has _____ my case; and He has heard my voice and given me a son." GENESIS 30:6
- 8 ACROSS "With great _____ I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed." GENESIS 30:8
- 5 ACROSS "A _____ comes!" GENESIS 30:11
- 4 ACROSS "I am happy, for the daughters will call me _____" GENESIS 30:13
- 9 DOWN "God has _____ me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband." GENESIS 30:18
- 6 DOWN "God has _____ me with a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." GENESIS 30:20
- 14 DOWN "The LORD shall _____ to me another son." GENESIS 30:24
- 12 DOWN She called his name "Ben-_____ " GENESIS 35:18

THE SONS OF JACOB

(GENESIS 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD." PSALM 127:3

"Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them." PSALM 127:5

MATCHING:

MATCH THE NAME OF JACOB'S SON ON THE RIGHT TO ITS MEANING ON THE LEFT

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| 1. ___ | "The LORD has surely looked on my affliction.
Now therefore my husband will love me." GENESIS 29:32 | A. LEVI |
| 2. ___ | "Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved,
He has given me this son also." GENESIS 29:33 | B. NAPHTALI |
| 3. ___ | "Now this time my husband will become attached to me,
because I have borne him three sons." GENESIS 29:34 | D. BENJAMIN |
| 4. ___ | "Now I will praise the LORD." GENESIS 29:35 | E. ASHER |
| 5. ___ | "God has judged my case; and He has heard my voice
and given me a son." GENESIS 30:6 | F. REUBEN |
| 6. ___ | "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister,
and indeed I have prevailed." GENESIS 30:8 | H. JUDAH |
| 7. ___ | "A troop comes!" GENESIS 30:11 | I. JOSEPH |
| 8. ___ | "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." GENESIS 30:13 | J. SIMEON |
| 9. ___ | "God has given me my hire,
because I have given my maid to my husband." GENESIS 30:18 | K. ZEBULUN |
| 10. ___ | "God has endowed me with a good endowment;
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because I have borne him six sons." GENESIS 30:20 | L. GAD |
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| 12. ___ | She called his name "Ben-Oni" GENESIS 35:18 | |

Genesis 35 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jacob's Return to Bethel

35 Then God said to Jacob, "Get ready and move to Bethel and settle there. Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother, Esau."

² So Jacob told everyone in his household, "Get rid of all your pagan idols, purify yourselves, and put on clean clothing. ³ We are now going to Bethel, where I will build an altar to the God who answered my prayers when I was in distress. He has been with me wherever I have gone."

⁴ So they gave Jacob all their pagan idols and earrings, and he buried them under the great tree near Shechem. ⁵ As they set out, a terror from God spread over the people in all the towns of that area, so no one attacked Jacob's family.

⁶ Eventually, Jacob and his household arrived at Luz (also called Bethel) in Canaan. ⁷ Jacob built an altar there and named the place El-bethel (which means "God of Bethel"), because God had appeared to him there when he was fleeing from his brother, Esau.

⁸ Soon after this, Rebekah's old nurse, Deborah, died. She was buried beneath the oak tree in the valley below Bethel. Ever since, the tree has been called Allon-bacuth (which means "oak of weeping").

⁹ Now that Jacob had returned from Paddan-aram, God appeared to him again at Bethel. God blessed him, ¹⁰ saying, "Your name is Jacob, but you will not be called Jacob any longer. From now on your name will be Israel."^[] So God renamed him Israel.

¹¹ Then God said, "I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Be fruitful and multiply. You will become a great nation, even many nations. Kings will be among your descendants! ¹² And I will give you the land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac. Yes, I will give it to you and your descendants after you." ¹³ Then God went up from the place where he had spoken to Jacob.

¹⁴ Jacob set up a stone pillar to mark the place where God had spoken to him. Then he poured wine over it as an offering to God and anointed the pillar with olive oil. ¹⁵ And Jacob named the place Bethel (which means "house of God"), because God had spoken to him there.

The Deaths of Rachel and Isaac

¹⁶ Leaving Bethel, Jacob and his clan moved on toward Ephrath. But Rachel went into labor while they were still some distance away. Her labor pains were intense. ¹⁷ After a very hard delivery, the midwife finally exclaimed, "Don't be afraid—you have another son!" ¹⁸ Rachel was about to die, but with her last breath she named the baby Ben-oni (which means "son of my sorrow"). The baby's father, however, called him Benjamin (which means "son of my right hand"). ¹⁹ So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). ²⁰ Jacob set up a stone monument over Rachel's grave, and it can be seen there to this day.

²¹ Then Jacob^[] traveled on and camped beyond Migdal-eder. ²² While he was living there, Reuben had intercourse with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and Jacob soon heard about it.

These are the names of the twelve sons of Jacob:

²³ The sons of Leah were Reuben (Jacob's oldest son), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

²⁴ The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁵ The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant, were Dan and Naphtali.

²⁶ The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant, were Gad and Asher.

These are the names of the sons who were born to Jacob at Paddan-aram.

²⁷ So Jacob returned to his father, Isaac, in Mamre, which is near Kiriath-arba (now called Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had both lived as foreigners. ²⁸ Isaac lived for 180 years. ²⁹ Then he breathed his last and died at a ripe old age, joining his ancestors in death. And his sons, Esau and Jacob, buried him.

Tribes of Israel

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Part I - Introductory Facts about the 12 Tribes of Israel

Abraham begot Isaac. Isaac begot Jacob.

- To be an Israelite by blood, a person must be a descendent of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Jacob begot 12 sons who are listed herein in subsequent sections.

- The 12 sons of Jacob are the patriarchs of the 12 Tribes of Israel.
- For example, Jacob's son Benjamin is the patriarch of the Tribe of Benjamin. Jacob's son Reuben is the patriarch of the Tribe of Reuben. And so forth.

Well-known descendants of certain Tribes

- Tribe of Benjamin - King Saul, Paul the apostle [a.k.a. Saul of Tarsus]
- Tribe of Levi - Moses, Aaron
- Tribe of Judah - King David, King Solomon, many other kings; Lord Jesus, the Messiah

The Promised Land [Canaan], plus an area on the east side of the Jordan River, was allocated among the 12 Tribes. [Num 33.54; Num 36.3-9]

- As the priestly Tribe, Levi was given no land. [Num 18.20, 18.24] Instead of land, God gave Levi the tithes of the people of Israel.
- Jacob's son Joseph had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
- By Jacob's command [Gen 48.5], Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, were regarded as de facto "Tribes" of Israel.
- Thus, the land allocations of Joseph and Levi were given instead to Ephraim and Manasseh, preserving *twelve* as the number of tribes. [Josh 14.3-4]

There is no such thing as "10 lost tribes of Israel." [Mt 10.6, Acts 26.7, Jam 1.1, Rev 7.1-8; Ezek 37]

Part II Sons of Jacob [Names, Mothers, Birth Verses]

Sons of Jacob	Meaning of Name	Mother	Birth Verse
01-Reuben	See, a son	Leah	So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, "The LORD has surely seen my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me." Gen 29.32
02-Simeon	Hearing	Leah	Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon.

Sons of	Jacob's Prophecies	Moses' Blessings	
03-Levi	Joined; attached	Leah	Gen 29.33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. Gen 29.34
04-Judah	Yah be praised	Leah	And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise Yahweh." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing. Gen 29.35
05-Dan	Judge	Bilhah (Rachel's servant)	Then Rachel said, "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. Gen 30.6
06-Naphtali	My wrestling	Bilhah (Rachel's servant)	Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed." So she called him Naphtali. Gen 30.6
07-Gad	Troop; invader; good fortune	Zilpah (Leah's servant)	Then Leah said, "A troop comes!" So she called his name Gad. Gen 30.11
08-Asher	Happy	Zilpah (Leah's servant)	Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." So she called his name Asher. Gen 30.13
09-Issachar	Man of hire	Leah	Leah said, "God has given me my hire [wages] because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name Issachar. Gen 30.18
10-Zebulun	Dwelling	Leah	Leah said, "...now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. Gen 30.20b
11-Joseph	Increaser	Rachel	So she called his name Joseph, and said, "The LORD shall add to me another son." Gen 30.24
12-Benjamin	Son of the right hand	Rachel	As her soul was departing (for she died), she called his name Ben-Oni [son of my sorrow]; but his father called him Ben-Jamin. Gen 35.18

Part III - Prophecies about the 12 Tribes

Sons of

Jacob's Prophecies

Moses' Blessings

Jacob	Genesis 49.1-27	Deuteronomy 33.6-25
01-Reuben	<p>Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. Unstable as water, you shall not excel, Because you went up to your father's <u>bed</u>; Then you defiled it -He went up to my couch.</p>	<p>Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let his men be few.</p>
02-Simeon	<p>Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place. Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; For in their anger they slew a man, And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob And scatter them in Israel.</p>	<p>[Moses makes no mention of Simeon in blessing the tribes of Israel.]</p> <p>Of Levi he said: "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, Whom You tested at Massah, And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah, Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; Nor did he acknowledge his brothers, Or know his own children; For they have observed Your word And kept Your covenant. They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, And Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You, And a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar. Bless his substance, LORD, And accept the work of his hands; Strike the loins of those who rise against him, And of those who hate him, that they rise not again."</p>
04-Judah	<p>Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.</p>	<p>And this he said of Judah: "Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, And bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, And may You be a help against his enemies."</p>
05-Dan	<p>Dan shall judge his people As one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's heels So that its rider shall fall backward. I have waited for your</p>	<p>And of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."</p>

	salvation, O LORD!	
06-Naphtali	Naphtali is a deer let loose; He uses beautiful words.	And of Naphtali he said: "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the LORD, Possess the west and the south."
07-Gad	Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him, But he shall triumph at last.	And of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm and the crown of his head. He provided the first part for himself, Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there. He came with the heads of the people; He administered the justice of the LORD, And His judgments with Israel."
08-Asher	Bread from Asher shall be rich, And he shall yield royal dainties.	And of Asher he said: "Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be."
09-Issachar	"Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between two burdens; He saw that rest was good, And that the land was pleasant; He bowed his shoulder to bear a burden, And became a band of slaves.	And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents! They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand."
10-Zebulun	Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea; He shall become a haven for ships, And his border shall adjoin Sidon.	
11-Joseph	Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall. The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him. But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), By the God of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.	And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of the LORD is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath, With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months, With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills, With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, & on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.' His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh."
		Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of the

12- Benjamin	Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; In the morning he shall devour the prey, And at night he shall divide the spoil.	LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."
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Part IV - Marching Order of the Tribes

From Egypt to the Promised Land Military Organization & Marching Order of Israel Numbers Chapter 2


North - last to break camp
Dan 62,700 | Asher 41,500
Naphtali 53,400 | Total
157,600

West - 3rd to break camp
Ephraim 40,500 | Manasseh
32200
Benjamin 35,400 | Total
108,100

Center - Tabernacle of Meeting
Levi unnumbered [Num 2.33]

East - 1st to break camp
Judah 74,600 | Issachar 54,400
Zebulun 57,400 | Total 186,400

South - 2nd to break camp
Reuben 46,500 | Simeon
59,300
Gad 45,650 | Total 151,450

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