

God's 7 Gifts (Romans 11:29)	
Romans 12:6-8	Ezekiel 48:2-8
Prophecy	Dan
Serving	Asher
Teaching	Naphtali
Exhortation	Manasseh
Giving	Ephraim
Ruling	Reuben
Mercy	Judah

Holy Spirit's Gifts (for all--every tribe had Levites)	
<u>1 Corinthians 12:8-10</u> <u>Ezekiel 48:10-14</u> Levites:	
Word of Wisdom	<i>Kohathite Levites</i>
Word of Knowledge	<i>(overcome ridicule)</i>
Faith	<i>(carrying holy things)</i>
Gifts of Healing	<i>Merarite Levites</i>
Working of Miracles	<i>(overcome suffering)</i>
Prophecy	<i>(bearing the name)</i>
Discerning of Spirits	<i>Gershonite Levites</i>
Diverse Tongues	<i>(overcome isolation)</i>
Interpretation of Tongues	<i>(providing covering)</i>


Christ's 5 Gifts (Ephesians 4:7)	
Ephesians 4:11	Ezekiel 48:23-27
Apostles	Benjamin
Prophets	Simeon
Evangelists	Issachar
Pastors	Zebulun
Teachers	Gad


- 12 Tribes of Israel in Birth Order: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin
- 12 Animals named by God (Job 38-39): Lion, Lioness, Raven, Mt. Goat, Doe, Ass, Ox, Ostrich, Stork, Horse, Hawk, Eagle
- 12 Tribal Gems (Ex. 28:17-20 KJV): Sardius, Topaz, Carbuncle, Emerald, Sapphire, Diamond, Ligure, Agate, Amethyst, Beryl, Onyx, Jasper
- 12 Crowns: Anointing Oil, Glory, Honor, Joy, Knowledge, Life, Lovingkindness, Tender Mercies, Beauty, Riches, Righteousness, Royalty
- Lev. 21:12, Psalm 8:5, Hebrews 2:9, 1 Thess. 2:19, Prov. 14:18, James 1:12, Psalm 103:4, Isaiah 28:5, Proverbs 14:24, 2 Timothy 4:8, Isaiah 62:3)
- 12 Gates (Nehemiah 3, 6:16, 2 Chr. 26:9, 27:3): sheep, fish, valley, fountain, dung, water, horse, east, Miphkad, Ephraim, corner, high gate
- 12 Gates (Ez. 48:31-34): North: Reuben, Judah, Levi; East: Joseph, Benjamin, Dan; South: Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun; West: Gad, Asher, Naphtali
- 12 Apostles (Mt. 10:2, 2 Cor. 11:5): Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James Ben-Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, Judas Iscariot, whom God replaced with Paul (2 Cor. 11:5), though men chose Matthias (Acts 1:26)
- 12 Minor Prophets: Obadiah, Hosea, Joel, Malachi, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Zechariah, Nahum, Micah, Jonah, Haggai, Amos
- 12 Men in the Sky: Centaurus (the Despised), Bootes (Coming One), Ophiuchus (Serpent Holder), Hercules (Mighty One), Sagittarius (Archer), Aquarius (Water Bearer), Cepheus (Crowned King), Orion (Glorious One), Auriga (Shepherd), Perseus (Breaker), Gemini (Two Witnesses).
- 12 Hebrew Lunar Months (from new moon to new moon beginning in spring) Like flowers and fruit, there is a time for each tribe to blossom.
- 12 Major Keys of Music: C, C#(Bb), D, D#(Eb), E, F, F#(Gb), G, G#(Ab), A, A#(Bb), B


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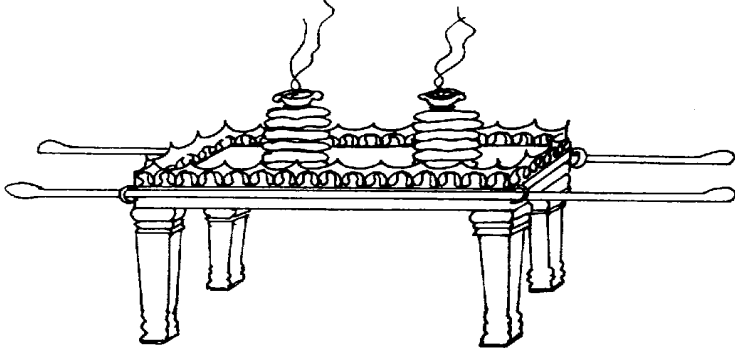
12 Tribes of Israel

(12 Personality Types)












So that we would know that heavenly giftings are for sustenance & nourishment, the 12 loaves on the Table of Shewbread in the Tabernacle represented the **12 Tribes of Israel**. They were also represented by various animals (Job 38 & 39), so we could appreciate their peculiar personalities.

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Introduction

WHO ARE THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL? Are they just Jews from the tribe of Judah with a lineage that goes back to Jacob (Israel)? Weren't the 10 northern tribes dissolved in the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities? Here's what a New Testament Jew says about the Jews: "For he is **not** a Jew which is one **outwardly**; neither is circumcision that which is **outward** in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one **inwardly**; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, in the **Spirit**, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." (Rom. 2:28-29) "...they which are the children of the flesh, these are NOT the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." (Rom. 9:8) Galatians 6:16 indicates that the church IS spiritual Israel. Revelation 21:12 and Ezekiel 48:31 tell us that the gates of the New Jerusalem have the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on them. In Romans 11, we learn that the people who persecuted and killed Jesus were God's chosen people, the Jews, who are like an olive tree that has had branches broken off because of unbelief (the Jews who reject their Messiah) and branches grafted in. Gentiles who believe in and partake of the nature of the Jewish Messiah Yahshua (Christ Jesus) by faith are the "grafted in" branches. They are spiritually circumcised by allowing their fleshly nature to be "cut off" or "crucified." Hence, anyone that God calls and chooses can be "grafted into" Israel and thereby become a Jew, and a member of a tribe of Israel. In these last days, God is "raising up the tribes of Israel" (Isaiah 49:6).

CALLINGS: Once you have become a Jew, your calling will determine which tribe of Israel you identify with. You can fulfill one calling and enter into another. In fact, Jesus fulfilled all the callings on all the tribes. That's why He has many crowns (Rev. 19:12). Notice that the word **SON**, "**BEN**" in Hebrew, is within the name of both the firstborn, Reu**BEN**, and lastborn, **BEN**jamin. God's **SON is the First & Last** (Isaiah 48:12). To find your tribe, you might start by looking at what you are called (your name). It is often indicative of what you are called to do, it was for each of the 12 tribes (Genesis 29-30, 35). If you have fulfilled that calling (as did Jacob, the "Supplanter") then you will be given a new name by God. Like Abram (Abraham), Sarai (Sarah) and Saul (Paul) your name may be slightly changed. Or, like Simon (Peter), it may be entirely different.

GIFTS: You were born into the Kingdom of God with a specific gift. On the back of this booklet is a chart listing the spiritual **gifts of God** (Romans 11:29), **gifts of the Holy Spirit** (1 Corinthians 12:11) and **gifts of Christ** (Ephesians 4:7). These gifts have been given to spiritual Israel as their inheritance. Ezekiel 48 describes the order of these inheritances.

BLESSINGS: You are also blessed in the blessings of your tribe, the last words of Jacob in Gen. 49 and the last words of Moses in Deut. 33.

TRIBAL ANIMALS: There are animals that represent each of the Tribes of Israel. In Job 38:39-39:30, God briefly mentions 12 animals, 6 of whom are identified with specific tribes in the blessings. The other 6 require that you "dig" for them. (Deuteronomy 29:29).

From these and numerous Old Testament examples, the following information is for your enjoyment and enlightenment. It is "frosting on the cake." **Your salvation is not at stake whether you believe you are Israel or not.** If nothing else comes of having read this, at least you will spend time thinking about scriptures and the Word of God. I happen to believe that what occupies your thought life in your "free" time is what you worship. As a Christian courtesy, please point out any errors you find to me (865) 986-6784, not to someone else first.

3 Warnings:

1) The enemy of God knows that there are 12 personality types and has counterfeited them from antiquity by perverting the heavenly message of redemption with astrology. It is an abomination to God to trust **horoscopes** or **astrographs** (Dt. 18:9-14, Micah 5:12, Isaiah 47:10-14).

2) There is a teaching arising out of the charismatic church that will lay the foundation for another holocaust. Using learned teachers of ancient Paleo Hebrew, intermingled with the lie of evolution, the enemies of God will attempt to deceive an entire world into believing that the people who call themselves Jews are not descendants of Adam but rather, descendants of a pre-Adamic race of fallen angels, who, in the form of a serpent, deceived Eve and fathered Cain, whose seed was supposedly preserved on the Ark by Ham's wife. Their reasoning is extracted from ancient writings of dubious origin. They also assume all scripture translations have been contorted purposely and only those who learn the most ancient Hebrew are truly enlightened. These learned teachers are a tool in the hand of racial zealots, whose hatred for Jews is obvious. Beware of their reasonings. The same thing happened in Ezra and Nehemiah's day. These men had "carte blanche" to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem and usher in the Messiah. However, both books end very tragically. Both Ezra and Nehemiah were overcome with the religious **spirit of racism**. After dragging foreign wives and children to that desolate place, they turned on them, divorced them, and forsook them. The anger of God burned against Israel as He spoke through the prophet Malachi: "For I **hate** divorce, says the Lord, the God of Israel, and him who covers his garment with **wrong**, says the Lord of Hosts. So **take heed to your spirit**, that you do not deal treacherously." There was no Golden Age ushered in, as was expected, and God was silent to Israel for 400 years. Those who attempt to distinguish themselves as God's people (genetically) are of the **wrong spirit** and provoke the anger of the Most High. He protected the **holy seed** (born of **faith**) from Abraham to Christ, even using Canaanite and Moabite women. **ALL NATIONS, PEOPLES, TRIBES and TONGUES** are to be represented in the New Jerusalem. **Purify your heart**, and be broken bread and poured out wine upon the earth & not withdraw from those **you** think are cursed, because the whole world is cursed. **All** of us need redemption.

3) The church of the 21st century will not be a **structure** where nice people go on Sundays. It will be the dwelling place of the people that **minister** to the hurting, the sick, the poor, the oppressed and the unlovable **7 days a week**. And the world will no longer just hear the gospel--now they will see it. For **EVERY CHRISTIAN will minister** both to God and to their fellow man (the AIDS victim, the child molesters, the lowest sinner). The plumb line has fallen. Those who are tares among the wheat will find themselves conspicuously outside this **ministering church** and clinging desperately to the man-made structure we have falsely called "the church." Religious edifices will be forsaken and homes will be enlarged to accommodate ministries. Those who understand the times will convert their old "church" buildings into a base for many ministries. But, the **WAY OF LIFE** is narrow, and most "church buildings" will be clubs for those who only want to **GO to the church** and not **BE the church**. They will try unsuccessfully to intimidate the **CHURCH** into coming to them. But God has allowed the real church to be in captivity in Babylon (the confusion of man-made structures built for the "glory of God"). He will call you **out** of Babylon (religious structure) when you get your tongue and heart right toward Babylon, just as David did toward Saul. **YOU** will be a walking, talking church **wherever** you are and **whatever** you do and say.

Reuben (*Reu-ben*)

12

CALLING: Reubenites are called to look after others.

Reuben was the first-born. Reuben means "see" or "look, a son." Genesis 37:29 says: "now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so *he tore his garments...*" Later, when Reuben asked to be responsible for Benjamin, he was refused by his father (Genesis 42:37). Finally, we see guilt-ridden Reuben in Genesis 42:22: "And Reuben answered them, saying, *'Did I not tell you: do not sin against the boy,'* and you would not listen? Now comes the **reckoning** for his blood." A Reubenite wants to "**look after**" the helpless. He will oppose *any* shedding of blood (Genesis 37:22) and has a tender conscience. Judges 5:15-16 says that "among Reuben there were great searchings of heart."

GIFT: Reubenites are rulers (administrators).

Reuben is representative of *all* mankind. He **lost** his birthright for defiling his father's concubine, Bilhah (Genesis 35:22). We have all lost our birthright (the earth). Adam's firstborn, Cain, lost **his** birthright. Noah's firstborn, Ham, lost **his** birthright. If you think you have foolishly lost your birthright, you may be a Reubenite. But don't despair, spiritual Reubenites are restored **totally** and possess the first gate of the Holy City (Ezekiel 48:31). Reuben **does** regain dominion and becomes a caregiver of all that God given. But it's time to **get rid of guilt** and began the work of restoration. Reubenites are often in the forefront in civil and environmental issues. They need to understand that there is **resurrection power** programmed into creation. After man destroys creation, it can and **will** heal itself. (*i.e. willow trees can clean up underground waste, rocks have the power to clean underground water, spider plants can purify indoor air, etc...*) Reubenites will "head up" the work of restoring the earth.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:3-4 KJV

(Jacob's blessing)

"Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.
Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch."

Deuteronomy 33:6

(Moses's blessing)

"Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: It is traditionally thought that the face of a **man** is the insignia of Reuben. What distinguishes man above animals is the ability to organize information, to speak and the ability to differentiate between good and evil (*animals have never eaten from that tree*). These are the primary attributes of a Reubenite. They are great organizers and they have a strong sense of good and evil. But I think there is another animal that may **also** represent Reuben: the **stork**. In Job 39: 13, a literal translation says: "The wing of the ostriches flap joyously, though not the pinions of the **stork of flight**. When you look up the Hebrew word for stork, it indicates a maternal bird, (which is probably where we get the idea that storks deliver babies). Since the other 11 animals here are tribes of Israel, the stork may represent Reuben. Like most first-born, Reuben was a protective big brother. In fact, Reubenites can be overly protective parents, motivated by guilt.



Benjamin (*Ben-Yamin*)

1

CALLING: Benjamites are called to challenge accepted traditions.

Benjamin means "Son of the right hand." The right hand is the hand that challenges the enemy. It is a symbol of power. Benjamin was the only son **named by his father**. His mother, Rachel, named him "Ben-oni," which means "son of suffering" or "punishment." In other words, she was saying: "I got what I deserved." She died giving birth to him. Benjamites are **masculine men** (athletic, ready for any competition) and **feminine women** (Queen Esther was a Benjamite). The giant that Benjamites face is "fear of man." Benjamites are **spoiled** (often the last born) and **popular** (everybody loves them). The Benjamite, Saul, and his son, Jonathan, were risk-takers (1 Samuel 14:1). Only Saul risked his kingdom and lost it. A spiritual Benjamite is willing to take chances to find "something more." They are looking for a challenge. Without godly influences, they will look in the wrong places and challenge the wrong traditions. The country of Australia has a Benjamite calling. It challenges the adventurous (*with things like platypus ducks: that challenge zoology; aborigines: that challenge anthropology; Ayers Rock: that challenges geology, etc...*) and has challenged the lie of evolution with the Creation Gospel: "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of his judgment is come and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters (Revelation 14:7). It is the hour of the Benjamite.

GIFT: Benjamites are apostles (missionaries).

The apostle Paul was a Benjamite (Philippians 3:5). He was a powerful Jew who had excelled in the exercise of religion. However, he found himself opposed to God (Acts 26:9-11). When the church prayed (as surely they would with Paul trying to extinguish them), God Himself blinded Paul on the road to Damascus and sovereignly called him to be His ambassador **to the Gentiles**. A spiritual Benjamite will find themselves at odds with the plan of God **until they are humbled** (voluntarily or not) and realize that God's plan for them is the **opposite** of their plan for themselves. If they are not **released** by their parents and given to God (as Jacob did Benjamin) **to go forth** into unknown territory, they will end up challenging God Himself in the ultimate blasphemy. In Judges 20:16, there were 700 left-handed Benjamite warriors, but by Judges 21, the tribe was all but wiped out because of lust. The insatiable appetite of the Benjamite must be turned to the **purposes of God** or will bring His judgments.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:27 KJV

(Jacob's blessing)

"Benjamin shall raven as a **wolf**; in the morning he shall devour the prey and at night he shall **divide** the spoil."

Deuteronomy 33:12 KJV

(Moses's blessing)

"And of Benjamin he said, 'the beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him,* and the Lord shall cover him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders.'" (*Benjamites enjoy unusual protection from harm.)

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Benjamin's animal is the **wolf** or, possibly the raven. Benjamites tend to follow the pack so they should be careful to keep away from bad influences. Wolves love the wild and are hard to tame. The Hebrew word for wolf is "**zeeb**," and the Hebrew word for **raven** is "**oreb**." In Judges 7:25, it tells about the "Rock of **Oreb**" and the "Winepress of **Zeeb**." Oreb & Zeeb are mentioned together again in Psalm 83:11. God's discourse of the 12 animals in Job 38-39 omits the **wolf** but mentions the **raven**. Both animals are used to get rid of dead things.



Joseph (Yoseph)

[Manasseh (*Manasses*) and Ephraim (*Ephrayim*)]

2

CALLING: Josephites are called to provide for others.

Joseph means "to add" or "to provide." A spiritual Josephite is called to provide for people. Joseph personifies God as "Jehovah-Jireh" (I AM your PROVIDER"). In Genesis 37:5-9, Joseph tells his brethren his dream (*big mistake!*). If God shows you that He is going to use you mightily, don't tell people, just let it happen. You'll probably go through rejection, betrayal, and persecution before you are exalted ("boot camp for ministry). Jacob made his grandsons, Manasseh ("to forgive") and Ephraim ("doubly fruitful") sons by giving them their father's (Joseph's) birthright. You aren't fruitful until you forgive. The United States has a Josephite calling (American soldiers are still called "Joe" abroad), having begun with both pilgrims (Manassites) and ambitious merchants (Ephraimites) to now be raised up to feed the world (spiritually and physically).

GIFT: Josephites are exhorters "to give" and "to forgive."

Ephraim has an anointing to break the yoke of poverty and oppression. (Joshua was a natural Ephraimite.) But lasting liberation comes from the tribe of forgiveness, Manasseh. The first women's rights activists were Manassites (Joshua 17:1-11). Gideon, the reluctant deliverer, was a Manassite. However, there are no Manasseh or Ephraim gates to the Holy City, only the **gate of Joseph** (Ezek. 48:31-35). *Hosea was written to the 10 northern tribes that called themselves "Ephraim" after their leader, an Ephraimite rebel. Ephraim may be the tribe cut off (Hosea 4:17).*

BLESSINGS: Genesis 49:22-26 KJV (**Jacob's blessing**)

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him and shot at him and hated him. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel). Even by the God of thy father who shall help thee; and by the Almighty who shall **ble**ss thee with **bles**sings of heaven above, **bles**sings of the deep that lieth under, **bles**sings of the breasts and of the womb. The **bles**sings of thy father have prevailed above the **bles**sings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the *head of Joseph and on the crown of the head* of him that was separate from his brethren." (*An ancient map of their tribal boundaries looks like the profile of a man's head with a crown on it.*)

Deuteronomy 33:13-17 KJV (**Moses's blessing**)

"And of Joseph he said, 'Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, and for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let **the blessing** come upon *the head* of Joseph, and upon *the top of the head* of him that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his **bullock**, and his horns are like the horns of **unicorns**: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the 10,000's of **Ephraim** and they are the 1,000's of **Manasseh**."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Ephraim's animal is the unicorn & Ephraimites will be cut off in the end times if they do not return to their father Joseph's tribe. Manasseh's animal is the ox. Job 21:10 and Psalm 144:13-14 say that the ox does not abort. Isaiah 1:3 says that the ox knows his Master. The ox is a **sacrificial, hard working animal**. Job 39:9-12.



Simeon (Shimon)

CALLING: Simeonites are called to be watchmen.

The name "Simeon" means "to hear" or "to perceive." Simeon was the brother of Joseph that was detained in prison for a season while the other brothers went back to get Benjamin (Genesis 42:24). Joseph probably singled him out because he may have incited the others to throw him into the pit. He probably wanted to see if Simeon had changed. In any event, a Simeonite is a brash sort. Simeon and Levi conspired together to avenge their sister, Dinah, and could have gotten the whole family killed (Genesis 34). Zimri, a Simeonite in Numbers 25:6-18, was bold enough to openly defy Moses. The **unsanctified nature** of a Simeonite is **volatile** and they are not afraid to defy authority. In fact, many songs and movies are written by unsanctified Simeonites. They **see** and **hear** the future and are angry about it. *Unless a Simeonite waits upon the Lord and learns to submit to the leadership God has put them under, they will always be dangerous and cause trouble. Their tribal allocation was in the far south. Job 37:9 says "out of the south comes the storm."* But they ought not bear the sword in vain. In the spiritual realm, they have the power to see and warn people of danger and to use the **sword of the Word of God** to save their families and communities from oppression.

GIFT: Simeonites are prophets who see the future.

Fortunately, the Word of God introduces us to a **sanctified** Simeonite in Luke 2:29-35, who was one of the few who heard God and **perceived** the Messiah at His advent and prophesied over Him: "Now, Lord, Thou dost let Thy bondservant depart in PEACE, according to Thy Word; for my EYES have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel... Behold, this is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel and for a sign to be opposed, and a SWORD will pierce even your own soul... that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." (*Simeon was the witness of God's PEACE, Anna of His GRACE*)

BLESSINGS: Genesis 49:5-7 KJV (**Jacobs' blessing**)

"Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel."

Deuteronomy 33 (**Moses's blessing**)

None. Moses did not bless this tribe. It was the only one **left out** of his blessing.

This may have been because Simeonites were given part of Judah's inheritance (Joshua 19:9) and, as such, received some of Judah's blessing.

Or it may be that because **Israel would not hear** the Word of the Lord unto them, the tribe that represented "**hearing**" was omitted.

It is more than coincidental that for the first time in history, Miss America is a beautiful deaf woman. She is a sign to America.

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Simeon is appropriately represented by the hawk (which sees 8 times better than a man). See Job 39:26.

A hawk is not a bird to be trifled with. They can be vicious and attack an animal much larger than themselves, and win.



Levi

10

CALLING: Levites are called to cling to God. Any believer can become a Levite (*they are the "inner circle" of God.*

Levi means "to cling to," "oneness," "unity," or "joined" (as in marriage). They are joined to God by their **purity**. They cannot become attached to "things" lest they provoke God to jealousy. This tribe sticks out 'like a sore thumb' in the world because they are **set apart and holy**. "Loners," the world calls them. Barnabas, a Levite of Cyprian birth, gave everything he had to the apostles (Acts 4:36-37). A Levite will do that because they were not allowed to **own** anything. They belong to God. They are given the necessities of life (firstfruits) by others, because they are not called to labor for food, clothes, shelter or drink. They are to minister to the Lord. Many Levites are musicians and artists. Purity is their strength. Self-righteousness is the giant they must conquer. The nation of Israel has a Levitical calling. That's why they can't seem to **own** land.

GIFT: Levites are able to operate in any of the other gifts (they were given portions within all the other tribes (Numbers 35:8, Ezekiel 48:19).

The Levites were divided into 3 camps: Merarites ("bitter"), Kohathites ("assembly"), Gershonites ("exiled") besides the camp of Moses and Aaron. As such, they formed an inner circle (like Peter, James and John) around the Tabernacle (which represented Jesus). While the other tribes were at war, the Levites cared for God's dwelling. When the presence of God moved, they packed up and carried the Tabernacle (Num. 4).

The 3 kinds of Levites:

Merarites carried the bars, pillars and sockets. They are the ones who bear the gospel message in a **life of bitter hardships**.

Kohathites carried the holy furnishings. They are the ones who live a **life of holiness** amidst the world (appearing as a fool).

Gershonites carried the curtains and coverings. These are the ones who are exiled to a **life of separation**, covering others in prayer.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:5-7 KJV

(Jacob's blessing)

"Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united: for in their **anger** they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel, I will *divide them* in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel."

Deuteronomy 33:8-11 KJV

(Moses's blessing)

"And of Levi he said, 'Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with **thy holy one**, whom thou didst prove at Massah and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah; who said unto his father and his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant. **Thy shall teach** Jacob thy judgements and Israel thy law; they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifices upon thine altar. Bless, Lord, his substance, and **accept the work of his hands**; smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him that they rise not again."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Levi is a war horse. Job 39:19-25 describes him scenting the battle **from afar**. The Levites did not go to war probably because they hated sin so much they might *enjoy* killing the unrighteous. (*Remember the Levite Moses, who slew an Egyptian.*) So the very strongest tribe was made to stay home. On their High Priest, and on the bells of the **horses** in Zechariah 14:20 is inscribed "**Holy to the Lord.**"



Zebulun

CALLING: Zebulunites are called to get into the Word of God and find the deep things.

Zebulun means "to dwell" or "to abide." John 15:4 instructs us to "abide" in Christ and let Him "abide" in us. John was called in the land of Zebulun and may have also been a **spiritual** Zebulunite. He says more about **abiding in Christ** than any other apostle. He became the **writer** of: a gospel, 3 epistles and the Apocalyps (Revelation). In the Song of Deborah, Judges 5:14, it says that "out of Zebulun, they that handle the **pen of the writer**." A spiritual Zebulunite has insight because they have spent time "abiding" in the Word of God. And because of that, the indwelling Word finds expression through them in what they write for others. They find the "treasures **hid** in the sand" mentioned in Mose's blessing. Matthew 4:15-16 tells us that the people in the land of Zebulun were **dwelling** in darkness and saw a great light.

Zebulun and Naphtali are side by side territorially. This was the area that Jesus grew up in or "dwelt" in. Since Zebulun means "dwelling" and Naphtali means "wrestling," this is a clue to **how** Jesus grew up, abiding (dwelling) in God and wrestling the enemy.

GIFT: Zebulunites have a "shepherd **instinct to care for others**."

Just as Peter was a fisherman when called by Jesus and became a "fisher of men," so, too, John was a mender of nets when called by Jesus (Matthew 4:21) and became a mender of the church, continually calling them to "**love** one another." **John** (10:12) tells us that a shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. This is the ultimate test of **love**. Judges 5:18 says, "Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field." It is truly a gift to have the heart of a shepherd, willing to do anything for others. These tribes are self-sacrificing. The blessing below indicates that Zebulunites are not satisfied on a plain, they desire the heights and depths of God.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:13 KJV

(Jacob's blessing)

"Zebulun shall **dwell** at the **haven of the sea**; and he shall **be** for a **haven of ships**; and his border shall be unto Zidon."

Deuteronomy 33:18-19 KJV

(Moses's blessing)

"And of Zebulun he said, '**Rejoice**, Zebulun, in **thy going out**; * and Issachar in thy tents. They shall call the people unto the **mountain**; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they shall suck of the abundance of the **seas**, and of **treasures hid in the sand**.'" (**Zebulunites are born wanting to "go out." Issachar, the evangelists, are linked with Zebulunite pastors in this blessing.*)

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Zebulun is represented by an ibex. (mountain goat). Psalm 104:18 says "The high mountains are for the wild goats (ibex)." When an ibex meets an obstacle, it uses it to go higher. The ibex has giant horns on its head but can balance itself well enough to go higher than any other land animal. A spiritual Zebulunite carries an unusually heavy load emotionally and does it well. In fact, they flourish in the hard places, where stamina is required. God asks Job if he knows when the ibex bring forth young (Job 39:1). Zebulunites have secrets.



Issachar (*Yis-achar*)

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CALLING: Issacharites are called to work.

Issachar means "for hire" or "reward." His mother, Leah, had "hired" his father for a night by giving her sister, Rachel, some mandrakes (aphrodisiacs) that Reuben had picked for her (Genesis 30:14-18). He was obtained at a price and he is born to work. The blessing of Jacob calls him a "strong ass." Asses are made to carry heavy loads. They love the land and are tough. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he sent for 2 asses to carry Him (Matthew 21:2). Unlike horses, *asses are sure-footed*, not easily thrown off course. That steadfastness is a rare quality in times of distress. Jesus is still calling for Issacharites to carry Him to the people.

GIFT: Issacharites are evangelists with an "understanding of the times."

The jawbone of an ass can be a lethal weapon (Judges 15:15-17). There's few things as sad as an Issacharite who has lost the blessings and anointings of God because of an unguarded tongue. If that's you, repent now, and purpose in your heart to only speak the truth in love, forsaking all verbal venom. The only **animal** that **spoke** in scripture was an **ass**. And that ass gave a **warning** to Balaam that saved his life (Numbers 22:28-31). This is the calling of the Issacharite. He is to preach salvation. The blessing of Moses speaks of Issachar's **tents**. First Chronicles 12:32 says "the children of Issachar, *which were men that had understanding of the times...*" "Tent revivals" in the wilderness are the product of Issacharites who "understood the times." The woman warrior, Deborah (Judges 4-5), was probably an Issacharite *who understood the times*.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:14-15 KJV (Jacob's blessing)

"Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: and he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute."

Deuteronomy 33: 18-19 KJV (Moses' blessing)

"And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, **Issachar, in thy tents**. They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of **righteousness**: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: The ass (or donkey) is described by God in Job 39:7-8: "Who hath sent out the wild ass free? Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass, whose house I have made the wilderness and the barren land his dwellings. He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth the the crying of the driver. The range of the mountains is his pasture and he searcheth after every green thing."

In Isaiah 32:20, it pronounces a blessing on those who *send forth* the feet of the **ox** and the **ass**. But in Deuteronomy 22:10, it says that an **ox** and an **ass** should not be yoked together. Manasseh (oxen) and Issachar (asses) **can** work toward the same goal, but *not at the same pace*. Your stubborn donkey probably just can't work **alongside you**. So, if you married a donkey, give yours enough love and appreciation to carry their load without any coaching from you on how to do it. They **only** listen to one voice, and it's probably not yours. Pray that it will be the Lord's.



Judah (*Ya-hudah*)

CALLING: Judites are called to raise up a standard.

Judah means "lifted **hands**" or "praise." Even though Reuben was firstborn, Judah was made the leader in going out to war (1 Chronicles 5:1-2). Judites don't 'follow the trend,' they 'set the trend.' People watch them to see what the styles will be. God called a Judite to oversee construction on the Tabernacle (Ex. 31:2-5). They are skilled with their hands, **very resourceful** and strong-willed. The first recorded words of Judah in scripture are "what profit is it...?" (Genesis 37:26). He was referring to the proposal to kill little Joseph. They decided to sell him instead. Most of the natural Jews today are descendants of the tribe of Judah and are known for their *ability to make a profit*. They are the bankers and financiers of the world. And most of the great inventions of the last 400 years have been made by Jews. Jesus Himself was of the tribe of Judah and led the way for all mankind to inherit the Kingdom of God. They know where **real wealth** lies and how to obtain it Great Britain (whose symbol is a lion) has the calling of Judah. They have **set the standard** in the realm of literature (the King James Bible foremost, also Shakespeare, Dickens, the classics...), of government (owning Aust., Canada...) and whose royalty are watched by the world in matters of protocol.

GIFT: Judites have the gift of mercy.

Judites, like King David, have found that the anointing is upon them to bestow mercy upon their enemies (1 Samuel 26:1-25). All through scripture there is the preservation of the tribe of Judah that God might show mercy on us through a Judite. Many Judites today work in the field of medicine or law because they are only truly fulfilled when they are showing mercy. [*Incidentally, King Saul represents organized religion and David represents overcomers. Many church problems are a test to see if you will keep your attitude right, like David did, toward Saul.*]

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:8-12 (Jacob's blessing)

"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a **lion's whelp**: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The *sceptre shall not depart from Judah*,* nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes shall be red with wine and his teeth white with milk." (**England's royal family claims descendancy from Judah.*)

Deuteronomy 33:7 (Moses's blessing)

"And this is the blessing of Judah; and he said, 'Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let **his hands** be sufficient for him; and be Thou a help to him from his **enemies**."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Judah is a **Lion**. There are 5 different words in Hebrew for lion. When Jesus returns for His Church, He is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah in Revelation 5:5. (Dan is also called a lion, as is the tribe of Gad.)



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CALLING: Danites are called to judge.

Dan means "to judge" or "to execute." We are told to **judge** every prophecy (1 John 4:1). The problem comes when discernment is used to condemn. This is the giant a Danite faces, the tendency to be negative and side with the accuser of the brethren instead of "sizing up" the situation and building a spiritual wall of protection around the brethren. Like the Simeonite prophets, Danites, too, see what lies ahead and try to warn of coming judgment. Only they aren't sensitive, and tend to come across abrasive. If you understand their nature, you will learn to **trust the anointing that comes upon them**, even when they miss the mark in their personal decisions.

Judges 1:34 tells us that when the tribe of Dan was assigned mountain territory (the Gaza strip) to possess in the promised land, they failed to take it from the enemy. Instead, some of them traveled to the northernmost border of Israel and took an easier piece of land. On the way they fell into idolatry (Judge 17-18) and started their own religion. They were the first to be taken into captivity by the Assyrians (Jer. 8:15-17).

The most notable Danite in scripture is Sampson (Judges 16). He was the last **Judge** of Israel. He broke all 3 of the vows of a Nazirite (Numbers 6:2-8) and lost his anointing. Many have speculated that this is the tribe that is cut off because they are not listed among the tribes in Revelation 7. Manasseh is listed instead. While Dan means "to judge," Manasseh means "to forgive." Since the 'judgment you give is the judgment you receive,' then the Danites will not be able to stand in the time of judgments. They are, however, in the Holy City, Jerusalem, because Ezekiel 48:32 lists them as having a gate on the eastern side of the Holy City. *They just won't be around while the trumpets are blowing.*

GIFT: Danites have the gift of prophecy.

Simeonites prophecy with their words (like a sword). Danites prophecy with their hands (by creating). When Moses needed an engraver and embroiderer for the Tabernacle, God assigned Aholiab, a **Danite** (Exodus 38:23). When Solomon needed an engraver, God chose Huram, a **Danite** (2 Chronicles 2:14). Danites leave the mark of God (His beauty, glory...) on His creation.

BLESSING:

Genesis 49:16-18 KJV **(Jacob's blessing)**

"Dan shall **judge** his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a **serpent** by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse's heels,* so that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord." (*"Horse's " here might refer to Levites.)

Deuteronomy 33:22 KJV **(Moses's blessing)**

"And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Dan is called both a lion's whelp (offspring) and an adder (snake). The Danites who stayed in their own land were like young lions and the ones who took land that wasn't theirs became like adders, a stumbling block to Israel. Dan personifies the battle between the flesh and the spirit. However, historically, they changed & adopted the eagle as their insignia. An old eagle may choose to fly to a high rocky cave and pluck all his feathers out, rub his beak against the Rock and wait for His Creator to renew his body with new feathers and a clean beak. May the tribe of Dan be restored. Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 103:5 and Job 39:27.



Asher

CALLING: Asherites are called to bring joy and blessing to others.

Asher means "happy" or "blessed." They have a permanent smile placed on their face when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. They are enthusiastic and their joy becomes a source of strength that enables them to serve night and day. Asherites have a tremendous appetite and capacity for life that overflows into the natural realm. They may mistake spiritual hunger for physical hunger and become "fat and jolly."

GIFT: Asherites have the gift of ministry (serving).

Anna (Khannah), the Asherite in Luke 2:36-38, recognized Jesus as the Messiah. She had **served** in the temple, night and day until the age of 84. The number 84 in Hebrew is also the word, "pedah." It means "to **redeem**." The scripture says Anna "spoke of Him to **all** them that looked for **redemption** in Jerusalem." The odd thing about this is that the Wise Men and Herod couldn't find Him later. That's because **no one believed** Anna. This is the plight of the Asherite: credibility. Children and servants lack credibility on the important issues of life. The blessing of Moses bestows children upon the tribe of Asher. And Asherites are both children-at-heart and dedicated servants.

The word in Hebrew for a cedar tree is "ashur" (*pronounced differently but spelled the same as Asher in Hebrew*). The cedar is a light, fast burning wood that is seemingly unaffected by the barren conditions of winter. It is easily propagated and just as easily consumed.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:20 KJV **(Jacob's blessing)**

"Out of Asher **his bread shall be fat**, and he shall yield royal **dainties**." (*It may be his spiritual bread that is so rich.*)

Deuteronomy 33:24-25 KJV **(Moses's blessing)**

"And of Asher he said, 'Let Asher **be blessed with children**; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him **dip his foot in oil**. Thy shoes shall be **iron and brass**; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.'" (*The tribal boundary of Asher looks like a leg and there is drilling for oil in the "foot," which is the Valley of Megiddo. Oil rigs are made out of iron and brass because they don't make sparks when rubbed together.*)

TRIBAL ANIMAL: Job 39:13 says "Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the **peacocks** or wings and feathers unto the **ostrich**, which leaveth her eggs in the earth and warmeth them in dust and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labor is in vain without fear; because *God hath deprived her of wisdom neither hath he imparted to her understanding*. What time she lifeth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider." There is debate over whether the word "peacock" should be translated "**ostrich**" and the word "ostrich" should be translated "**stork**" but we know **one of them is an ostrich**. The ostrich ("renen" in Hebrew) has the same root as the word for joy ("ranan"). Asher is probably an ostrich. The humbling fact is, that without the wisdom of God, Asher is oblivious and foolhardy, but **WITH the wisdom of God**, is a powerful creature, afraid of nothing.



Gad

CALLING: Gadites are called to stand alone (like a troop) and do the "impossible" (i.e. miracles).

Gad means "a troop," "a horde," and also "good fortune." The natural Gadite in scripture that personifies this tribe is Elijah (1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 2). He was called to stand alone against a troop of false prophets. Elijah relied alot on angels (Kings 19:5). But in the wake of his victory, all alone in the wilderness, Elijah succumbed to depression. That's the weakness of a Gadite. From Jeremiah 2:36 we get the term "gad-about." One reason Gadites are "on the go" is that they think big. People who start large enterprises may be Gadites. While carrying out great exploits for God, they can overstep their bounds, as did Jephthah, the Gadite (Judges 11:30-35), who made a vow that involved great sacrifice of another.

GIFT: Gadites are teachers of wholeness or healing.

In Hebrew, Gad is spelled GD (early Hebrew had no vowels). Hebrew letters are numerical. G + D is 3 + 4 or **Seven**. Gad was the **seventh** son of Jacob. Seven is the number of **wholeness** or completeness. Gadites are independent, having a feeling of "completeness" in themselves. In Jeremiah 8:22, we hear the questions: "Is there no balm in Gilead? (*a city of Gad*) Is there no physician there? Why, then, is not the **health** of the daughter of my people recovered?" Hosea 4:6 declares that "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." That's why Jesus went about preaching, teaching **and** healing the people. Gadites **educate** people on how to claim their healing and how to boldly keep it. Healing the sick and raising the dead are gifts bestowed upon those who will **pay the price of standing alone**. Elijah experienced gifts of healing before anyone else because he is a forerunner of the elect. As such, he was "raptured" like Enoch.. Those who will remain need a **double portion** to minister.

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:19 KJV **(Jacob's blessing)**

"Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome **at the last.**"

Deuteronomy 33:20-21 KJV **(Moses's blessing)**

"And of Gad he said, **'Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad:** he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

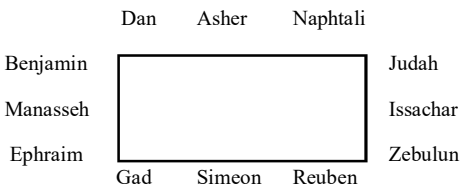
And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the Lord, and his judgments with Israel."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: In the blessing of Moses, Gad is called a lioness. (*The word translated "lion" here is translated "lioness" in Ezekiel 19:2.*)

Since the tribe of Judah is like a lion, many Gadites think that they are Judahites, but a lioness is much more **defensive of her young**. If you find yourself more often **defending** your children than disciplining them, you may be a Gadite. And most of your "good luck" is really strong faith.

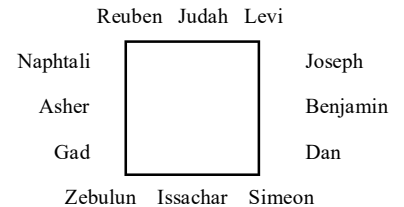


Encampments around the Tabernacle
(Numbers 2-3)



Deuteronomy 17:11-13	
Mt. Gerizim (to bless)	Mt. Ebal (to curse)
Simeon	Reuben
Levi	Gad
Judah	Asher
Issachar	Zebulun
Joseph	Dan
Benjamin	Naphtali

The New Jerusalem Gates:
(Ezekiel 48:31-35, Rev. 21)



Naphtali

CALLING: Naphtalites are called to wrestle in prayer (intercede).

Naphtali means "wrestling." Jesus had two homes, one in Nazareth, in the **land of "Dwelling"** (Zebulun) and one in Capernaum (Mark 2:1), in the **land of "Wrestling"** (Naphtali). Capernaum was reproached for their unbelief. Just as Jacob had to wrestle in the spirit (Genesis 32:24-32), so, too, many believers are called to **wrestle** in prayer. There is a "prayer mountain" in the orient. Not surprisingly, the Orient also boasts the world's finest wrestlers. There may be a Naphtalite calling on the Orient. They are also known for their plant nurturing skills (i.e. bonsai).

GIFTS: Naphtalites are teachers who nurture to maturity.

Barak (Judges 4:8) was a Naphtalite. He would not go to war without help. God made allowance for his reluctance by providing Deborah. Jacob's blessing calls Naphtali a doe. Doe are cautious, protective, gracious and only fight to protect. It also says that Naphtali "giveth goodly words" (he is a born teacher). The Psalmist declares that the doe "thirsts for water" (Psalm 42:1). Those who thirst for "living" water will find it. Gad and Naphtali are personified in female animals (a lioness and a doe). Both are called to teach, but they can't just teach and run, they are obliged to **nurture** and bring to **maturity**. Naphtalites teach maturity. But they are also linked with the tribe of Issachar (evangelists). Both feel the intensity of spiritual drought. Jeremiah 14:5-6 speak of a time of drought when the hind (doe) and the wild ass suffered. May God water them!

BLESSINGS:

Genesis 49:21 KJV

(Jacob's blessing)

"Naphtali is a hind (*doe*) let loose: he giveth **goodly words.**"

Deuteronomy 33:23 KJV

(Moses's blessing)

"And of Naphtali he said,

'O Naphtali, **satisfied** with favor, and **full** with the blessing of the Lord, possess thou the west and the south."

TRIBAL ANIMAL: When God describes the doe in Job 39:1b-4, He makes reference to the **birthing process** that a doe goes through: "...or canst thou mark when the hinds (*doe*) do calve? Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth? They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows. Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them." **Naphtalites must wrestle to bring forth new life.** This is the heritage of intercessors: strong offspring.



Note also that deer are color blind, everything is in black and white to them. When the hunter disguises himself in greens and browns, they are not fooled. In fact, unless they panic, a deer is well-equipped to recognize the enemy and avoid him. This is both a strength and weakness for the Naphtalite. The gift of discernment often is not used because a Naphtalite, like a doe, will do almost anything to avoid confrontation.