



*In the beginning...*

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# The Life of Jacob

## Chapter 30

# Review - Genesis 29

*31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.*

*32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.*

**Genesis 29:31-32**

# Review - Genesis 29

*33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.*

*34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.*

**Genesis 29:33-34**

# Review - Genesis 29

*35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.*

**Genesis 29:35**

# Leah's Children

- God's is a God of mercy & compassion
  - He looks upon the afflicted!
    - *“I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted”* (Psalm 140:12)
- Born during the seven years Jacob served for Rachel?
- **Ruben** “Look a son”
- **Simeon** “Hearing” - from Hebrew root ‘*Shama*’
- **Levi** “Attached” or “joined to”
- **Judah** “Praise”
  - Bethlehem Judah ‘the house of bread & praise’

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;  
neither is that circumcision, which is outward  
in the flesh:

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and  
circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit,  
and not in the letter; whose praise is not of  
men, but of God.

**Romans 2:28-29**

Jew - contraction of "Judah"

# Genesis 30

<sup>1</sup> And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, **or else I die.**

<sup>2</sup> And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

<sup>3</sup> And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may also have children by her.

Genesis 30:1-3

- By your words you will be justified or condemned!
  - Matthew 12:37 (See Josh 6:26 vs 1 Kings 16:34)

# Genesis 30

- 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.
- 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.
- 6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.
- 7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

# Genesis 30

<sup>8</sup> And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

Genesis 30:8

# Sibling Rivalry

- Rachel's has everything yet nothing!
- She offers Bilhah
  - Meaning “Troubled”
    - Remember Sarah's offer to Abraham?
    - Hagar bore Ishmael
- Son's of Bilhah
- Dan “To judge”
  - Daniel (‘El’ = God) ‘God is my Judge’
- Naphtali “Wresting” or “Struggle”

# Genesis 30

- 9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.
- 10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.
- 11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

Genesis 30:9-11

# Genesis 30

- I2 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.*
- I3 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.*

**Genesis 30:12-13**

# Leah's Response

- She offers Zilpah
  - Meaning “a trickle” or “a dropping”
- Son's of Zilpah
- Gad “a troop” or “an attack”
- Asher “Happy”
  - from Hebrew root for “blessed”

# Genesis 30

*<sup>14</sup> And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.*

**Genesis 30:14**

# Genesis 30

**15** And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

**16** And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

Genesis 30:15-16

# Rachel's Gamble

- Mandrakes?
- Potato type plant
- Called “Love apples”
- Thought to have magical sexual powers
- Rachel “hires out” Jacob to get Ruben’s mandrakes!
- Her own desire to have children was the reason



# Genesis 30

*17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.*

*18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.*

*19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.*

**Genesis 30:17-19**

# Jacob's Children

- During the Dispersion
- Dinah “justice” or “judgment”
- Messianic Kingdom
- Joseph “he will add”
  - “God has taken away my reproach.”

# Genesis 30

*20 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.*

*21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.*

**Genesis 30:20-21**

# Leah's Additional Children

- Leah's Second Season of Child-Bearing
- **Issachar**           “wages”
- **Zebulun**           “dwelling” or “habitation”
  - **Dinah**           “justice” or “judgment”

# Genesis 30

<sup>22</sup> And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

Genesis 30:22

- *“though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come”* – Habakkuk 2:3
- Abraham waited 25 years
- Moses waited 40 years
- Daniel waited 70 years

# Genesis 30

*<sup>23</sup> And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:*

*<sup>24</sup> And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.*

**Genesis 30:23-24**

# Rachel's Reward

- Rachel finally brings forth a son
- **Joseph** “he will add”
  - Rachel will have another son, but it will be the death of her!
  - If a person is not satisfied now, they will not be satisfied then.
  - If you can't be satisfied with what you have, you will not be satisfied with what you desire!
- Jacob is now 91 years old

# Deliberate Design?

- Throughout Scripture we see evidence of God's deliberate design
  - Patens and structure that are beyond human engineering
- We see an example of this in the naming of Jacob's sons
- They were names that all held meaning and significance individually...
- But collectively they tell the history of the Nation of Israel in advance!

# Jacob's Children

- In Egypt
- Ruben “Look a son”
  - “The Lord has surely looked on my affliction”
- Simeon “heard”
  - “The Lord has heard that I *am* unloved”
- Levi “joined to”
  - “My husband will become attached to me”

# Jacob's Children

- The Exodus
- Judah “praise”
  - “I will praise the Lord”

# Jacob's Children

- The Wilderness
  - children of Bilhah = Troubled
- Dan “to judge”
  - “God has judged my case”
- Naphtali “wrestling”
  - “With great wrestlings I have wrestled”

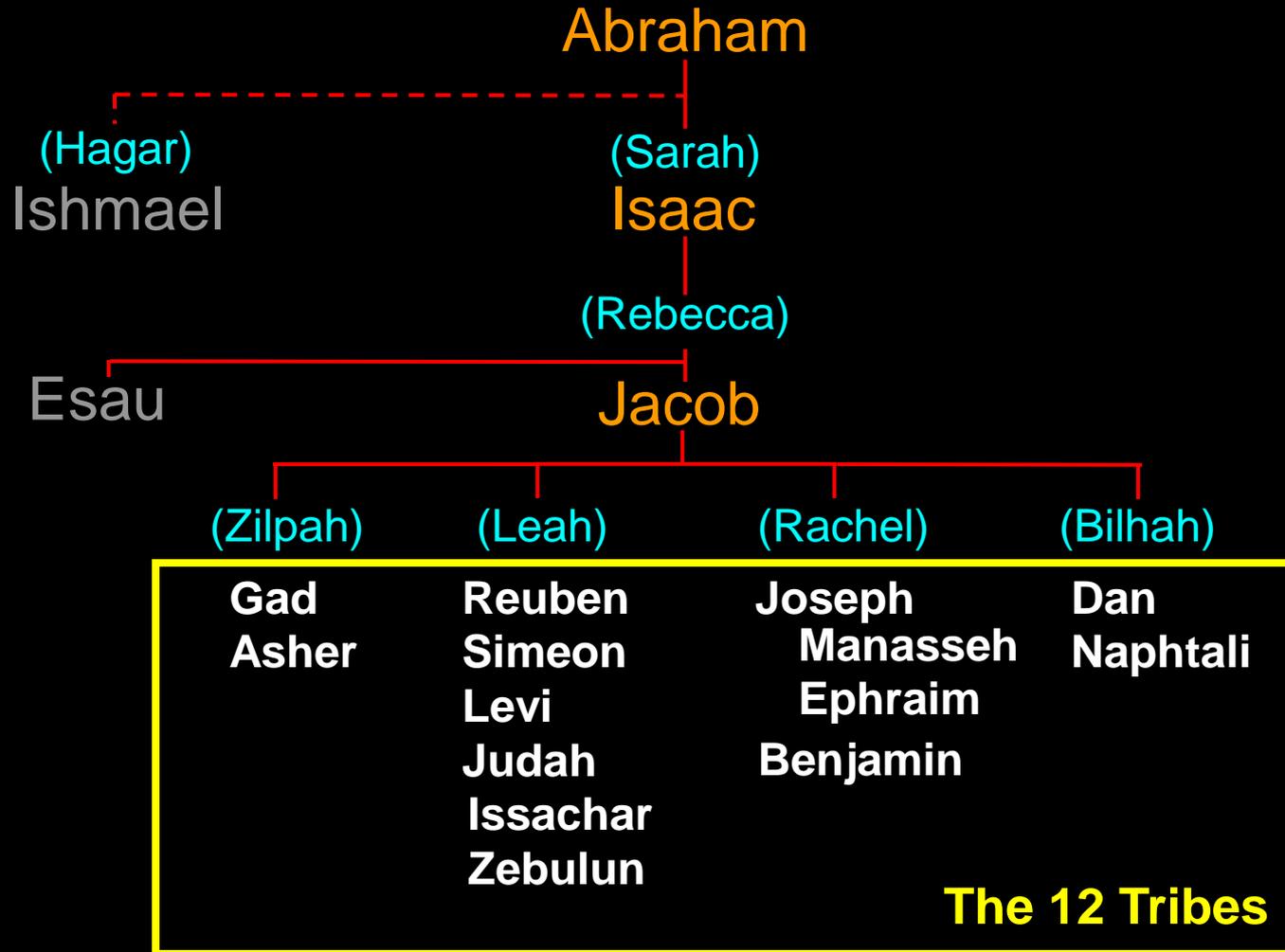
# Jacob's Children

- In the Land of Promise
- Gad “a troop” or “an attack”
  - “A troop comes!”
- Asher “happy”
  - “I am happy”
- Issachar “wages”
  - “God has given me my wages”
- Zebulun “dwelling” or “habitation”
  - “God has endowed me *with* a good endowment”

# Jacob's Children

- One more son will be born...(Chapter 35)
- Only son born in the Promised Land
  - Born on the outskirts of Bethlehem
- Benjamin
  - “Son of my sorrow”
  - “Son of the right hand”

# The Patriarchs



# Listing of the 12 Tribes

## Genesis:

- 29-35 Origin; natural order of Jacob's 12 sons
- 46 Entering Egypt
- 49 Jacob's Prophetic Blessing

## Exodus:

- 1 Entering Egypt (Joseph omitted, being in Egypt.)

## Numbers:

- 1:1-15 Leaders (Levi omitted)
- 1:20-43 1st Census (Levi omitted)
- 2 Order of the camp (Only order given three times: 2, 7, 10)
- 7 Offerings
- 10 Order of March
- 13 Spies (Levi omitted)
- 26 2nd Census (Levi omitted)
- 34 Dividing the Land (Eastern tribes omitted)

# Listing of the 12 Tribes

## Deuteronomy:

- 27 Blessings and cursings
- 33 Blessing of Moses (Simeon omitted).  
Order is geographical: Benjamin is before Joseph.)

## Joshua:

- 13-22 Allocation of territories. (In four groups to furnish cities for four classes of priests.)

## Judges:

- 5 Song of Deborah. (Judah and Simeon omitted.)

## 1 Chronicles:

- 2:1,3-8 Genealogies. (Zebulun omitted; Dan in v.7?)
- 12, 27 Officers under David (Gad and Asher omitted in 1 Chr 27.)

## Ezekiel:

- 48 Kingdom Divisions, Millennium

## Revelation:

- 7 Sealing of 12,000 from each tribe. (Dan omitted)

# Israel's Growth in Egypt

- Jacob (Israel) went down with 70 people
- After 215 years Israel exists as a “great nation”
- Rueben, Simeon, Gad 151,450
- Judah, Issachar, Zebulun 186,400
- Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin 108,100
- Dan, Asher, Naphtali 157,600
- Men of War 20 yrs old & above **603,550**

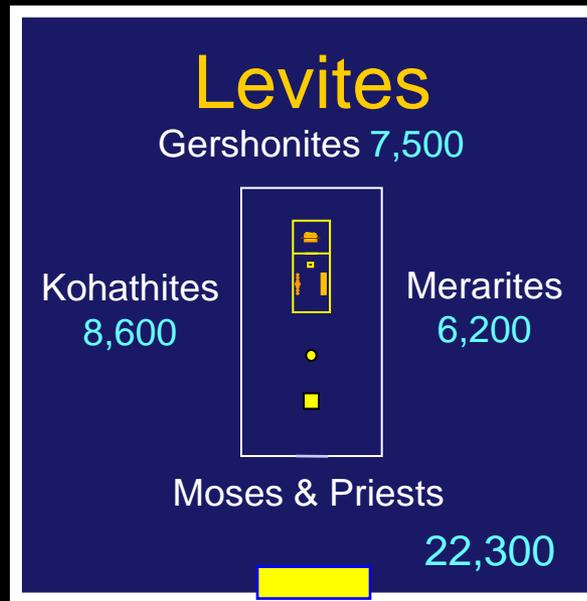
# The Tribe of Levi

- Levities were NOT to be counted for the army
- They were only to serve the LORD
- They were to "camp around" the Tabernacle
- Each tribe was to camp *“by is own standard”* around the tabernacle

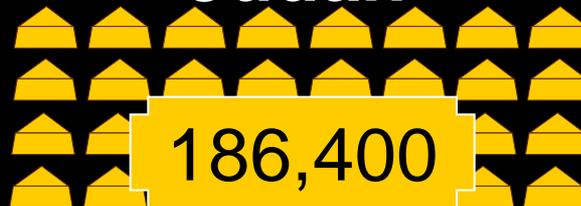
# Rabbinical Precision

- The Camp of Judah: **East** of Levites
- The Camp of Reuben: **South** of Levites
- Strict obedience denies area **Southeast**
- Thus, only **cardinal directions** ordained
- Only **width** of Levite's camp allowed
- Length **proportional** to population

# The Camp of Judah



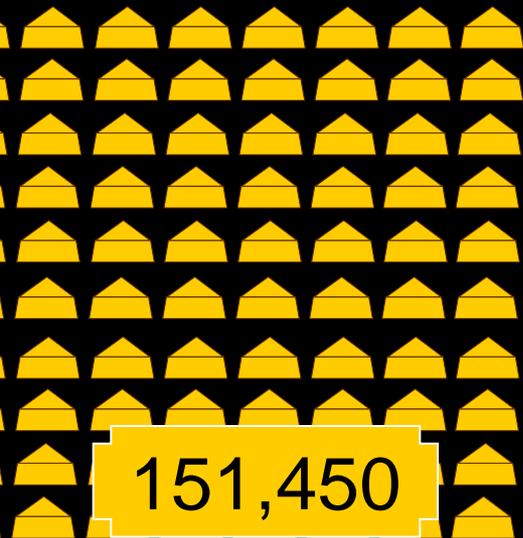
## Judah



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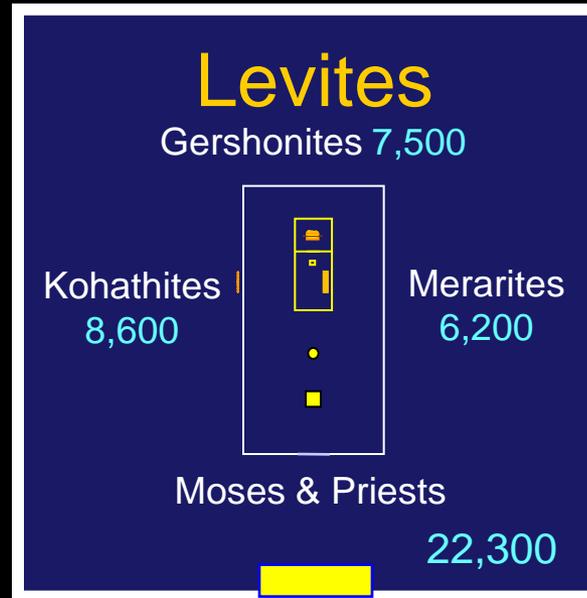


# The Camp of Reuben

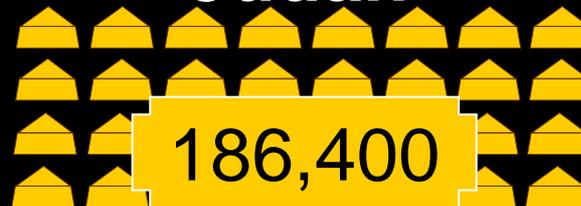


Reuben

151,450



Judah

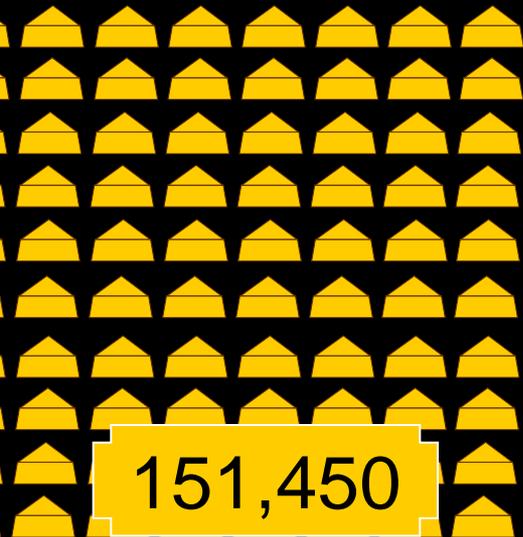


186,400

# The Camp of Ephraim

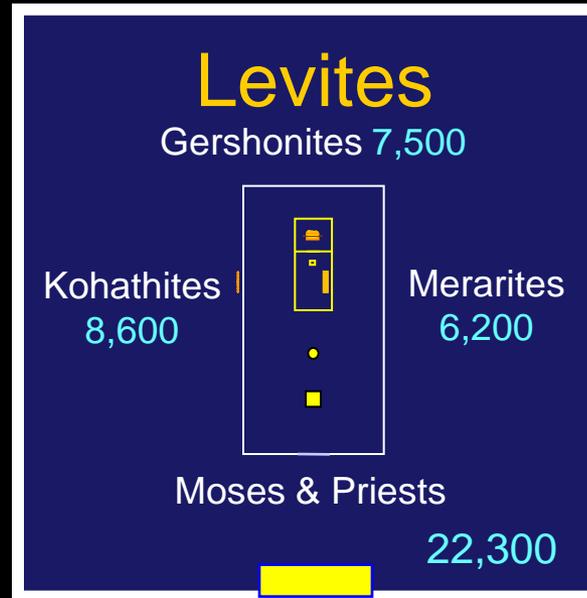


**Ephraim**



**Reuben**

151,450



**Levites**

Gershonites 7,500

Kohathites  
8,600

Merarites  
6,200

Moses & Priests

22,300

**Judah**

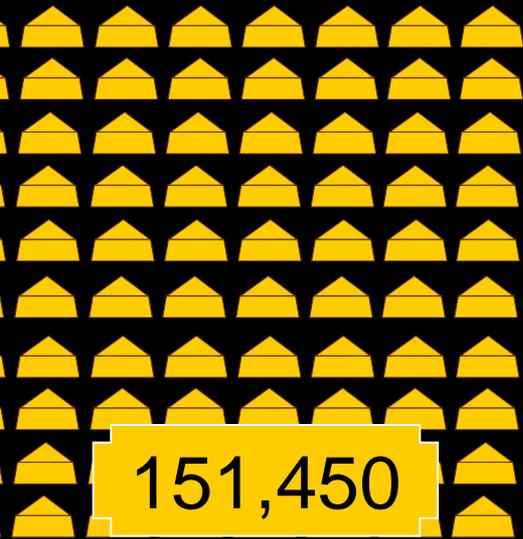


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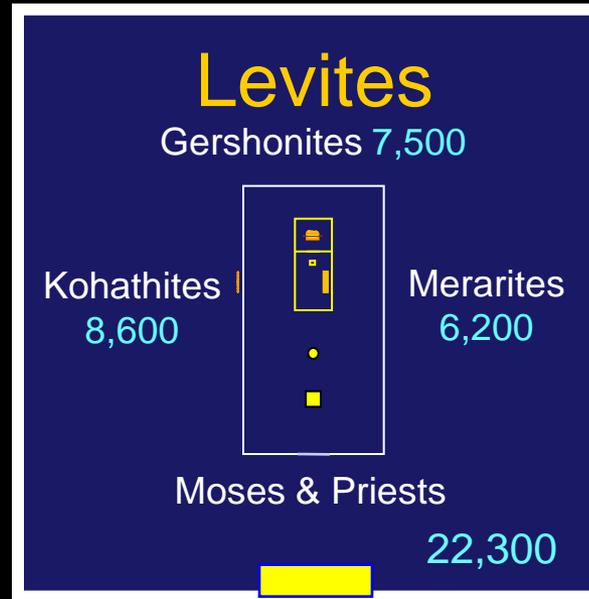
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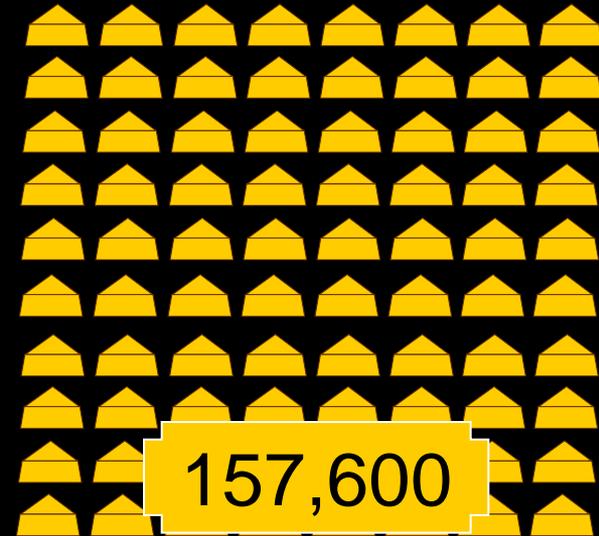
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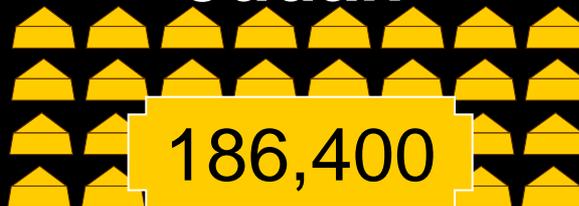
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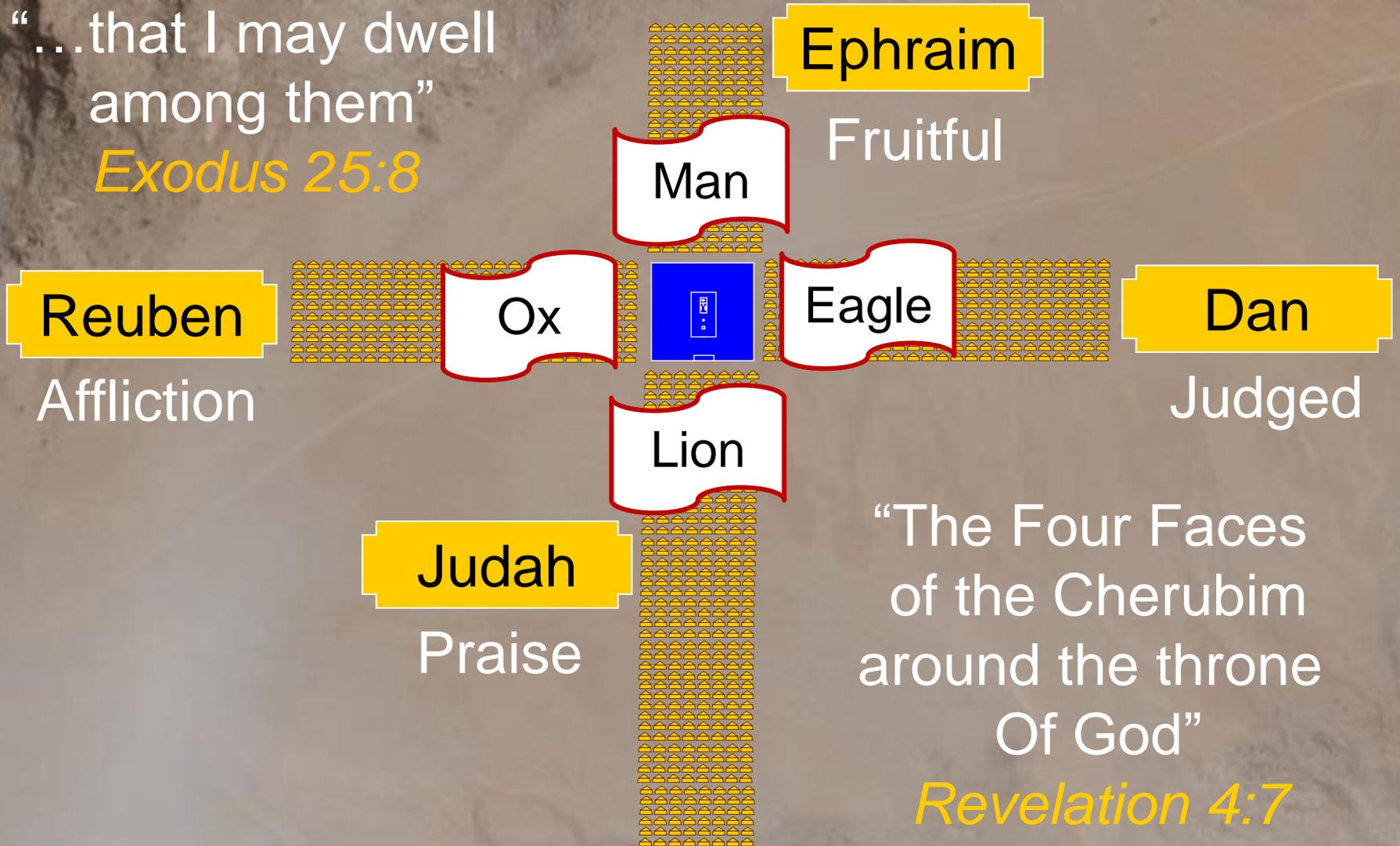


Judah



# The Camp of Israel

“...that I may dwell  
among them”  
*Exodus 25:8*



“The Four Faces  
of the Cherubim  
around the throne  
Of God”  
*Revelation 4:7*

# Revelation 7

Judah Praise the Lord,  
Reuben He has looked on my affliction (and)  
Gad granted good fortune.  
Asher Happy am I,  
Naphtali my wrestling  
Manasseh has made me forget my sorrow.  
Simeon God hears me;  
Levi has joined me,  
Issachar purchased me, (and)  
Zebulun exalted me (by)  
Joseph adding to me  
Benjamin the Son of His right hand.

# Genesis 30

<sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

Genesis 30:25

# Genesis 30

*26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.*

*27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.*

**Genesis 30:26-27**

# Genesis 30

*28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.*

*29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.*

*30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?*

**Genesis 30:28-30**

# Laban's Confession

- Laban had been blessed by his association with Jacob!

## Genesis 12:3

*“I will bless those who bless you,  
And I will curse him who curses you;  
And in you all the families of the earth shall  
be blessed.”*

# Genesis 30

*31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock:*

*32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.*

**Genesis 30:31-32**

- Jacob will take all that is not 'pure'
- God will bring blessing out of that which is defiled!

# Genesis 30

*33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.*

*34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.*

**Genesis 30:33-34**

- Jacob will have 'no good thing' yet this will be counted for righteousness! (by faith!)

# Genesis 30

*35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.*

*36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.*

**Genesis 30:35-36**

# Genesis 30

*37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.*

*38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.*

**Genesis 30:37-38**

# Genesis 30

*39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.*

*40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.*

**Genesis 30:39-40**

# Genesis 30

- 41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.*
- 42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.*
- 43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses*



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