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'... and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.'

2 Kings ch.11 v.12

Last Days Prophecies concerning the Tribes of Israel

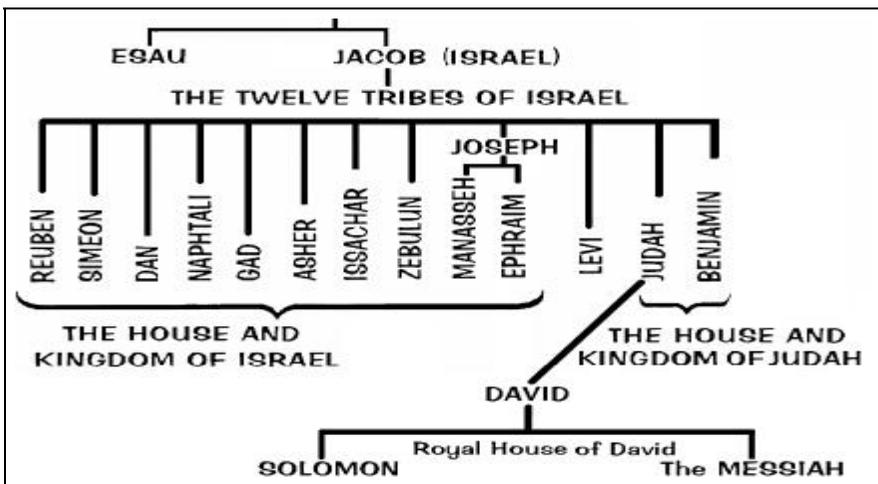
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In Genesis chapter 49 (Jacob) and Deuteronomy chapter 33 (Moses), specific prophecies are given about each of the tribes 'in the last days'. Deborah's song (Judges chapter 5) also gives some insights. These 'Fathers' and 'Mother' of Israel would have seen how the individuals and their offspring behaved. After all, God promised that their descendants would be numbered 'as the sand on the seashore' and become 'nations' possessing greater military power and physical blessings than those of their cousins Ishmael (the Arabs) and Esau (the Edomites). So, we should be looking at great nations, not small communities. Jacob and Esau were said to be two nations in the womb of Rebecca.

'And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.'

Genesis ch. 25 v.23

The tribes came from different mothers (Jacob's wives and their handmaids) which would affect their appearance and attitudes, and they were given separate lands so differences remained. It was the wives of Jacob that named their sons.



Benjamin was the exception to the norm by taking wives from another tribe (see Judges ch.21 v.14) . We see that they tended to act tribally (as natural people do today, staying with those they know) so there are reasons to see how strengths and weaknesses would be maintained. The sections below depicts the tribes in order of birth (following each son is the meaning of his name).

Children of Leah

Reuben (son seen, son of a vision)



'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.'

Genesis ch.49 vv 3-4

He was born into an emotionally-charged environment as two women competed for Jacob's affection.

'And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. 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 ch. 29 vv 31-32

His mother used his 'mandrakes', which were thought to be an aphrodisiac.

'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. ...'

Genesis ch.30 v.16

Soon afterwards Rachel dies and Reuben sleeps with her handmaid as it seems Jacob was giving insufficient attention to his mother (Genesis ch.35 vv 18-22). Later he took the lead in saving Joseph but when it came to the follow up he was absent.

'And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.'

Genesis ch. 37 v.29

Reuben has been equated by some with the people of France, it was the first of the colonial empires of Europe to acquire world-wide possessions, but during the seventy years of the Third Republic (1875-1945) had more than a hundred cabinets.

‘ ... For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.’
Judges ch.5 v.15

Revolutions and wars threatened to decimate her.

‘Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.’
Deuteronomy ch.33 v.6

She is famous for humanist philosophy and ‘The Rights of Man’. They are a proud people who have a reputation for ‘free’ sexuality.

Simeon (gracious hearing)



‘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.’

Genesis ch.29 v.33

‘Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. ... 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.’

Genesis ch.49 vv 5 & 7

Between Numbers ch.1 v.23 and ch.26 v.14 over 50% disappeared! One suggestion is that they joined Dan in Greece and became the Spartans (Sparta was also known as Lacedemonia or Sepharad which means separated). Their tribal emblems were a sword and a castle and these are found in provinces from Ireland to Finland.



Levi (my joining, associated, attached)

‘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 ch. 29 v.34

‘... hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance,’

Deuteronomy ch.10 v.9

‘They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.’

Deuteronomy ch.33 v.10

They had twelve ‘cities of refuge’ distributed among the tribes. If a name is thought to have Hebrew origin you have to ignore vowels and look at consonants. So, ‘Ha’ (the) L-V-T- could become Halvetii,

'the Swiss' who coincidentally dwell in isolation, providing sanctuary for fleeing people, having twelve oppida (fortified settlements). They also have four Pagi or sub-tribes and heraldry featuring a male bear (fiercely protective), a shepherd's crozier and keys. Levi was chosen because of their faithfulness. The Swiss have had a distinct cultural identity dominated by traditions and folk music.

'... David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musik, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.'

1 Chronicles ch.15 v.16



Judah (praise of God, celebrated)

'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 ch. 29 v.35

'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; ...'

Genesis ch.49 v.10

'... Hear, LORD, the voice (calling out) of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; ...'

Deuteronomy ch.33 v.7

'I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.'

Psalms 89 vv 3-4

After Babylon fell most Judahites did not return to Jerusalem but became part of the Israelite Parthian Empire with its Arsacid kings. This fell in AD 226, beginning a migration into Europe via Armenia, giving rise to European monarchies. The Persians called them Ashkanians (Ashkenazi Jews), though some other peoples converted to Judaism for political reasons (see Revelation ch.2 v.9 & ch.3 v.9).

They were of the Pharez line (see Genesis ch.38 vv 26-30), those that went to Spain then Britain particularly are known as 'Sephardic' (separated) Jews, Royalty of the Zarah-line.

'... 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?'

Genesis ch.49 vv 8 - 9

Since 1948 many have returned to Israel which like a whelp (cub) is young and small, but had military success against her enemies.

Judah was among Dan's overflow section in Jeroboam's time.

'Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 Kings ch.14 v.28

(See also Joshua ch.19 v.34), similarly we find Jutland in Denmark.

Children of Bilhah (Rachel's maid)



Dan (he judged, human judgment)

'And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; ... 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. ... And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore she called his name Dan.'

Genesis ch.30 vv 1-6

Probably looked down on by the older brothers who were sons of a true wife, then Reuben dishonoured Dan's mother so perhaps not surprising that he showed an independent spirit (Judges ch.5 v.17). Dan renamed places and rivers after himself and is obviously found in Denmark and Ireland (the tribe Tuatha de Danaan) and various place names in the north east, spreading to Scotland. Vikings from Denmark attacked other tribes in North western Europe and Britain, being seen as the wrath of God, their ships as serpents on the sea (see Genesis ch.49 v.17). Perhaps the snake ambushing the rider is seen in the IRA, they and certain anti-British militia in America had a coiled snake flag.

Naphtali (my wrestling, wrestling of Jah)



'And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.'

Genesis ch.30 vv 7-8

'Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.'

Genesis ch.49 v.21

'And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.'

Deuteronomy ch. 33 v.23

The hind or gazelle is a simile of a warrior who is skilful and swift in his movements (see 2 Samuel ch.2 v.18). The Vikings built swift, easily manoeuvrable vessels for their many expeditions, and were skilled navigators across the open seas, plundering, or trading if the area was well defended. They spread to the south and west, becoming the Normans, skilful in metalwork, weapons and jewellery.

'He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.'

1 Kings ch.7 v.14

Some have commented on the 'blondes' and permissive aspect of Sweden relating to the (female) 'hind let loose'. Naphtali, being the 6th son shows natural man independent of God. They became the Ephthalites ('white huns') of Northern India & beyond, trading with the Far East so migrated to Europe late and had to fight their way. They have also had to wrestle with harsh climate but have become very inventive ('goodly words').

Children of Zilpah (Leah's maid)

Gad (a band, armed troop, company prepared)



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

Genesis ch.30 vv 9-11

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

Genesis ch.49 v.19

'And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains;'

1 Chronicles ch.12 v.8

‘... 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.’

Deuteronomy ch. 33 vv 20-21

These prophecies speak of militaristic tendencies. Lions are fierce and their attacks are well-planned and very fast ... ‘blitzkrieg’.

The phrase ‘with the crown of the head’ indicates that the leader is directing the attack, going for the ‘arm’ or strength / army of its opponents first. In terms of land, Gad was on the East side of Israel. What nation apart from Germany has fulfilled these things? A troop of nations overcame them but Germany has risen to be ‘the powerhouse of Europe’. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 was a ‘turning back’ of the ‘Iron Curtain’ Communism, an enlarging of Germany.

‘Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:’

Ezekiel ch.38 vv 2-4



Asher (happy, blessedness, proceeding right)

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

Genesis ch.30 vv 12-13

‘Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.’

Genesis ch.49 v.20

Positioned next to Zebulun in Israel, this seems to refer to Belgium & Luxembourg which are rich countries famous for their rich food, beer and wine, the ‘Burgundian’ life. Numbers ch.26 v.45 gives the Heberites as one clan.

‘Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: ...’

They could have settled the Hebrides (with access to oil). Historically, Belgium has been a 'cockpit of Europe' with various tribes battling, making them 'men of valour' and 'experts in war',

'... choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.'

1 Chronicles ch.7 v.40

'And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.'

1 Chronicles ch.12 v.36

But preferring peace, some seeking peace abroad such as in South Africa with its gold and gemstones.

'And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.'

Numbers ch.34 v.27

(Ahihud 'brother of renown' the son of Shelomi 'peaceable'.)

'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.'

Deuteronomy ch.33 vv 24-25

England (Ephraim) and France (Reuben) fought each other over colonies, but they allowed Belgium to have Congo and Rwanda. 'Thy shoes shall be iron and brass'. Belgium has been a metal smelting centre for centuries, it has the highest density of railway ('iron shoe'), also in Africa where Congo supplied copper ('brass').



Children of Leah

Issachar (price, reward, punishment, a hire)

'And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.'

Genesis ch.30 vv 17-18

'... 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.'

Genesis ch.49 vv 14-15

The ass rather than a horse was ridden by prophets, priests and noblemen. It is strong and versatile, not aggressive. The Baltic states are strong people that dwell between bigger nations - Sweden, Russia & Germany. They have accepted being under tribute, Issachar was born of hire.

With regard to the sun, moon and stars,

‘... the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, ...’.

1 Chronicles ch.12 v.32

East-West agreements were signed under ‘The Helsinki Accords’. It has been a battleground that they have held on to, just as Issachar's land was the valley of Jezreel.

‘And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents.’

Deuteronomy ch.33 v.18

This contrast with Zebulun (Holland) indicates that Issachar would either be landlocked or in a cold environment. People rejoice in what they are good at. It indicates they would take pride in their houses (decoration and clothing). Finns are leaders in design and architecture.



Zebulun (dwelling wished for, habitation)

‘And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. 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.’

Genesis ch.30 vv 19-20

‘Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.’

Genesis ch.49 v.13

Much of Holland is created from what was formerly sea using dykes. Rotterdam is the world's busiest port and its people were proficient at sea-trading. She colonised in the East Indies, Americas and South Africa. The Sidonians, of whom Jezebel came, were renowned for their fertility worship, again a feature of Holland.

‘... out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.’

Judges ch. 5 v.14

Holland has a reputation for printing and cartography.

‘ ... Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out ... They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck (give milk, nurse) of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.’

Deuteronomy ch.33 vvx 18 - 19

Naturally they have drained the sea for land and obtained oil from it (Royal Dutch Shell). Spiritually, because of their colonies and evangelical zeal they have spread salvation across the seas.

Children of Rachel



Joseph (to add, to increase, to perfect, to progress)

‘And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.’

Genesis ch.30 vv 22-24

The birthright was Joseph’s’.

‘For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph’s:’

1 Chronicles ch.5 v.2

All of the birthright blessings passed from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob, to be a great nation, a company (commonwealth) of nations, to be called great, to be a blessing to all families of the Earth and a curse to those that curse them. Joseph dreams of sheaves of corn bowing to him – agriculturally blessed above all, stars bowing – politically top.

‘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 bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings 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.’

Genesis ch.49 vv 22-26

The birthright was shared between Joseph's sons.

‘And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.’

Genesis ch.48 v.14

With respect to Ephraim,

‘God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee’.

Numbers ch.24 vv 8-9

The Lion and the Unicorn (Britain & the Commonwealth).

Joseph called his first born Manasseh. It is thought that in latter days they migrated to the USA which since World War I has been the ‘bread basket’ and also the world’s greatest superpower. Like the eagle, it has acute vision from above (satellites, drones) and seeks peace but holds arrows (missiles) in its other talon.

‘Ephraim’ was the chief tribe and name of the Northern House of Israel. 2520 years (‘seven times’) after Samaria was overrun by the Assyrians is 1801 the year in which Britain became a United Kingdom. Manasseh on the other hand saw America become a Nation in 1776 when independence was declared.

‘And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’

Genesis ch.28 v.14

So, according to the above verse they spread first West (USA), then East (India), then North (Canada) and then South (South Africa, Australia and New Zealand). Exodus chapter twelve indicates about two million Israelites exited Egypt.

‘And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; ...’

Exodus ch.12 vv 37-38

Moses said,

‘(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)’

Deuteronomy ch.1 v.11

'Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.'

Hosea ch.1 v.10



Benjamin (son of my right hand, the manifestation of divine power, fortunate, dextrous)

'And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.'

Genesis ch.35 vv 17-18

Last but not least, separated unto Judah as a light.

'And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.'

1 Kings ch.11 v.36

Rachel died in childbirth of Benjamin who was described as 'little'.

'There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.'

Psalms 68 v.27

'Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.'

Genesis ch.49 v.27

'... the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.'

Deuteronomy ch.33 v.12

Benjamin was with Ephraim and Manasseh in 'The West'. Historically a settlement of Vikings. Iceland fulfils all these natural descriptions.

These stamps depicting the Tribes of Israel were issued in 1955-56. The postal history of Palestine is centuries long. After the deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917 the British maintained the postal service which broke down in 1948 when it became the state of Israel. Since then stamps have been issued by Israel Post.

