

# Jacob's twelve sons in order of birth:

1. Reuben; 2. Simeon; 3. Levi; 4. Judah; 5. Dan; 6. Naphtali; 7. Gad; 8. Asher; 9. Issachar; 10. Zebulun; 11. Joseph; and 12. Benjamin.

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# Jacob's Blessing of Reuben

#### Genesis 49:3 - 4

- **3** "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, <u>preeminent</u> in dignity and preeminent in power.
- **4** <u>Unstable as water</u>, <u>you shall not have preeminence</u>, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

# Jacob's Blessing of Judah

## Genesis 49:8 - 12

- **8** "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; <u>your</u> father's sons shall bow down before you.
- **9** Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
- **10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
- **11** Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes.
- 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

# Jacob's Blessing of Simeon and Levi

#### Genesis 49:5 - 7

- **5** "Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords.
- **6** Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen.
- **7** Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

## Jacob's Blessing of Benjamin

**Genesis 49: 27** "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil."

# Is it 12 tribes or 13 tribes?

Jacob had 12 sons - 1 (Levi) - 1 (Joseph) + 1 (Ephraim) + 1 (Manasseh) =  $\underline{12}$ 

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## Jacob's Blessing of Jospeh

#### Genesis 49:22 - 26

- 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall.
- 23 The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely,
- **24** yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
- **25** by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
- **26** The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

## Jacob's Blessing of Zebulun and Issachar

#### Genesis 49:13 - 15

- **13** "Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.
- **14** "Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds.
- **15** He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor.

## Jacob's Blessing of Gad

Genesis 49:19 "Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels.

## Jacob's Blessing of Dan

### Genesis 49:16 - 17

- **16** "Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward.

## Jacob's Blessing of Naphtali

Genesis 49:21 "Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns.

## Jacob's Blessing of Asher

**Genesis 49:20** "Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies.

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Which tribe is missing? Moses blessed: **1**. Reuben; **2**. Judah; **3**. Levi; **4**. Benjamin; **5**. Ephriam; **6**. Manasseh; **7**. Zebulun; **8**. Issachar; **9**. Gad; **10**. Dan; **11**. Naptali; and **12**. Asher.

## **Every Word of God Promised Came to Pass**

#### Joshua 21:43 - 45

- **43** Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.
- **44** And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.
- **45** Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

# Moses was allowed by God to physically live out Hebrews 11:3

**Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having <u>seen</u> them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

## Moses Died in Faith, Looking Forward to the Greater Promise and Reward of Christ

### Hebrews 11:24 - 26

- 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures
- of sin.
- **26** He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for <u>he was looking to the reward</u>.

## The Lord God Will Raise Up for You a Prophet Like Me

**Deuteronomy 18:18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

• Quoted as fulfilled in Christ by Peter and John in Acts 3:22

### John 5:44 - 46

- **44** How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?
- **45** Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.
- 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.