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## Numbers Chapters 34 and 35

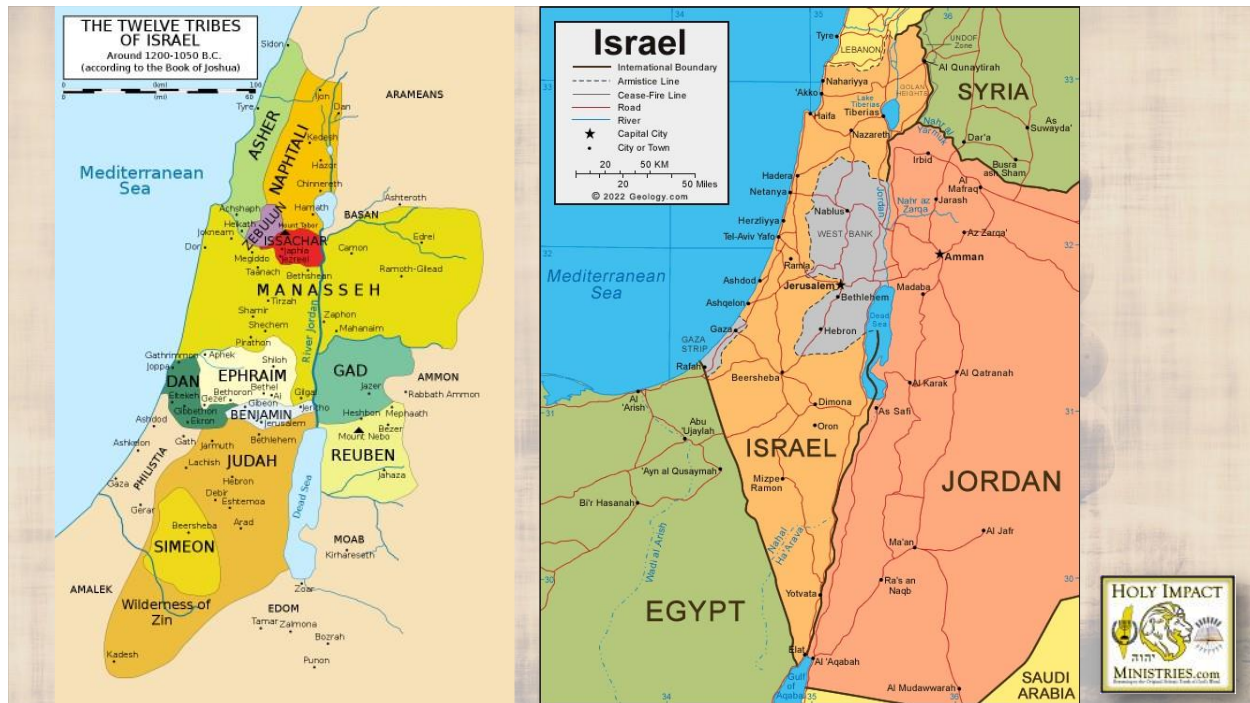
### The 14 Tribes of Israel

Welcome everybody once again to another installment of our study into the book of Numbers this evening.

Up until this point in the book of Numbers we read a lot about the war campaign of the house of Israel and why it was that Yehovah the Elohim of Israel was leading the house of Israel into battle against these other godless nations. And we spoke a lot about these nations being lawless on many different levels. But this evening we're going to begin reading about the settlement of the house of Israel and the boundaries of the land that Yehovah was giving to Israel.

And so, before Israel ever marched into the land of Canaan and overtook the land of Canaan, Yehovah was already telling the house of Israel to make plans for how the land of Canaan (which would become the land of Israel) would be divided up amongst the 12 tribes of the house of Israel.

And so, once again, the house of Israel had not yet even taken over the land of Canaan and already Yehovah was laying down for them what the boundaries of this specific land that he was giving them at this specific time would be. And before we get started here, I'd like for us to take a quick look at the map of the boundaries that Yehovah God was laying down for the house of Israel at this point in time. **(scrn 1)**



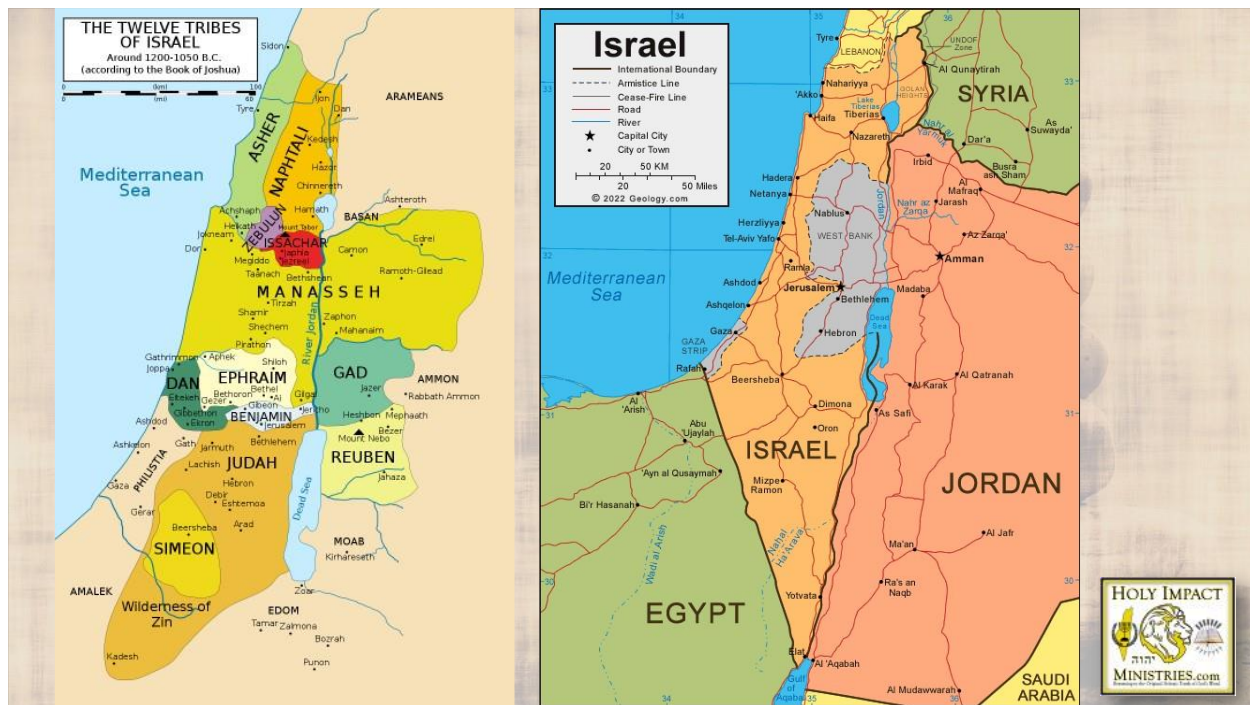
Alongside of the map of the boundaries of Israel that we find in Numbers chapter 34, I have also provided a map of Israel today in our time. And it's important to notice the similarities between what we see as Israel today and the boundaries of Israel that are being laid out for us in Numbers chapter 34.

Now, as we have said earlier in our studies the actual land that Yehovah God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is much more vast than what we are seeing here in Numbers chapter 34. The truth of the matter is, that Yehovah has still not yet as of today given the house of Israel all of the land that he promised Abraham. (scrn 2)



Once again, the land that Yehovah had promised Abraham extends from what we know today as modern-day Turkey clear down through Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, and most of the Arabian Peninsula!

And if you will notice on this particular map Israel today as we know it is just this little tiny sliver of land on this map in between Canaan and Jordan. This is the little sliver of land that we are looking at in Numbers chapter 34 and this is the very same little sliver of land that Israel consists of this very day as a nation. And it is this very little sliver of land that God has indeed made a burdensome stone to the whole world just as he promised that he would do in Zechariah chapter 12 verse three.  
(scrn 3)



And so, once again, we see this little almost knife shaped sliver of land that Yehovah is commanding the house of Israel to take over here in Numbers chapters 32 through 35. And it's important that we understand and acknowledge why Israel today is this exact same sliver of land that we see here in the book of Numbers in the Torah thousands of years ago.

Once again, what we see as the land of Canaan in the Bible is actually what Israel consists of today in our time. Keeping all of this in mind, once again I would like to reiterate the fact that this is not all of the land that Yehovah God had promised Abraham. Which means that the giving of the rest of this land has not taken place as of yet. And I would submit to you that the rest of this land will indeed be given to the house of Israel upon the return of our Messiah when it is written that Yehovah will gather all of these people from all of the nations of the world into the land that he had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Those nations who are alive and remain he will bring back to this promised land that he promised Abraham Isaac and Jacob make no doubt about it.

And for those of you who do not know about the greater Exodus written

about in the Bible that is called greater than the Exodus of Moses, we also have teachings on this at our Holy Impact Ministries YouTube channel for those of you who have never heard about the greater Exodus. But we won't get into that today because we've already taught on that in previous studies, and we have something more to present to you here this evening concerning numbers chapter 34 and 35.

With that being said, I would like for us to now read through Numbers chapter 34, and the first half of Numbers chapter 35 so that we can see and know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 34 and half of 35 E1**

### **Boundaries of the Land**

**Num 34:1** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**Num 34:2** "Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you enter the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan as defined by its borders),

**Num 34:3** your south side shall be from the wilderness of Zin alongside Edom, and your southern border shall run from the end of the Salt Sea on the east.

**Num 34:4** And your border shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim, and cross to Zin, and its limit shall be south of Kadesh-barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon.

**Num 34:5** And the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and its limit shall be at the sea.

**Num 34:6** "For the western border, you shall have the Great Sea and its coast. This shall be your western border.

**Num 34:7** "This shall be your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall draw a line to Mount Hor.

**Num 34:8** From Mount Hor you shall draw a line to Lebo-hamath, and the limit of the border shall be at Zedad.

**Num 34:9** Then the border shall extend to Ziphron, and its limit shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your northern border.

**Num 34:10** "You shall draw a line for your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

**Num 34:11** And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain. And the border shall go down and reach to the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth on the east.



Num 34:12 And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its limit shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land as defined by its borders all around."

Num 34:13 Moses commanded the people of Israel, saying, "This is the land that you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe.

Num 34:14 For the tribe of the people of Reuben by fathers' houses and the tribe of the people of Gad by their fathers' houses have received their inheritance, and also the half-tribe of Manasseh.

Num 34:15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, toward the sunrise."

### **List of Tribal Chiefs**

Num 34:16 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 34:17 "These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

Num 34:18 You shall take one chief from every tribe to divide the land for inheritance.

Num 34:19 These are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

Num 34:20 Of the tribe of the people of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

Num 34:21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

Num 34:22 Of the tribe of the people of Dan a chief, Bukki the son of Jogli.

Num 34:23 Of the people of Joseph: of the tribe of the people of Manasseh a chief, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

Num 34:24 And of the tribe of the people of Ephraim a chief, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

Num 34:25 Of the tribe of the people of Zebulun a chief, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

Num 34:26 Of the tribe of the people of Issachar a chief, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

Num 34:27 And of the tribe of the people of Asher a chief, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

Num 34:28 Of the tribe of the people of Naphtali a chief, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

Num 34:29 These are the men whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance for the people of Israel in the land of Canaan.

### **Cities for the Levites**

**Num 35:1** The LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

**Num 35:2** "Command the people of Israel to give to the Levites some of the inheritance of their possession as cities for them to dwell in. And you shall give to the Levites pasturelands around the cities.

**Num 35:3** The cities shall be theirs to dwell in, and their pasturelands shall be for their cattle and for their livestock and for all their beasts.

**Num 35:4** The pasturelands of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around.

**Num 35:5** And you shall measure, outside the city, on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the middle. This shall belong to them as pastureland for their cities.

**Num 35:6** "The cities that you give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, where you shall permit the manslayer to flee, and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

**Num 35:7** All the cities that you give to the Levites shall be forty-eight, with their pasturelands.

**Num 35:8** And as for the cities that you shall give from the possession of the people of Israel, from the larger tribes you shall take many, and from the smaller tribes you shall take few; each, in proportion to the inheritance that it inherits, shall give of its cities to the Levites."

The first thing that we see in Numbers chapter 34 is Yehovah God telling Moses to tell the people of Israel what land they are being given at this point in time. And he continues on to tell them what the borders of this land are. And once again most of what is contained within these borders was known back then as the land of Canaan.

And it will be this exact same piece of land that Yehovah would bring the house of Israel back into in 1948AD. And therefore, what we see when we look at the nation of Israel today is indeed a fulfillment of prophecy and the promise of Yehovah to bring his people back into that specific land. And it also fulfills the prophecy as we have said earlier in Zachariah chapter 12 verse three when Yehovah had prophesied through the prophet Zachariah that he would indeed make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the world. And once again, this is not because

the Jews are a righteous people. This is not because the Jews deserve the land of Israel to be restored to them. This returned to the land of Israel was done in order to preserve the very name of Yehovah who had promised Israel that he would bring them all back and place them back in the land that he had originally promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

What we are seeing in the land of Israel today is a precursor of what is yet to come. Just like salvation is not fulfilled as of yet today in our time, but will be fulfilled at the return of our Messiah.... so too is the land of Israel today a precursor if you will. Israel today is a prophecy continuously being fulfilled before the eyes of the world.

Salvation has not been fulfilled as of yet, but it is indeed in the works because of what our Messiah has done at the cross. And the return of God's people has also not been fulfilled as of yet, but is indeed in the works because of what Yehovah God has prophesied. We today are living literally in a transitional period of time. Once again, it is written that all things are not accomplished until Revelation chapter 21 at the end of the age there at the back of the book.

And so, what we are seeing here in Numbers chapter 34 is the creation of the nation of Israel as we know it today. But the fulfillment of the nation of Israel is still yet to come. The full overarching reach of the collective land that Yehovah God had promised Abraham thousands of years ago is still yet to come to fruition. But you can rest assured that when our Messiah returns, he will gather his people from the nations of the earth and place them within the confines of his Father's promised land to Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

Continuing on I'd like to also make mention of the list of the 12 tribes of Israel in Numbers chapter 34. And I would like to expound a little bit upon how the tribes of Israel are perceived throughout the Bible as a whole.

In the beginning of the Bible in the book of Genesis we see that Jacob



who is also known as Israel had 12 sons. (scrn 4)

## Yellow Highlights Are Listed In Revelation Chapter 7

1. Reuben
2. Simeon
3. Levi .....not in Numbers 34
4. Judah
5. Dan .....not in Revelation 7
6. Naphtali
7. Gad
8. Asher
9. Issachar
10. Zebulun
11. Joseph .....not in Numbers 34
12. Benjamin
13. Ephraim .....not in Revelation 7
14. Manasseh



There were originally 12 tribes of Israel because Jacob only had 12 sons. However... the 12 tribes of Israel which were the 12 sons of Jacob grew to 14 tribes of Israel when Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh the two sons of Joseph in Genesis chapter 48.

The problem is, that the listing of these 14 tribes of the house of Israel have generally been known as the 12 tribes of Israel all throughout the Bible. And we often times see the listing of the 12 tribes of Israel being listed differently depending upon which book of the Bible that you are reading. But there is indeed a reason for this.

For instance, there are two tribes from this list that are not listed here in Numbers chapter 34, and those two tribes are “Levi” and “Joseph”. Why are Levi and Joseph not listed here in Numbers chapter 34?

Because it was written that the tribe of Levi would have no inheritance here on this earth. Yehvoah God had taken them for his own possession

to be his priests and to do the work at the Tabernacle and his soon coming Temple. And as we can plainly see in Numbers chapter 35 the other 12 tribes of Israel listed in Numbers chapter 34 shared their inheritance of land with the tribe of Levi. And therefore the tribe of Levi was allowed to have its cities throughout the land of Israel because all of the tribes of Israel shared their land inheritance with the Levitical priesthood. And so, what we are actually seeing in Numbers chapter 34 and 35 are 13 tribes of Israel!

Joseph was not in the list of tribes in Numbers chapter 34 because Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh were adopted by Jacob Joseph's father to represent Joseph back in Genesis chapter 48.

Now... keeping all of this in mind... and I think that it's important that we go back and read Genesis chapter 48 so that we can once again grasp the blessings given to both Ephraim and Manasseh because this will become important when we get to the book of Revelation at the end of the book. **Gen 48: E2**

### **Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh**

**Gen 48:1** After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

**Gen 48:2** And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed.

**Gen 48:3** And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

**Gen 48:4** and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.'

**Gen 48:5** And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.

**Gen 48:6** And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

**Gen 48:7** As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is,

Bethlehem)."

**Gen 48:8** When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

**Gen 48:9** Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

**Gen 48:10** Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

**Gen 48:11** And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also."

**Gen 48:12** Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

**Gen 48:13** And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him.

**Gen 48:14** And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn).

**Gen 48:15** And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,

**Gen 48:16** the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

**Gen 48:17** When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

**Gen 48:18** And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head."

**Gen 48:19** But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations."

**Gen 48:20** So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

**Gen 48:21** Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers.

**Gen 48:22** Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and

with my bow.”

What I want us to notice here is why Jacob (also known as Israel) crosses his hands when blessing the two boys and why Jacob says that the younger brother Ephraim will become greater than his older brother Manasseh.

What needs to be understood here is that the right hand is always the hand of power. The majority of human beings are right handed, and because we are right-handed we use the right hand more than we use the left-hand and therefore the right hand becomes the strongest of the two in most cases.

And so, the right hand in the Bible is always in exemplification... an example if you will of power. This is why it is written that Yeshua the Son of David would sit at the right hand of God his Father. And this is why it is written that when Yeshua the Son of David returns, he will separate the sheep from the goats and the sheep will be placed at his right hand while the goats will be placed on his left hand.

Here in Genesis chapter 48, we have Jacob blessing Ephraim with his right hand, and we see that Joseph immediately tries to stop him but Jacob says no. Jacob tells Joseph that the younger son Ephraim will become greater than the older son Manasseh.

Now if this is true, and the older son Ephraim is greater than the younger son Manasseh, why do we not see Ephraim listed as one of the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of **Revelation chapter 7** and **Manasseh is? E3 show**

**Rev 7:1** After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

**Rev 7:2** Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,

Rev 7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

Rev 7:5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

Rev 7:6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

Rev 7:7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

Rev 7:8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

Notice here in Revelation chapter 7 that the tribes of Dan and Ephraim are not listed as one of the 12 tribes of the house of Israel here in Revelation chapter 7.

Once again this is extremely puzzling. And to add to this puzzle we must also see the blessing given by Jacob (also known as Israel) to the tribe of Dan who is once again, also not listed here in Revelation chapter 7 here is Jacob's blessing over the tribe of Dan in **Genesis chapter 49: (scrn 5)**

**Gen 49:16** "Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.

**Gen 49:17** 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.

**Gen 49:18** I wait for your salvation, O LORD.



Many theologians and scholars will jump to verse 17 where it is written that “Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that his rider falls backwards.” But they completely ignore the verse before verse 17 and the verse after verse 17 which says and I quote, “Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. I wait for your salvation oh Yehovah.”

And so, once again, we have this conflict of whether or not Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel or not. Once again, the tribe of Dan was known for its military prowess. The question is, who’s riding the horse that falls backwards because of the serpent in the way? Is the rider of the horse that falls backwards the enemy of Israel... or... is the rider that falls backwards Israel itself because Dan is a viper in the way?

Because it is written that Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel, we can only assume that the rider that falls backwards is the enemy of Israel because the tribe of Dan would be a significant military power within the house of Israel. But this is not how many scholars decipher this particular Scripture.

Many theologians and scholars will automatically jump to the conclusion that the tribes of Dan and Ephraim were indeed cut off from the house of Israel because of their idolatry. And there are plenty of Scripture in the Bible to show the idolatry of both Dan and Ephraim. But... we must remember that all of the house of Israel engaged in idolatry not just Dan and Ephraim. And Yehovah cursed all of the tribes of Israel not just Dan and Ephraim. All of the tribes of Israel had sinned against the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and therefore it is difficult for us to understand why the tribes of Dan and Ephraim would have been cut out of the house of Israel and the rest of the tribes of Israel would be forgiven and accepted.

But the question remains... why are the tribes of Dan and Ephraim not



included in the list of the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of Revelation at the end of the age?

Some say that the tribe of Dan was known as a tribe whose expertise was war and this is why the tribe of Dan was excluded from the 12 tribes of the house of Israel. But David was told that he could not build a temple for God because he was a man of war, and this did not exclude David from the house of Israel. And we must also remember that all of the house of Israel went to war against other pagan nations. And all of the men of Israel who went to war were sanctified through water purification. And we just read that in Numbers chapter 31 verses 19 through 24. We must also remember that God had chosen David who was a man of war to be the one that he would bring the Messiah forth from and it would be David's very throne that our Messiah will sit upon forever at the right hand of God the Father forever.

And even more theologians and scholars will proclaim that Dan was excluded from the 12 tribes of Israel because Dan had murdered a village of innocent people in judges chapter 18. But even David murdered Uriah the Hittite the husband of Bathsheba and was forgiven. Moses himself murdered an Egyptian and was forgiven. The Apostle Paul was a Christian killer before his conversion and he was forgiven.

The point in all of this is that just because you are a man of war does not mean that you are completely cut off according to God's word. And so once again just because the tribe of Dan was known for its expertise in warfare should not be used as a reason for why the tribe of Dan is excluded from the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of Revelation at the end of the age. And once again, as far as idolatry, all of the house of Israel was guilty of idolatry.

And as far as Ephraim is concerned, we can clearly see through the blessing of Jacob that Ephraim was to be greater than Manasseh, and Manasseh is included in the listing of the 12 tribes of the house of Israel in the book of Revelation however... the younger brother Ephraim...

who was supposed to be greater than Manasseh according to Jacob... is not.

And therefore... we are left with this dilemma, this mystery concerning the tribe of Dan and the tribe of Ephraim. But before we jump to conclusions and jump on the bandwagon of Dan and Ephraim being cut off from the 12 tribes of Israel as so many proclaim I'd like us to listen closely to what the prophet Isaiah had to say about both Judah and Ephraim in Isaiah chapter 11 at the end of the age; **Isaiah 11 E4**

### **The Righteous Reign of the Branch**

**Isa 11:1** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

**Isa 11:2** And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

**Isa 11:3** And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

**Isa 11:4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

**Isa 11:5** Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

**Isa 11:6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

**Isa 11:7** The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**Isa 11:8** The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

**Isa 11:9** They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

**Isa 11:10** In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**Isa 11:11** In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt,

from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isa 11:13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isa 11:14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.

Isa 11:15 And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals.

Isa 11:16 And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Notice that Isaiah chapter 11 is all about the end of the age when the wolf will dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat. And right here in Isaiah chapter 11 verse 13 we are told that the jealousy of Ephraim shall depart and those who harass Judah shall be cut off and that Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah and Judah shall not harass Ephraim and in verse 16 we see that there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people as there was for Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And so, we see clearly that Ephraim will be included at the return of our Messiah according to the prophet Isaiah. So why is Ephraim not listed as one of the 12 tribes of Israel in Revelation chapter 7?

Could it possibly be, that Yehovah God has something else in store for the tribe of Dan and Ephraim in his future kingdom? Could it be that there will be a future objective for both the tribe of Dan and Ephraim in the future? Or could there be another explanation for why Dan and Ephraim are not included as one of the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of Revelation?

The truth is that the answer to that question will most likely not be known until the return of our Messiah who will at that time make all things known to us. But I would be very leery of jumping to conclusions concerning the tribes of Dan and Ephraim being cut out of the house of Israel. Keeping this in mind I have something else to bring to your attention as well concerning this dilemma.

The Old Testament was essentially written in Hebrew. And back in those days' names were given to their children that had significant meanings. In other words, the names of their children meant something.

What I would like us to see here this evening are the meanings of the names of the children of Jacob who was also known as "Israel" because God himself had changed Jacob's name to Israel back in Genesis chapter 32 verses 27 and 28. So here are the meanings of the names of the tribes of Israel; (**scrn 6 show**)

**Tribes of Jacob (Israel)**  
**According To Birth:**

**Judah:** Praise the Lord,  
**Reuben:** He has looked on my affliction  
**Gad:** good fortune comes  
**Asher:** happy and blessed am I  
**Napthali:** my wrestling  
**Manasseh:** has made me forget my sorrow  
**Simeon:** God hears me  
**Levi:** has joined me  
**Issachar:** rewarded me  
**Zebulun:** exalted me  
**Joseph:** adding to me  
**Benjamin:** the Son of His right hand.

**"Praise the Lord. He has looked on my affliction, good fortune comes. Happy and blessed am I. My wrestling has made me forget my sorrow. God hears me, has joined me, rewarded me, exalted me adding to me the Son of His right hand."**

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I hope you can see these because I had to make them somewhat small in

order to fit them all onto one screen. But I wanted you to have them so that you would know what these names mean because when we put all of the meanings of all of the names of the sons of Jacob together in their order of birth... here is the message that we receive:

“Praise the Lord. He has looked on my affliction, good fortune comes. Happy and blessed am I. My wrestling has made me forget my sorrow. God hears me, has joined me, rewarded me, exalted me adding to me the Son of His right hand.”

Now if the names of Dan and Ephraim would have been added into the list of tribes here in Revelation, this message would not be able to be delivered. And so, the question then becomes, is this why the tribes of Dan and Ephraim were not listed here in the book of Revelation where you see so much doom and destruction?

Once again, only time will tell exactly why it is that the tribes of both Dan and Ruben were not included in the list here in the book of Revelation. But know this... the tribes of Judah along with the rest of the tribes of Israel were all cursed by God because of their idolatry and their disobedience. And therefore... there may be another very plausible reason that the tribes of Dan and Ruben were not included in the naming of the 12 tribes of Israel in the book of Revelation.

Here's what we do know... when our Father destroys the heavens and the earth that we know today and creates a new heaven and a new earth in Revelation chapter 21, the new Jerusalem that our Father in heaven brings down from heaven will indeed only have 12 gates. And upon those 12 gates there will only be written 12 names of 12 tribes of Israel;  
**Revelation 21 verses nine through 14 E5**

### **The New Jerusalem**

Rev 21:9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Rev 21:12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—

Rev 21:13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And so, the mystery of the tribes of Dan and Ephraim continues to perplex even the most astute Bible scholars. But once again, the prophet Isaiah does indeed point to at least the tribe of Ephraim being included in the return of Israel to the land that Yehovah had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And Jacob himself had prophesied that Dan would judge his people as a tribe of Israel. And therefore it is difficult to jump on the bandwagon that proclaims that both Dan and Ephraim have been cut off from the house of Israel.

Are there truly 14 tribes of the house of Israel? And will all 14 tribes of the house of Israel make it into our Father's soon coming kingdom? Is the number 12 simply being used as a metaphor? Or, are only 12 tribes worthy of being honored in remembrance in God's eyes? Is there more than what we are being told here within the confines of our God breathed Scripture?

I would submit to you my friends that we see through a glass darkly and then face-to-face. Not everything can be known. But everything will be made known in it's good time.

And so, I leave you with the evidence presented and I encourage you to pray and to meditate on these things. But whatever you do, do not proclaim to know something that you do not know. Do not proclaim something to be the word of God unless it is the word of God. Do not



fall prey to assuming something that the Scripture does not say for it is written: (scrn 7)

**Pro 30:5** Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

**Pro 30:6** Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.



And with all the information under our belts I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and the proper door will be open to you. And if and if you will do these things, and if you will stay the course to the end... You and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.