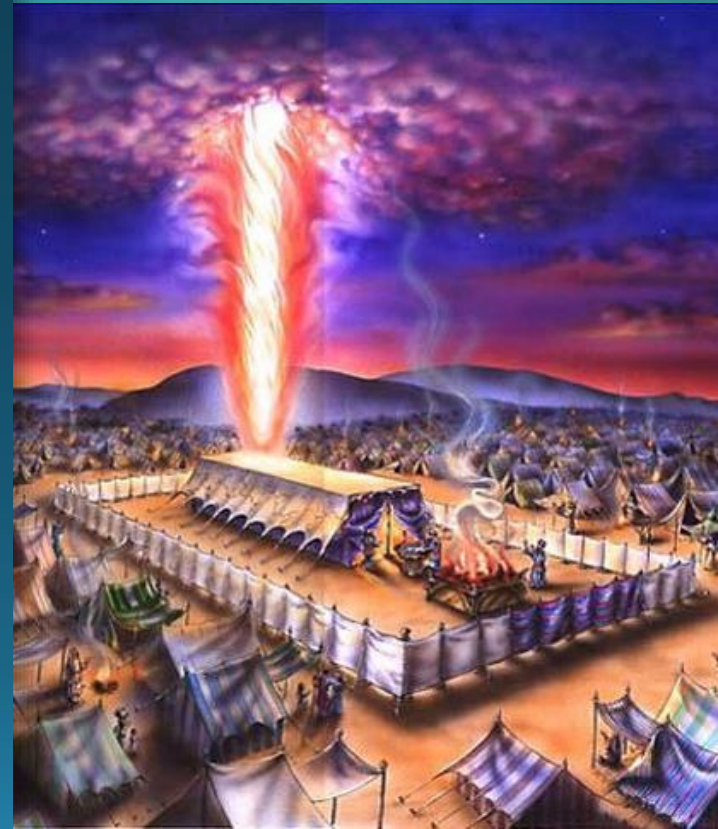
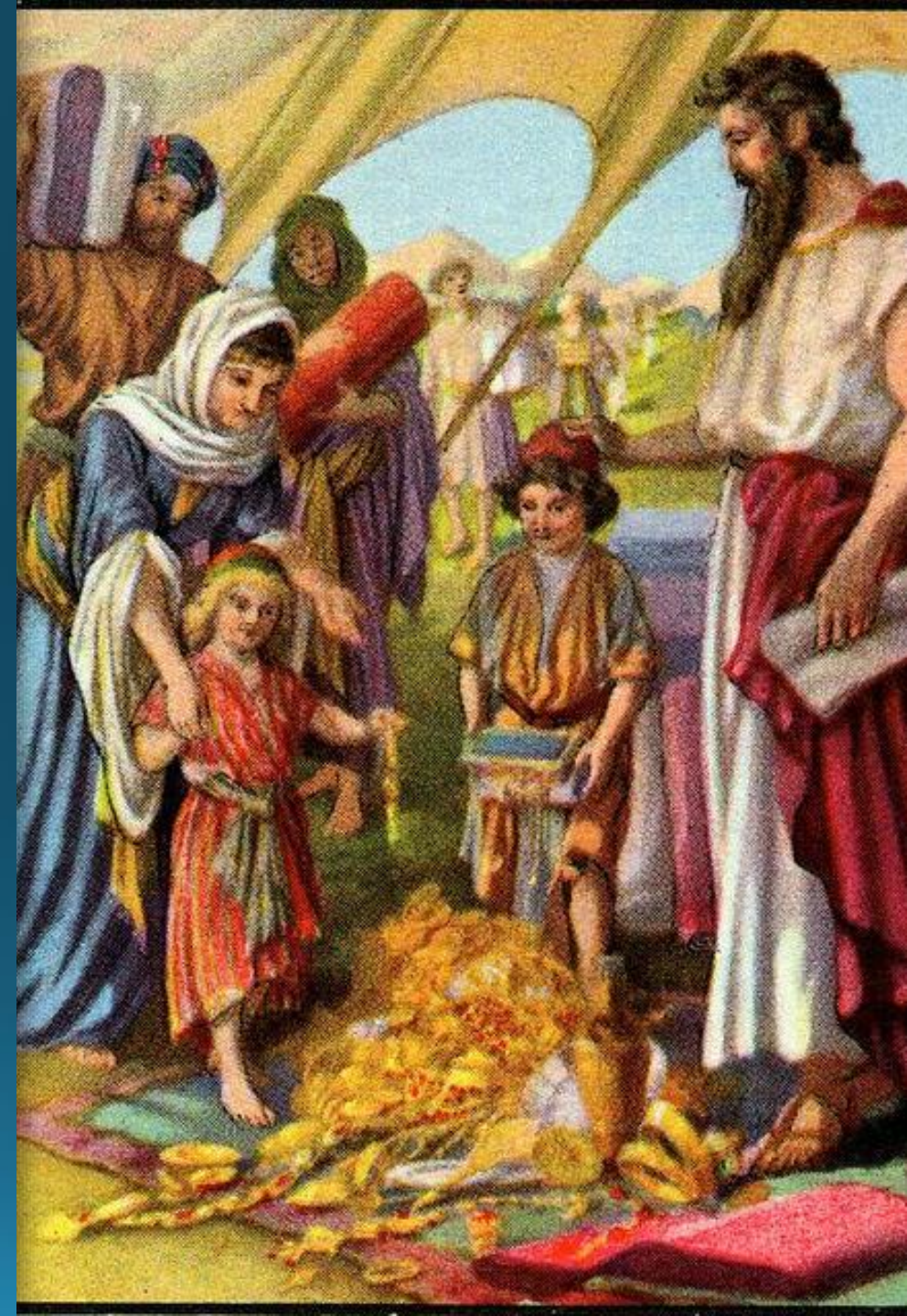


The Congregation In The Wilderness
Divine Order In The Community
What Torah Teaches us

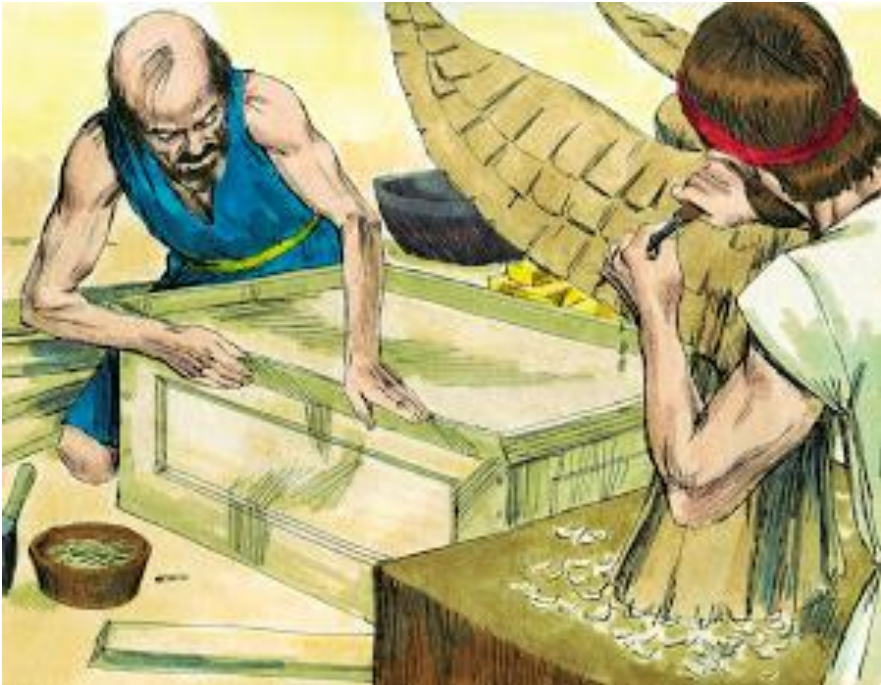


Congregational Donations

- Exodus 35:4-10
- Exodus 35:29
- Exodus 36:3-7



Assignments Regarding Building the Tabernacle and Furnishings



- Exo 36:1 "B'tzal'el and Oholi'av, along with all the craftsmen whom Adonai has endowed with the wisdom and skill necessary to carry out the work needed for the sanctuary, are to do exactly according to everything Adonai has ordered."
- Vs 2-38 list all that was made by the men anointed to do so.

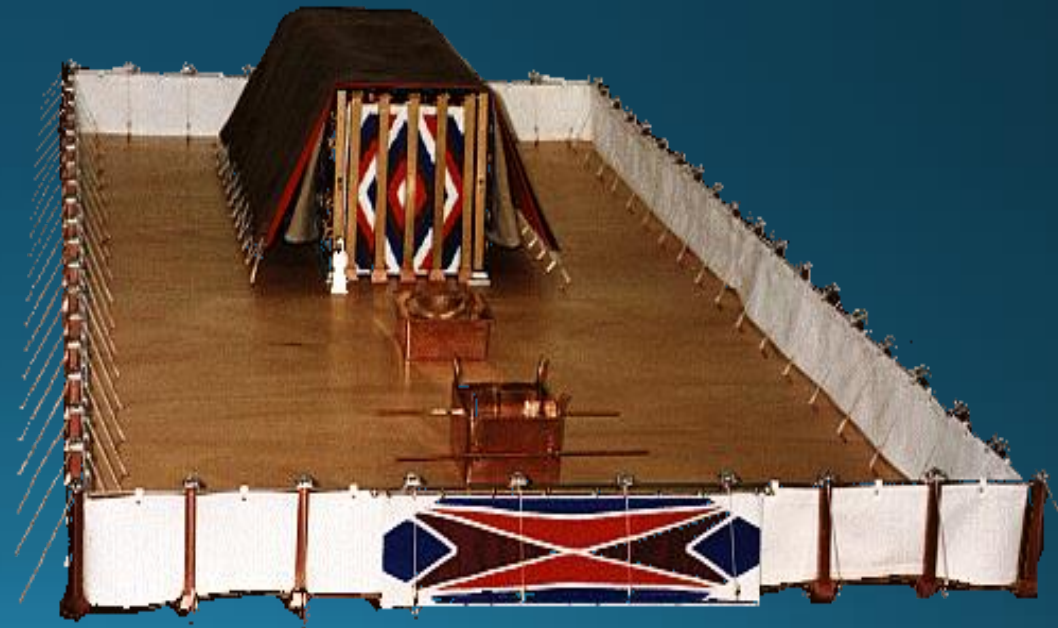
Spiritual Leadership Appointed and Anointed

- Exodus 40:12-15



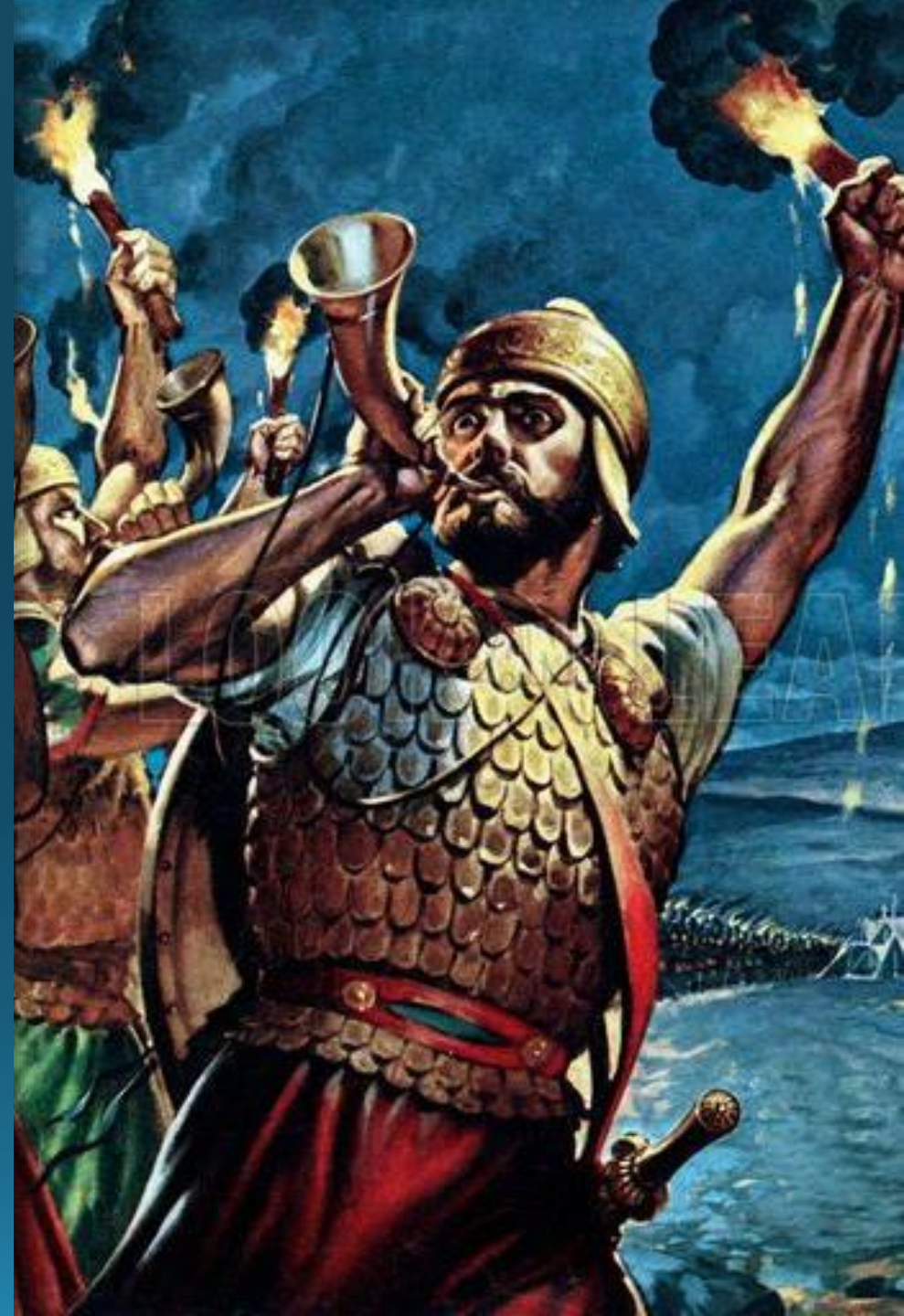
Order in the Tabernacle

- Exodus 40:1-11



Warriors Selected

- Numbers 1:1-4, 18



Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:1 Adonai said to Moses and Aaron saying, “

Num 2:2 Let each man encamp under his own standard among the banners of their ancestral house at an appropriate distance around the Tent of Meeting.

Num 2:3 **Those camping on the east—toward the sunrise—will be of the standard of Judah,** according to their divisions. Nachshon son of Amminadab, is the prince of the sons of Judah.

Num 2:5 Camping next to him shall be **the tribe of Issachar.** The prince of the sons of Issachar is Nethanel son of Zuar.

Num 2:7 Next, **the tribe of Zebulun.** The prince of the sons of Zebulun is Eliab son of Helon.



Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:10 The standard of the **camp of Reuben shall be on the south side**, by their divisions. The prince of the sons of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur.

Num 2:12 Those camping next to them are the **tribe of Simeon**. The prince of the sons of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

Num 2:14 Next, **the tribe of Gad**. The prince of the tribe of Gad is Eliasaph son of Reuel.



Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:18 **On the west** will be the standard of the camp of **Ephraim**, by their divisions. The prince of the sons of Ephraim is Elishama son of Ammihud.

Num 2:20 Next to him is **the tribe of Manasseh**. The prince of the sons of Manasseh is Gamaliel, son of Pedahzur.

Num 2:22 Next, **the tribe of Benjamin**. The prince of the sons of Benjamin is Abidan son of Gideoni.



Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:25 The standard of the **camp of Dan** shall **be on the north**, according to their divisions. The prince of the sons of Dan is Ahiezer, son of Ammishaddai.

Num 2:27 Next to him will encamp the **tribe of Asher**. The prince of the sons of Asher is Pagiel, son of Ocran.

Num 2:29 Next, **tribe of Naphtali**. The prince of the sons of Naphtali is Ahira son of Enan.



Arrangement of the Camp

Num 2:33 However, **the Levites** were not counted among Bnei-Yisrael, just as Adonai commanded Moses.

Num 2:34 So Bnei-Yisrael acted in accordance with all that Adonai had commanded Moses. Thus they camped by their standards and set out, each man according to their families and their ancestral houses



Arrangement in Movement

- Num 2:17 Then the Tent of Meeting will move out with the camp of the Levites, which is in the middle of the camps—just as they were in camp, each person in his own place under his own appropriate standard.



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The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:1 Jacob called his sons and said to them: Gather together so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the last days.
- Gen 49:2 Be assembled and listen, sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.
- Gen 49:3 **Reuben**, my firstborn are you, my vigor and firstborn of my power, endowed with extra dignity, endowed with extra strength—
- Gen 49:4 like water boiling over you will not have extra, for you got up into your father's bed, when you defiled a maid's couch.



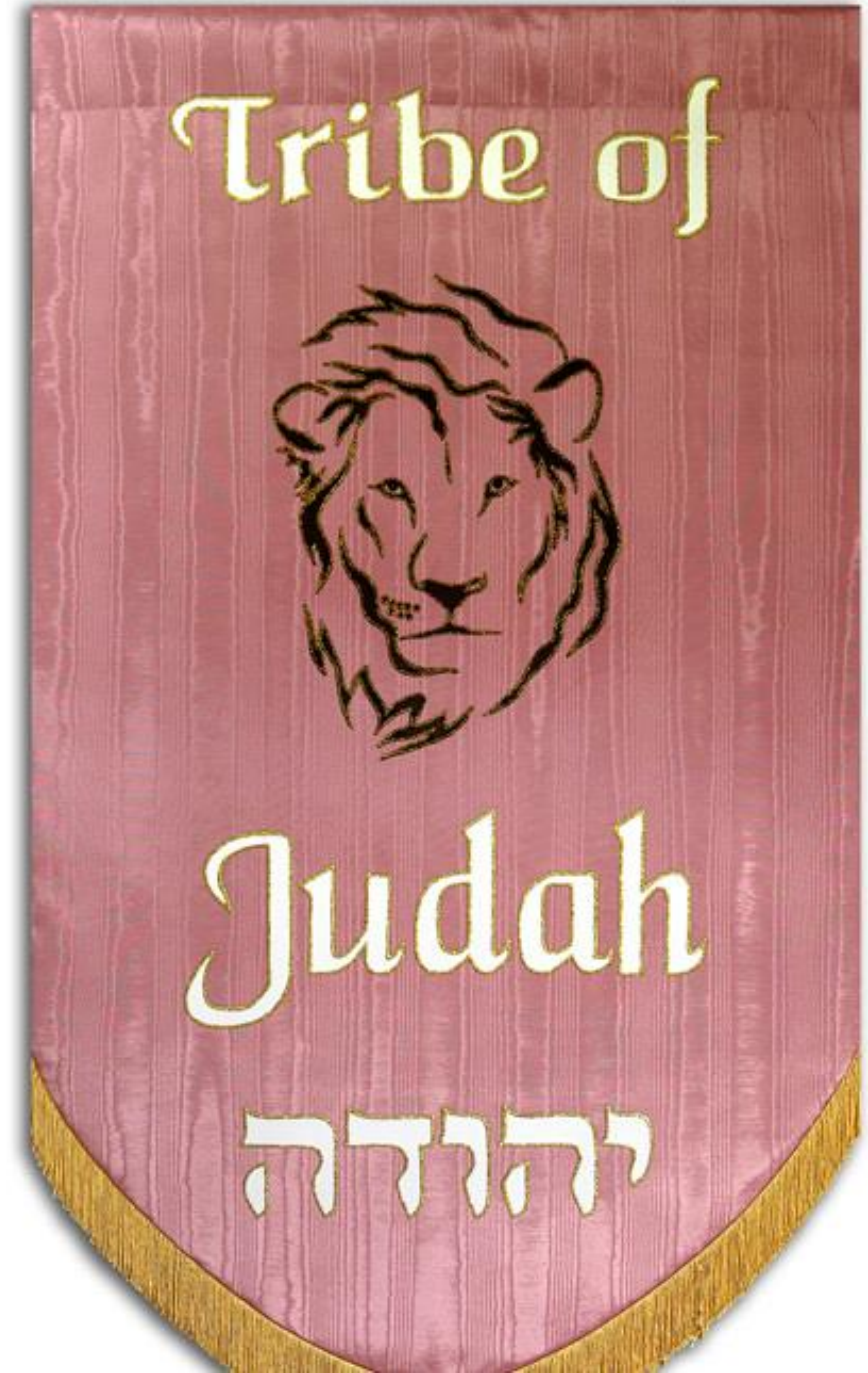
The Calling of Each Tribe



- Gen 49:5 **Simeon and Levi** are brothers; instruments of violence are their knives.
- Gen 49:6 In their secret counsel may my soul not enter. In their contingent may my honor never be united. For in their anger they slew men, and in their self-will they maimed oxen.

The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:8 **Judah, so you are—your brothers will praise you:** Your hand will be on your enemies' neck. Your father's sons will bow down to you.
- Gen 49:9 A lion's cub is Judah—from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches, lies down like a lion, or like a lioness—who would rouse him?
- Gen 49:10 The scepter will not pass from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs will come. To him will be the obedience of the peoples.
- Gen 49:11 Binding his foal to the vine, his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine, and in the blood of grapes his robe.
- Gen 49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, and teeth that are whiter than milk.



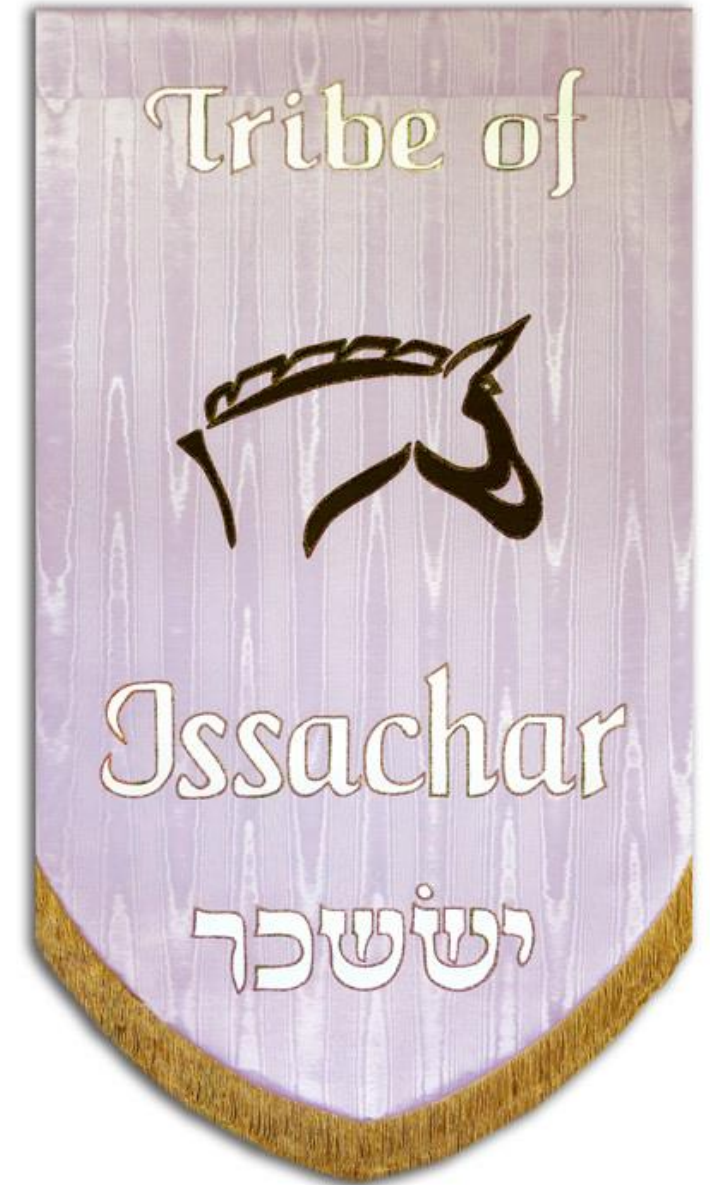
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- Gen 49:13 **Zebulun will dwell by the seashore**, and be by a harbor for ships—his distant border reaches Sidon



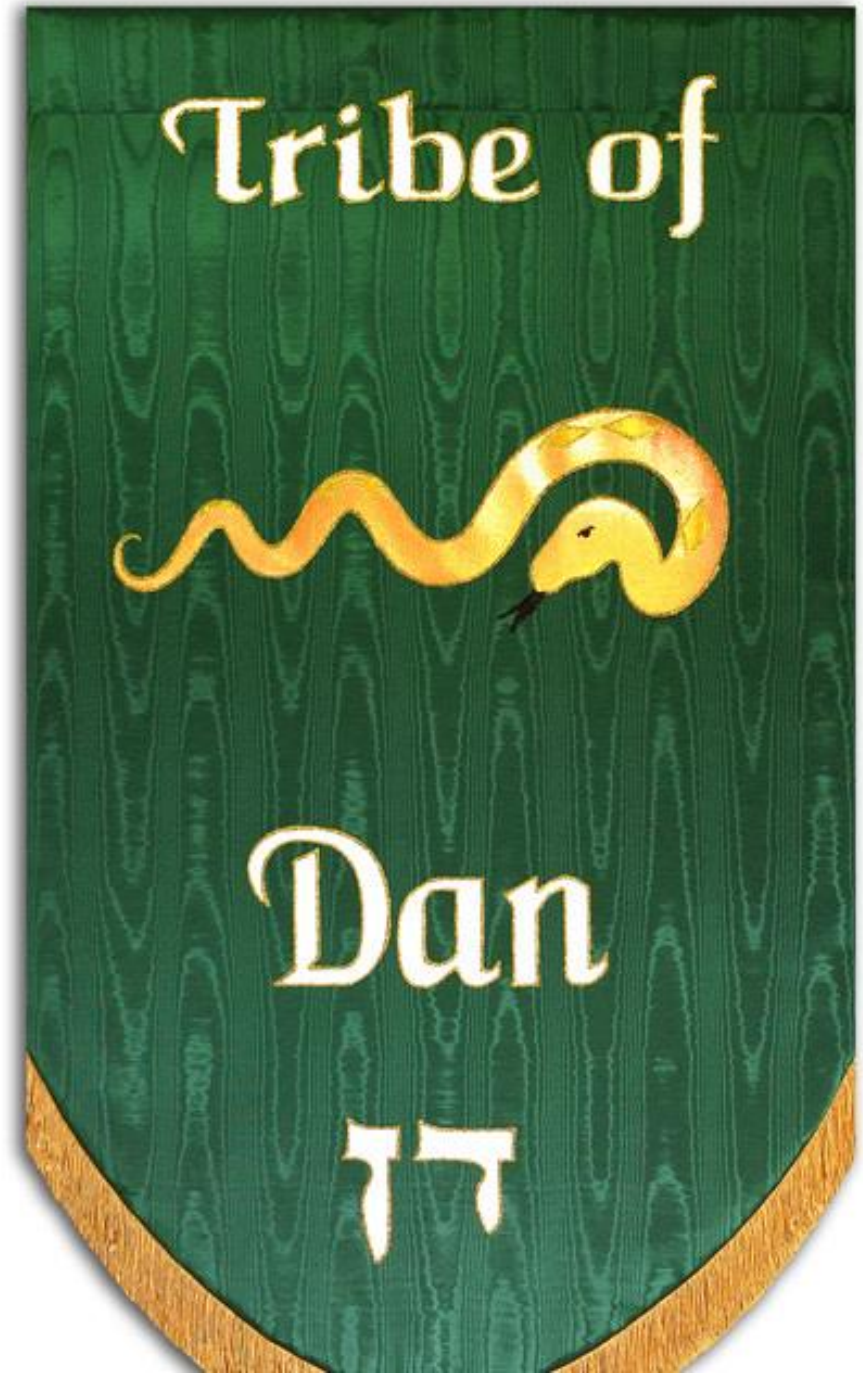
The Calling of each Tribe

- Gen 49:14 **Issachar is a strong-boned donkey**, lying down between two saddlebags.
- Gen 49:15 He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant. He leaned his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a forced laborer.



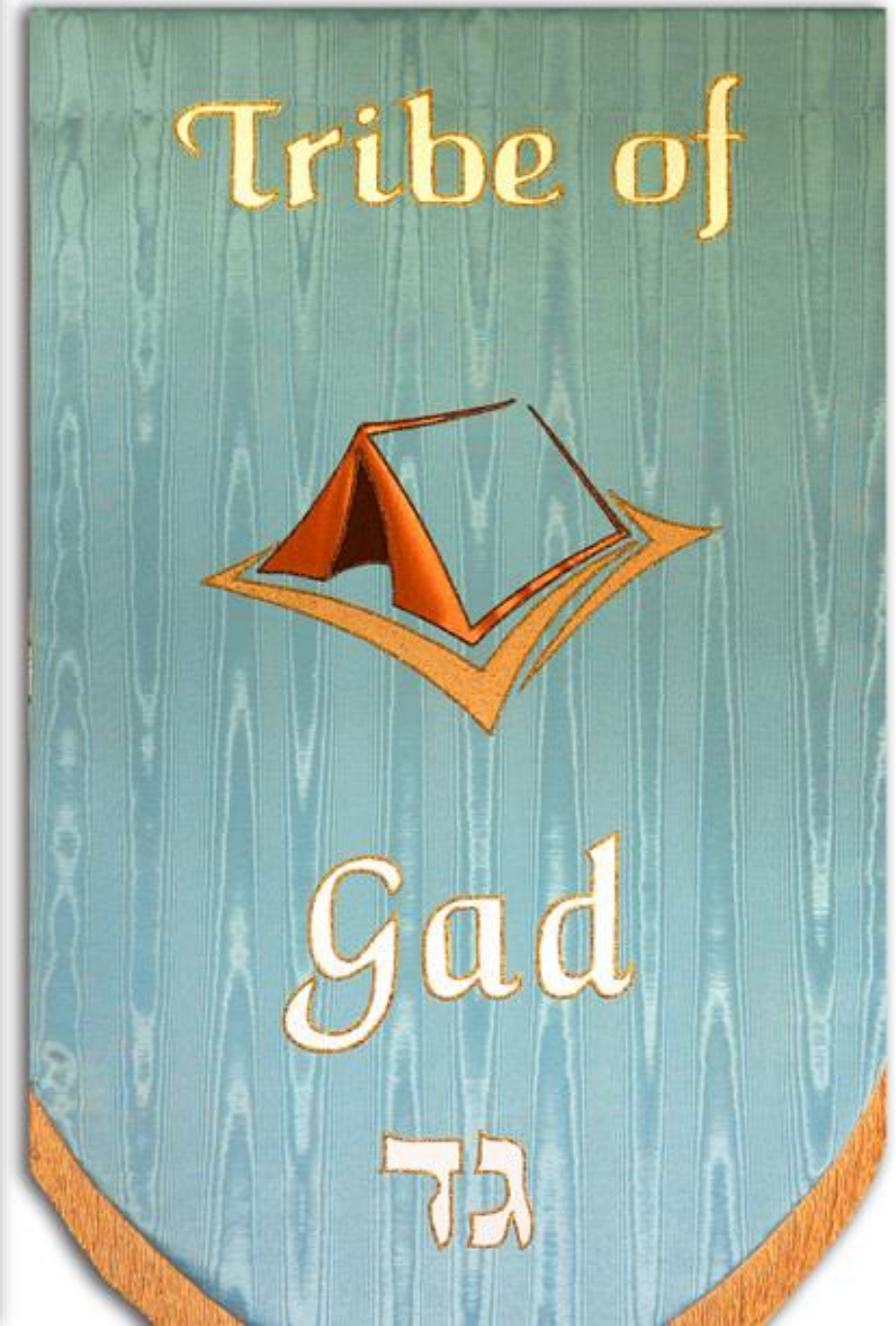
The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:16 **Dan will judge his people,** as one of the tribes of Israel.
- Gen 49:17 Let Dan be a serpent beside a road, a viper beside a path, who strikes a horse's heels, so that its rider falls backward.
- Gen 49:18 For your salvation I wait, Adonai!



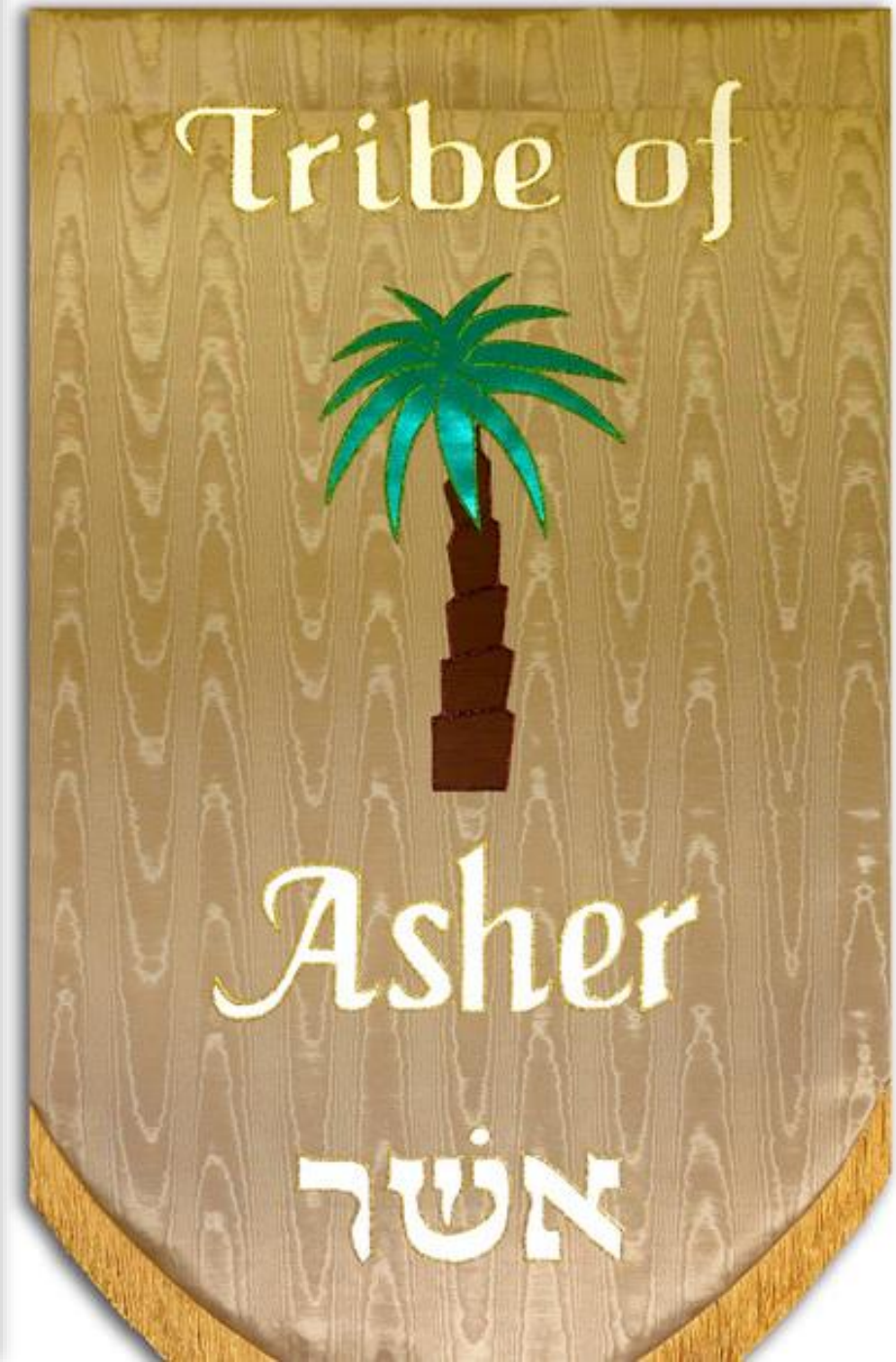
The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:19 Gad—attackers will attack him, but he will attack their heels.



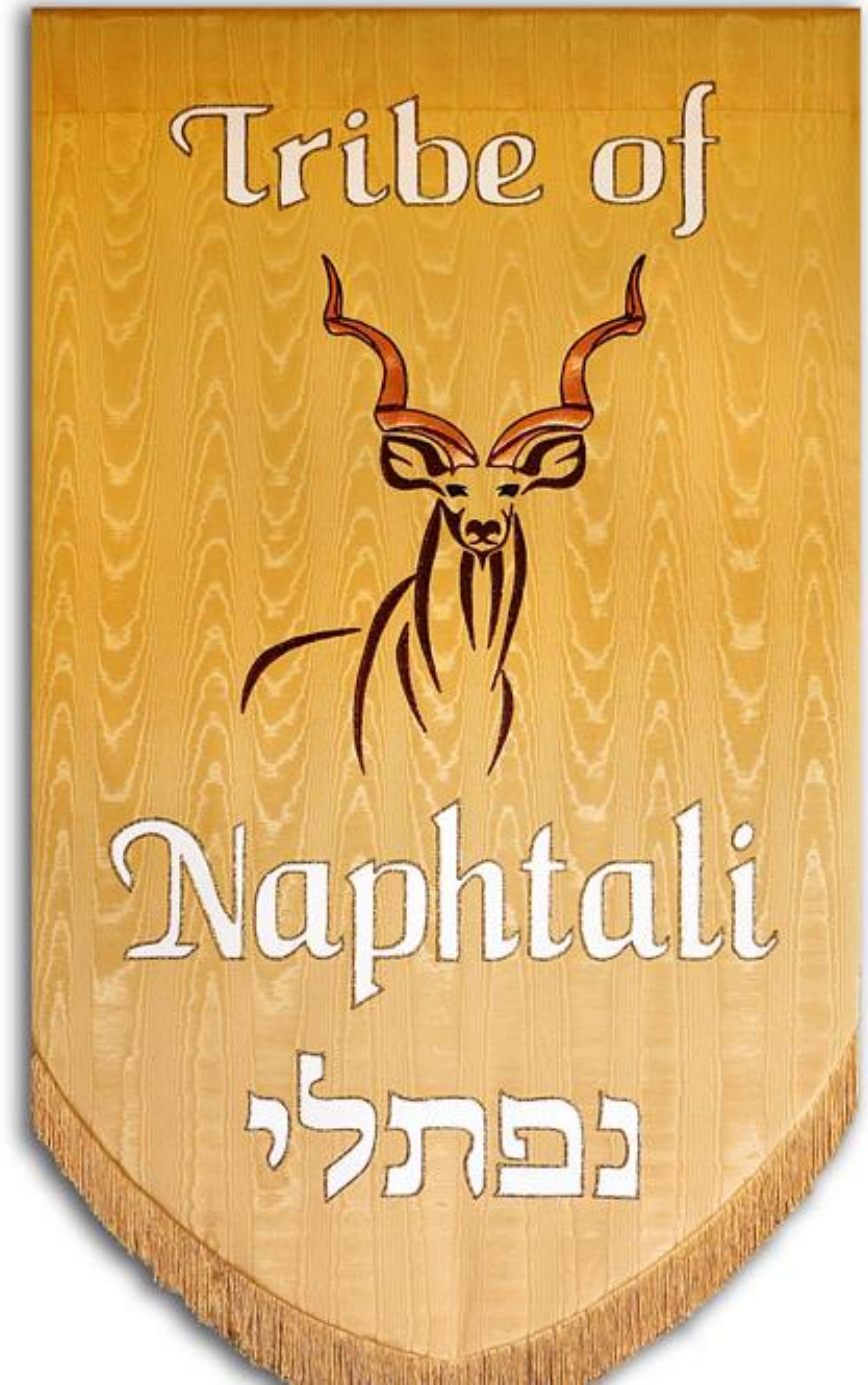
The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:20 **Asher—rich is his food—he will provide delicacies fit for a king.**



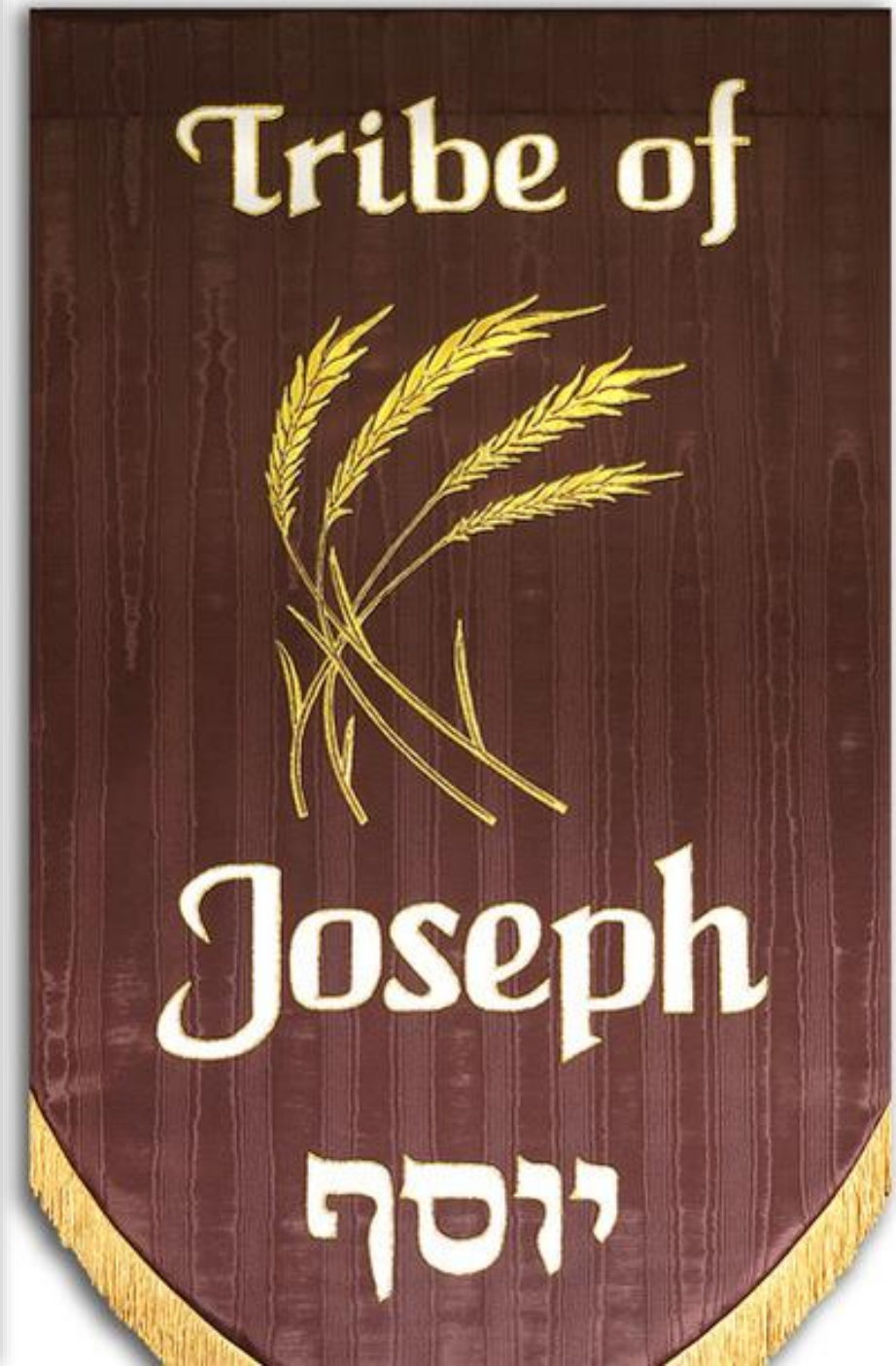
The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:21 **Naphtali** is a doe let loose, who offers words of beauty.



The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:22 **A fruitful son is Joseph, a fruitful son beside a spring**—daughters walk along a wall.
- Gen 49:23 The archers were bitter and shot arrows and were hostile towards him.
- Gen 49:24 Yet his bow was always filled, and his arms quick-moving—by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob. From there a Shepherd, the Stone of Israel,
- Gen 49:25 from the God of your father who helps you, and Shaddai who blesses you, with blessings of heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of breasts and womb.
- Gen 49:26 The blessings of your father surpassed the blessings of the ancient mountains, the desire of the everlasting hills. May they be upon Joseph's head, upon the crown of the one set apart from his brothers.



The Calling of Each Tribe

- Gen 49:27 **Benjamin is a ravening wolf**—in the morning he devours spoils, and in the evening divides plunder.



Character Of Each Tribe

- Reuben – The First
- Simeon – The Aggressor
- Levi – The Cleric
- Judah – The Leader
- Dan – The Judge
- Naphtali – The Free Spirit
- Gad – The Warrior
- Asher – The Prosperous One
- Issachar – The Scholar
- Zebulun – The Businessperson
- Joseph – The Sufferer
- Menashe – Reconnection
- Ephraim – Transformation
- Benjamin – The Ravenous Consumer

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Reuben** – the first-born (*'bechor'*) – represents the powerful energy of everything that comes first. The first fruit, the first moments of the day, the beginning of every creation – has enormous amount of energy. "Unstable like water," this power can go either way: If harnessed properly, the *'bechor'*/Reuven energy can change worlds; if abused it can destroy. Like water, it can be the source of life, but if left unchanneled, it erodes its environment and can flood its surroundings.

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Simeon** is aggressive *gevura* – the antithesis of Reuven's *chesed*/water. The fierce anger and cruel wrath that can result from unbridled *gevura* must be eliminated lest it turns into weapons of violence that consume the person and all those he comes in contact with. [The lesson of this today is self understood].

Levi is the tribe chosen to serve in the Temple. "Levi" also means 'attached' or 'joined'. Levi is the personality of dedicating your life to serving a higher calling. Of freeing yourself from your bounds to material survival and attaching yourself to Divine service (see Rambam, end of *Hilchot Shemittah v'Yovel*).

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Judah** means acknowledgement (*'hoda'ah,* as in *'modeh ani'*). Judah's name also includes the four letters of the Divine name *Havaya*. Judah is the leader; his descendants would be the kings of Israel, beginning with King David and concluding with *Mashiach*. Judah is the path of selflessness (*'bittul'*) – the most vital ingredient in true leadership.

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Dan** is the path of law and order (*'dan'* means to judge). Objective justice is the heart of any civilization.
- **Naphtali** is the free spirit personality. Like a 'deer running free' – breaking out of the status quo – independence is a necessary component in growth. Yet, this free spiritedness must always take care to 'deliver words of beauty.'

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Gad** is the warrior archetype. Expanding on the justice of Dan, Gad is ready to fight for his beliefs. The warrior is necessary to both defend our cherished values and to protect our freedoms.
- **Asher** is both prosperity and pleasure. Asher is the dimension of blessing beyond the norm – to be given more than what is necessary for survival. Asher is the personality of not just getting what you need, but also enjoying it.

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Issachar** is the scholar. Scholarship provides wisdom, clarity and direction. It is the foundation of any system. Issachar is the dedication to immerse in study and education.
- **Zebulun** is the merchant, the businessperson personality. His role is to enter the marketplace and redeem the Divine sparks within the material world (the 'secret treasure hidden in the sand' ([Deuteronomy 33:19](#))). Zebulun complements Issachar; they forge a partnership: Zebulun supports the scholar, he funds houses of scholarship, which earns him a right to partake in the reward of Issachar's studies.

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Character Of Each Tribe

- **Joseph** is the element of suffering in life. Yet, he not only survives; he thrives. He achieves greatness through his challenges. He overcomes all adversaries and becomes a great leader, saving his entire generation. Despite his corrupt environment, he maintains his spiritual integrity. The powerful light that emerges from darkness in Joseph divides into two dimensions – his two sons: Menashe and Ephraim:

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Menashe** represents the ability to not succumb to the powers of the Egypt/*mitzraim* -constraints' that want to make you forget your spiritual roots. To remain connected regardless of the challenges.
- **Ephraim** takes it even further. It is not enough to just survive in an alien environment, but to thrive – to 'be fruitful in the land of my affliction.' Ephraim is the power to transform the difficulties into Divine power.

Character Of Each Tribe

- **Benjamin** is hungry, hungry for the Divine sparks in all of existence. So, like a 'ravenous wolf' Benjamin recognizes that his mission is to passionately seek out the Divine energy embedded in matter, devour it, consume and elevate it.
- <http://www.chabad.org>

Duties of the Levites

- Numbers 3:7-13



Duties of the Kohathites, Gershonites, Merarites – Numbers 3:4-7

Special Duties



Kohathites—transport on shoulder all the artifacts within the Tabernacle--



Before the items were taken out of the Tabernacle only Aaron and priests could enter and then cover the sacred pieces to be transported.

Numbers 3-4, 7



Gershonites—transport the curtain



The Gift

Because these items were so heavy the tribal leaders of Israel came forward with 6 covered wagons and 12 oxen. These wagons carried the tent and frame. The Kohathites were to carry the sacred items on their shoulders.

The men were washed, shaved, dressed in clean clothes, and consecrated for transporting the Tabernacle



Merarites—transport boards, bars, sockets and pillars.



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Duties of Eleazar Son of Aaron

- Num 4:16 “Eleazar son of Aaron the kohen will have charge of the oil for the light, the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering and the anointing oil. He is to have charge of the Tabernacle and all that is in it, including its holy items and all its implements.”

Elders Appointed to Help Moses

- **Num 11:16** Adonai said to Moses, "Bring me 70 of the elders of Israel whom you know to be elders of the people and their leaders. Take them to the Tent of Meeting, so they may stand with you there.
- **Num 11:17** Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the Ruach that is on you and will place it on them. **They will carry with you the burden of the people, so you will not be carrying it alone."**
- **God chooses the Leadership, The Elders, The Ministers in His Tabernacle, The Warriors, Each Tribe has a function to fulfill a place to be around the Tabernacle.**
- **This is the pattern we see in the Apostolic Scriptures as well in the Body of Messiah**

Costly Mistakes by Leaders

- Miriam & Aaron – Criticism of Moses – Numbers 12:1-16
- Aaron – Pleasing Man out of fear– Exodus 32:1-9
- Aarons Sons – Strange fire – Numbers 26:61
- Moses – Striking the Rock instead of doing what God told him to do and speak to it – Numbers 20: 10-13
- They all died before entering Eretz Israel

Costly Mistakes by the Congregation

- The Golden Calf – Exodus 32:35
- Grumbling against God – Numbers 14:26-31
- Korah – Mutiny against Moses – Numbers 16:1-2; 21-30
- 10 Spies with a Bad Report – Numbers 13:25-30; 14:36-38
- Many perished because of disobedience and never entered into Eretz Israel

Order in the Apostolic Scriptures

- This is the pattern we see in the Apostolic Scriptures as well in the Body of Messiah.
- Apostle
- Prophets
- Evangelist
- Pastor/Shepherd (Rabbi's in some Congregations)
- Teacher
- Elders
- Deacon
- Lay people – The Work of the Ministry
- Each calling comes with the necessary ministry gifts & Spiritual Gifts to walk in that call- Next week we will look at those gifts and how we know what He has called each of us to do within The Body of Messiah in the local Congregation.