

Who Is Israel?

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Ya'aqob's Wives & Concubines

Leah--- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issaachar, Zebulun

Leah handmaid Zilpah--- Gad, Asher

Rachel handmaid Bilhah--- Dan, Naphtali

Rachel--- Benjamin, Joseph

The Location Of The Tribes

East--- Judah, Issacher, Zebulun

South--- Reuben, Simeon, Gad

West--- Ephrim, Manasseh, Benjamin

North--- Dan, Asher, Naphtali

1. Where is the tribe of Levi ? (Numbers 1:49)
2. What happened to the tribe of Reuben? (Numbers 26:5-10)
3. How did Rachel use Jacob? (Genesis 30:14)
4. Why is Judah favored by YAHWEH? (Genesis 49:2-10)

Study Questions

1. How many physical descendants was Abraham promised? (Gen. 12:3, 15:1-6, 17:1-6; Romans 4:19-22)
2. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob shared in the promise from Yahweh. (Gen 26:3, 28:4, 1 Chr. 16:16-17; Hebrews 11:9, 39-40)
3. Abraham's blessing was also given to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and then to Ephraim. (Gen 12:3, 15:5, 17:4, 26:4, 24:24, 60; 28:3, 14; 32:12; 48:4, 16, 19).
4. Ephraim was declared to be Jacob / Israel's firstborn heir. (Deut. 21:17, Gen 48:1-22, 1 Chr. 5:1-2; Ezekiel 37:19)
5. Israel was divided into Northern and Southern Kingdoms (two houses). These two houses are known as Israel (Ephraim) and Judah. (1 Kings 11:11-13, 26:31-35, 12:15, 24; 2 Chr. 11:4; Isaiah 8:14)
6. Ephraim was sent into captivity in Assyria around 722 BC and Judah into Babylon (around 586 BC). (2 Kings 17:6, 24; 1 Chr. 5:26; Ezek 1:1; 1 Kings 14:15).
7. Ephraim became "LoAmi" (not a people) and was swallowed up among the nations.(Hosea 1:10; 2:1,21-23; 8:8; Romans 9:23; Amos 9:9)
8. Israel is called to choose between Yahweh or other elohims (idols). (Deu. 28:1-68, 30:19, Joshua 24:15)
9. Our biological heritage doesn't change even if we refuse to believe it. Israelites are forever biological Israelites. (Deu. 4:37, 7:6-8, 10:15; Exo. 19:4-6; Jer. 31:37; 33:25-26; Rom. 11:28-29).
10. Even though Ephraim is scattered and lost they are still physical Israelites just as Judahites continue to be physical Jews. (Jer. 31:20; 2 Kings 17:23; Zech. 11:14; Daniel 9:7; 1 Chr. 5:26; Eph. 2:17. Hosea 5:3, 8:8, Amos 9:9, Deu. 28:64).
11. What has happened to Ephraim?. (Hosea 1-2; 4:1,6; Jer. 31:18-19)

Good reference book for this lesson ~ Ephraim & Judah Israel Revealed by Batya Ruth Wooten