

Twelve Tribes listed in the Bible

Genesis 49:1-29 ESV

49 ^wThen Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you ^xin days to come.

2 “Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob,
listen to Israel your father.

3 “Reuben, you are ^ymy firstborn,
my might, and the ^zfirstfruits of my strength,
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

4 Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,
because you ^awent up to your father’s bed;
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

5 ^b“Simeon and Levi are brothers;
weapons ^cof violence are their swords.

6 Let my soul come not into their council;
^dO my glory, ^ebe not joined to their company.

For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they ^fhamstrung oxen.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will ^gdivide them in Jacob
and scatter them in Israel.

8 “Judah, ^hyour brothers shall praise you;
ⁱyour hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
^jyour father’s sons shall bow down before you.

9 Judah is ^ka lion’s cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.

^lHe stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

10 The ^mscepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff ⁿfrom between his feet,

until tribute comes to him;¹

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 ^oeyes are darker than wine,

and his teeth whiter than milk.

13 ^p“Zebulun shall dwell at the ^qshore of the sea;

he shall become a haven for ships,

and his border shall be at Sidon.

14 ^r“Issachar is a strong donkey,

crouching between the sheepfolds.²

15 He saw that a resting place was good,

and that the land was pleasant,

so he bowed his shoulder to bear,

and ^sbecame a servant at forced labor.

16 ^t“Dan shall ^ujudge his people

as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan ^vshall be a serpent in the way,

a viper by the path,

that bites the horse's heels

so that his rider falls backward.

18 I ^wwait for your salvation, O LORD.

19 ^x“Raiders shall raid ^yGad,³

but he shall raid at their heels.

20 ^z“Asher's food shall be rich,

and he shall yield royal delicacies.

21 ^a“Naphtali is a doe let loose

that bears beautiful fawns.⁴

22 “Joseph is ^ba fruitful bough,

a fruitful bough by a spring;

his branches run over the wall.⁵

23 The archers ^cbitterly attacked him,

shot at him, and harassed him severely,

24 yet ^dhis bow remained unmoved;
his arms⁶ were made agile
by the hands of the ^eMighty One of Jacob
(from there is ^fthe Shepherd, ⁷ ^gthe Stone of Israel),
25 ^hby the God of your father who will help you,
by ⁱthe Almighty⁸ ^jwho 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 ^kof the everlasting hills.⁹
May they be ^lon the head of Joseph,
and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.
27 ^m“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf,
in the morning devouring the prey
and at evening ⁿdividing the spoil.”

Jacob's Death and Burial

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. 29 Then he commanded them and said to them, “I am to be ^ogathered to my people; ^pbury me with my fathers ^qin the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

Numbers 1:4-15

4 The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 2 “Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their clans and their fathers’ houses, 3 ^bfrom thirty years old up to fifty years old, all who can come on duty, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting: ^cthe most holy things. 5 When the camp is to set out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and take down ^dthe veil of the screen and cover ^ethe ark of the testimony with it. 6 Then they shall put on it a covering of goatskin¹ and spread on top of that a cloth all of blue, and shall put in its ^fpoles. 7 And over the ^gtable of the bread of the Presence they shall spread a cloth of blue and put on it the plates, the dishes for incense, the bowls, and the flagons for the drink offering; ^hthe regular showbread also shall be on it. 8 Then they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet and cover the same with a covering of goatskin, and shall ⁱput in its poles. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover ^jthe lampstand for the light, with its lamps, its tongs, its trays, and all the vessels for oil with which it is supplied. 10 And they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of goatskin and put it on the carrying frame. 11 And over ^kthe golden altar they shall spread a cloth of

blue and cover it with a covering of goatskin, and shall put in its poles. 12 And they shall take all ^lthe vessels of the service that are used in the sanctuary and put them in a cloth of blue and cover them with a covering of goatskin and put them on the carrying frame. 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth over it. 14 And they shall put on it all the utensils of the altar, which are used for the service there, the fire pans, the forks, the shovels, and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of goatskin, and shall put in its poles. 15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, as the camp sets out, after that ^mthe sons of Kohath shall come to carry these, ⁿbut they must not touch the holy things, lest they die. These are the things of the tent of meeting that the sons of Kohath are to carry.

Numbers 1:20-49

²⁰The people of **Reuben**, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: ²¹those listed of the tribe of Reuben were ^w46,500.

²²Of the people of **Simeon**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, those of them who were listed, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: ²³those listed of the tribe of Simeon were ^x59,300.

²⁴Of the people of **Gad**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: ²⁵those listed of the tribe of Gad were ^y45,650.

²⁶Of the people of **Judah**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ²⁷those listed of the tribe of Judah were ^z74,600.

²⁸Of the people of **Issachar**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ²⁹those listed of the tribe of Issachar were ^a54,400.

³⁰Of the people of **Zebulun**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ³¹those listed of the tribe of Zebulun were ^b57,400.

³²Of the people of **Joseph**, namely, of the people of Ephraim, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ³³those listed of the tribe of Ephraim were ^c40,500.

³⁴Of the people of **Manasseh**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ³⁵those listed of the tribe of Manasseh were ^d32,200.

³⁶Of the people of **Benjamin**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ³⁷those listed of the tribe of Benjamin were ^e35,400.

³⁸Of the people of **Dan**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ³⁹those listed of the tribe of Dan were ^f62,700.

⁴⁰Of the people of **Asher**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ⁴¹those listed of the tribe of Asher were ^g41,500.

⁴²Of the people of **Naphtali**, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: ⁴³those listed of the tribe of Naphtali were ^h53,400.

⁴⁴These are those who were listed, whom Moses and Aaron listed with the help of the chiefs of Israel, twelve men, each representing his fathers' house. ⁴⁵So all those listed of the people of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war in Israel— ⁴⁶all those listed were 603,550.

Levites Exempted

⁴⁷But ⁴⁸the Levites were not listed along with them by their ancestral tribe. ⁴⁸For the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁹**“Only the tribe of Levi you shall not list,** and you shall not take a census of them among the people of Israel.

ORDER in Num. 1:20-49 (Direction Coordinates ?)

Reuben
Simeon
Gad

Judah
Issachar
Zebulun

Joseph
Manasseh
Benjamin

Dan
Asher
Naphtali

Numbers 2

he LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²**“The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side. ³Those to camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah by their companies,** the chief of the people of Judah being Nahshon the son of Amminadab, ⁴his company as listed being 74,600. ⁵Those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar, the chief of the people of Issachar being Nethanel the son of Zuar, ⁶his company as listed being 54,400. ⁷Then the tribe of Zebulun, the chief of the people of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon, ⁸his company as listed being 57,400. ⁹All those listed of the camp of Judah, by their companies, were 186,400. ¹⁰They shall set out first on the march.

¹⁰**“On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben by their companies,** the chief of the people of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur, ¹¹his company as listed being 46,500. ¹²And those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon, the chief of the people of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ¹³his company as listed being 59,300. ¹⁴Then the tribe of Gad, the chief of the people of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel, ¹⁵his company as listed being 45,650. ¹⁶All those listed of the camp of Reuben, by their companies, were 151,450. ¹⁷They shall set out second.

¹⁷**“Then the tent of meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; as they camp, so shall they set out, each in position, standard by standard.**

¹⁸**“On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their companies,** the chief of the people of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud, ¹⁹his company as listed being 40,500. ²⁰And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh, the chief of the people of Manasseh being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ²¹his company as listed being 32,200. ²²Then the tribe of Benjamin, the chief of the people of Benjamin being Abidan

the son of Gideoni, ²³his company as listed being 35,400. ²⁴All those listed of the camp of Ephraim, by their companies, were 108,100. ²⁵They shall set out third on the march.

²⁵“On the **north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan by their companies**, the chief of the people of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ²⁶his company as listed being 62,700. ²⁷And those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher, the chief of the people of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ochran, ²⁸his company as listed being 41,500. ²⁹Then the tribe of Naphtali, the chief of the people of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan, ³⁰his company as listed being 53,400. ³¹All those listed of the camp of Dan were 157,600. ³²They shall set out last, standard by standard.”

³²These are the people of Israel as listed by their fathers’ houses. All those listed in the camps by their companies were ³³603,550. ³³But ³⁴the Levites were not listed among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁴Thus did the people of Israel. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, ³⁵so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, each one in his clan, according to his fathers’ house.

THE ABOVE ARE THE TRIBES BROKEN INTO COORDINATE DIVISIONS.

EAST: **Judah**, Issachar, Zebulun

SOUTH: **Reuben**, Simeon, Gad

WEST: **Ephraim**, Manasseh, Benjamin

NORTH: **Dan**, Asher, Naphtali

Deuteronomy 27:12-13

1 That day Moses charged the people, saying, 12 “When you have crossed over the Jordan, ^athese shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 And these shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

THE ABOVE ARE THE TRIBES FOR BLESSING AND CURSING

Ezekiel 48:30-35

The Gates of the City

30 “These shall be ⁱthe exits of the city: On the **north side**, which is to be ^k4,500 cubits by measure, **31** ^lthree gates, the gate of ^m**Reuben**, the gate of ^m**Judah**, and the gate of ^m**Levi**, the gates of the city being named after the tribes of Israel. **32** On the **east side**, which is to be 4,500 cubits, three gates, the gate of **Joseph**, the gate of **Benjamin**, and the gate of **Dan**. **33** On the **south side**, which is to be 4,500 cubits by measure, three gates, the gate of **Simeon**, the gate of **Issachar**, and the gate of **Zebulun**. **34** On the **west side**, which is to be 4,500 cubits, three gates, ⁸the gate of

Gad, the gate of Asher, and the gate of Naphtali. **35** The circumference of the city shall be 18,000 cubits. And ⁿthe name of the city from that time on shall be, ^oThe LORD Is There.”

THE GATES EXPLAINED THROUGH EZEKIEL

<u>NORTH</u> : Reuben, <u>Judah</u> , Levi	-	TABLE OF SHEWBREAD
<u>EAST</u> : Joseph, Benjamin, <u>Dan</u>	-	M.H.P.
<u>SOUTH</u> : Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun	-	MENORAH
<u>WEST</u> : Gad, Asher, Naphtali	-	ENTRANCE

Revelation 7:4-8 . .

4 And ^aI heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

EAST - M.H.P

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

SOUTH - MENORAH

6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

WEST - ENTRANCE

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

NORTH - TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

8 12,000 from the tribe of **Zebulun**,
12,000 from the tribe of **Joseph**,
12,000 from the tribe of **Benjamin** were sealed.

Recommended Readings

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