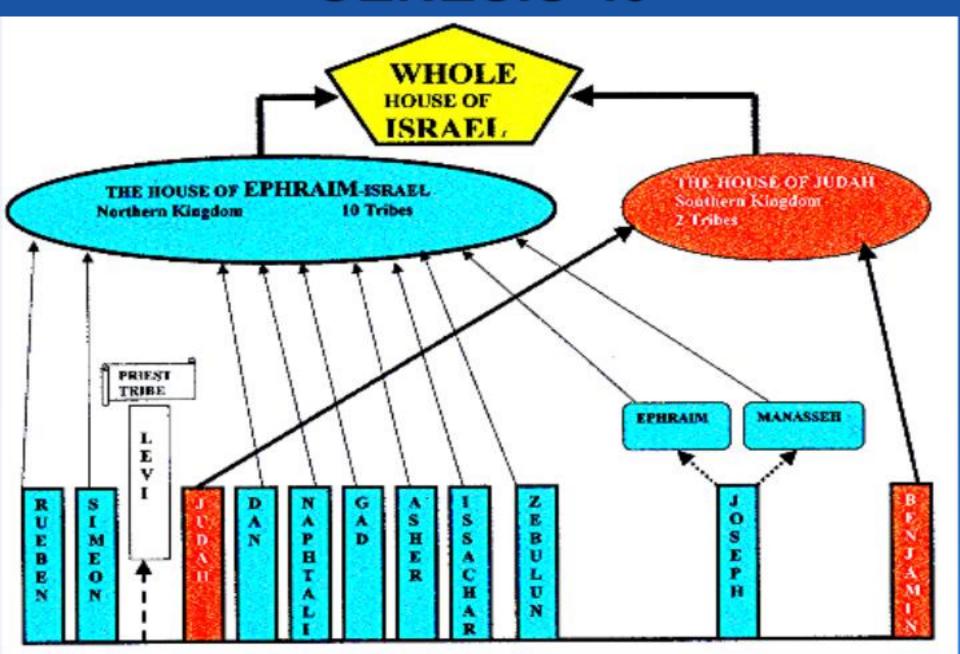
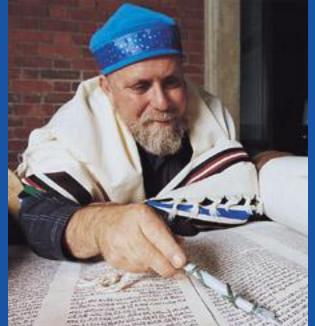
#### **GENESIS 49**



## ZEBULUN

- Merchant and trader
- Land bridge between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean
- Via Maris ran through Zebulun's territory
- The Bible characterizes
  Zebulun in a good light





## ISSACHAR

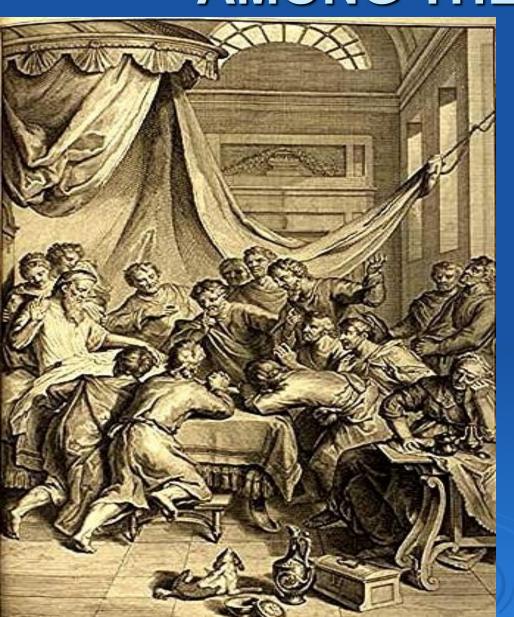
Almost nothing is saidof Issachar

Jewish scholars tried to find good things to record about Issachar

- Describe them as great Torah Scholars
- Legend: Zebulun was a merchant in order to provide Issachar with funds to study and not work!
- Issachar the "donkey" is NOT derogatory



## PECKING ORDER AMONG THE 12 SONS



- The 4 sons of Jacob's concubines were less regarded by the sons of Leah and Rachel
- No indication that Jacob thought less of those 4 than his other sons
- Exception was Joseph

## DAN

- Dan means "judged"
- Bilah, concubine, was Dan's mother
- Rachel felt "judged" by God for having a dried up womb
- Samson of the tribe of Dan
- > **Shofet** = judges
- Samson a deliverer of his tribe
- Palestine is Greek for Philistine



#### Megiddo Taanach<sup>o</sup> En-gannim? o Ibleam Sea MANASSEH Samaria Mt. Ebal Gibbethon Gath Ashkelon, Mareshah Hebron Gaza. Juttah

## **PHILISTINES**

- Dan bordered the land of the Philistines
- Dan eventually gave up their land and migrated north
- Conquered Laish, changed name to Dan
- Set up calf worship
- Dan's tribe diminished in size
- Missing from tribal list of Rev. 7 and 1st Chron.

## JUDGED

- Hebrew is a "root-word" language
- > **Din** = judge punishment, retribution
- > Dan = judged same basic meaning
- > Shofet = Judge magistrate, leader
- Dan's name was his destiny
- Many calamities plagued Dan

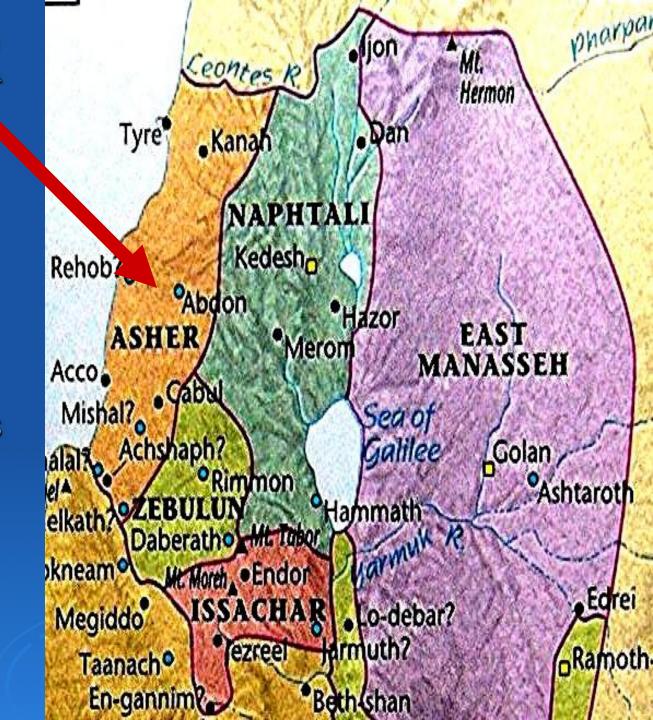
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## GAD

- A concubine's son
- Prophetic "blessing"
   says Gad will be
   constantly under attack
- Located on the east side of the Jordan
- Warred with Moab and Ammon
- Gilead is the same place as Gad

## **ASHUR**

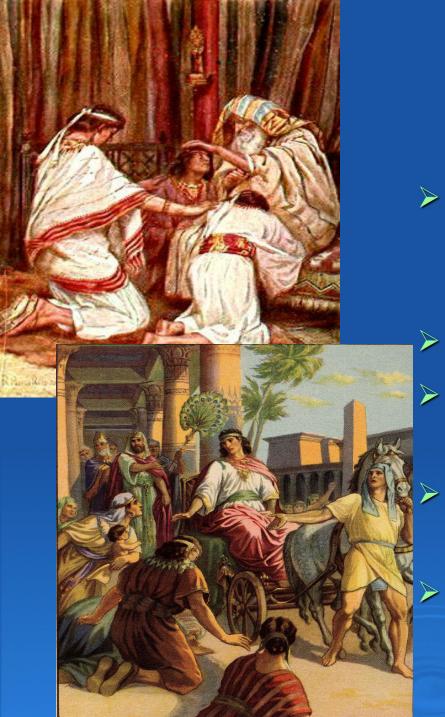
- Means "happy"
- Lived on very fertile soil
- Ashur avoided military conflicts



## NAPHTALI

- Last of the concubine's sons
- Hind = female deer
- Graceful beauty, quick to react
- Naphtali became the area called the Galilee
- Blessed by being the place where Jesus lived and recruited his disciples





## **JOSEPH**

Joseph's blessing would be realized through his sons Ephraim and Manasseh

No more tribe of Joseph

Fruitfulness was the focal point of Joseph's blessing

Ephraim and Manasseh together 75,900

2<sup>nd</sup> largest tribe, Judah at 74,600

# THE ASSYRIAN EXILE: EPHRAIM IS SCATTERED

