

Twelve Sons of Israel

His Family and Its Future (Genesis 46)

"These are the sons of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them with a blessing that was appropriate to them." *Genesis 49:28*

1 — Reuben (Son of Leah)

4 Sons: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, Carmi
"Uncontrolled as water — you shall not have preeminence."

2 — Simeon (Son of Leah)

6 Sons: Jemuel (Nemuel), Jamin, Ohad, Jachin (Jareb), Zohar (Zerah), Shaul (from a Canaanite woman)
"Man of violence — cursed be his anger, for I will scatter his descendants."

3 — Levi (Son of Leah)

3 Sons: Gershom, Kohath, Merari
"Man of violence — in his anger he murdered, and he crippled oxen for sport."

4 — Judah (Son of Leah)

5 Sons: Er and Onan (died in Canaan), Shelah, Perez and Zerah (from Tamar)
2 Grandsons by Perez: Hezron, Hamul
"A young lion — your brothers shall praise you and your relatives bow before you."

5 — Dan (Son of Bilhah)

1 Son: Hushim (Shuham)
"A snake beside the road — he shall judge his people."

6 — Naphtali (Son of Bilhah)

4 Sons: Jahzeel (Jahziel), Guni, Jezer, Shillem (Shallum)
"A doe let loose — he produces beautiful words."

7 — Gad (Son of Zilpah)

7 Sons: Ziphion (Zephon), Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon (Ozni), Eri, Arodi (Arod), Areli
"He will be robbed by marauding bands, but he shall rob them in return."

8 — Asher (Son of Zilpah)

1 Daughter (Serah), 4 Sons: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah
2 Grandsons by Beriah: Heber, Malchiel
"He shall produce food fit for kings."

9 — Isaachar (Son of Leah)

4 Sons: Tola, Puvah, Jashub (Iob), Shimron
"A strong donkey — he will bend to the task and submit to forced labor."

10 — Zebulun (Son of Leah)

3 Sons: Sered, Elon, Jahleel
"A haven for ships — he will dwell by the seashore."

11 — Joseph (Son of Rachel)

2 Sons: Manasseh and Ephraim (sons of Asenath the Egyptian)
"A fruitful tree — this prince among his brothers will be blessed beyond measure."

12 — Benjamin (Son of Rachel)

10 Sons: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi (Ahiram), Rosh, Muppim (Shuppim), Huppim (Hupham), Ard
"A ravenous wolf — he shall devour his enemies and divide their spoil."

Dinah (daughter of Leah)