

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Vayechi

(Genesis 47 - 50)

Outline of *Vayechi*

- Ch.47b – Joseph's oath to bury Jacob in Canaan
- Ch.48 – Jacob blesses Ephraim & Manasseh
- Ch.49 – Jacob 'blesses' his sons
- Ch.50 – Jacob's death / burial in Canaan
Joseph reassures his brothers
Joseph's death

Ephraim & Manasseh – A Picture of Gentile Believers:

- Were raised knowing only Joseph.
 - *They knew Joseph before they knew Jacob.*
 - Raised separate from “Israel” and Joseph’s brothers.
 - *The other brothers knew Jacob before they recognized Joseph.*
 - Born to a savior whose Jewish identity was hidden.
 - Discovered their family lineage later in life.
 - Born to an Egyptian mother from a foreign religion
 - Thus, technically, they were Gentiles
 - Shared a common destiny with greater Israel.
 - Raised without “Israel’s” knowledge.
 - They become “grafted into” Israel. (Rom. 11)
 - The “Fruitful” one is given preeminence over the “Forgetful” one.
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Genesis 48:9

Jacob said, “Bring them to me, please, and I will bless them.”

Malachi 4:4-6

Remember the Torah of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of Adonai. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

Genesis 49:1-2

Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, “Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the latter days. Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.”

Genesis 49:3-4



*“**Reuben**, you are my firstborn; my might and the beginning of my strength, pre-eminent in rank and preeminent in power. Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father’s bed; then you defiled it – he went up to my couch.”*

1 Chronicles 5:1 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright.)

Genesis 49:5-7



*“**Simeon** and **Levi** are brothers; their swords are implements of violence. Let my soul not enter into their conspiracy; let not my glory be united with their assembly; because in their anger they slew men, and in their self-will, they lamed an ox. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; and their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.”*

Deuteronomy 18:2 “[The Levites] shall have no inheritance among their countrymen. Adonai is their inheritance, as He promised them.”

Joshua 19:9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon *was taken* from the portion of the sons of Judah, for the share of the sons of Judah was too large for them; so the sons of Simeon received *an* inheritance in the midst of Judah's inheritance.

Genesis 49:13



*“**Zebulun** will dwell at the seashore, and he shall be a haven for ships, and his flank shall be toward Zidon.”*

Genesis 49:14-15



*“**Issachar** is a strong-boned donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds. When he saw that a resting place was good and that the land was pleasant, he bowed his shoulder to bear burdens, and became a servant at forced labor.”*

1 Chronicles 12:32 Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

Deuteronomy 33:18 Of Zebulun he said, “Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth, and, Issachar, in your tents.”

Exodus 12:46 “It is to be eaten in a single house. You are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any **bone** of it.

Psalms 34:20 He keeps all his **bones**, Not one of them is broken.

John 19:36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A **BONE** OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.”

John 10:35 “... the Scripture cannot be broken...”

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you. He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey...

Genesis 49:21



*“**Naphtali** is a hind let loose who delivers beautiful sayings.”*

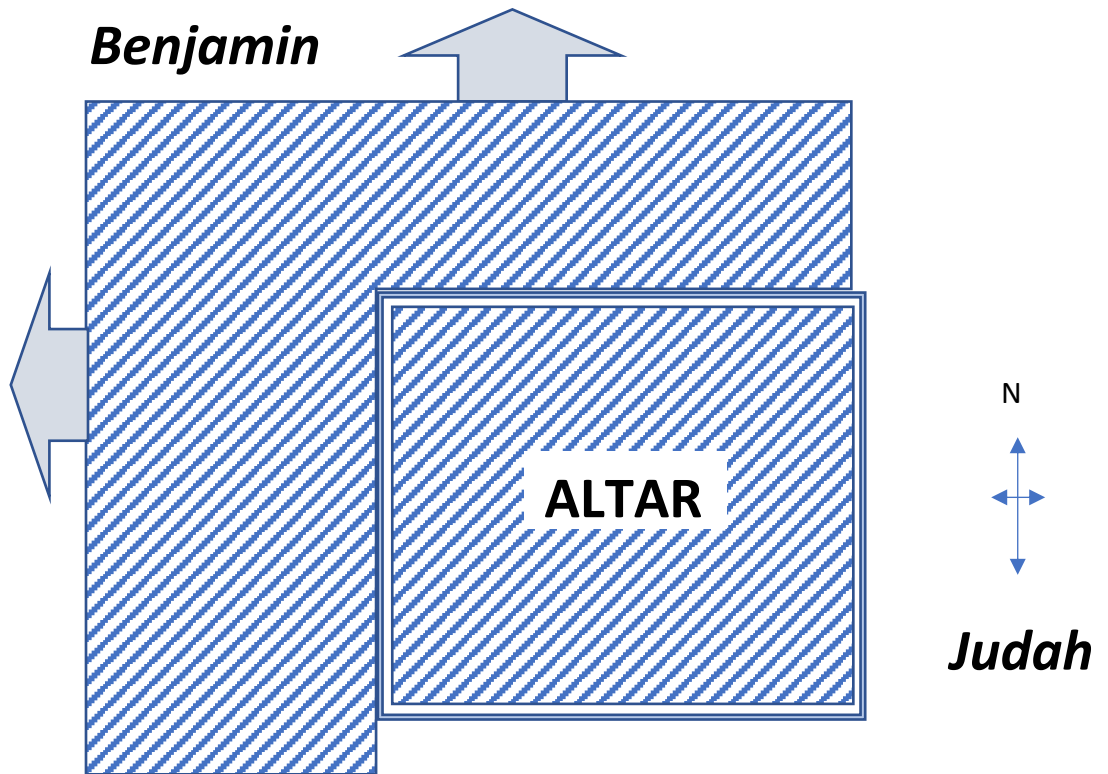
Matthew 4:13-16 And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Isaiah 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us, and the government will rest on His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

Genesis 49:27



***Benjamin** is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he will devour prey, and in the evening he will distribute the spoils.”*



Deuteronomy 33:12 Of Benjamin he said, “The beloved of Adonai – he shall dwell in safety by Him. He will cover him all the day long, and dwell between his shoulders.”

Genesis 49:28

All these are the tribes of Israel – twelve – and this is what their father spoke to them and he **blessed** them. Each according to his appropriate **blessing** he **blessed** them.

Boundaries of the Twelve Tribes

Joshua 13-19



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