# Tribe of Benjamin Dimensions and Aspects of Power Genesis 35:18

A Ravenous Consumer



Ben meaning son. Yamyim means right hand, right side, leg or eye of a person.

Also means the south side, which is the more pleasant side. Means happy one, son of the happy one. Jacob changed the name of this son who was first named by Rachel, to Benjamin, meaning this is the son that came from the one who was as dear to me as my right hand.

Benjamin was given two names. First, his mother named him Benoni. "And she called his name Benoni." Every one of the sons of Jacob was named by his mother.

Benoni is taken from two root-words, *ben* and *oni*. *Ben* means "a son," and *oni* means "to exert oneself in vain, to come to naught, affliction, evil, false idols, iniquity, mischief, mourning, naught, sorrow, unjust and unrighteous, vanity and wickedness." The two parts together are "son of my oni," or perhaps, "son of my sorrow, son of my iniquity, son of my unrighteousness, son of my vanity, son of my false idols." When you understand this, you are seeing into the heart of dying Rachel. As I said earlier, the last words of a dying person are very, very important. These were the very last words that Rachel spoke before she expired. When someone dies, their whole life comes up before them, and they remember every important detail. Certainly this was true in Rachel's case. In that moment, as she realized she was dying, she was remembering her own 'sins that had brought this terrible judgment and wrath of God upon her.

#### Symbol For Benjamin Is The Wolf



The symbol of Benjamin is the wolf. The wolf belongs to the dog family. The grey or timber wolf is the commonest and most wide spread species. Wolves usually hunt in small groups, rarely in large packs. catching larger prey, deer, caribou and moose by a chase during which they display both speed and endurance. Their diet consists of flesh. Wolves are prodigious eaters and when ample food is available, will gorge

themselves. They will return to an old kill to eat even after it has become putrid, although fresh meat is preferred.

Wolves are powerful animals that are savage and fearless in battle, to take down any enemy or foe that comes against the house of God. Jacob was speaking for God in calling Benjamin as a wolf.

Benjaminites are hungry, hungry, hungry, for the Divine presence of the living God. So like a ravenous wolf' Benjaminites recognize that his mission is to passionately seek out the deep embedded presence of God and devour it, consume and elevate it. Wanting all he could get from God like a ravenous wolf.

#### Benjamin's Gemstone - Jasper



Jasper (means spotted or speckled).

The gemstone of Benjamin is the Jasper. Jasper was the last gem named in the breastplate. The Jasper stone is seen in the New Jerusalem Rev 21:19. This stone some think is the <u>Eilat stone</u> of the King Solomon mines. Jasper is a rich blue and sometimes green color.

The Jasper stone is also the first foundation of the stone in the New Jerusalem. (Revelation 21: 19) It is interesting to see how the laws of God are carried through such hidden ways, "Many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." (Matthew 19:30)

The Jasper stone is very interesting. Some believe it comes from the mineral from which copper is derived and is therefore the well-known Elath stone seen all over Israel. Mining has started again in the area of King Solomon's mines, which were opened again after so many thousands of years after Israel became a nation. We see that the last is becoming the first, and the first is again given to us in the end-time.

Jasper is a rich blue and sometimes green color. It makes beautiful rings, earrings, and broaches, and it is also used in other ways. In ancient times they believed that it had very special power. There are a Jot of superstitious beliefs concerning the two colors of blue and green. In Israel the Arabs paint their windows and doors blue and green. In ancient times they believed that these stones would prevent sorrow and give protection. It was supposed to bring healing and happiness.

The Jasper stone is the one perfect stone seen in Jesus Christ. He is the source of healing through His blood. He is our defense and high tower.

**Revelation 21:11** "having the glory of God, Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of jasper."

#### FALL SEASON

The three months of the fall season – **Tishrei** Sept/Oct, **Cheshvan** Oct/Nov, **Kislev** Nov/Dec – correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Ephraim – **Ephraim**, **Manasseh**, **and Benjamin**– who were situated to the west of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

- In the Seventh Month, Tishrei The month of the Fall Feasts"—Returning to God and experiencing His Glory. The month to 'touch"," to remember the woman who pressed through to touch Him. To awaken and remove that which would keep you from returning.
- In the Eighth Month, Cheshvan God wants to know that His rainbow reveals the sign of His covenant with the world. A time of eternal revelation and new beginnings.
- In the Ninth Month, Kislev God then wants to develop your warfare strategies; to have prophetic revelation for war. A month to enter into to a new level of trust and rest and to declare your life experiences to be filled with tranquility and peace

Appointed Times: Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. Feasts representing the 2nd Coming Of Messiah Jesus.

## Prophesies From Jacob and Moses

#### Prophesy From Jacob

Genesis 49:27: "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he devours his prey. In the evening he divides the plunder."

This prophecy was given by his own father, Jacob. When one is in the anointing, one is divorced from family relationship or friendship and one speaks as the oracle of God. Jacob therefore was speaking for God and not for himself. No father would like to call his son a wolf. That is one of the most uncomplimentary things that anybody could call his son. So what is he saying?

One speaks of him "in the morning" or in the early stages of his life. In the beginning he is ravenous as a wolf, he shall devour his prey. One speaks of him "in the morning" or in the early stages of his life. In the beginning he shall ravin as a wolf, he shall devour his prey. This is symbolical of the birthing of the tribe of Benjamin. It is at a great price and with a great struggle that they are birthed into the Kingdom of God. They have to fight for their very existence.

But there is another wolf in this prophecy also. He is the older, more mature wolf of whom it is said, "at night he shall divide the spoil." He comes into a new maturity in which his whole nature is changed. He will share with others the spoil, which he has captured. As Benjamin reaches a place of maturity, he is willing to make sacrifices and give out the good things, which God has given him. No one has ever heard of a

wolf giving or sharing the carcass he has torn, except with the members of his "family." So it shows us that that which was a wolf to begin with, turns into a completely different natured creature who becomes a blessing to others. Isn't that wonderful? This is what God can do in the lives of the Benjamites.

In these last days the Benjamites will come into a wonderful place of giving and sharing with others the glorious truths of the Gospel.

#### Prophesy From Moses

**Deuteronomy 33:12**, "And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders."

This is one of the sweetest and most precious promises given in the Bible. It is a special promise of protection that God has given to Benjamin.

"The beloved of the Lord"

One can feel that special love that God has for this tribe. God has found him in the Spirit. He does not only see him as a "wolf' but as a desperate, struggling creature who is fighting for his very life. God put His hand on Benjamin and saved him from death at childbirth because God had a plan for his life. You Benjamites are blessed by being called, "the beloved of the Lord."

"shall dwell in safety by him;"

In these times of danger the Benjamites can claim this special, Divine protection, which is given to them by the Lord. If they wear the Elat stone, it is not because they trust in it as their protection, like some "good-luck charm" but because it is a reminder to them of the special protection, which God has promised to give them. They can go into difficult and dangerous situations (in the will of God) and there they will find the special presence of the Lord with them, watching over them.

"and the Lord shall cover him all the day long,"

That means constant, complete, perfect protection. This is really the only "covering" that is important. If you do not have the covering of the Lord, you are finished. I believe that it is a promise that we are going to claim more and more as the evil day approaches.

## Exploits of Benjamin and Heroes Of Faith

#### BENJAMIN IS TRIED

God used Joseph as an instrument to put Benjamin through a real trial. While they sat at the feast, Joseph ordered his servants to put his own silver cup into Benjamin's sack. After the brothers left to return to their father, Joseph sent the officers after them who stopped them and searched their sacks, from the eldest to the youngest. When it was found in Benjamin's sack, he was immediately arrested and accused of theft. This started them all weeping and wailing, and you can be sure that Benjamin was full of fear. This was one time that he could not get out of the situation. In fact, it was the first time that he had to stand on trial for anything. God

knows how to train us. He puts us into situations that we cannot get out of until He has worked His perfect work of grace in our lives. Joseph may have mean t this to test his other brothers, but the shock that Benjamin went through was something that he would never forget.

#### BENJAMINTE RUNNER

In 1Samuel 4:12 we read that it was a Benjamite who came to Shiloh weeping, with his clothes rent and ashes on his head to tell Eli that the ark of the Lord had been taken by the Philistines.

#### SAUL, THE KING

It was a Benjamite that was chosen by God and anointed by the great prophet Samuel to be the first king of Israel. (1Samuel 10:1) When he was humble in his own sight, God used him mightily. But as pride came in and his heart was filled with jealousy against David, an evil spirit came upon Saul, "and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it." (1Samuel 18:10-11)

It is a very strange and shocking thing to read that when an evil spirit came on Saul, he prophesied in the midst of the house. Not all prophecies are of the Holy Spirit. I have heard quite a few that were given by the flesh and some that were given by an evil spirit possessing a person. He tried to kill David by the sword and with his words.

God cut him off in a terrible way. He died a suicide death on the battlefield and three of his sons died with him, including Jonathan. He Jed his nation into terrible defeat. (1Samuel 31:3-6)

#### SAUL, THE APOSTLE

What a contrast between these two Sauls! The first one commits suicide and the second one lays down his life, a martyr for Christ. The first one forces the suicide of three of his sons, including Jonathan, the crown prince of Israel, and the second one anoints his sons in the Gospel, Timothy and Titus, to take the mighty message of the Lord to the world. The first Saul pulls his country into shame and defeat. The second Saul leaves this world in a scene of glory and triumph, having brought Israel the revela-tion of Jesus Christ and bountifully "dividing the spoil." What greater fulfillment to the prophecy could we ever see than this, when Saul gave his people the mystery of the Gospel. Oh, how low a Benjamite can begin and how high he can rise in the glory of the anointing of God!

This wonderful victory in the life of the second Saul is so great that God changes his name from Saul, "the desired one, the one who asks, desirer" to Paul, "the small one, the lowly one." It is only as the Benjamite stays humble before the Lord, "the small one, the low one" that God can elevate him to the glorious honor of a mighty apostle and missionary pioneer like Paul was.

#### QUEEN ESTHER

One of the greatest women of God who ever lived was Esther, the queen. Read her pedigree in Esther 2:5, "Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;" It is doubtful that she was the descendant of Kish, Saul's father, because there were several hundred years in between, but it could be if they left out the part of the genealogy that lies between.

Esther was not named "Esther" (star) from birth. That is a Persian name. Her original Hebrew name was Hadassah, which means "myrtle bush." Her beauty and the way that she was chosen to be the queen is a wonderful story. You need to take time to read it so that you might understand the qualifications of a true daughter of Benjamin.

But the finest example of true greatness in her life was when she said, "fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and IF I PERISH, I PERISH." (Esther 4: 16)

#### VOLUNTEERING FOR BATTLE

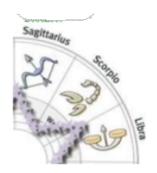
When Deborah called for help certain of the tribes did not come down, but in Judges 5:14 we read that Benjamin did come to the aid of the warriors. A Benjamite has no trouble working together with a woman. A Benjamite will stick together with you, fight along with you and he won't feel offended because God has given another the platform. He will be happy to cooperate with the one whom God has anointed and called to a position of leadership.

#### THE WARRIORS OF BENJAMIN

The warriors of the tribe of Benjamin had one unique thing about them. Many of them were left-handed. Judges 20:16 says, "Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left handed: every one could sling stones at an hair breath and not miss." This is absolutely sensational. The ability to shoot stones from a sling so accurately from the left hand was an unexpected thing for their enemy, for the enemy always expects the danger to come from the right hand and not the left. This makes him vulnerable.

Surely God has given the Benjamites a uniqueness which is not found among ordinary people. God wants to use them in every way.





Note: The constellations were created by God as seen in Genesis. They were never designed for the Devils use. The Mazzaroth has nothing to do with today's fortune telling with Horoscopes or your birthday. They are pictures to in God's creation to see what He is saying to His tribes of Israel.

Mazzaroth: Constellations

#### 9th Constellation: 'Sagittarius' (THE ARCHER)

A time to fight against empires and cultures, a taking down of strongholds.

The most gifted with the art of the bow; the only child born in the Promised Land, so watch Israel this month.

#### Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?

Job 38:31: Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32: Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?

Strongs 4216 mazzarah maz-zaw-raw' apparently from 5144 in the sense of distinction; some noted constellation (only in the plural), perhaps collectively, the zodiac:--Mazzoroth.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Month Is 'Keslev' (Nov/Dec)

This month speaks of a month to enter into a new level of trust and rest in God. A month to declare your life experiences to be filled with tranquility and peace. Last month was the month of the flood, so this is the month of the rainbow. In this month of tranquility and peace, even in the midst of warfare, you will have peace.

Which pictures trust, support, and coming full circle. Examine your heart and motives during this month. This month is associated with Benjamin who has the most gifts of the tribes with art of the bow. As you develop your warfare strategies this month, you can tap in prophetically to gain revelation concerning the war season ahead.

This is the month of dreams and night visions. You have pressed through and then fall asleep for this is when God can begin to stir up revelation

This month is a time to let the river of God flow from your innermost being. There is a great relationship between tranquility and fullness.

Kislev is the month that Hanukkah begins. Hanukkah is the only holiday in the Jewish calendar, which connects two months. The message of Hanukkah is that in the midst

of destruction there is mercy. The issue with Hanukkah was that the light will not go out.

In the midst of destruction, God will find a way to impart mercy to you. His grace is sufficient and His love is everlasting

#### Alphabet: SAMEKH



Trust, support, coming full circle. 15<sup>th</sup> letter in the alphabet with the numberic value of 60.

The pictograph of Samekh looks something like a shield. Meaning of Samekh to lean upon, to uphold, or to support. In Numbers 6:25-27, the Priestly blessing is seen the number 60. Also note that this blessing is used to form 15 words. The Priests would lay hands upon the head of a sacrificial lamb in the blood ritual of consecrating the priesthood.

Exodus 29:10: And you shall cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall lay (samakh) their hands on the head of the bullock.

#### Benjamin's Positioning

#### Benjamin's Positioning When The Cloud Moved

The third group to move out were the Next Generation Warriors. God set these three tribes to lead the nation in physical as well as spiritual warriors, which are Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin.

**Numbers 10:22:** And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

- 23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
- **24** And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

Their responsibility was to defend the Holy Things in wartime. They were between the curtains, poles, floorboards being carried ahead of them and the Holy Furniture that was carried behind them; the laver, table of showbread, lampstand. Ephraim carried that standard for the three tribes.

#### Standard Of The Ox - Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin Gathered Under

The 12 Tribes of Israel were grouped together in 4 sets of 3 tribes each. Each of the four had a flag, a standard that they rallied around. They traveled and camped under their standard, flag for their group.



**Flag Standard, The Ox** – Traveled and camped under this standard; and camped on the West of the Tabernacle – Ephraim, Manasseh & Benjamin

**Jesus**, **the Ox**, who carried the weight of our sins upon himself on the cross, and bore all of our sickness and our diseases.

Oxen - The Bride - The strength and resilience to move through difficulties and not be out of step with the Lord's moving.

Numbers 2:18: On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

#### Benjamin's Positioning

<u>In The Wilderness Around The Tabernacle</u>: They were situated on the west side with Ephraim and Manasseh. (Numbers 2:22)

In The Promised Land Benjamin was right beside Judah. From that time on Benjamin and Judah flowed together as they had the same vision. When they sinned, they sinned together, when they had revival, they had revival together, when they had a blessing, they had a blessing together, when they went to war, they went to war together. When they were attacked, they were attacked at the same time. They were so closely identified with each other that Benjamin's capital was Jerusalem, but we think of Jerusalem as belonging to Judah. Benjamin and Judah shared it together. It was in Benjamin's territory where the kings lived, even the kings of Judah. God wants His people to be able to adapt themselves to flow with God's anointed ones.

<u>In The Millennium</u>: The position of the tribe of Benjamin will be between Judah and Joseph. Benjamin fits in between their natural relationships and their spiritual ones. Judah was their spiritual relationship and Joseph was their natural relationship. Truly, God has it planned perfectly.

<u>Gate Of Benjamin In The New Jerusalem</u>: In the wilderness Benjamin was on the west side, now he is on the east, together with Dan and Joseph. Benjamin will always have that close connection with his own brother, Joseph. All the way through into eternity this close fellowship remains.

### Benjamin's Prophetic Summary

If you are prophetically linked to this tribe, believe God for His promises to you. Remember the great heroes who went before you, like Esther and Apostle Paul. They conquered because they knew that they were the beloved of the Lord. Always remember the slogan of Benjamin, "soldiers fit to go out for war and battle."

You are gifted with the bow and able to see far into the distance to make impossible shots accurately.

You have a hunger that only God can satisfy and you are not satisfied until you have all that He has for you. But as you mature, you will turn around and make sure others are being fed as well. Hungry for the meat of the things of God. Giving out of the spoils of the deep truths to others. Training, breeding, correction of God discipline of God.

Your life began out of tumult, but it has made you strong and dedicated to God. Your Father loves you greatly. You have tenacity to go out and get the meat of the word of God, and maturity to share it with others.

There will be a mighty demonstration of power through Benjamites. Jerusalem (the city of peace) belonged to Benjamin, and God has a special love for them. No matter how hard things go for you, you know that there is coming a time of rest and peace again.

Benjamites will easily move in signs and wonders. They will be able to gain revelation concerning the war season ahead so that they can tell the troops, worshippers and intercessors. They are in immediate preparedness and ready for battle. They will receive larger portions than others.

Kind people - not in it for themselves. Happy one, south side calming personality, tender, caring, beautiful, gracious, brotherly, and united.

God has put a uniqueness in this tribe (Judges 20:16) many of the Benjamites were known for being left-handed, which did not hinder their ability to shoot stones from a sling with unexpected accuracy making the enemy vulnerable. You are unique in many aspects. You are a true warrior of God.

God has put within the Benjaminite tenacity for the deep things of God, the meat of the words of life. You will hunt and seek the face of God, and you will see Him.

You will have gone through the battles, and have found the overcoming joy of knowing him in the deep valleys. You have seen the hand of Yahweh move in signs and wonders and will find yourself stretching out your hand to others has you have seen your Jesus do. You are not intimidated by man. You will know and experience dimensions and aspects of power outside of where others have gone. God will give the spoil to you because you come in the name of your God.

#### My Sources and Challenge:

These are my notes that I have created over the years from several sources. They are not intended for publication. They are simply my notes that I am willing to share regarding the Tribes of Israel and the Months of God's Calendar as I have seen fit to put together.

In the early 2000's, I began attending moves of God all over the nation and into Canada to hear from God and what He was saying. From Brownsville revival in Florida to Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, on into the middle of the US and then onto Fresh Fire in Canada and down to California. All the time hearing pieces of revelation on God's Holy Days and Feasts. The Lord has been leading me continually, learning this precious truth of His people Israel and our prophetic link to them.

I believe that we have experienced the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Pentecost, but, oh but, not the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast as the first two are for all of Israel and I a gentile, have been grafted into the blood of Jesus, the nation of Israel.

I encourage you to seek the ancient paths and see what God wrote for us to walk in. The revelation of the tribes anchors our faith and releases us to His Calling in Christ Jesus.

Jeremiah 18:15: Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

Jeremiah 6:16-17: Thus said the LORD, Stand you in the ways, and see, and <u>ask</u> for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find <u>rest for your souls</u>. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

Said of George Mueller, 1839

"This wide awake servant of God, watched the signs of the times, and while others slept, followed the Lords signal of advance."

#### Some of my resources:

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