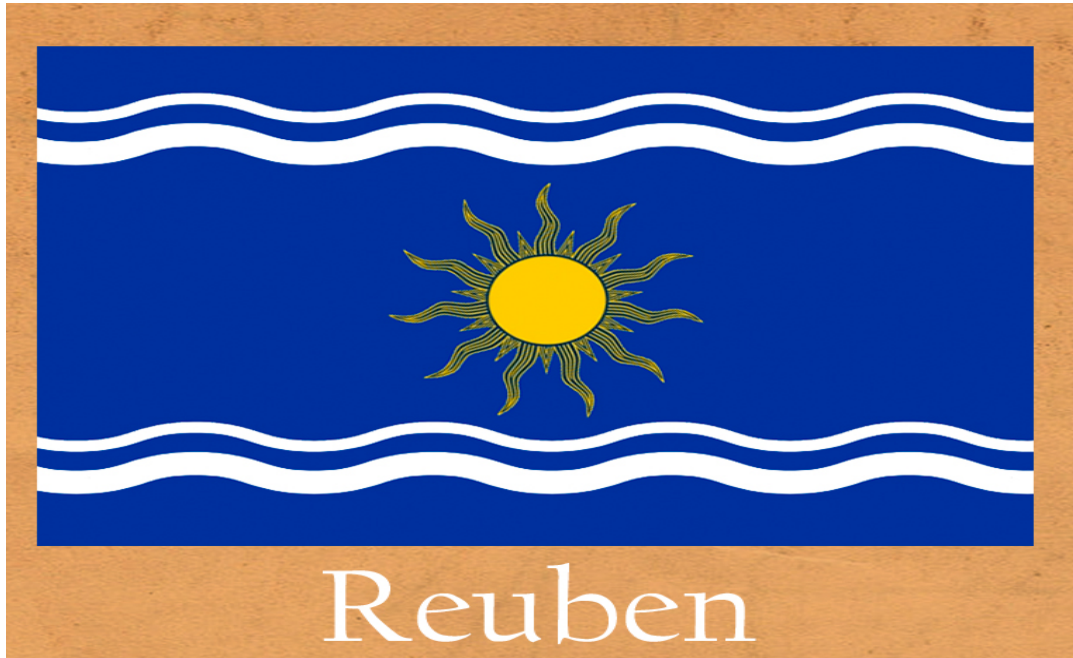


The 1st Tribe of Israel, Reuben
Behold, a Son, Sonship
Genesis 29:32
The First



Reuben means "See, A Son!"

Reuben was the first-born son of Jacob and Leah.

Genesis 29:32: And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD has looked on my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

Reuben means, "See, a son! A new beginning."

It comes from two Hebrew words:

Roah (raw-aw) "to see, consider, to look, to make to enjoy, to have experience, to perceive, to present, to provide."

Ben (bane) "a son (as a builder of the family name), anointed one."

You have transitioned from a servant to son. With this change comes a transition from rules and regulations to a heart of love relationship. You are a son by Leah, who represents the visible church and she is proud of what she has produced. But only the Father can move you from a young man son-ship without authority, into a HUIOS son, a full mature man, one able to carry the Fathers authority and presence.

The revelation of son-ship as seen in *Matt 3:16*, Jesus is baptized and the dove came down, the anointing of the Holy Spirit descended upon him and now he is a HUIOS, a fully mature son. A mature son who has authority to take his inheritance now. Jesus was the HUIOS, mature son of his father, and the Reubenite tribe has been called to be a like Jesus, a fully equipped mature son, carrying the anointing of Papa God like Jesus did. A life poured out with character and maturity as a full entitled son.

The Tribe Of or Reuben (TAMMUZ) Has Two Symbols

The Sign Of The Rising Sun And Blooming Plant Of The Mandrake

Gen 30:14-18 *And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field and brought them unto his mother Leah.*



Mandrake plant is a special plant, called love apples, small yellow fruit. Both the rising sun in its full strength and the blooming plant speak of new beginnings and new anointing, new life and beauty coming forth. Also speaks of hope.



These symbols are who you are in your family, not just your blood family, but in your prophetically linked tribe.

You are the symbol of hope that was prophesied of. You carry new life and beauty that this generation's is seeking. They will become drunk on the love of Jesus that you feed them. They will see your love and follow after the son of God in you and they will find love that shows compassion to their weary souls.

You are the mature son of God, ready to take on the anointing of the spirit to go out into the wheat harvest, the Feast of Tabernacles end time harvest, and harvest harvesters. You will find the mandrake's you will affect those who are waiting for you to arrive to bring them into the house of your father.

The Tribe of Reuben's Gemstone - Sardius - Ruby



It comes from the root-word 'adam' "to show blood, to flush or turn rosy, red." The blood red color speaks of the precious Blood of Jesus. As such, it is the foundation stone and deserves to be first mentioned and first placed in the breastplate of the high priest.

Reuben is blessed above all tribes in its gemstone because God gave Reuben the symbol of the blood covering. This revelation of the blood is not understood by many, but you will have a deep understanding of the forgiveness through the blood.

The SARDIUS is also call RUBY. It has a very red color similar to blood. The stone is the first stone in the breastplate, the sixth in New Jerusalem and stands with the Jasper in describing the wondrous beauties of the Lord Jesus in Rev 4:3. In the Revelation it no doubt represents the glory of God in judgment.

Isaiah 5:16 *"But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness."*

SUMMER SEASON

The three months of the summer season – **Tammuz** Jun/Jly, **Av** Jly/Aug, **Elul** Aug/Sept – correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Reuben – **Reuben, Simeon and Gad** – who were situated to the south of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

- **In the Fourth Month, Tammuz**, God wants to establish the brilliance of your righteousness. Watch the events taking place in the earthly realm. The way to move through this month is through worship.
 - **In The Fifth Month, Av**, God wants to you to metamorphose or disintegrate where God can destroys so He can reconstruct you.
 - **In the Sixth Month, Elul**, This is the month of preparation for the “high holy days” of Tishrei, Tabernacles. God then wants to know that the King is in the field.
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Prophecies From Jacob and Moses

Prophecy From Jacob

Genesis 49:3, 4: Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water...

‘first-born’

(‘bechor’) Represents the powerful energy of the everything that comes first.

The first fruit, the first moments of the day, the beginning of every creation – has enormous amount of energy. “Unstable like water,” this power can go either way. If harnessed properly, ‘bechor’ the energy can change worlds; if abused it can destroy. Like water, it can be the source of life, but if left unchanneled, it erodes its environment and can flood it’s surroundings Though the rest of the word speaks of Reuben unstableness, will be the true representation of the might, the strength and the abundance of dignity and power of a true Reubenite.

Though Reuben made mistakes his understanding for the need for forgiveness was overwhelming. Freely you have received and freely you will give forgiveness to others, and as the 1st born you will lead many into this truth.

Prophecy From Moses

Deuteronomy 33:6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

As the first-born, Reuben had the advantage over the others who followed. He received the first love, the first attention and the first-born privileges.

The Lamsa Bible says, "Let his people be numerous." How appropriate was this prayer-prophecy uttered from the heart of Moses as he gave his last blessing on the tribes of Israel! Although Reuben had lost the birthright of the first-born son, (1Chronicles 5:1), and many of his descendants had perished in the rebellion of their leader and princes, still God wants to bless and prosper Reuben. The cry from the lips of Moses is that of the Lord. It came when Reuben needed it the most, for when Reuben had stood at Mount Sinai, there were 46,500 men ready for battle. Now, forty years later there were 43,730. While many of the other tribes multiplied, they remarkably declined. The reason was because a large portion of the tribal fathers, who had produced the children, died

when the earth opened up and they were swallowed up. Moses asked God to bless Reuben and multiply him.

Exploits Of Reuben and Heroes of Faith

REUBEN. THE ELDER BROTHER

Genesis 37: 9-22, "And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him in to some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again."

Reuben's compassion is seen in this verse. He is not full of bitterness against Joseph like his brothers are. Reubenites do not harbor bitterness. They see their own weaknesses and so they find it easy to forgive what others do to them. Reuben feels his responsibility towards Joseph because he is the first-born. He is laying the part of big brother, going against all the angry brothers who are full of hate and murder. We see here the courage and loyalty of Reuben. The Reubenites have great courage and loyalty to those whom they love. They are willing to 'stick their necks out' and risk their own lives or favor to help someone in need.

Something remarkable about this relationship between Reuben and Joseph is that Reuben was the first-born of Leah and Joseph was the first-born of Rachel, his mother's rival. In the natural, we would think that he, of all the brothers, would have reason to hate Joseph, because Joseph would likely get the firstborn rights, simply because his mother was his father's favorite. He also knew that Jacob loved Joseph more than he loved him. Had he not made him the beautiful coat of many colors? But even so we find no trace of cruelty or conniving in Reuben. He has a plain old loving heart. He is a beautiful person. A Reubenite will not easily work tricks on you. He will assume the responsibility of caring for the little brother. He stood against his own "blood-brothers," the sons of his own mother Leah, to defend Joseph. That is character!

Another thing you see in this story, is the wisdom of Reuben in handling the case. If he had openly opposed his brothers, he would not have been strong enough to handle them all. He speaks with real intelligence. "We should not be the ones to shed his blood. It is not good for us to shed blood. Let us just throw him into the pit. He will never get out of it alive and we will be able to say honestly that we never hurt him, we never did a thing to him."

But in his heart he had the intention when they weren't looking, to go back and pull him out of that deep pit and save his life. And so we see the loving compassion of Reuben. It is so beautiful. I would rather have a Reuben who makes a few mistakes and is sorry for them, than someone who is cruel and thinks he is so very righteous and perfect, can never make a mistake in his life and has no love or forgiveness.

REUBEN RELUCTANT TO FIGHT

Moses immediately sees their weakness. A good father sees the weakness of his spiritual children. Moses said, "Shall your brethren go to war, and you sit here? And you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over in to the land which the Lord hath given them?" (Numbers 32:6,7)

One thing is certain about the Reubenites. They do not like fights. They just don't like to get involved when there is a battle. They do not like bloodshed. They would rather avoid it. If there is any way that they can sneak out of it they will. But Moses said, "This time you have to fight. If you do not, you will discourage your brothers. All of Israel will be discouraged about entering into their promised land." This is the tragedy about Reuben, he is tempted to settle down in a good place, rather than persevere, fight through, and win that best place that God has for him. Reuben, be careful that you do not put up your big sheepfolds and enjoy life, while the rest of your team is fighting the enemy in the front lines. This is warfare. How can you run away from the battle and seek out an easier life? You will not be left to rest in peace. Your conscience is too tender. God will make you miserable. Your life is unfulfilled. This is your promised land, not that one over there on the other side of the "Jordan." You are only there because someone influenced you, and not because God called you there. Turn around Reuben, and come with us into the battle.

Reuben always needs to be exhorted. If you ask Reuben to testify, he always is reluctant to stand up and give his testimony. But when he is supposed to sit quiet and pray, he is ready to preach sermons. This is the unpredictableness of Reuben. Reuben, in a moment of passion will say things that will shock him twenty-four hours later. He, himself, won't believe that he could have said such a thing.

Thank God that He does not let us get away with our sins. We will be caught in the very act. So do not try to hide your sin. You will not succeed. Your conscience is too tender before the Lord.

REUBEN HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER

Genesis 37:28-30, "Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?"

Even if you manage to tear a Reubenite away from his responsibilities, he will not be happy. You can lead him easily into sin, but he is a miserable sinner. You can call him easily away from the calling of God, but he will never be happy doing anything that is outside of God's will. A Reubenite is married to the high calling of God, and though easily persuaded to do wrong is the most unhappy, unfulfilled soul when he is not where he knows God want him. He will shed many tears if he is outside the will of God. A Reubenite has courage but little moral strength. He has love, but also is often confused between love and lust. He has compassion but is often ruled by passion.

When Reuben returns to the pit after a brief absence, in which Joseph has been sold to the Ishmaelites and carried off into slavery in Egypt, his heart is filled with terrible

anxiety. He cries, "What has happened to that boy?" In frustration he tears his shepherd's robe and screams, "What am I going to do?"

He took upon himself the responsibility of taking care of Joseph. Reuben is "a brother's keeper."

REUBEN'S TENDER CONSCIENCE

Genesis 42:21,22, "And they said one unto another. We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you. saying, Do not sin against the child: and ye would not hear? Therefore behold also his blood is required."

The sons of Jacob are standing before Joseph but they do not know who he was. Joseph has just put them into "ward" for three days and has brought them out and now they are all filled with terror. Reuben suddenly speaks up and Joseph understands it, because it is his own tongue. You can still after all these many years have passed by (about 22 years), see his tender conscience. His old, tender conscience never let him rest. Yes, the Reubenite may sin easily in a moment of uncontrolled passion, but he will not sin comfortably. He will be so miserable, so unhappy, so guilt-ridden that he will not be able to live with his sin, and even if he tries to make things right, there will always be, within his heart, a feeling that says. "Oh, why didn't I do it different? Oh, why wasn't I more careful? Oh, why was I such a fool?"

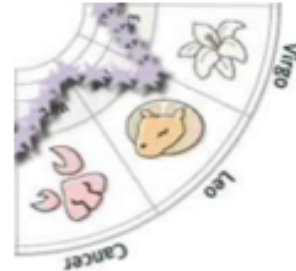
REUBEN UNDER KING DAVID

In the fortieth year of the reign of David the Reubenites were called for active duty. King David sent out a party to search out the great men of Reuben. He found among them mighty men of valor at Maser of Gilead. David found 2,700 mighty men whom he made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, "for every matter pertaining to God and affairs of the king." (I Chronicles 26:31,32)

So we see again, how Reuben, under the influence of a strong and Godly King, like David, rises to his best and most noble dignity. As long as Israel was strong, Reuben was encouraged to do their best in the kingdom.



4. Tammuz
29 Days
Tribe of Reuben
(June/July)



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

4th Constellation: 'Cancer' (THE CRAB)

Remove the shell from your body. Declare that every shell around you will break, and you will become vulnerable to the Lord. This is the month we where we take the shell of our body, which makes us vulnerable. Taking your shell off will get you to the next level in your growth.

It is possible that the first six constellations may be prophetically speaking of the 1st Coming of Messiah Jesus and the last 6 constellations are speaking of the 2nd Coming of Messiah Jesus.

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?

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

The 4th Month Of God's Calendar Is Tammuz (Jun/July)

This 4th month of Tammuz, (Jun/July) 29 days, to guard your heart and your eyes. Month to 'worship' or 'to develop a golden calf.' This is a time for vision! See what you see and look again. Tammuz is the month of covenant rights, which are linked with power and strength. Tammuz is the month of Reuben, firstborn, who lost his inheritance, but who had a redemptive side to him.

Alphabet: CHET – Light Radiating From Your Eyes



The 8th letter in the alphabet with the numeric value of 8. The letter Chet can be seen to resemble a doorway where the blood of the lamb was daubed during the first Passover in Exodus 12:7. Doorway of Light. 8 number of new beginnings and discipleship. Chet is the letter of life and living. Doorway of light from heaven.

Reuben's Positioning

Reuben's Positioning When The Cloud Moved

The second to move out were the Lord's Battle-axe Brigade Warriors. God set the second three tribes to lead the nation as physical warriors, which are Reuben, Simeon and Gad. Though they have a flesh war side, when won over to the Lord they are three tribes of passion. They can become faithful, steady and dependable who are fierce in battle.

***Numbers 10:18-20:** And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies...*

It was also their job to protect the Holy Furniture that was to follow them.

***Numbers 10:21:** And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.*

Levitical family of the Kohathites who carried the furniture from the Outer Court and the Holy Place of the Tabernacle; Altar of burnt offerings, laver, table of showbread, lamp stand, incense altar.

Standard Of The Man – Reuben, Simeon and Gad 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, Man – Traveled and camped under this standard; and camped on the South of the Tabernacle – Reuben, Simeon and Gad.

Jesus, The Man – He laid his life down for his friends. He is the pattern son that we are to live our lives like. He gave to the house of Israel teaching, love, healing, and deliverance. El Gibbor – Powerful Champion.

Man, The Bride – We are to come into the full stature of Christ, able to carry the weight of full stature sonship. No longer tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

***Numbers 2:10:** On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben*

Position of Reuben

In The Wilderness Around The Tabernacle: Reuben was placed on the south side between Gad and Simeon.

The location of the different tribes in the wilderness was very important. They had to live very close to each other for 40 years and it was necessary that they be placed in such a way that they would compliment each other and flow together in harmony.

First of all, the tribe of Levi was placed immediately around the tabernacle, with the family of Moses and Aaron in front of the Eastern Gate. Levi as the guardian of Israel, and as far as the Lord reckoned, he represented the first-born of all of Israel.

"And I, Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the first-born that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine." (Numbers 3:13)

They were given charge over the tabernacle. (Numbers 18: 1-32) So, even as Levi was situated around the tabernacle, so Israel was situated around Levi.

The situation of the different tribes was very important. The Lord knew which tribes would get along together.

"So I prophesied as I commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, BONE TO HIS BONE." Ezekiel 37:7

So God put together the different members of His body in such a way that they can live in harmony together. He never makes a mistake.

You will find that you will be more intimately related with some individuals and be able to flow in the Spirit with some more than with others. If you want to know who you can get along with best, look at how the Lord assigned the tribes around the tabernacle. Find out who your neighbors are. This does not mean that you cannot work with the others who are more distantly removed. It just shows who you are most compatible with.

In The Promised Land: Reuben never did enter the Promised Land. He took his possession on the east side of the Jordan. It is bordered on the south by the River Amon, on the west by the Dead Sea, on the north by Gad and on the east by Arabia. Moab was his south neighbor. It was a land that was good for pasture and cattle grazing.

Deuteronomy 27: 12, 13 - Reuben was among those who stood on Mt. Ebal to "curse," and not among those who stood on Mt. Gerizim to "bless."

In The Millennium: (Ezekiel 48:6) Reuben will have his portion between Ephraim and Judah, north of Jerusalem.

Gate Of Reuben In The New Jerusalem: Ezekiel 48:31. Reuben's gate is the first gate mentioned in the New Jerusalem. It is on the north side, where also the gate of Judah and Levi are placed. So we see that God is going to restore honor and dignity to Reuben. It is wonderful to know that the Blood of Jesus Christ cannot only obliterate our past, but it can restore us to our first-born privileges and give us back the honor we have lost through weakness and sin.

City Of Bezer, Tribe Of Reuben The City Of Refuge and Levitical City For The Helpless

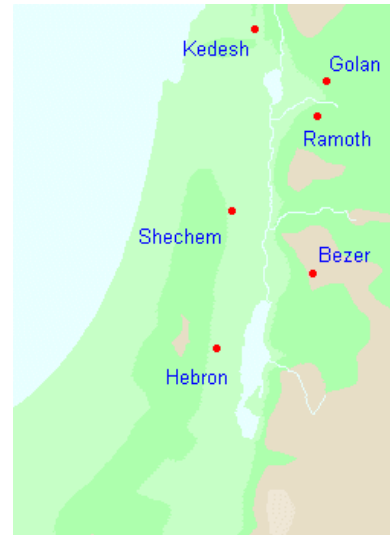
Deuteronomy 4:43: Namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

City of **Bezer** (means) Fortified Gold [Deity] out of the tribe of Reuben (means) Sonship

Finally, in Joshua 20 all six cities are named. This takes place when the initial conquest had been completed, and the division of the land between the tribes was being confirmed. "Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge..."

So they set apart Kedesh... Shechem... Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron)... On the east side of the Jordan... Bezer... Ramoth... Golan..." The locations of the rest of the Levitical support-cities were decided at the same time (Joshua 21). The allocations are repeated in 1 Chronicles 6.

The six cities of refuge reveal the Messiah who shelters the sinner from death. If a man accidentally killed someone the one and the victims brother wanted vengeance, then the fugitive could escape to a city of refuge where he would be protected and his case tried. The elders of the city would investigate the case. If he was acquitted of intentional killing he must remain within the city until the death of the high priest.



Bezer on the desert plateau from the tribe of Reuben. God has taught you to lose your dependence on the world, finding dependence on him, a dependence upon his refuge for you. As your brothers find themselves out of control and everything is falling apart in their life, you offer a refuge for the helpless need to run to. This is the refuge the Reubenite will offer to the world.

This refuge is not in the mountains, because the helpless don't have the strength to climb up the mountain. You can be found a city of Refuge in their desert plateau. You call out to the Helpless to come to the plain to find Bezer the city of refuge.

Reuben's Prophetic Summary

Reubenites are known for their compassion. They are a loving people, a compassionate people, a people who are full of good-hearted deeds and who have beautiful spirits.

Reuben is a beautiful tribe. The character is that of a lover. They see compassion, understanding and strength. They have a heart to teach and help others recognize their maturity. They desire to see them grow out of childishness into mature saints God has called them to be. They understand the patience and joy of developing a relationship with the Father. They are 'firsts' so that others can see their walk and follow the path they have been on in their love relationship with God. They have developed a deep character and a richness in God's love to where He trusts them and they are fully equipped to move in signs and wonders. The weakness of Reuben shall be overcome through the working of the Holy Spirit, leaving a gem-like quality throughout eternity.

Watch the events taking place in the earthly realm and establish the brilliance of your righteousness. The way that a Reubenite is to move is to move through worship. Watch your mouth and confess the best the Lord has for you. Be stable in all your ways. Agree with His call on your life. He is your strength, and he is your mighty fortress. Reubenites who run into the Lord will find strength, and will have a focus that can lead others in the paths of righteousness by your leadership.

Reubenites do not harbor bitterness. They see their own weaknesses and so they find it easy to forgive what others do to them. Reuben feels his responsibility towards his fellow brethren as the first born. For justice, he will openly oppose his brethren to stand for what is right in God's eyes. He speaks with real intelligence.

A Reubenite will not easily work tricks on you. He will assume the responsibility of caring for the little brother. He stood against his own "blood-brothers," the sons of his own mother Leah, to defend Joseph. That is character! Even when he makes mistakes he is sorry for them and thus understands the love of God and God's forgiveness. This is what needs to be taught to a generation of this last days. God forgives – and the soul that God forgives, loveth much.

We see all this in the beautiful Reuben character. We also see their strong mind. Reubenites have a pretty stubborn mind, so that they can be headstrong. If they have it in their mind to do something, you will not be able to stop them. You better get out of their way, because it is going to be done just like they have planned to do it. That is the Reubenite spirit, the excellency of dignity. Excellency means super-abundance. This speaks of super-abundance of dignity and power.

My Sources and Challenge:

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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 ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. 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."

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