

The 9th Tribe of Israel, Issachar
Rewards
Genesis 30:14-18
The Scholar



Issachar comes from the Hebrew 'yissakar' meaning 'he will bring a reward.' The root word is 'nasa' meaning to lift, to advance arise, bring forth, carry away, lofty. The second root word means payment of contract, salary, fare, hire, price, reward, wages.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Issachar was the ninth son of Jacob. Leah said, "God has given me my hire."

Genesis 30:14-18 And Reuben went in the days of the wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought the unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy sons mandrakes. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, before he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's man-drakes. And he lay with her that night. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given y maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.

Issachar's Gemstone: Amethyst



Violet or purple variation of quartz

The gemstone of Issachar is the amethyst. It is a violet or purple variation of quartz. The amethyst was used as a gemstone by the ancient Egyptians, and was largely employed in ancient times for carving figurines, etc.

The name "amethyst" is derived from the Greek word amethystos, which means "not intoxicating." This expresses the old belief that the stone protected its owner from strong drink. It was believed that wine, drunk out of a cup of amethyst, would not intoxicate.

It is symbolic of the balance and poise in the life of the Issacharite. The Issacharite manifests natural healing when dealing with processing thoughts, dealing with the conscience of the soul, and received spiritual advise. The amethyst's royal color makes it a favorite stone. It is symbolic of the balance and poise in the life of the Issacharite.

Symbol For Issachar Is The Humble Donkey and/or The Sun Shining



Issachar's great strength spiritually. The Issacharite was born to bear heavy burdens (burden-bearers) both their and others at the same time. They will keep these burdens to themselves, not always sharing them. They are the carriers of the cross.

God has given him an inbuilt strength. The donkey is a beast of burden, the humble vehicle that was chosen by Jesus to bring Himself, the King of Israel into Jerusalem.

***Zech 9:9** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; Lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."*

The symbol of Issachar is the humble donkey. But also the sign of a sun shining at noon-day surrounded by four stars to the left that shine out of a dark night and four to the right that are darkened because of the brightness of the day. This is a picture of outer space with the heavenly bodies in plain view. Surely this is a significant symbol for Issachar, whose name is derived from the root-word nasa, which means "to lift up, high, lofty, etc. "

SPRING SEASON

The three months of the spring season – **Nissan** Mar/Apr, **Iyar** Apr/May, **Sivan** May/Jun – correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Judah – **Judah, Issachar and Zebulun** who were situated to the east of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. These three are the first group to lead out onto the battlefield before the rest of the tribes of Israel.

- **In the First Month, Nissan** God wants to reconfirm your covenant in at the Passover/
 - **In the Second Month, Iyar** God wants to reveal the secrets of His covenant.
 - **In the Third Month, Sivan** God wants to bring you into a whole new level of Pentecost.
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Prophecies From Jacob and Moses

Prophecy From Jacob

Genesis 49:14,15 "Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two saddlebags: And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute."

There is no doubt about Issachar's great strength. He is not only strong physically, he is also strong spiritually.

Very interesting about the Himalayan donkey. They are used for carrying loads up and down the mountains. They are such sure-footed beasts that they can go where no other beast of burden can. They carry tremendously heavy loads.

This is what the Issacharites are, they are carriers of the cross. They not only carry their own crosses, but they are carrying half a dozen other crosses at the same time. But praise God, God says through Jacob, that Issachar is a strong ass. God has built into this "donkey tribe" sufficient strength to not only climb the Himalayan mountains, but to also carry a load on the way up. It portrays a very beautiful strength of character that the Issacharites are able to bear the burden that is imputed to them to carry.

"couching down between two burdens:"

The word "couching" comes from the Hebrew word rabats (raw-bats) which means "to couch, to lay down, to get down low."

Your Issachar is humble he has learned that as he "couches down beneath the burden and in humility accepts the load that is laid across his back that he will receive the strength to carry the burden. He has learned long ago. that if he too proud to get down low beneath the burden he will never be able to carry it.

"And he saw that rest was good,"

An Issacharite will never retire. He is worn out, and he asks for nothing for his long hours of service. but a little love, a little appreciation and a little sleep.

"and the land. That is was pleasant;"

The Issacharite loves God's creation rather than man made "asphalt jungles. He loves the tree, the hills, the sea and the sky. These are the things in which he delights.

"and bowed his shoulder to bear."

He is the most willing love-slave, if you are married to an Issacharite you are blessed. But please accept your gift from God: didn't try to turn him into a "prince of Judah."

Prophecy From Moses

Deuteronomy 33: 18, 19 *"And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.*

"And of Zebulun he said. Rejoice. Zebulun in thy going out; an Issachar in thy tents."

We see something remarkable here. Zebulun and Issachar are linked together because they are two opposites. Zebulun rejoices in going out and Issachar enjoys staying in his tents. Zebulun is an extrovert and Issachar is an introvert. Yet they are linked together in this end-time prophecy that Moses gives.

"They shall call the people unto the mountain"... "They"

It says *they*, not Zebulun alone and not Issachar alone, but the two of them together. They need each other and God needs them to be together.

"there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness:"

They love the quiet, remote areas here they can start a retreat center, or a camp meeting and bring together the alert people of the end-time whom God is calling to simplicity, and quiet worship from a heart that is filled with gratitude. They hate "religious show-business."

Exploits of Issachar and Heroes Of Faith

UNIQUE CALLING OF ISSACHAR

I Chronicles 12:32: *And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*

Zebulun, with his going out and adventuresome spirit has found the truths of God and Issachar (who has been lifted up in God, even as he lifted other burdens) will be there ahead of the other tribes, leading them because Issachar has the gift of *"understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."*

GENEROUS SPIRIT OF ISSACHAR

1Chronicles 1:40, "Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel."

This is what these three tribes did in David's new kingdom. They brought these supplies for a great, big feast. First of all, there was bread brought on asses. No doubt, they came from the "donkey tribe." Issachar will always have the vehicle, the means of transport. They love anything that moves. Look at all they brought, meat, flour, grain, figs, raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep in abundance. Zebulunites and Issacharites and Naphtalites, are very generous people. They have a giving heart. David's kingdom was new and they stood behind it and believed in it and sacrificed for it to make it grow.

God needs people who are generous-hearted, who will give their home, their time, and their love. Only when they run out of things to give do they cry. He is broken hearted when there is nothing left to give. But when they give, they are filled with such joy and rejoicing because they know they have made a wise investment in the Kingdom.

WOMEN OF ISSACHAR

Deborah was probably an Issacharite.

Issachar: One of the symbols of the tribe of Issachar, which is not often seen, is that of the sun, in all of its brightness, even the noonday sun. This symbol is the sign that Israel chose to use for its tribe-stamps to signify the tribe of Issachar.

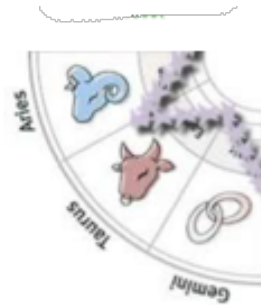
Judges 5:31, "So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might." The New King James Version translates it 'as the sun when it comes out in full strength.'

This verse is the very last verse of Deborah's song, which she wrote and which she and Barak sung together.

It is significant and highly probable that this "sun which comes out in full strength" and which believed to be the symbol of Issachar, refers to Deborah herself? For surely she loved he Lord and she was stating that the one who loves Him should be that shining noonday sun.



2. Iyar
Ziv 29 Days
Tribe of Issachar
(April/May)



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

2nd Constellation: 'Taurus' (THE BULL)

Looking and observing to find a place of strength. The month to understand secrets.

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.

2nd Month Of God's Calendar Is IYAR (Apr/May)

Natural healing manifests dealing with processing thoughts, dealing with the conscience of the soul, and receiving spiritual advice.

Ziv means 'radiance', signifying brightness and splendor. It is at this season that earth seems to be in full flowering. The holy Land the barley harvest reaches its fullness. This month is commonly referred to as the month of (natural) healing. **Exodus 15:26** "I AM God your healer"

The month of Iyar is associated with the tribe of Issachar which known for it's anointing to understand the time and to understand secrets.

This month is linked with light, which signifies increased revelation. Ask God to reveal secrets, deep things this month. Let God reveal His Covenant to you at a new level of reality.

Daniel 2:21-22 "He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things."

Alphabet: VAV

Means “connection, linking, tent peg”

6th letter in the alphabet with the numeric value of 6.

In the tabernacle Exodus 27:9-10, the hooks (vav) of silver fastened to posts that were used to curtain the enclosed tabernacle. The picture of the Vav is a picture of man. Since Vav represent the number 6, it is a type of man. Man created on the 6th day. Man works for six days. Six millennia before the coming of Messiah

Issachar Positioning

Issachar’s Positioning When The Cloud Moved

The first to move out were the Spiritual and Physical Warriors. The Worshipping Warriors. God set as the first three tribes to lead the nation in physical as well as spiritual warriors, which are Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

Numbers 10:14: In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 15: And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar. 16: And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

- 1 Judah – Worship and warfare always go together. Governmental rulership also goes with war. These were worshipping warriors.
- 2 Issachar – understood the times and could give counsel for what to do. He was called the Torah tribe. They were to know the Law, the Word, the Torah. (Torah means ‘to hit the mark’, while sin means ‘to miss the mark.’)
3. Zebulun – prospered in business. This tribe gave financial support through times of war. They carried the ability to prosper in Godly systems of trades.

They also protected the Levi priests who were chosen to carry the curtains, poles, floorboards and all that was necessary to set up the tabernacle. They went ahead of the procession as the leaders Worship and Warfare – protecting the Holy Things of **YHWH**.

Standard Of The Lion - Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun 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 Lion – Traveled and camped under this standard; and camped on the East of the Tabernacle – Judah, Issachar, Zebulun.

Jesus, The Lion – watches over us and stalks the enemy of our soul. Jesus is our intercessor example because he intercedes for us day and night.

Lion, The Bride – Who have called to ‘watch and wait.’ To ‘arise and shine’ for your light has come. To release a ‘roar’ out of our mouths.

Isa 31:4 The Lord will be like a growling lion

Numbers 2:3: And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

Position of Issachar

In The Wilderness Around The Tabernacle: Issachar was situated with Zebulun and Judah on the east side. I want to draw your attention to the fact that Issachar and Zebulun are always together. They were companions through out history and on into the future.

In The Promised Land: The lot for Issachar fell from Mount Tabor, towards, Jezreel and in the area of Shunem (this is where the two Shunamite women we came from). The fact that Mt. Tabor is located at the boundary of Issachar, is also a proof that Deborah was an Issacharite. The location of Issachar is listed in Joshua 19: 17-23. Their neighboring tribes were Manasseh on the south, Zebulun on the north, with the Jordan River located on the east.

In The Millennium: Issachar will be located between Simeon and Zebulun. Ezekiel 48:25

The Gate of Issachar In The New Jerusalem: The Gate of Issachar will be on the north side with the Gates of Simeon and Zebulun)

Issachar's Prophetic Summary

Issachar, is a beautiful tribe. One thing about you is, that you do take time to listen. It is hard for you to always be obedient to what the Lord says to you. You try, but you have many doubts because your own nature is firm and unmovable. You are a humble people.

You have a wonderful woman of God in Deborah. You will be a mother in Israel. She carried a wisdom to see who God had called to lead His people. Who should go out to battle. She knew the strategies of where to attack and when. Men you as well will be 'fathers in Israel.'

Your name signifies two opposites in your nature. One - you are a servant with a servant's heart, lowly, burdened and faithful. The other thing is that there is another meaning to your name, a meaning that has been hidden through the centuries and that is the root-word 'nasa' which means "to lift up high, to fly."

You have a generous spirit of giving. You see a need and love to fill it, and that in abundance.

Remember that when the burden gets so heavy that you do not know how you will carry it any longer. Lay it at the feet of the Lord. He said. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Issacharites are humble. They have learned that as he "couches down between two burdens" in humility accepts the load that is laid across his back that he will receive the strength to carry the burden. Jesus couched down and bore the burden of the cross and he received the strength of His Father to do it.

Issacharites are not 'city people' they love the land, love the earth. They delights in the outdoors. They are also a love-slave, you cannot pay an Issacharite, it would only cheapen him.

The tribe of Issachar and the tribe of Zebulon are linked together though they be opposites. Deut. 33:18,19. 'Zebulun loves going out, and Issachar loves staying in.' Zebulun is an extrovert and Issachar is an introvert, but tied together, having a great harvest of souls in the end time ministry. These two tribes look for blessings, not in traditions, but they find blessings out of their own well.

God is going to give them truths in this end time that have been hidden from the foundation of the earth. Issachar along with Zebulun has been promised the treasures of the sea (souls)

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Issacharites are the scholar. Scholarship provides wisdom, clarity and direction. It is the foundation of any system. They have the dedication to immerse in study and education. Will know truths that may not even be shared with others. Issachar has a message – they will call people to the mountain of God. People remember them with fondness.

Issachar does not seek fame or acclaim or promotion or recognition.

Gift of understanding the times and season and knowing what Israel ought to do.

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 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."

Some of my resources:

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