

# **The Lives of Jacob & Joseph**

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## **Life of Jacob/Joseph**

*Genesis 15:13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. [14] But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.*

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*Genesis 49:1 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. [2] "Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.*

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## Genesis 49:16-18 - Dan

a) When Israel entered Canaan the tribe of Dan received land on the western coast

b) They could not fully gain control of the territory, especially after the Philistines settled in the area.

Might recall the Samson story - from the tribe of Dan fighting the Philistines



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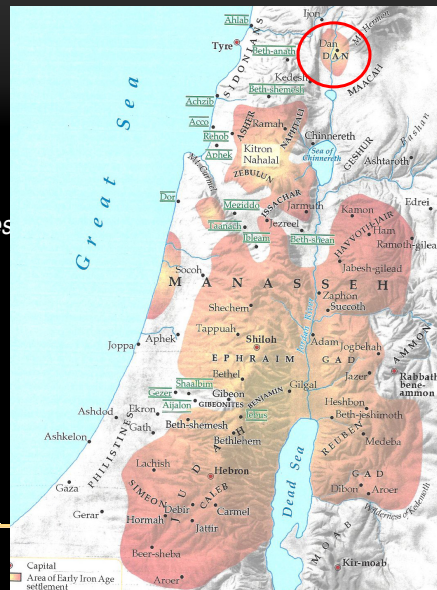
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- c) Eventually Dan gives up on God giving them their appointed land
- d) Send 5 spies north to find another place...other than what God appointed FYI
- e) Came to the city called Laish – beautiful place and the text says a quiet peaceful people
- f) 600 armed Danites totally annihilate them & took it as their own

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- g) They renamed it the city of Dan and settled in the area around it
- h) Took a Priest from the area, their idols, and built a Temple there for themselves



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Picture – People unwilling to trust God in the face of adversity and instead fix life on their own = **THEY SETTLE** for that which looks attainable rather than that which God can obtain!

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## Genesis 49:19 - Gad



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*Picture – People preoccupied with their own problems and settling for the NOW!*



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## Genesis 49:20 – Asher



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*Picture = Of a people given everything but refused to lean in when adversity struck!*



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## Genesis 49:21 – Naphtali



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*Picture = People that placed their trust in God rather than their good fortune*



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## Genesis 49:22-26 – Joseph

- *Jacob's Might One = speaking of God's strength*
- *The Shepherd = speaking of His tenderness & care*
- *Rock of Israel = speaking of His firmness and stability*
- *Your Father's God = speaking of His longstanding care*
- *Almighty*



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## Genesis 49:22-26 – Joseph

*Picture = Man who walks with God  
and mystically takes on God's  
characteristics*



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## Genesis 49:27 – Benjamin





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*Picture = People who are beloved by God are not discounted by their inadequacies but elevated by the Grandeur of God*



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## Genesis 49:28-33



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Final thought:

*Jacob, elevated into the GRAND of God  
and God's FUTURE*

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