

# Study X

## Chronological Bible Study The Chronology of the Twelve Tribes

Israel - Israelites (1) having power with God or God's fighter, (2) the name conferred upon Jacob by the Angel at Penial, (3) Israelites, the whole people of Israel, (4) Sometimes the whole nation is represented as one person: "Israel my son." For enumeration of the tribes, see Outline, Reference D.

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### Outline

All referenced scripture must be read aloud, as hearing promotes understanding and retention.

A.	Summary of Tribes .....	Gen. 35:23-26
	.....	I Chr. 2:1-2
1.	General Genealogy .....	
B.	Tribe of Judah .....	Gen. 46: 12
	Descendants of Various Calebs .....	I Chr. 2:18-20
	.....	42-55; 4:1-23
	.....	Ru. 4:19-22
C.	Tribe of Levi .....	Gen. 46:11
1.	Descendants of Gerhsom .....	Nu. 3:19
	.....	Nu. 3:18
	.....	I Chr. 6:17
2.	Descendants of Kohath .....	Ex. 6:18
	.....	Nu. 3:19
3.	Descendants of Merari.....	Ex. 6:19
	.....	Nu. 3:20
	.....	I Chr. 6:19
4.	Ancestors of Song Masters .....	I Chr. 6:31-48
D.	Other Tribes .....	
1.	Tribe of Reuben .....	Ex. 6:14
	.....	I Chr. 5:1-17
2.	Tribe of Gad.....	Gen. 46:16
	.....	I Chr. 5:11-17
3.	Tribe of Manasseh 1/2 Tribe East .....	I Chr. 5:23, 24
	West .....	I Chr. 7:14-19
4.	Tribe of Simeon .....	Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15
	.....	I Chr. 4:24-38
5.	Tribe of Issachar.....	Gen. 46:13
	.....	I Chr. 7:1-5
6.	Tribe of Naphtali.....	Gen. 46:24;
	.....	I Chr. 7:13
7.	Tribe of Ephraim 1/2 Tribe.....	I Chr. 7:20-29
8.	Tribe of Asher .....	Gen. 46:17
	.....	I Chr. 7:30-40
9.	Tribe of Benjamin .....	Gen. 46:21

	.....	I Chr. 7:6-12
	.....	I Chr. 8:1-28
E. Summary	.....	1 Chr. 9:1

In the prophetic vision which Israel had of the future condition of his sons (Gen. 49:3) he thus enumerates them:

Jer. 2:1; Ezek. 14:1-5; 20:1

1. Reuben - the first born
2. Simeon - instrument of cruelty
3. Levi - instruments of cruelty
4. Judah - whom his brethren shall praise
5. Zebulun - dwelling at the haven of the sea
6. Issachar - a strong ass
7. Dan-the judge
8. Gad - overcome and overcoming
9. Asher - whose bread shall be fat
10. Naphtali - a hind let loose, giving goodly words
11. Joseph - a fruitful bough
12. Benjamin - wolf

*Note:*

The tribe of Joseph was divided into two branches = *Ephraim* and *Manasseh*

Half Tribes:

Manasseh Reubenites	I Chr. 5:23
Manasseh (References)	Nu. 32:33, 34:14 Dt. 3:13, 29:8, 33:17 Josh. 1:12, 4:12, 12:6, 13:7, 29, 14:4, 2, 3, 17:8, 20:8, 21:5, 6
Reubenites (References)	Du. 3:12, 13, 16, 4:43, 29:8 Josh. 1:12, 12:6, 13:8, 22:1; 2 Kings 10:33; I Chr. 5:6, 26, 11:42, 12:37, 26:32, 27:16  Rev. 5:5; 7:5-8

## See God Face-to-Face

Sample:

- Exodus 33: 20      God said, "thou canst not see my face, for there shall no man see me and live."
- Genesis 32:30      Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved.
- Exodus 34:20      God said, "thou canst not see my face, for there shall no man see me and live." (to Moses)
- Nu. 14:14-22
- John 1:18          No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
- John 5:37  
John 7:27-29      Jesus said, "Ye both know me and ye know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true. Whom ye know not, but I know him; for I am from him and he hath sent me."
- John 6:46          Jesus said, "not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
- Du. 4:12          Jesus said, "and the Father himself which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his shape." (Du. 4: 12)
- Mt. 11:27  
II Chor. 4:6      For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.Luke 10:22
- Luke 10:22      All things are delivered to me of my Father and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son; and he whom the son will reveal him.

I Tim. 6:16

Who only hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting.

The concept of seeing the face of God is not always the same in scripture. God revealed himself to Moses by a manifestation of his glory. When Jacob said that he had seen the Lord face to face, he simply meant that he had looked upon a divine being, the Angel of the Lord, not that he had beheld God in all of his resplendent glory, which no man could look upon; even as we cannot look upon the sun without being blinded.

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### Questions

1. Define Israel and the Israelites.

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2. Which tribes are best fitted to the following enumeration? (Ref. D.)

a. A fruitful brough

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b. Whose bread shall be fat

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c. The judge

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d. Dwelling at the haven of the sea

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e. Whom his brethren shall praise

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f. A wolf

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g. The first born

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h. Instruments of cruelty

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

- i. A strong ass  
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  - j. Overcome and overcoming  
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  - k. A hind let loose. Giving goodly words  
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3. What happened to the other halves of the half tribes?  
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4. Who were they? (See Reference Sheet)  
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5. The tribe of Joseph was divided into two branches. What were their names?  
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6. Locate the territory . . . "Land of Canaan."  
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7. What was the land of milk and honey?  
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