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Message #3



THE TRIBE
OF REUBEN

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BEHOLD, A SON!

And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the **gates** twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the **twelve tribes** of the children of Israel.

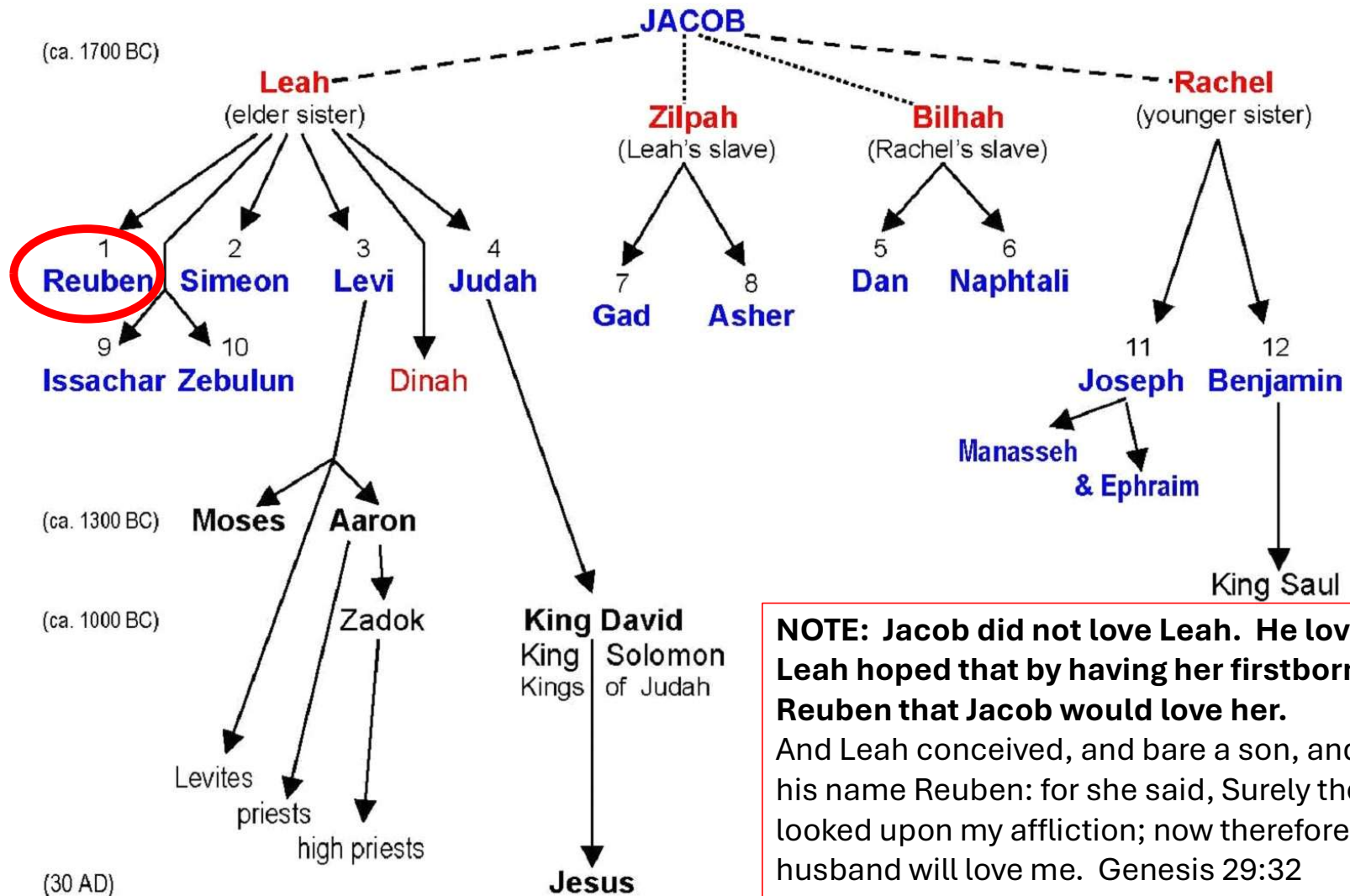
Revelation 21:12



- Genesis 49:1-29 lists the names of the **twelve tribes of Israel**.
- They are:
- **Rueben**, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, Benjamin
- By studying each of these names, we will be able to see a **step-by-step growth** and **development** in the life of a Christian in preparation for the New Jerusalem.
- From Rueben to Benjamin, we go **from infancy to maturity**.
- **Each of the gates** of the Holy City are a manifestation of this nature of God in you.



Sons of Jacob / Tribes of Israel



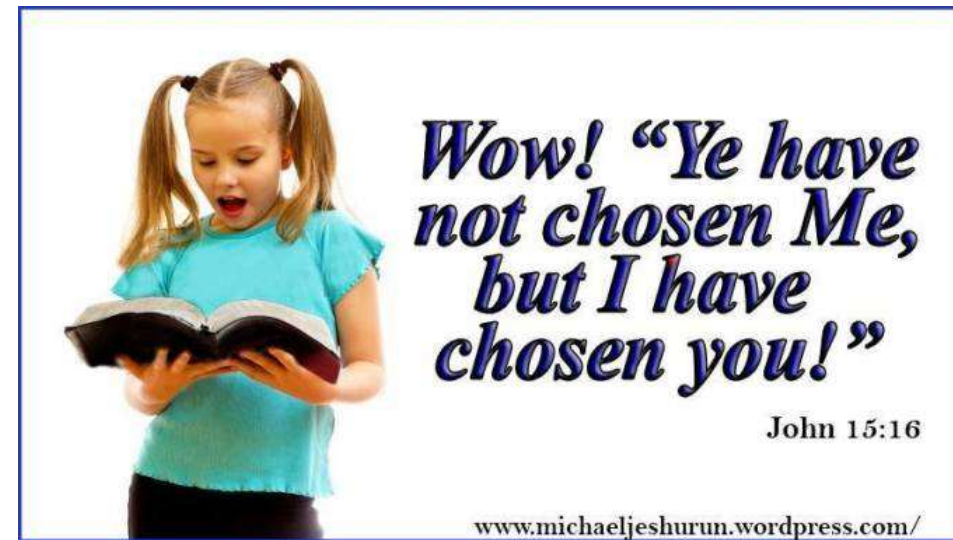
- The firstborn son of Jacob was **Reuben**.
- It is a requirement to walk in the experience of Reuben to be a part of the **Holy City**, the **New Jerusalem** as described in **Revelation 21**.
- Reuben means, “**Behold a son!**”
- You must be born again to enter this city.
 - Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**...JESUS John 3:7
- The new birth is an importation of the divine nature in the form of a seed.
 - Being born again, not of corruptible **seed**, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23
- You were **CHOSEN** to be a follower of Christ.
 - I **chose you** out of the world...JESUS John 15:19



Reuben

Behold a Son

- God **chooses** when you will be **born** both in the **natural** and in the **spirit**.
 - God hath **from the beginning chosen you** to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13
 - **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you**, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain. John 15:16
- We have been learning that **salvation is progressive**.
- I have **been born** again, I am **being born** again, I **shall be** born again.
- The new birth is when God **imparts** and **deposits HIMSELF** in us.



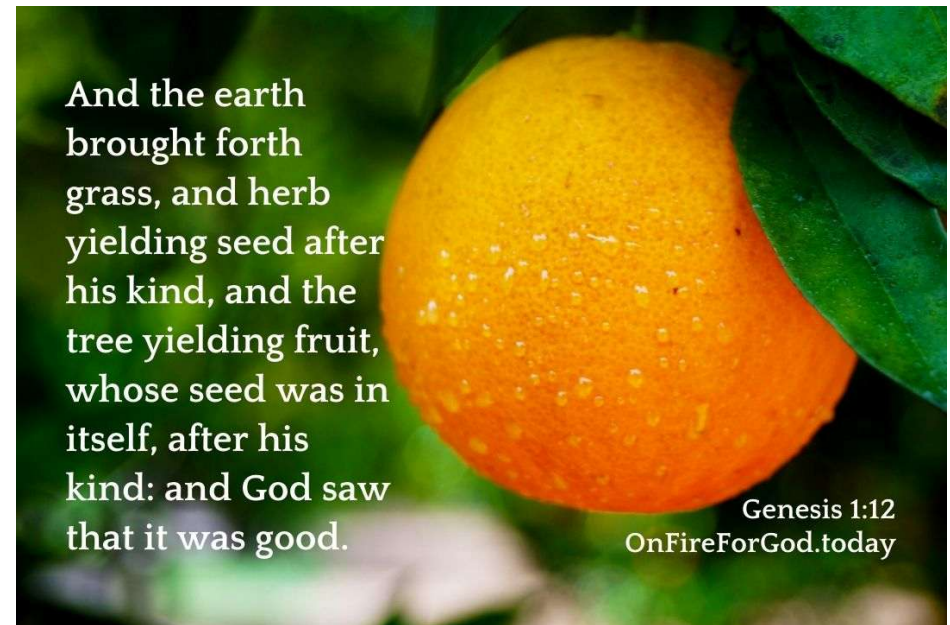
- Mary was confused about this. She said, “**How can this be?**”
 - Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be**, seeing I know not a man?
 - And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee** shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:34-35
- This is exactly what happens to you **in the spirit** when you are born again.
- The **Holy Spirit overshadows you** and births **in you a new spirit** and **imparts** in you the same **nature** and **quality** of **seed** and **life** that was deposited in the womb of the young virgin.



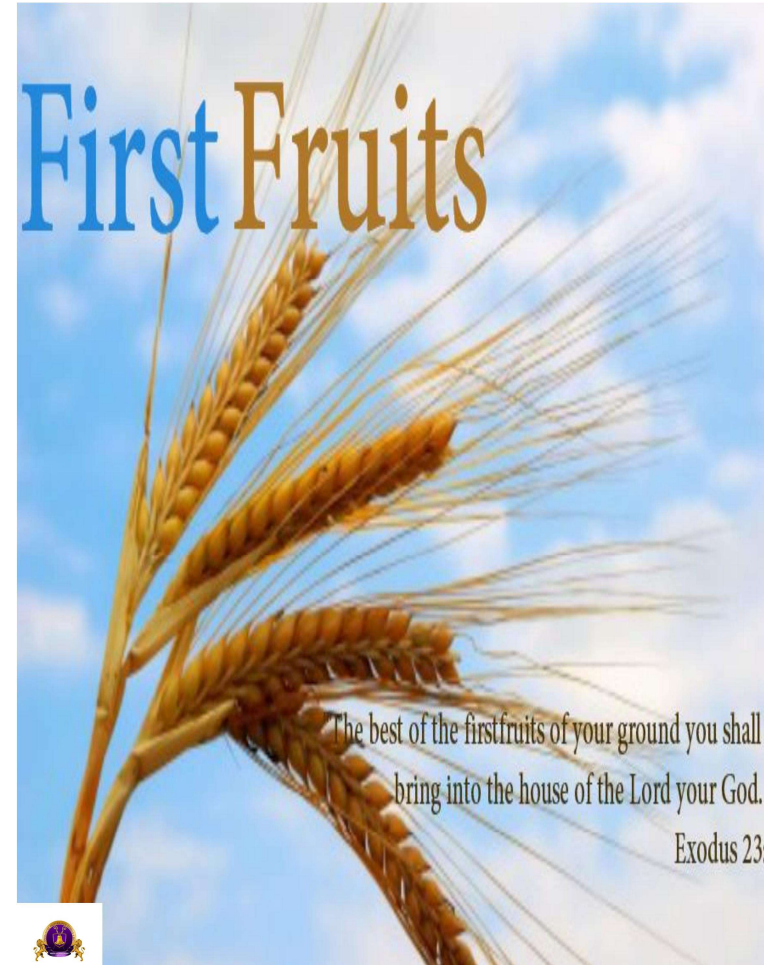
- Hebrews 12:9 calls God the **Father of Spirits**, and you are a **spirit** being of which God is the Father.
 - Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: **shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits**, and live?
 - Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, **that we should be a kind** of firstfruits of his creatures.
James 1:18
- Does this say He saved us so that we might do something for Him? **NO!** He said, “That we should be a **KIND**”.
- The word, “**KIND**” here can be translated as “**species**”.



- In Genesis, chapter one, **the seed** was to **produce** after its **own kind**.
 - And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding **seed**, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit **after his kind**, whose **seed** is in itself, upon the earth. Genesis 1:11
- You will produce the **KIND** of Christian you are.
- This is a good word for pastors.
- We will produce the **KIND** of Christian we are!
- We reproduce ourselves into others when we minister to them.
- Note: this depends on whether the person has a **teachable spirit**.



- The purpose of the **new birth** is so we can be a **first fruit of His creation**.
 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - The same was in the beginning with God.
 - All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4](#)In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 - And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
 - There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 - The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
 - He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
 - *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
 - He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
 - He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
 - Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:1-14



- Man is **spirit** who has a **soul**, living in a **body**.
- Adam's **spirit** was so in **union** with **God's Spirit** that there was a **perfect union**.
- But when Adam sinned, this **perfect union was broken**, and a separation took place between God's Spirit and man's spirit, which resulted in death to man's spirit.
- With our **spirit** we make contact with **God's Spirit**.
- When we are born of God, the **Spirit of God lights the candle** in our spirit, and we become the light of the world.
 - *That was the **true Light**, which **lighteth** every man that cometh into the world.*
John 1:9
 - **The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD.** Proverbs 20:27



- Unless the **Holy Spirit lights you**, you can repeat multiple sinner's prayers and still not be lit.
- Unless you have been **drawn** to Jesus by the **Spirit of God**, you are not born again.
 - No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him.**
John 6:44
- However, when a person is **drawn** by the Holy Spirit, their spirit is **saved**.
- Their soul is in the process **of being** saved, and their body **will be** saved.
- When we are born from above, our spirit **passes from death to life**.
 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; **but is passed from death unto life.** John 5:24



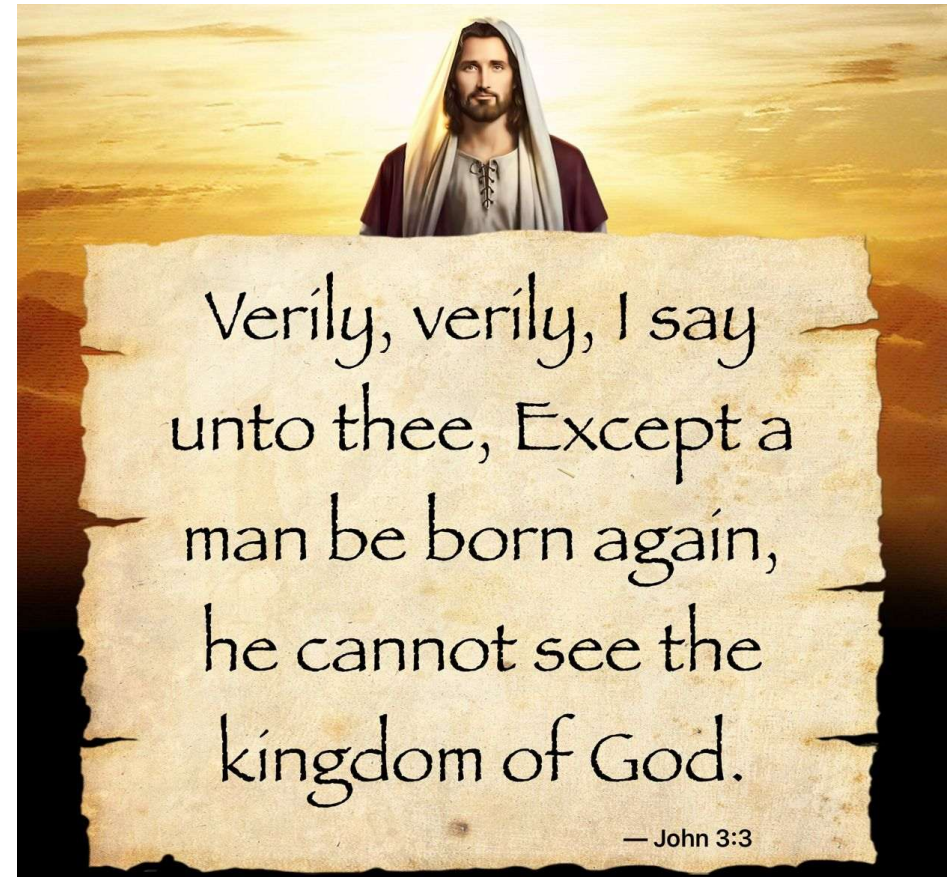
- A resurrection took place and now we have communication with the **Father of Spirits**, because he that is **born** of the **Spirit is Spirit**. (John 3:6)
- He gave us the **right** to become the **Sons of God**.
 - But as many as **received** him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe** on his name. John 1:12
- There is only **one way into the Holy City** and that is through the **gates**.
- Anyone who tries to get in any other way is a thief and a robber.
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, **the same is a thief and a robber**. John 10:1



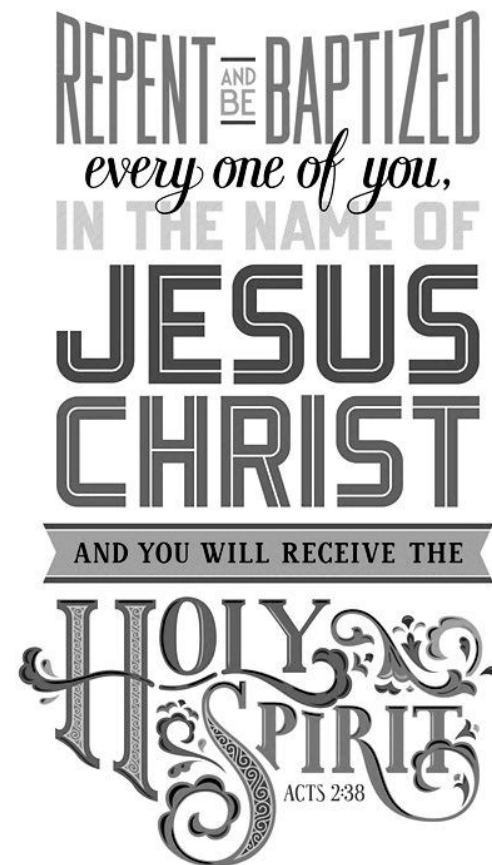
- **Reuben is Gate One.**
- Rueben means “**Behold a Son!**”
- When God lights your candle, all of **creation** stands and **sings**, just like the angels when Jesus was born!
 - Likewise, I say unto you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels** of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15:10
- We are a **KIND** of Jesus who is the **THE Firstfruit**.
 - For unto us **a child is born**, unto us **a son is given**: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



- Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** John 3:3
- All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me **I will in no wise cast out.**
- For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will**, but the will of him that sent me.
- And this is **the Father's will** which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
- And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which **seeth** the Son, and **believeth** on him, may have **everlasting** life: and I will **raise** him up at the last day. John 6:37-40



- Many people think that all it takes to be born again is to just say a **simple prayer**.
- They think it is easy to “**just believe**”.
- But Jesus did not come preaching “**just believe**”.
- When Peter was asked, “what shall we do?”, he replied, “**Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**.” Acts 2:37-38
- **Repent means to have a change of heart.**
- It means to turn away from **YOUR WAY** of thinking and acting to **HIS WAY**.
- **You cannot do this by yourself.**
- It takes the **POWER** of God to change your way of thinking.



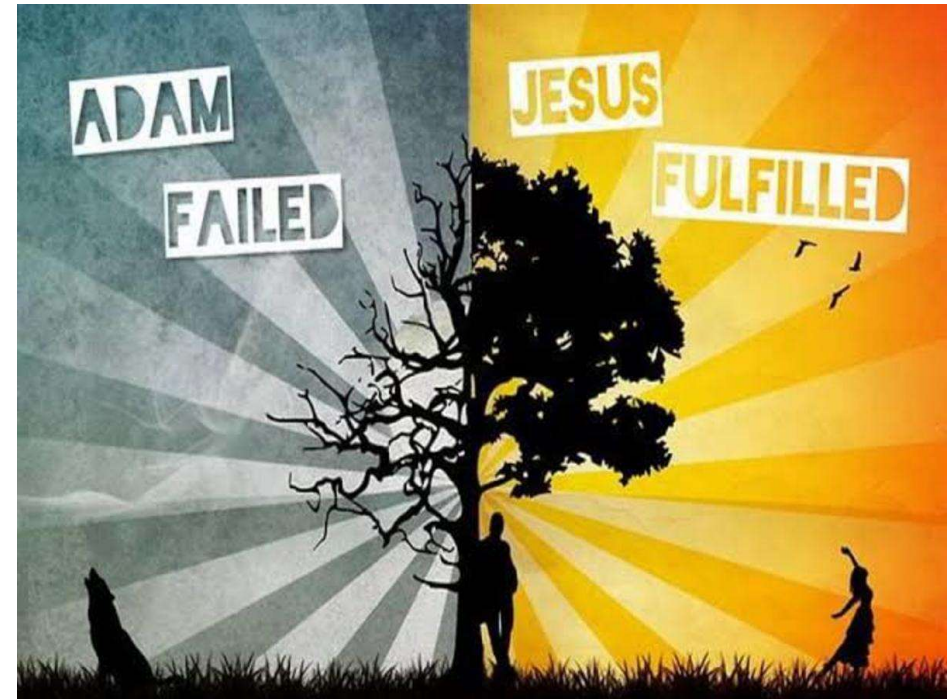
- The Holy Spirit is the one who **brings the change**.
- You may **teach** others and try to **show** them what the Word says, but **only the Holy Spirit can open their hearts to receive it**.
- Those who say a simple prayer but **do not REPENT and TURN**, will become **STILLBORN CHILDREN**.
- **There is a time to be born. Ecclesiastes 3:2**
- Chapter 6:3-7 talks about being **STILLBORN**.
 - If a man beget an hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better than he.
 - For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.
 - Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath more rest than the other.
 - Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?
 - All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.



- The **Stillborn** child comes in **darkness** and **obscurity**, then goes out **without knowing anything**.
- This is speaking, in a **spiritual sense**, of those who have **spiritual** abortions and miscarriages.
- People who have been **harassed** and **pressured** by some Pharisee who wants to get “another notch in their belt”.
- As a result, it often makes them **twice the child of hell they once were**.
- So many try to do the work that **only the Holy Spirit can do**.



- The first Adam produced the **beast nature**.
- The last Adam produced the **life-giving Spirit**.
 - And so it is written, The **first man Adam** was made a living soul; the **last Adam** *was made* a quickening spirit. 1 Corinthians 15:45
- At the new birth, we receive another nature that begins to **overcome** that beast.
- It begins to break his **power** and **dominion** “until Christ be formed in you”. (Galatians 4:19)
- The **new birth** (the first gate into the Holy City) is the beginning of the descending of the New Jerusalem into the visible realm.
- Your family and friends can begin to see the **nature** of god in you, because you are becoming different.



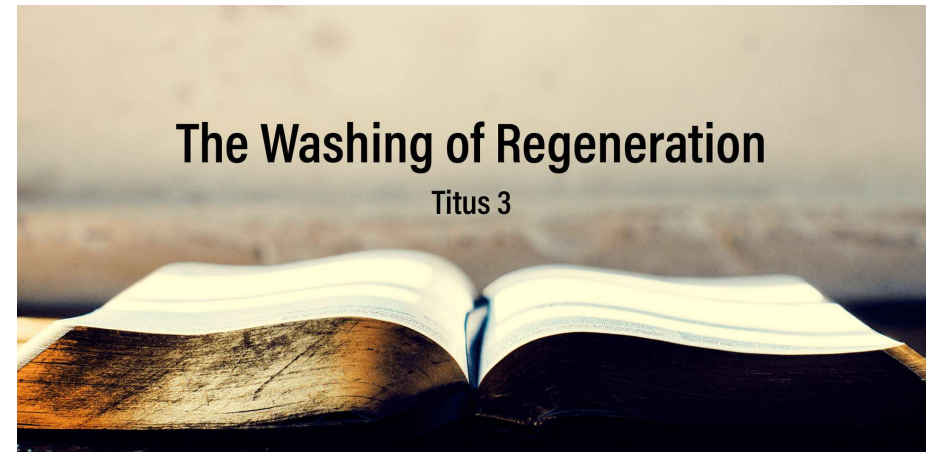
- There are six things the new birth is:

1. A **Birth**

- The beginning of a NEW life.
- To bring forth LIFE.

2. **Cleansing**

- It is the first washing a priest (you are now a priest)
 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration**, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5
 - And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father. Revelation 1:6
- He that is WASHED is BATHED.
 - Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not **save to wash *his* feet**, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. John 13:10
 - We must keep washing our feet as we are being saved. Feet representing our walk.



3. A **Quickening** – bringing to Life

- The spirit is made alive unto God.
 - And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1
- Passed from death to life.
 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth** my word, and **believeth** on him that sent me, hath **everlasting** life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is **passed from death unto life**. John 5:24

4. New **Creation**

- By the Spirit
 - Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou **renewest** the face of the earth. Psalms 104:30
- His Workmanship
 - For **we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

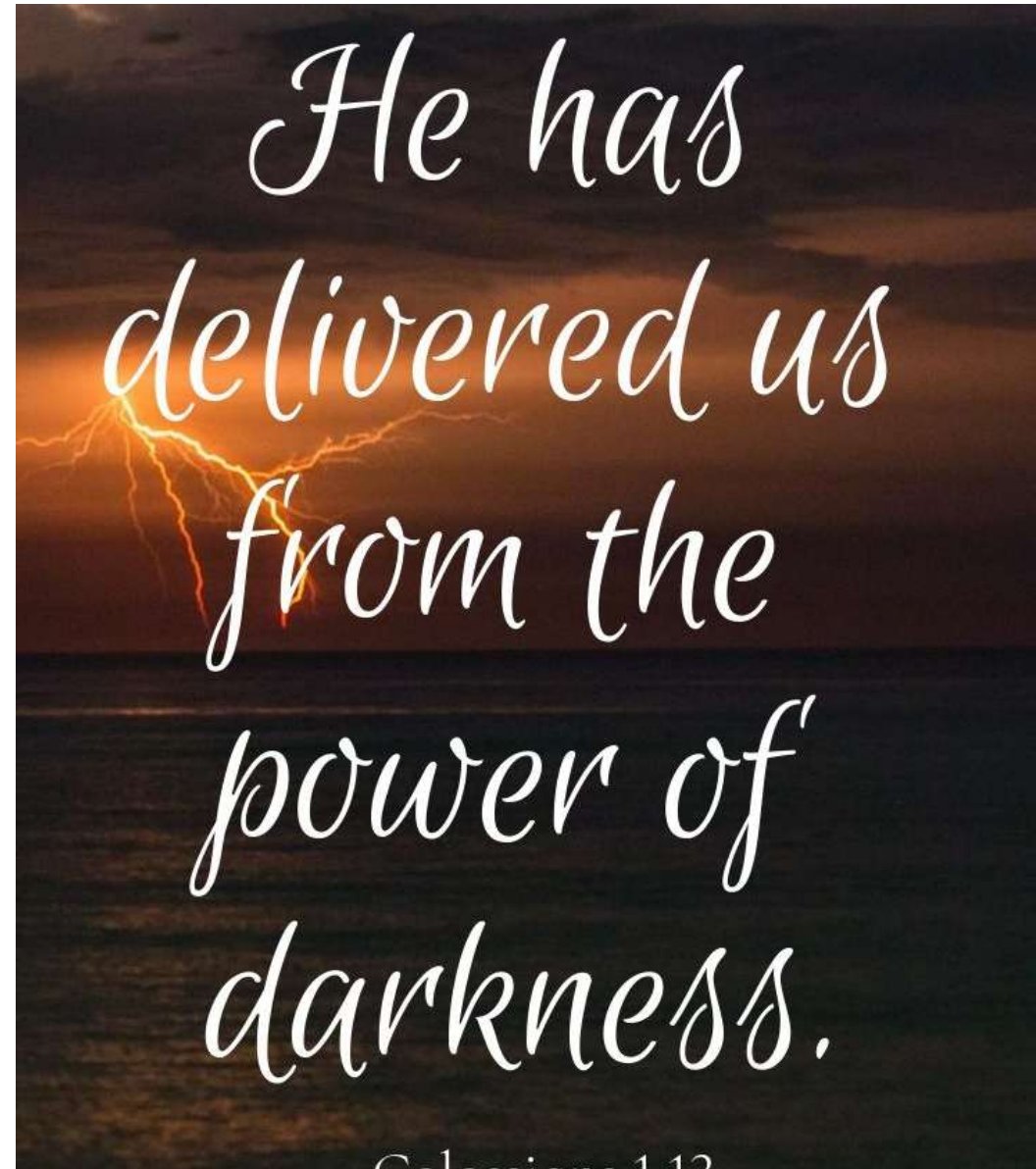


5. Resurrection

- To a right **relationship** with Christ
 - Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as Christ was **raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 - For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:
 - Knowing this, that our old man is **crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
 - For he that is dead is **freed from sin**.
 - Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with him**:
 - Knowing that Christ being **raised from the dead** dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
 - For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but **in that he liveth, he liveth unto God**.
Romans 6:4-10
- From the **death of sin**
 - And he that was **dead came forth**, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, **Loose him, and let him go**.

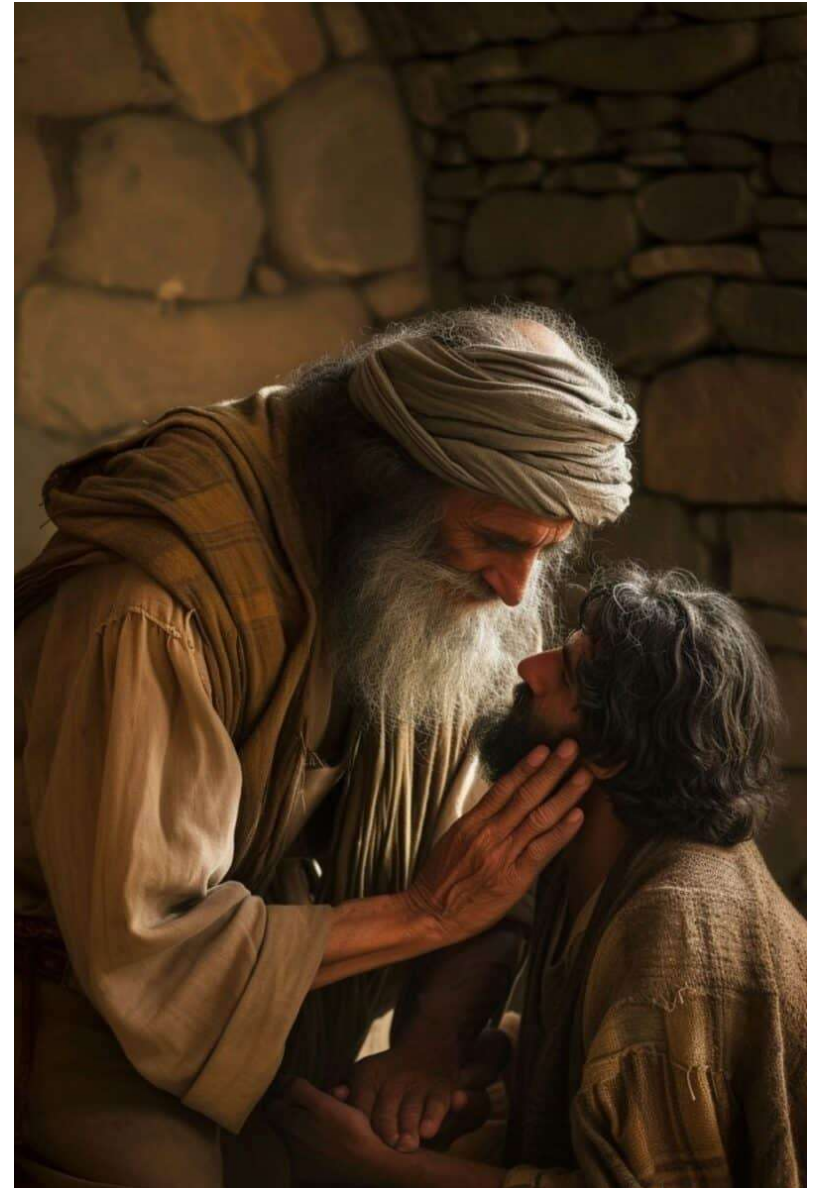
6. Translation

- From one Kingdom (dominion) into another – from **darkness to light**
 - Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in **light**:
 - Who hath delivered us from the **power of darkness**, and hath translated *us* into the **kingdom of his dear Son**.
Colossians 1:12-13
- Into the **people of God**
 - But ye *are* a **chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**:
 - Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* **now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10



Colossians 1:12

- And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, **that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.**
 - **Gather yourselves together**, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.
 - **Reuben**, thou *art* my **firstborn**, my **might**, and the **beginning** of my **strength**, the excellency of **dignity**, and the excellency of **power**:
 - **Unstable** as water, thou shalt not **excel**; because thou wentest **up** to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.
- Genesis 49:1



- Things to note about Jacob's prophecy concerning Reuben are parallel to what happens when we are **spiritually born** again.

1. He was the firstborn.

- For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that **he might be the firstborn among many brethren**. Romans 8:29
- But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
- And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24



2. There are four aspects of what happens to us when we are born again.

- **We receive Might, Strength, Dignity, and Power**
- These are four aspects of the **DIVINE SEED** in **POTENTIAL**.
- All of these aspects are in the **seed** that gave you birth.
- These are your **potential in Christ**.
- When we plant a seed in the ground, we do not have the fruit, nor can we yet see the potential of that seed.
- There must be a growing time; a **developing time**.
- God has put Himself in us **by His Word** and if allowed to grow it will manifest in the fruits of the Spirit.



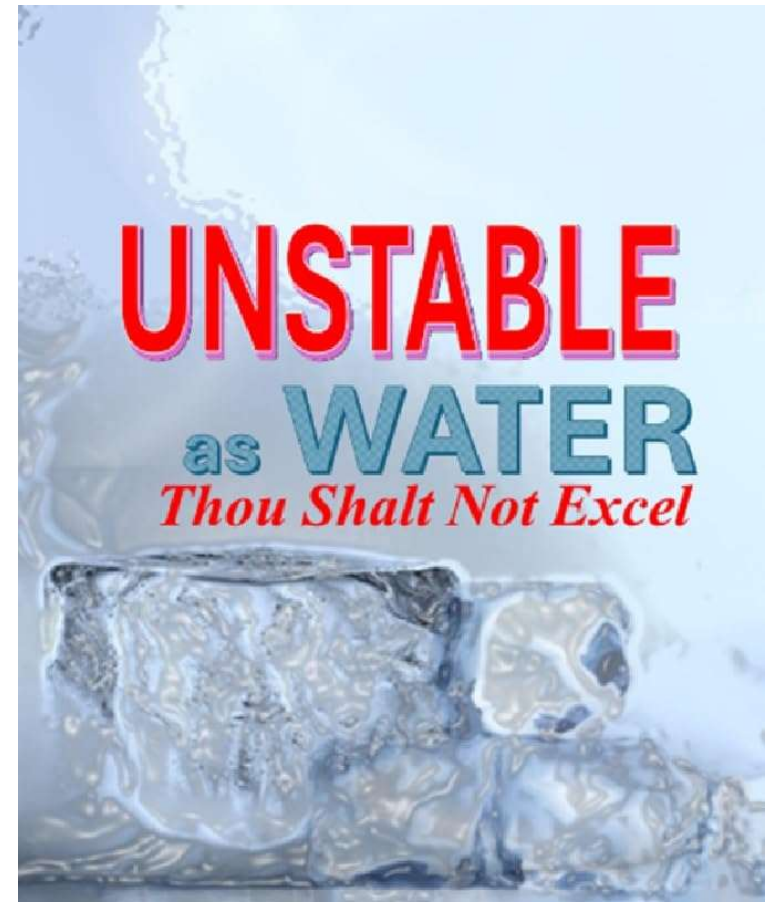
- If we have the potential of His **Might, Strength, Dignity, and Power**, then why do we have so many problems?
- Jacob told Reuben he was “**unstable as water**”.
 - But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
 - For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
 - A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. James 1:6-8
- A new Christian is **double minded and unstable** in all his ways.
- Isn't this true also in natural birth?
- How can anyone who is **unstable and double minded** lead others?
 - That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
 - But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ. Ephesians 4:14-15

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James 1:8



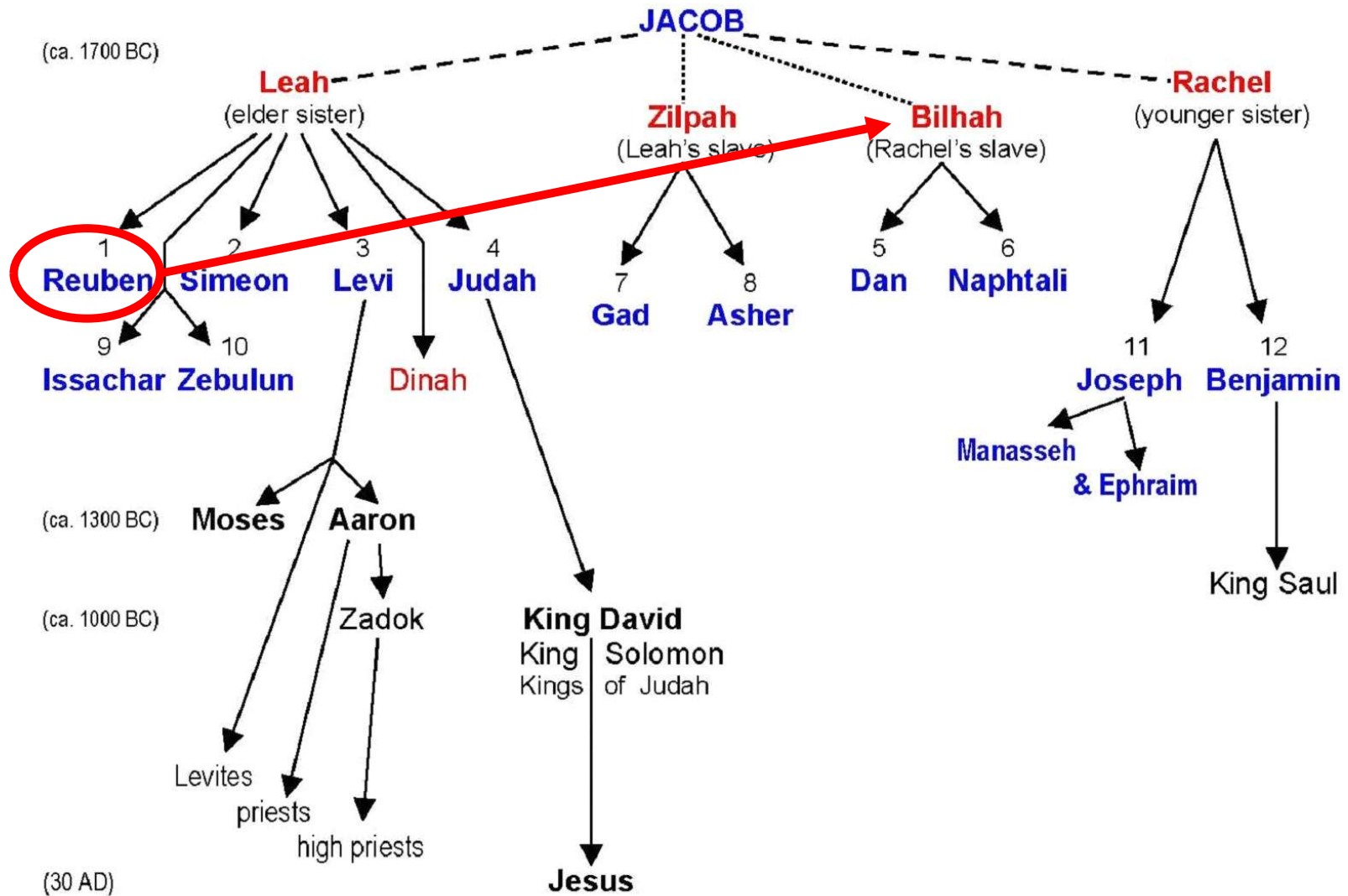
- The purpose of the ministry gifts of **teaching** and **shepherding** from more mature Christians are needed to **help the new Christians grow**.
- Those who only come through the **first gate** of the city, Reuben, are **unstable**.
- If you **stay** at this gate and **do not go on to maturity, you will not excel**.
- Jacob said, “**Thou shalt not excel**”.
- “**Excel**” means “just over or exceed; **OVERCOME**; to come over something”.
- **The tribe of Reuben never did excel**.
- As far as it is known, there never came a prophet, a judge, or a king from the tribe of Reuben.



- Rueben, you will never be an **overcomer** as long as you just walk through one gate, even though the **POTENTIAL** to succeed from the **DIVINE SEED** in in you.
- There are churches after churches with hundreds of people who have the divine seed of God in them, but they are **unstable as water** and will not excel as long as they remain the place of refusing to mature.
- Jacob told Rueben he was **unstable** and would not excel “Because you went **UP** (pride & lust) to your father’s bed and defiled it.”
 - And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine**: and **Israel heard it**.
Genesis 35:22



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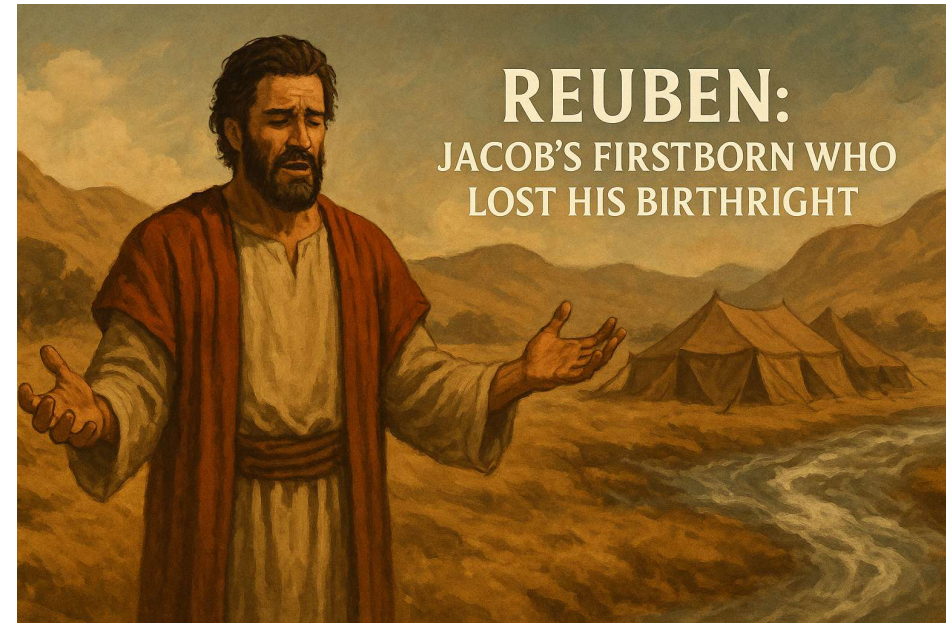


- Reuben had a problem with **pride** and **lust; love of self**.
- **I want what I want and I want it now!**
- I will scream or whatever else I can do until I get your attention!!
- If I want to go up to my father's house and lay with his concubine, I will do it.
 - His father's concubine was Bilah.
 - "Bilah" means "old, troubled, confused"
 - Bilah was the mother of Dan and Naphtali.
- New converts are ever joining themselves to the old way of life or something or someone that will get them in trouble.
- This leaves them **troubled, unstable, and confused**.
- Reuben was not able to control his desires.
- Many in the Reuben category are trying to live the Christian life by following the letter of the law, and it is humanly impossible to do.

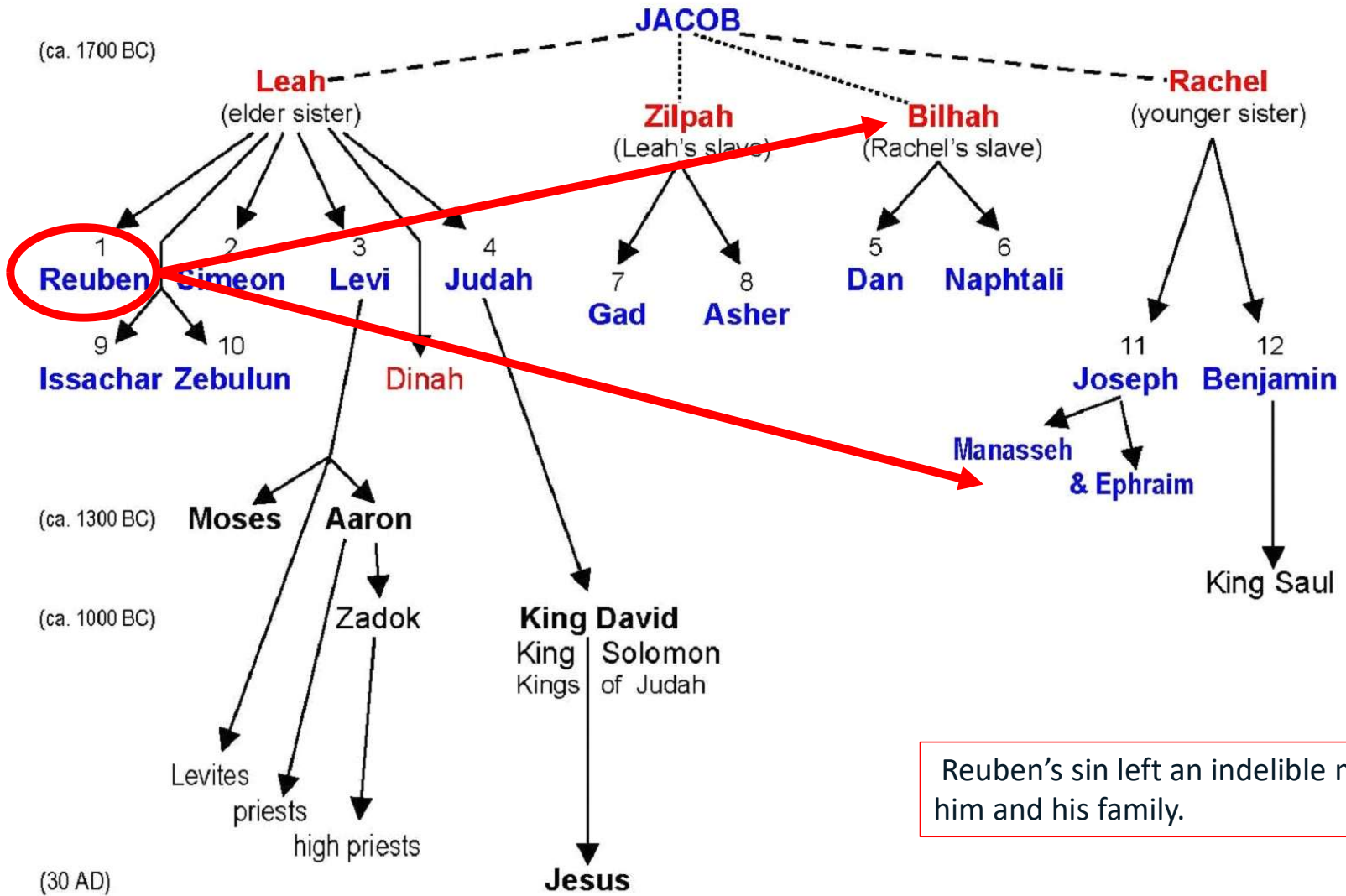
Bilah



- Those who are motivated by **pride and lust** possess an inability to control their desires.
- They want to lay with that thing that is trouble and join themselves to it; and when they do, it becomes one with them.
- These will be constantly in **trouble** and constantly **unstable, nervous, flustered** and will never be able to excel.
- **Reuben lost his birthright** to Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim (born of an Egyptian mother) over his sins.
 - Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the firstborn; but, **forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph** the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.
 - For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the chief ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:) 1 Chronicles 5:1-2



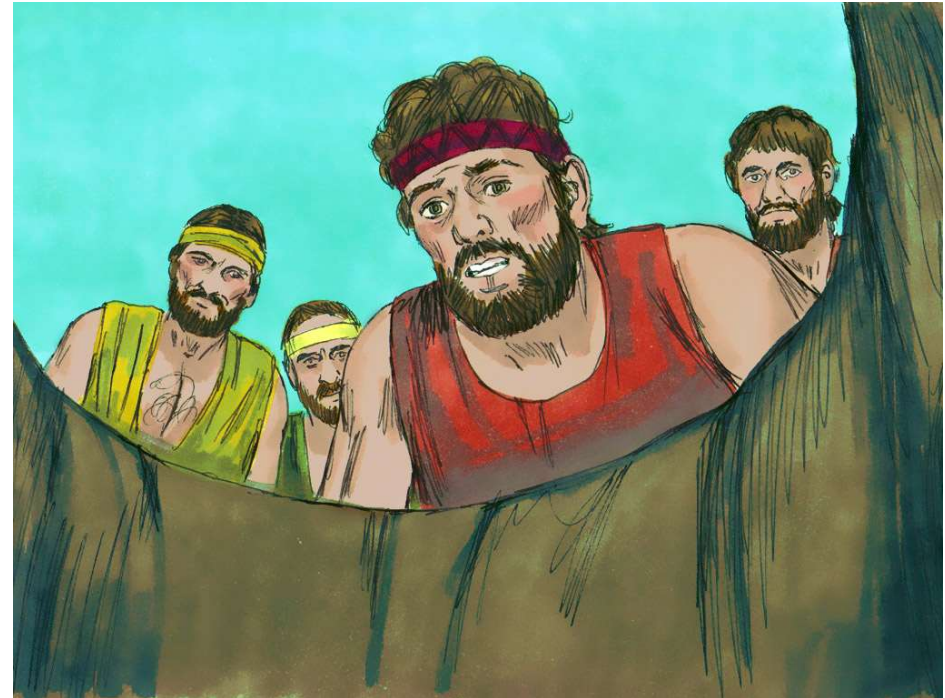
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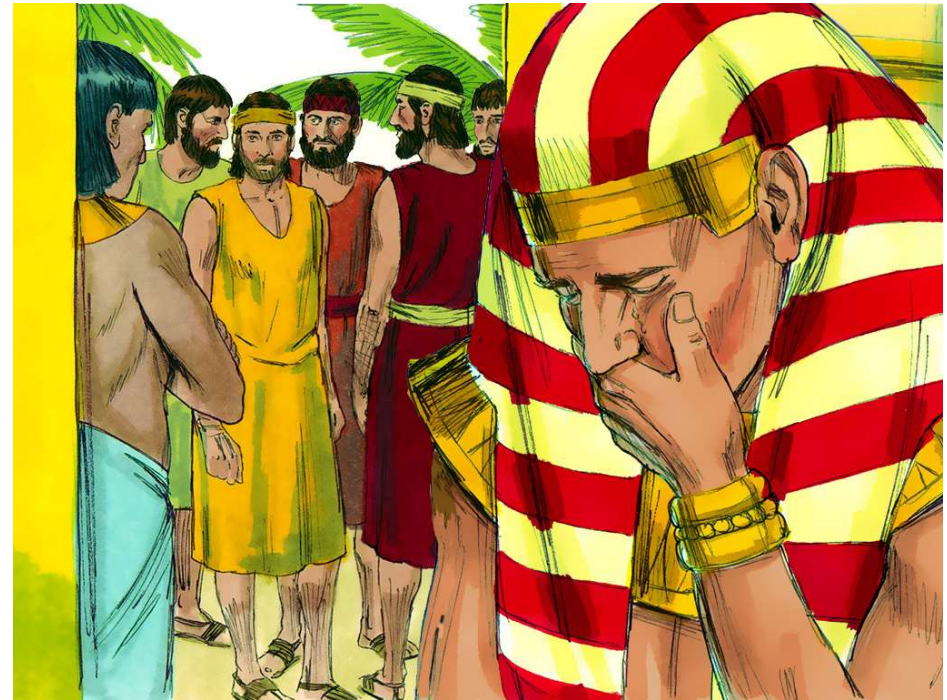
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- And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Genesis 30:14
 - Acted as a Fertility drug.



- Noted qualities about Reuben:
 - He **saved his brother Joseph** from being killed
 - 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. Genesis 37:21-22
 - He **mourned** when he discovered Joseph was no longer in the pit.
 - Then there passed by **Midianites** merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the **Ishmeelites** 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? Genesis 37:29
 - **Joseph is a type of JESUS!**



- Reuben talked to his brothers **in front of Joseph in Egypt** (not knowing in fact it was Joseph) when Joseph told them to bring their younger brother.
 - [Joseph said to them] But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die.
 - And Reuben answered them [his brothers], 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.**
 - And **they knew not that Joseph understood them**; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.
 - And **he [Joseph] turned himself about from them, and wept.** Genesis 42:20; 22-24



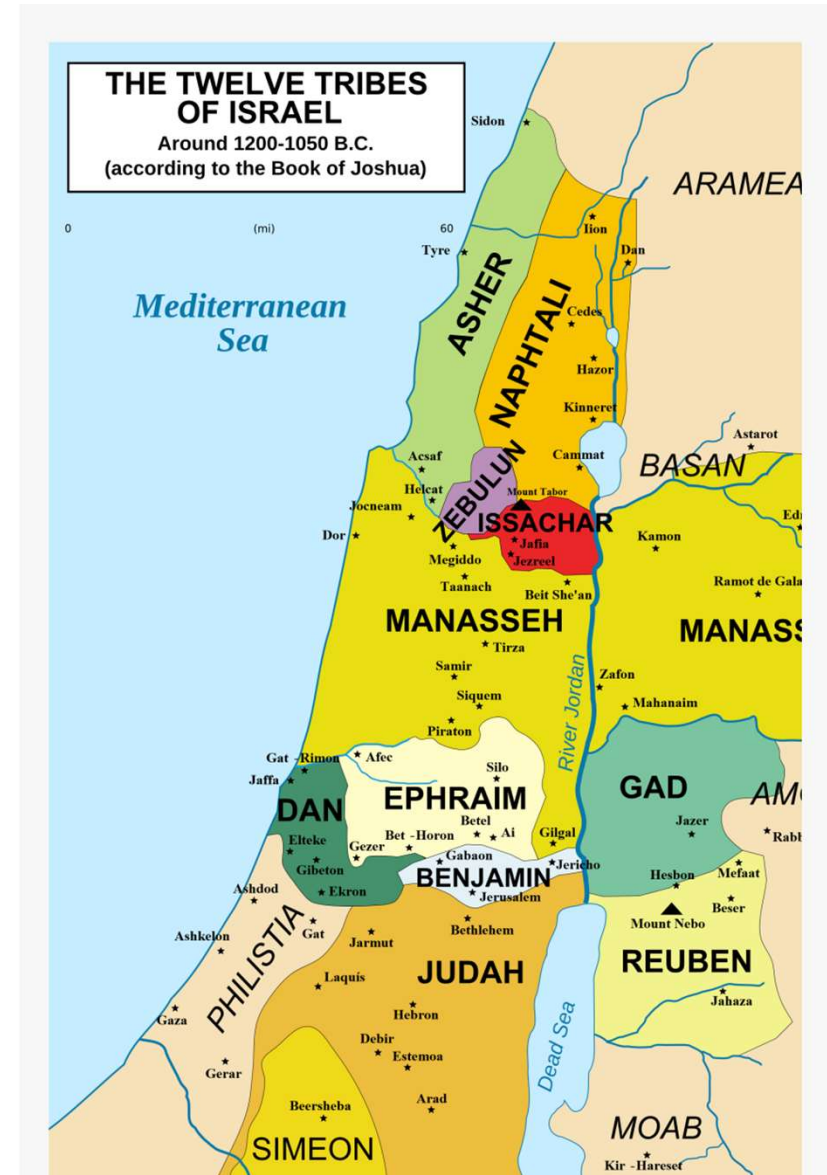
- The “Camp” was a military term with the picture that the twelve tribes were to be the “armies of the Lord”. Numbers 2
- Reuben was the standard for the South tribe MAN = HUMANITY

Four Standards In the shape of a CROSS



**Ezekiel gave the standards.
John confirmed.**

- The tribe requested and received land east of the Jordan River in the region of Gilead, contingent on their agreement to lead the military charge for the conquest of Canaan. Numbers 32
- The Reubenites had large herds and requested to settle in the fertile plains east of the Jordan River.
- Being located on the east, they were among the first to be taken into captivity by the Assyrians in 723 BC.

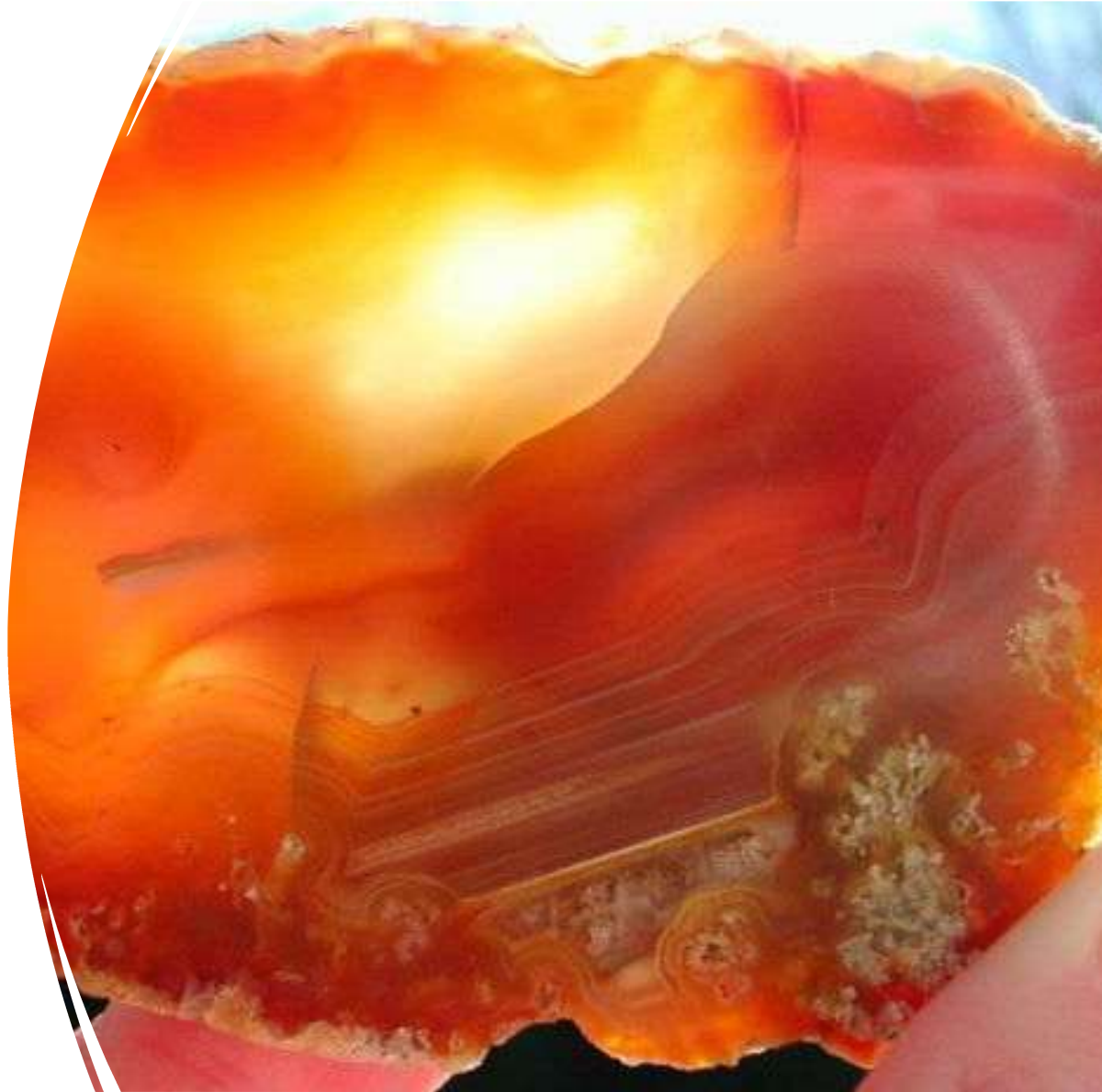


- And this *is* the blessing, wherewith **Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death**...the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together. **Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.** Deuteronomy 33:1, 5-6
- Although the tribe initially prospered in number, **they did not thrive in power or population growth** during the later years in the wilderness.
- At the Exodus, the tribe at 46,500 men over age 20. This number fell to 43,730 at the end of the wandering. It is possibly attributed to **rebellion** within the tribe.



Sardius

- First stone in the High Priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:17)
- Sixth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20).



Behold, a Son!

- The tribe of Reuben is listed in Ezekiel 48 as having a **gate** in the Holy City.

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- The tribe of Reuben is listed in Revelation 7 as having the **seal** of the 144,000.

**Will you enter the Gate
of Rueben?**

**Those who have been
Born Again Will!**



Join me as we sing the song, BORN AGAIN



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