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THE 12 ISRAELITES

Message #5



THE TRIBE
OF LEVI

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JOINED in UNION

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.

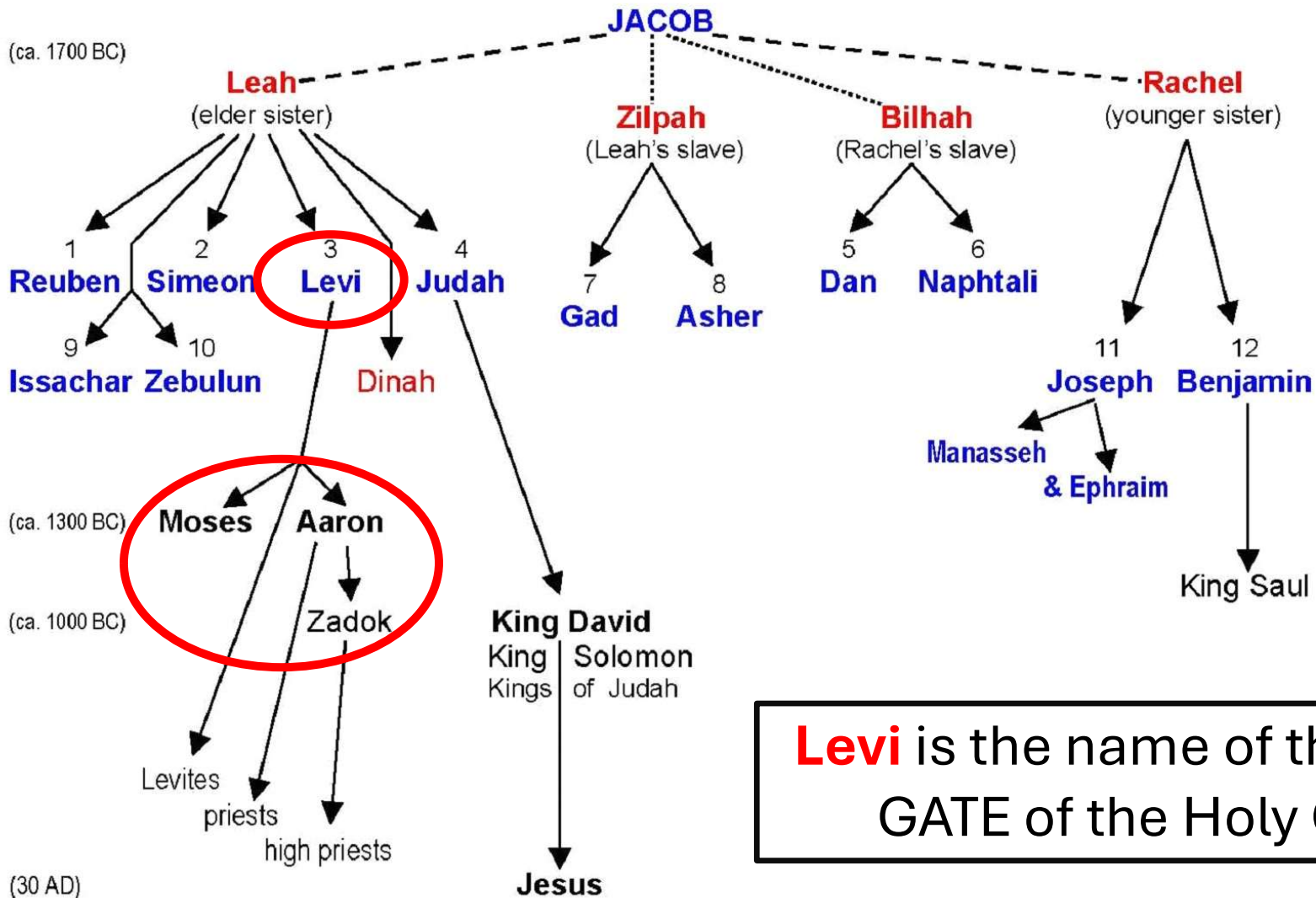
Revelation 21:12



- 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



Levi is the name of the Third
GATE of the Holy City.

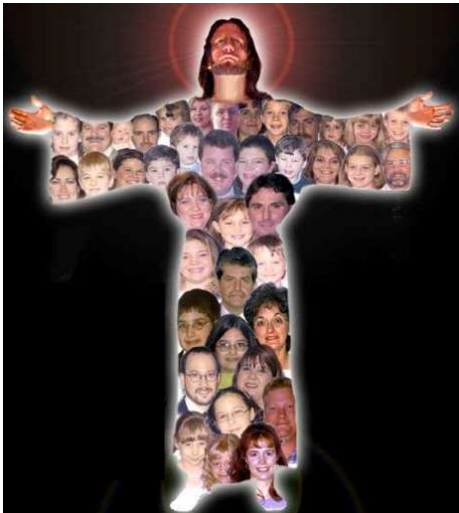
- When we think about the word, “Levi”, most of us immediately think of the priesthood and we are not too far off.
- “Levi” means “**Spiritual Ministry, union, attached, joined to**”.
- It is a ministry **by and of the Holy Spirit IN UNION** with **OUR** Spirit.
- Union is when two things are entwined – something joined together, adhesive, to adhere to, to **CLEAVE**.
- We are called to **minister** unto **Him** and unto **one another**.
 - For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and **cleave** to his wife. Mark 10:7
 - He (JESUS) riseth from supper, and **laid aside his garments**; and took a towel, and **girded himself**. After that he poureth water into a bason, and **began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to **wipe them with the towel** wherewith he was girded. John 13:4-5
- We do not gather to “have a good time”. We come together **to minister to one another**.
- The word “union” that the word, “Levi” speaks of is a both **vertical** and **horizontal**.
- I am **in union with God**, by the **Spirit**, and **in union with man**, by the **Spirit**.





The Gate of Levi JOINED in **UNION** with Christ

- **Vertical** Union – Ministering to **Christ**
- **Horizontal** Union – Ministering to the **Body**
- Each member is a **Joint of Supply**, standing ready to minister as needed.



SPIRITUAL MINISTRY



Spiritual Family over Physical Family

- The third son of Jacob was **LEVI**.
- Jacob did not love Leah. He loved Rachel.
- At the birth of her third son, Leah's hopes revived. Leah hoped that by giving Jacob a third son, he would join with her in union.
 - And she [Leah] conceived again, and bare a son; and said, **Now this time will my husband be joined unto me**, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called **Levi**.
Genesis 29:34
- Levi means, “**UNION, TWINED, JOINED CLEAVE, ATTACHED**”.
- The **THIRD** gate to the Holy City is the gate of SIMEON.
- This gate speaks of the experience of **SPIRITUAL MINISTRY** (through the gifts of the Spirit).



- We have studied the two gates before Levi.
 - **Reuben**, Behold a Son, the **Born-Again** Experience
 - **Simeon**, Heard or Hearing, Hearing the voice of the **Holy Spirit** and Obeying, being **Filled with the Spirit**
- We must have gone through the second gate of **being filled** with the Holy Spirit so that we can **have union** with God.
- Paul says, “He who is **joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**” 1 Corinthians 6:17
- God wants us to first of all be **in union with Him** and then we can be **in union with one another.**
- We can **minister unto Him** and we can **minister unto one another.**

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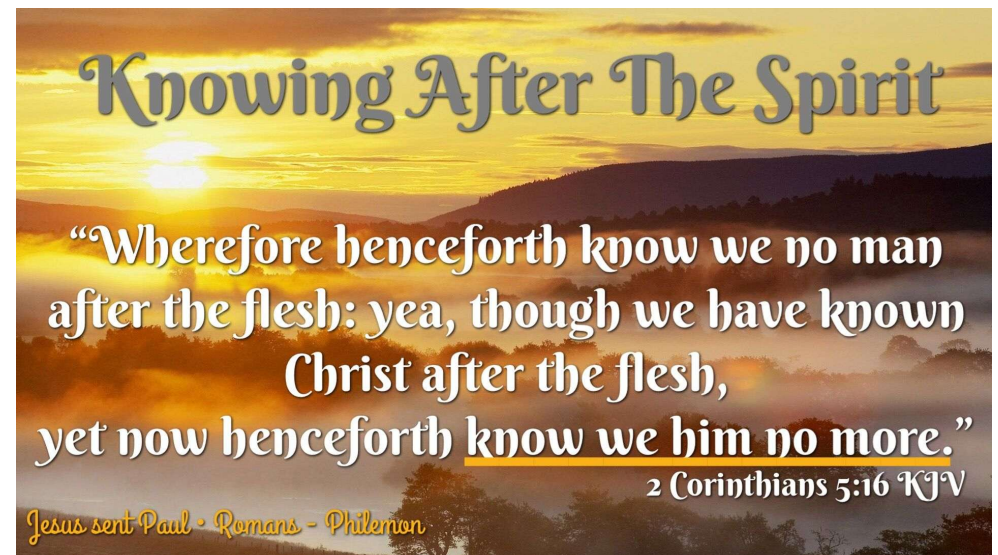
1 Corinthians 6:17

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- But **speaking the truth** in love, may **grow up** into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
- From whom the **whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:15-16
- But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to **profit** withal. 1 Corinthians 12:7
- **One of the biggest problems in the church is that people do not know one another by the Spirit.**



- We have not **matured** and our **judgments** are in the **FLESH**.
- This ministry is NOT a natural or **fleshly fellowship**. It is NOT a **fleshly worship**.
- Paul says,
 - Wherefore **henceforth know we no man after the flesh**: yea, though we **have known** Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. 2 Corinthians 5:16
- If, when I mention Christ, all you can think about is **the man** who walked in Galilee, then you don't understand this verse.
- All the Calvary stories that make men cry **are not spiritual at all**, and for you to just sit and be reminded of the **historical Jesus** will move your **flesh** (emotions), but it will not do your spirit any good.
- **Can you not see that most people do not know Jesus after the Spirit, they know him through their emotions, the soul realm.**



- Let's take a look at His title, the **Jesus Christ, the Lord**.
- **Jesus is the man**, and most people just know Him in that dimension.
- He was **someone** who lived 2000 years ago and is now **somewhere** out there in heaven, **wherever** that is.
- How many have moved into the **second dimension** and know Him as the Christ (the Anointing)?
- This anointing is **IN YOU**, and it abides **IN YOU**.
- The **third dimension** is **KNOWING** Him as **LORD**.



- You and I cannot go through this **third gate of LEVI** until we learn to discern one another **after the Spirit** and not after the flesh!”
- Most Spirit-filled people have not gone any further than the second gate of **Simeon**.
- Once you are **filled with the Holy Ghost**, you must move on into **Spiritual ministry**, because this is **the whole purpose of being filled with the Holy Ghost**.
- I am not talking about the **pulpit ministry** because **very few** are called by God to be in that type of ministry.
- I am talking about **everyone learning how to minister to one another effectively in the Spirit**.

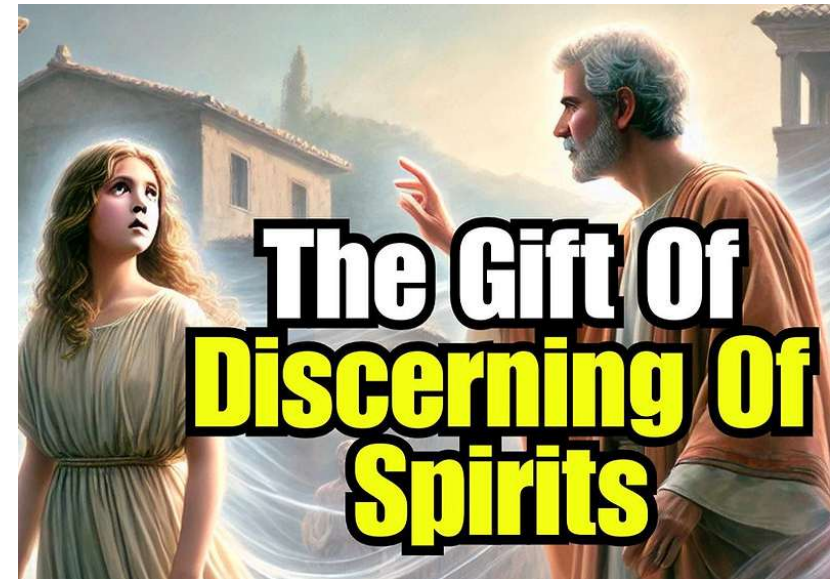




SERVING OTHERS

- When you are assembled with other believers, you can be a **channel of supply** through the **gifts of the Spirit**.
- You can **minister to others** and give that Christ life that is **within you** to your brothers and sisters.
- I want to become **so in union with Him** and so in union with my brothers and sisters, that I don't know anyone in the flesh, and I am **not moved** by what I **see** with my **eyes**, nor am I **governed** by what I **hear** with my **ears**, but I can **flow with a clear pure ministry in the Spirit**.

- We must come to a point where when we are talking to a brother or sister that **we are not even looking at their outward appearance**, but rather being **aware of what spirits they are transmitting**.
- We need to have a **sensitive spiritual radar, tuned into the spirit** of our **brothers and sisters and to Christ Jesus**.
- Often what we hear others say can be a **cover up, a mask, of what is really on the inside**.
- The purpose of the gift of **discerning of spirits** is to distinguish what **kind of a spirit** is **motivating** a certain **action or behavior**.
- The Greek interpretation literally means a **“seeing through”**.



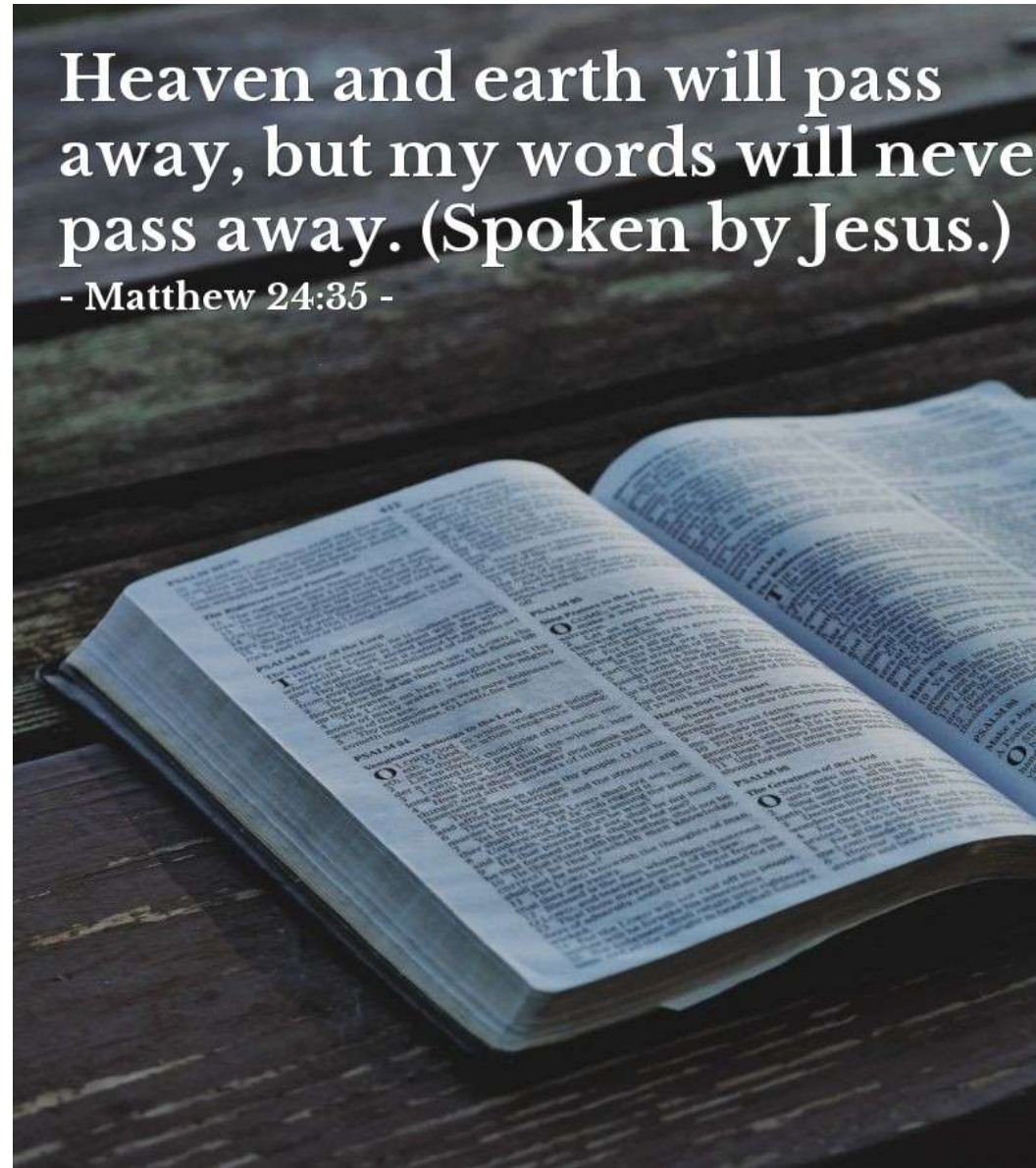


- Having an attitude of **coming ready to minister to your brothers and sisters** will help you grow in **commitment** and **responsibility** in your **walk with Christ**.
- The reason we don't see more of the **LEVI, spiritual ministry**, is because so much of our fellowship is in the **natural** and not the Spiritual.
- **People would rather talk about natural things.**
- The minute you start wanting to be spiritual, those in the natural will say, "Who do you think you are?" "**You don't want to talk about anything but God.**"
 - ABSOLUTELY, that is correct!!

- The things in the **natural** are **dying** and will soon **pass away**.
- **The natural is not eternal.**
- Anything that is not in the spirit realm is **passing away**.
- We call ourselves **spiritual**, but often many are hung up on talking about their **houses, cars, lands,** and **everything in the world except LEVI**, except their **spiritual ministry**.
- Why is it that we think we can come to a ministry and get ourselves a **cheerleader** and sing a few songs and then we are “**in the Spirit?**”

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Spoken by Jesus.)

- Matthew 24:35 -



- Yes, it is true that **thanksgiving** and **praise** will take you deeper into the spiritual realm.
- And yes, I do not want to be one of those people who are so **heavenly** minded, I am of no **earthly** good.
- **But God is not interested in natural fellowship and natural worship.**
- The reason why many worship services are so fleshly is because those who are leading the worship are **living, walking, and talking** in the **flesh** most of the time.
- If we are doing that the majority of our time, there is no way we can assemble with brothers and sisters and **switch to the Spirit realm in a short time.**
- **We are to be walking in the Spirit all the time.**



Walk in the
Spirit, and ye
shall not fulfill
the lust of the
flesh.

Galatians 5:16

- I have seen people come through the first two gates where they are **ever learning but never coming to a knowledge of the truth.** (2 Timothy 3:7)
- People will come our way and **enter into the presence of the anointed Word** and **get into heavenly places in Christ Jesus, but there is never any change in their lifestyle.**
- **The reason being is that they have stopped at the second gate.**
- The word, “**knowledge**” means “to be **fruitful**, become **fully acquainted** with, and to have **full discernment**.”
- **KNOWLEDGE = UNION = LOVE** Relationship
- When you have **full knowledge** of **something** or **somebody** you have actually **come into union with them**, because you have **taken the time to get to KNOW THEM.**



- For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I **KNOW in part**; but then shall I know even as also I am **KNOWN**.
1 Corinthians 13:12
- The word, “**KNOW**” here means “my understanding is **IN PART**”.
- The word, “**KNOWN**” means, “I will be **fully acquainted with Jesus**, even as **He is fully acquainted with me**.”
- **FULLY ACQUAINTED** means there has been a **GROWTH**, a development just like in a marriage relationship.
- To **KNOW** in the Word involves an **INTIMATE relationship**.
- It is a **LEARNING** about Him; to be come **JOINED** to **Him** as well as He **KNOWS** about and is **JOINED** to **YOU**.

Therefore what
God has joined
together, let not
man separate.

Matthew 19:6

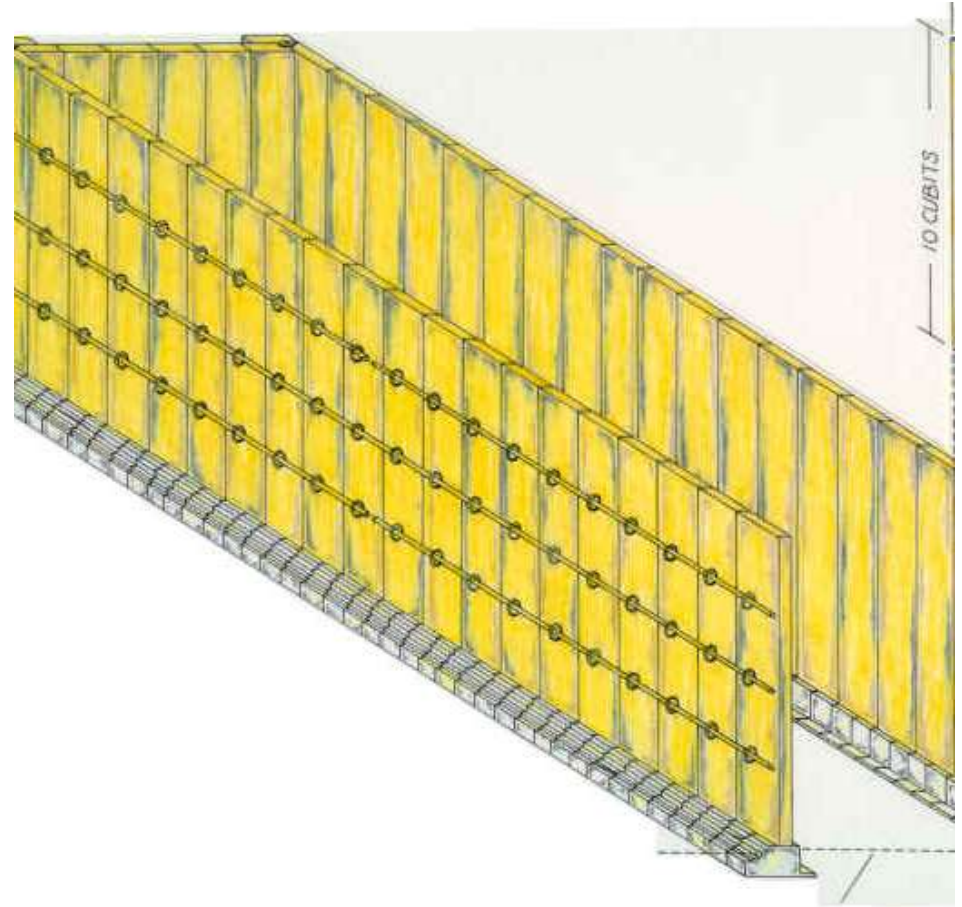


- Jesus extended to us, as believers, the **covenant relationship of love.**
- Jesus compared himself to an **ox**, the **burden bearer**, then **he invited you to marry Him.**
- He said,
 - Come unto me, **all ye that labour** and are **heavy laden**, and **I will give you rest.**
 - Take **my yoke** upon you, and **learn of me (come KNOW me)**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**
Matthew 11:28-29
- Marriage is a **KNOWING**, a **LEARNING** process, and **you and Jesus are like husband and wife.**
- You are a **TEAM, YOKED** together.



We are the BOARDS of the Tabernacle

- Do you want to know what causes **strife** between **you** and **Jesus**?
- **He** wants to **move** and **you** just want to **sit**, or **He** wants to **rest** and you are rearing to **go**.
- What happens then, is that you just **go around in circles**.
- God wants everyone of us to demonstrate a **spiritual BODY of ministry**.
- There are ten examples of the ministering **Body of Christ**.
- 1. We are many **BOARDS**.
 - And thou shalt make **boards for the tabernacle** of shittim **wood** standing up. Exodus 26:15
 - We are the **TABERNACLE** that He is building.
 - **WOOD** represents **HUMANITY**



- 2. We are many **STONES**.
 - Ye also, as lively **STONES**, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5
- 3. We are many **TEETH**.
 - Thy **TEETH** *are* like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them. Song of Solomon 4:2
 - **This describes the TEETH of the BRIDE.**
 - She has just **brushed** her teeth (**washing**).
 - There are no **cavities** (none is **barren**).
 - A tooth is a **living thing**, and if you don't believe in the principle that when one suffers we all suffer, just get a tooth ache.
 - **Our teeth represent the Body of Christ!**
 - What happens when a tooth goes bad, we get rid of it.
 - **There are many churches who have a lot of false teeth!**
- 4. We are many **CRUMBS**.
 - For **we being many are ONE BREAD**, and one **body**: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 1 Corinthians 10:17



- 5. We are many **JOINTS**.
 - From whom the **whole body** fitly joined together and compacted by that which **every joint** supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16
- 6. We are many **FLAMES** (Lights).
 - Ye are the **light** of the world. A **city** that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 7. We are many **GRAPES**.
 - Thus saith the LORD, As **the new wine is found in the cluster**, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it. Isaiah 65:8
- 8. We are many **SOLDIERS**.
 - They shall run like **mighty men**; they shall climb the wall like **men of war**; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:
 - And the LORD shall utter his voice **before his army**: for **his camp is very great**. Joel 2:7-11
- 9. We are many **GRAINS** of **SALT**.
 - **Ye are the salt** of the earth. Matthew 5:13
- 10. We are many **CLOUDS**.
 - Behold, **he cometh with clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7



- All these terms reveal just one thing, and that is **MINISTRY**.
- Each one of these terms have to **SUPPLY**, each one has to **GIVE**, each one has to **MINISTER** in order for the whole thing to work.
- In **Levi**, God wants **everyone to come into union with Himself and his fellow man**, until each one can be a joint of supply.
- Everyone does not minister **EVERY** time they are together, but we stand **READY** to minister when needed.
- Remember **Simeon** – he and **Levi** were together in a bad act. Review the Simeon message if needed.
 - Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; (**Simeon to HEAR and OBEY the Holy Spirit; Levi to be joined in MINSTERY**) instruments of **cruelty** *are in* their habitations.
 - O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: **for in their anger they slew a man**, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.
 - **Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel:** I will **divide** them in Jacob, and **scatter** them in Israel. Genesis 49:5-7



- When **we refuse** to go any further and **we refuse** to go through the gate of Simeon then **we are not filled with the Holy Spirit**.
- When **we refuse** to go through the **gate of Levi**, then we **stop learning** to **minister** in the Spirit.
- This explains why there may be a ministry where the gifts of the Holy Spirit flow, **but there is no ministry to the body, to each other**.
- It explains why there is often **NO growth, development, or CHANGE** in many Spirit-filled people.
- **Don't think just because someone can prophesy that they have arrived.**
- **We have just begun.** There are **TWELVE** gates and many barely make it through the first gate.
- You see, if I stop and am content with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, like prophesy, then I am only **IN PART**.
- **Many are happy just to learn or grow IN PART.** They do not want the **FULLNESS** of God. Therefore, **they cannot effectively minister** to their brothers and sisters.



- **Simeon** did **not change**, but **Levi** did **change**.
- We could compare **Simeon** and **Levi** to **two thieves** on the cross.
- We could compare **Simeon** and **Levi** to **David** and **Saul**.
- **Saul** was not as great a sinner as **David**, **David** was an **adulterer** and a **murderer**
- **Yet David was a man after God's own heart BECAUSE he was QUICK to REPENT.**
- In the 25th chapter of Numbers, a **descendant of Simeon** was involved in **whoring after the gods** of the Moabites and with **sexual immorality** with the Moabite women.
- This is the **LAST** reference in the Bible to the tribe of Simeon for they were not mentioned in Deuteronomy when Moses blessed the tribes of Israel.
- The tribe of Simeon receive **NO BLESSIN** and **NO LAND** allotment.



- **Moses** stood in the gate of the camp and **the Levites stood by his side** during the golden calf incident.
 - And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies:) Exodus 32:25
- Moses said, **Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.** Exodus 32:26
- There are some people who will just sit and say, “I probably never will move into spiritual ministry.”
- If you want to move into spiritual ministry, you will; if you don’t want it, then you won’t move in it.
- I want you to notice something: **BOTH Simeon and Levi** had a chance to prove themselves, and they did – one for the **good** and one for the **bad**.



- **One changed his fate, and the other did not.**
- We must **GROW UP.**
- Once we understand that we have passed through the gate of being **born again** and also passed through the second gate of **receiving the Holy Spirit, we must go on and learn to MINISTER in the POWER of the Holy Spirit.**
- This is **not an OPTION.**
- As a matter of fact if you **continue** to seek the Kingdom of God, you will not be able to help yourself, because this ministry will **flow naturally through you.**
- If you continue to **pursue** God and are not satisfied with stopping at the second gate, then all of a sudden **from WITHIN** you a real ministry will start to flow.



The Power of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Tribe of Levi Nuggets

**Designated
to the
Priesthood.**



And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, **the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.**
Numbers 17:8

**Sanctified
for His
Purpose**

At that time the LORD **separated the tribe of Levi**, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him. Deuteronomy 10:8-9

Tribe of Levi Nuggets

- **Covenant of Levi**

- And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, **that my covenant might be with Levi**, saith the LORD of hosts.
- My covenant was with him **of life and peace**; and I gave them to him *for* the fear **wherewith he feared me**, and **was afraid before my name**.
- The **law of truth was in his mouth**, and **iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity**, and **did turn many away from iniquity**.
- For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: **for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts**. Malachi 2:4-7

- **Appointed for Ministry**

- And he appointed *certain* of the Levites **to minister before the ark of the LORD**, and to **record**, and to **thank** and **praise** the LORD God of Israel. 1 Chronicles 16:4

Tribe of Levi Nuggets

- **Increase of Levi**

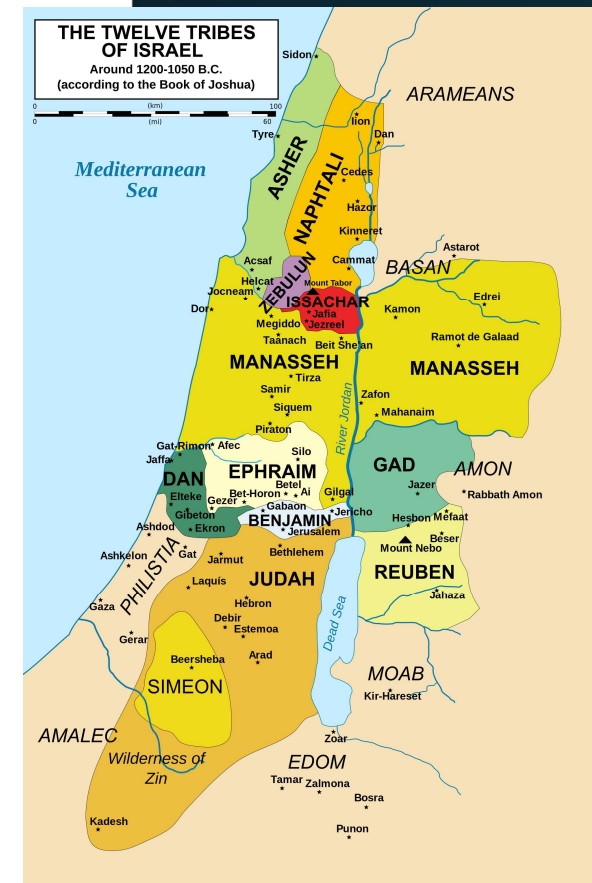
- As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and **the Levites that minister unto me.** Jeremiah 33:22

- **Degrees of Ministry**

- They (Levites) shall be **ministers** in my **sanctuary**, *having charge* at the gates of the house, and **ministering** to the **house**: they shall **slay** the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall **stand** before them to minister unto them. Ezekiel 44:11

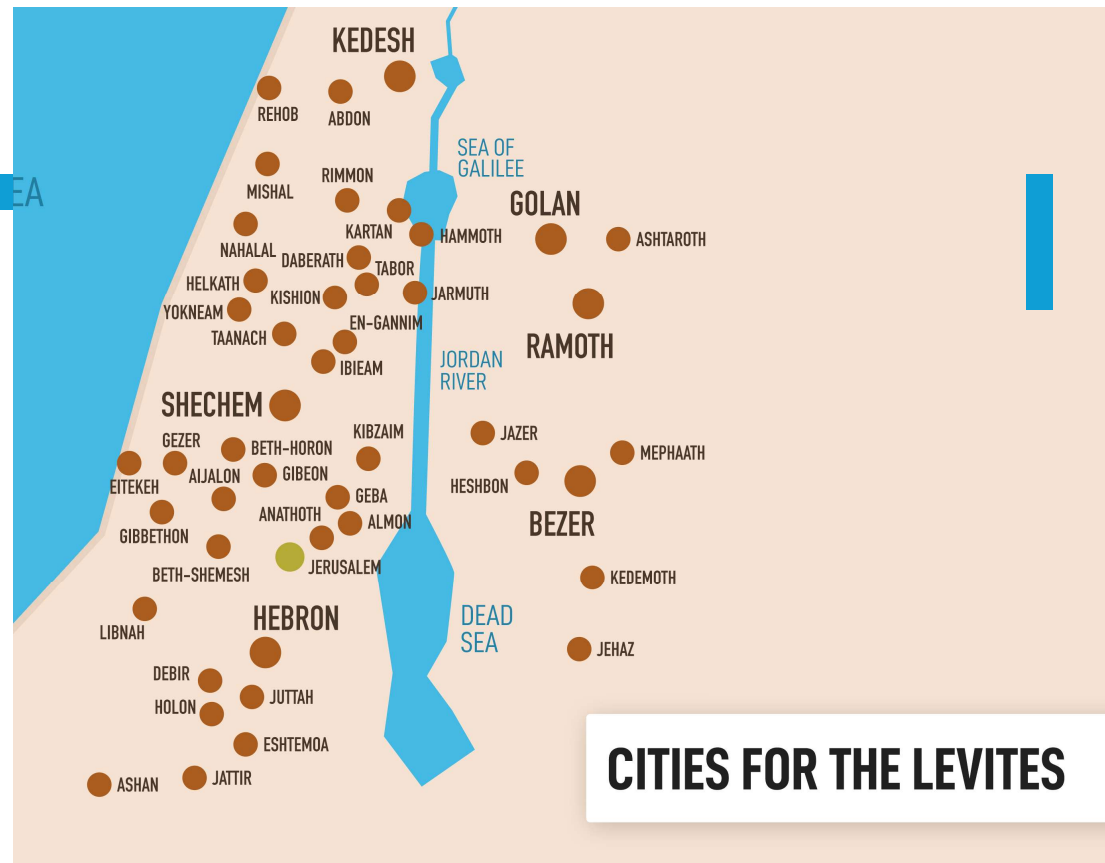
No Land was Given to the Levites

- Instead of land, the Levites inherited responsibility for God's temple and worship.
- Levite priests lived off of offerings from the people.
 - But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. Joshua 18:7
 - ***I am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.** Ezekiel 44:28
- The tribe of Levi was **divided** from the other tribes because it was specially selected by God **to be closely joined to Him**.

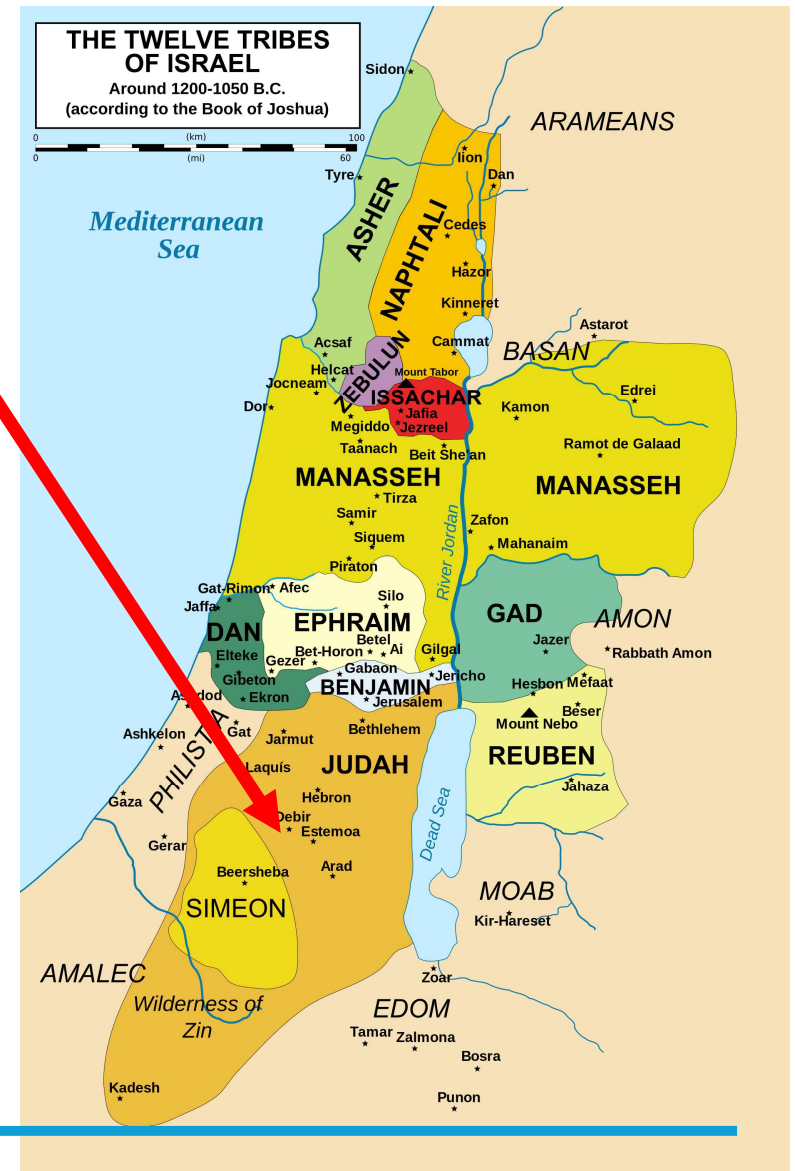


Levites Given 48 Cities of Refuge

- And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,
- Command the children of Israel, that they **give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities** to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the **Levites suburbs for the cities** round about them.
- And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* **six cities for refuge**, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall **add forty and two** cities.
- So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* **forty and eight cities**: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs. Numbers 35:1-2; 6-7



- Jeroboam set up a new priesthood to false gods in the North, and so because the temple of the Lord was in Judah, the Levites migrated there.
- The Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD. 2 Chronicles 11:13



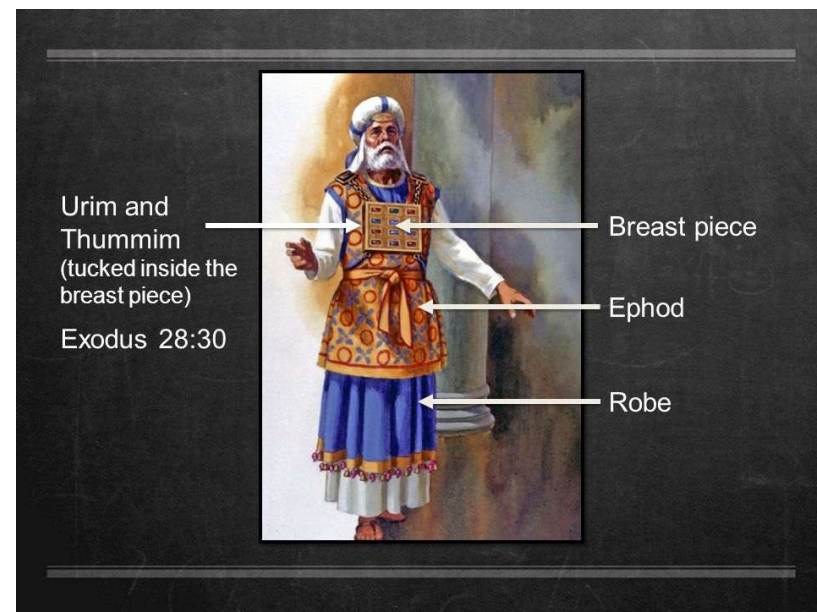
The Last Words of Moses to Levi

- And this *is* the blessing, wherewith **Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death** ...And of Levi he said, *Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;*
- Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: **for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.**
- **They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law:** they shall put **incense** before thee, and whole burnt **sacrifice** upon thine altar.
- **Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite** through the loins of them **that rise against him**, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.
Deuteronomy 33:1, 8-11



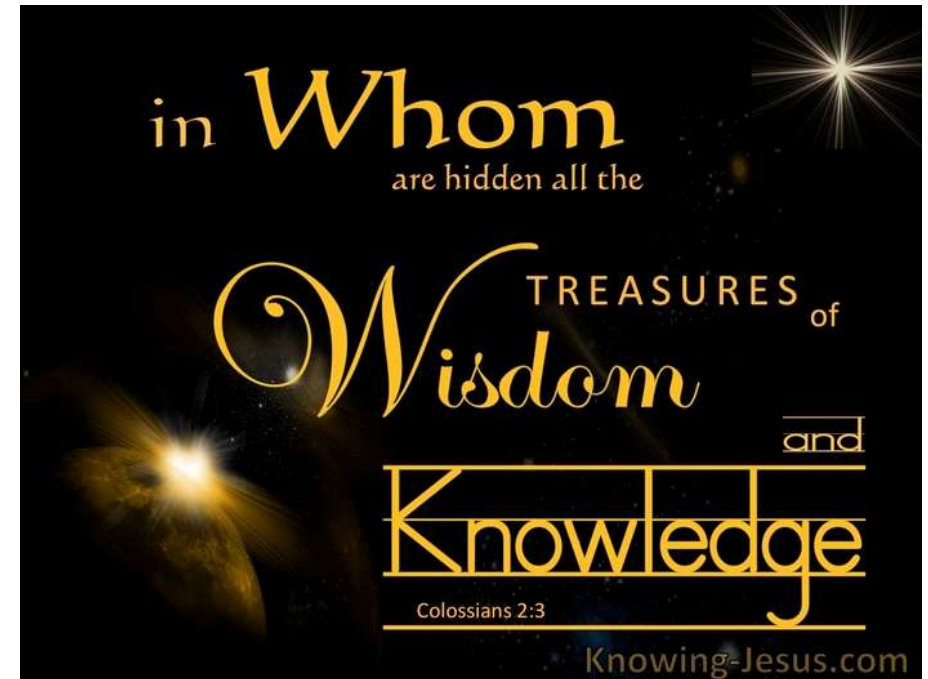
NO STONE for LEVI

- The tribe of LEVI is a **PRIESTLY TRIBE** and therefore does not have a stone on the breastplate.
- The high priest had a special fold, within his breastplate, designed to contain the two stones called Thummim and Urim,
 - Thummim = “**perfections**”
 - Urim = “**lights**”
- The Urim and Thummim were placed **inside** the breastplate, specifically within a pouch or pocket sewn into the fabric.
- This location was positioned directly **over the High Priest's heart** when he entered the presence of the Lord.
 - And thou shalt put in **the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim**; and they shall be upon **Aaron's heart**, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually. Exodus 28:30



An Issue of the HEART

- That their hearts might be comforted, **being knit together (JOINED TOGETHER) in love**, and unto all riches of the full assurance of **understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the **mystery** of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
- In whom (**IN CHRIST**) are hid all the treasures of **wisdom** and **knowledge**. Colossians 2:2-3
 - **LIGHTS** and **PERFECTIONS**
- For the **Jews** require a **sign**, and the **Greeks** seek after **wisdom**:
- **But we preach Christ crucified**, unto the Jews a **stumblingblock**, and unto the Greeks **foolishness**;
- **But unto them which are called**, both **Jews** and **Greeks**, **Christ the power of God**, and **the wisdom of God**. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24



- 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**: 1 Peter 2:9
- But **ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD**: men shall call you the **Ministers of our God**. Isaiah 61:6



JOINED in UNION Spiritual Ministry!

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

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

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

**Those who MINISTER to
BRETHREN and JESUS will!**



Worship with me – Bind Us Together, Lord

**Bind Us Together, Lord,
Bind us together With cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.**

**There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:**



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