The Tribe of Dan

Ge 30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. 20 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. {**Dwelling**} 21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. {Dinah: that is Judgment} 22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. Ge 35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. {Benoni: that is, The son of my sorrow} {Benjamin: that is, The son of the right hand} 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. Ge 29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

## It will take a death to the self life to overcome the devil

Ge 29:31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

Leah went from being hated to being fruitful (six sons and one daughter) **to being barren**

**Reuben** - see a son Ge 29:32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

**Simeon –** Hearing Ge 29:33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.  **Levi** – Joined Ge 29:34 And she 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. **Judah** – praise Ge 29:35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and **left bearing**.

You must properly apply what God gives you or you will lose it. Luke 19:12-27 Mat. 25:14-30 John 8:31-32

## As Leah was backsliding Rachel was growing

**Bilhah** – timid, trouble, to tremble inwardly, vex

Ge 30:6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. 8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. {great...: Heb. wrestlings of God}

**Zilpah -** meaning to trickle, as myrrh; fragrant dropping;

**Gad** – a troop a company

**Asher** – Happy Ge 30:18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name **Issachar**. (payment of contract; salary, fare, maintenance; compensation, benefit:--hire, price, reward, wages, worth)

Pr 21:15 **It is joy** to the just **to do judgment**: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

Ps 94:16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

Eze 22:14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. (Job)

Gen. 30:6 -- *And Rachel said,* ***God hath judged*** *me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name* ***Dan.***

01835. Nd Dan, dawn Judge; Dan, one of the sons of Jacob; also the tribe descended from him, and its territory;

Gen. 49:16 **Dan shall judge** his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

**Dan**: there was the prophecy concerning Dan. The tribe was to produce capable rulers. The name Dan means to judge or to administer justice. The thought is that the judges of Dan would rule their tribe well. The most well-known judge of Dan was Samson.

# Gen. 49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

The second prophecy concerning Dan was that the tribe was to be just like a snake, be a deadly opponent for its enemies. Samson is again the most well-known leader of Dan who single-handedly defeated the foes of Israel

Mt 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Lu 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Re 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

## A Cunning Workman

Ex 31:6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; Ex 35:34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Ex 38:23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

A Blasphemer “**of the tribe of Dan**”

Lev. 24:10-23

Lev. 24:11 And the Israelitish woman's son **blasphemed the name of the LORD**, and **cursed**. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, **of the tribe of Dan:)**

Lev. 24:14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

Lev. 24:23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had **cursed** out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Num. 2:25 The standard of the **camp of Dan shall be on the north side** by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

The tribe of Dan had their place last in the march through the wilderness on the north side of the tabernacle . It was the last of the tribes to receive a portion in the Land of Promise.

Nu 10:25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

Deut. 33:22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan 34:1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. **And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan**

Judges 1:34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

**Dan the tribe of failure**

There was the picture of continued failure. All Israel continued to fail God. This is seen in the remaining tribes of Israel. A spirit of unbelief and compromise gripped all the tribes. They all failed to trust God and they disobeyed Him, refusing to drive out the enemy as He had commanded. One by one the tribes failed to walk by faith. They did not trust God enough to give them victory over their enemies. The price or cost was just too great to defeat the enemy. It required too much struggle and discipline, too much energy and effort, too much commitment and dedication to drive out all the enemies of the promised land. Consequently, they compromised and became associated with their evil, unrighteous, immoral, and idolatrous neighbors.

* Unbelief will condemn us.
* Compromise with the unrighteous, immoral, and false worshipers of the world will condemn us.
* Lukewarmness will condemn us.
* Bitterness will condemn us.
* Fear will condemn us.
* Laziness will condemn us.
* Inconsistencies will condemn us.

## Samson the last of the judges of Israel

Judg es13:25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol

Destroying three thousand at one time.

Jg 16:27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. The great hero of the **Danites** was Samson, who, until his betrayal by Delilah, used his strength that God would give him against the Philistine invaders. Samson laid down his life for Israel’s sake. Judges 16:30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

## Idolatry

Judg es 18:2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there. Judges 18:30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. Dan was the first tribe to take up idol worship in Israel, the first to be dishonest and pull a double deal against God. They proved to be a treacherous and double-dealing people toward God.

1Sam. 3:20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

2Sam. 3:10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba.

1Ki 12:29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 1John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

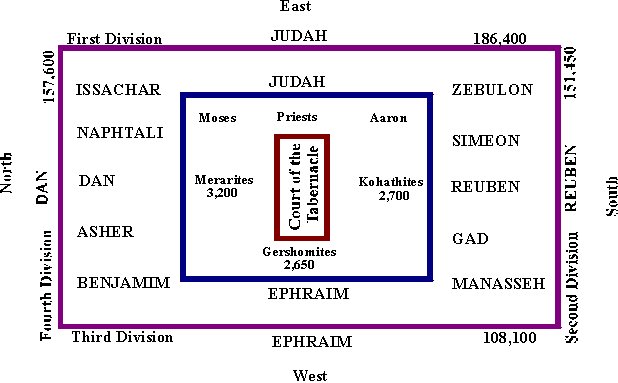
## A Skilful Worker

2Ch 2:14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

## Dan is to have the least honorable place, at the extreme north

(Rev. 7:5-8) omits Dan altogether Eze. 48:1 Now these are the names of the tribes. **From the north end** to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of Damascus **northward**, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan. **Thy God O Dan, liveth**" This is their formula when they swear; not "May Jehovah live!" or, "As Jehovah liveth!" Who say the idol at Dan is the true and living God. Amos 8:14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth;

and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.



Dan

One of the 12 tribes of Israel that who later became the Jewish people.

The tribe was named after the first of two sons born to Jacob (also called Israel) and Bilhah, the maidservant of Jacob's second wife, Rachel.

Nine of the other 11 tribes were also named after sons of Jacob, while two bear the names of Jacob's grandsons, children of Joseph.

Jacob's first wife, Leah, bore him six sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. With the exception of Levi, each was the father of a tribe. Two other tribes, Gad and Asher, were named after sons born to Jacob and Zilpah, Leah's maidservant. Two additional tribes, Dan and Naphtali, were named after sons of Jacob born of Bilhah, the maidservant of Rachel, Jacob's second wife.

Rachel bore Jacob two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Though a tribe was named after Benjamin, none bore the name of Joseph. Two tribes, however, were named after Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

Ge 30:6 And Rachel said, **God** hath judged me, and **hath also** heard my voice, and **hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan**.

Rachel recognized that God had given the child. This shows some true belief in God, but not the level of trust shown by Leah. The name Rachel used for God is *Elohim*, the name that stresses God as the source of creation and life. She was not yet confessing God as *Yahweh*, the God of salvation and redemption (the covenant Keeping God). Rachel was saying that God had judged her before by giving her no children, but now He was vindicating her to be worthy of children. But note: this was not true. She was still being self-sufficient, boasting in herself and declaring that she herself had gained the favor of God, that she was now in God's will. This was just not so. Rachel had sinned and was still sinning...

• by being so prideful and self-sufficient.

• by encouraging immorality, encouraging her husband to lie with her maid-servant.

• by refusing to pray and trust God for children.

God overruled again and gave another child through the maid-servant, Bilhah.

Rachel named this son *Naphtali*, which means "struggling, wrestling."

Note the carnal, fleshly nature of Rachel here: she named the child in honor of her struggle with Leah, her struggle to please Jacob and to secure his favor.

Rachel's envy seemed to reach a peak by declaring that she had finally won the struggle with Leah: she was the one who was now pleasing Jacob.

After the death of Moses, the Israelites were led into the Promised Land by Joshua, who divided the territory among the 12 tribes. The portion assigned to the tribe of Dan was a region west of Jerusalem. At least part of the tribe later moved to the extreme northeast and took the city of Laish, renaming it Dan. As the northernmost Israelite city it became a point of reference in the familiar phrase “from Dan to Beersheba.” (From North to South) Dan was one of the 10 northern tribes that disappeared from history after the Assyrian conquest of the kingdom of Israel in 721 BC. They are known are as the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

Sign, standard, ensign,

Nu 1:52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own **standard,** throughout their hosts. Nu 2:2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own **standard,** with the **ensign** of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. Jer. 4:6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

1. A conspicuous object (as a banner) formerly carried at the top of a pole and used to mark a rallying point especially in battle or to serve as an emblem
2. A long narrow tapering flag that is personal to an individual or corporation and bears heraldic devices

The personal flag of the head of a state or of a member of a royal family

An organization flag carried by a mounted or motorized military unit

A Banner

1. Something established by authority, custom, or general consent as a model or example : standard

The flag, over the centuries, has developed many special uses A flag flying at halfmast is the universal symbol of mourning.

* The black flag in days gone by was the symbol of the pirate.
* All over the world a yellow flag is the signal of infectious illness. A ship hoists it to denote that there are some on board suffering fromyellow fever, cholera, or some such infectious malady; and it remains hoisted until the ship has passed quarantine. This flag is also hoisted on quarantine stations.
* The white flag is universally used as a flag of truce.
* The Standard for the tribe of Dan was a serpent on a flag John 3:14 “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up”

2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

* Rally the Troops for Jesus

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

* Soldiers of the Cross-Endure hardness

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Eze. 22:14 **Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong**, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

Eze 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should **make up the hedge**, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Jos 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. {unto this...: or, thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land, etc}

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Gen. 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Judge pronounces a doom:

And the **Lord God** said unto the serpent

The first, on the material serpent, which is cursed above all creatures.

The serpent has gone from being a model of grace and elegance in form, to the type of all that is odious, disgusting, and low and the curse has converted its natural condition into a punishment; it is now branded with disgrace and avoided with horror;

The second on the spiritual serpent, the seducer. Already fallen, he was to be still more degraded and his power wholly destroyed by the offspring of those he had deceived.

The First Judgment

Now comes the judgment upon sin. Sin is to be judged; perfect justice is to be executed.

It was true in the beginning with Adam; it will be true with us in the final judgment of all men.

This passage covers the first judgment ever pronounced upon earth. It covers "The First Judgment Upon Sin

Ge n. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

* Judgment Upon the Tempter, That Old Serpent, Called the Devil."

Ro 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ

Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Re 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Re 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Re 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Ex 4:3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

Nu 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Nu 21:9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived

Isa 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

Isa 33:2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble..

Am 5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Isa 33:2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Stakes and Cords

Isa 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

Broad rivers and Streams;

Isa. 33:21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

Isa. 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

Isa. 33:22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

Ge 49:16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

De 32:36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. {power: Heb. hand}

Ps 50:4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

Ps 96:13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Ps 135:14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.