

Genesis 49:22-28

**Jacob's Blessing
Joseph & Benjamin**

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“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.”

Genesis 49:27

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Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring,
whose branches climb over a wall.

With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him
with hostility.

Genesis 49:22-23



But his bow remained steady, his strong
arms stayed limber...

Genesis 49:24

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...because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob,
because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
because of your father's God, who helps you, because
of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the
skies above, blessings of the deep springs below,
blessings of the breast and womb.

Genesis 49:24-25

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The blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills.

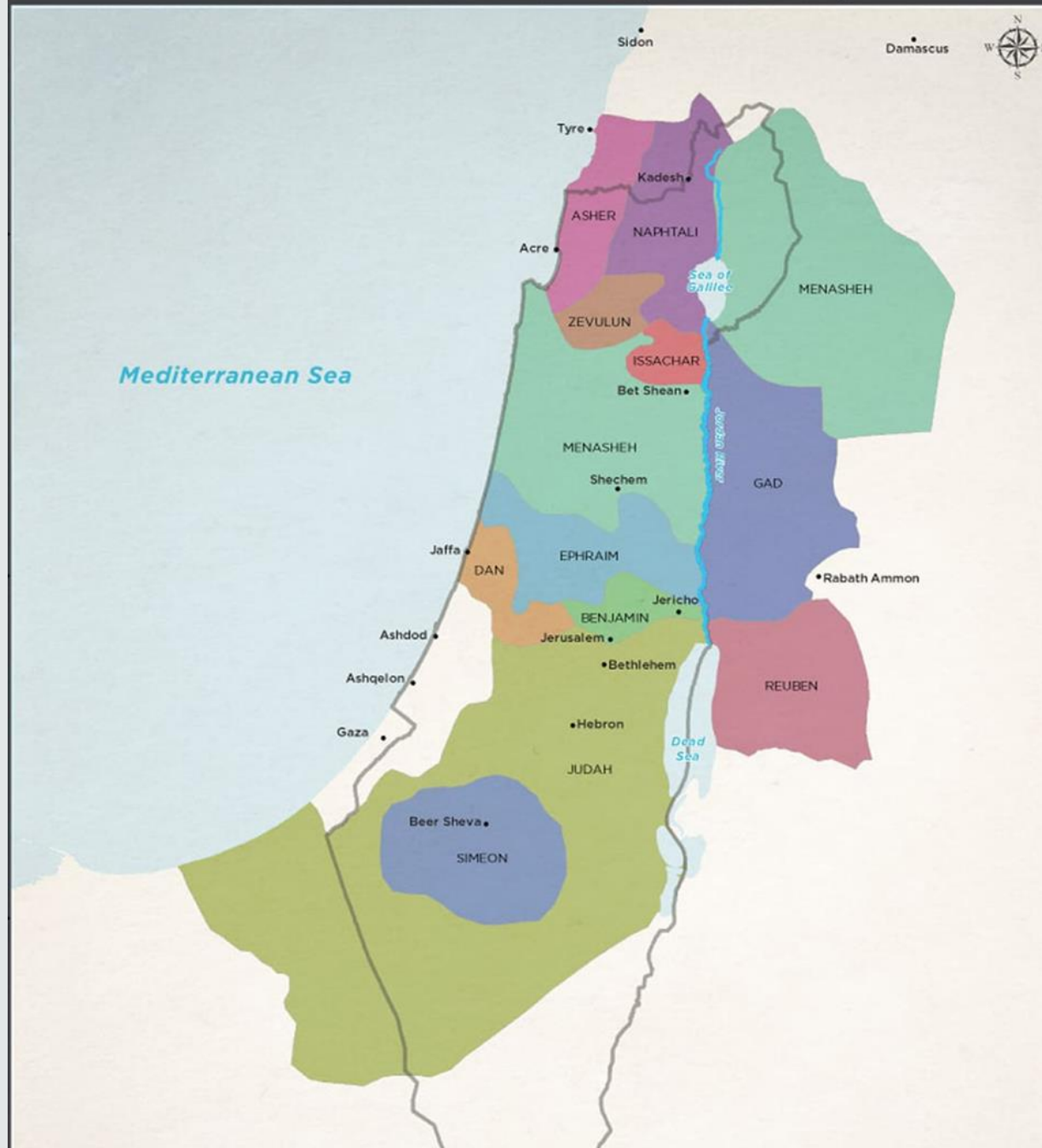
Let all these rest upon the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

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The Twelve Tribes of Israel (ca 1200 BCE)



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Stand Firm

*So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm and hold fast** to the teaching we passed on to you...*

2 Thess 2:15-17

..he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalms 40:2

1 Peter 5:8

Ephesians 6:14

James 5:8

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*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and **on which you have taken your stand**. By this gospel you are saved, if you **hold firmly** to the word I preached to you.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-2



Stand Firm

*For what I received I passed on to you **as of first importance**: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-5



Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm. Let nothing move you.** Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain*

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58



*Let us **hold unswervingly** to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23

*“Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*...rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it **had its foundation on the rock.***

Matthew 7:24-25

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