

Blessings of the Children of Israel

Reuben to Benjamin



Let Reuben Live (vs.6)

Reuben = See a Son – Ex. 4:22-23

A type of Yahweh's firstborn son, Israel after the flesh.

Though reduced in numbers through the ages, they will not be entirely consumed

Num. 1:21 - 46,500

Num. 26:7 – 43,700

2,770

Jer. 30:11

...I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure...

Zech. 13:8-9

...I will bring the third part through the fire...they shall call on my name, and I will hear them...

Eze 39:23, 25, 26, 28

...the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity... but I have gathered them.

Hear Judah, be thou an help to him

Judah = Praise – Gen. 29:35

Symbolic of Jews occupying the land at the return of Christ.

Contrast to Ephraim, symbolic of Jews of the Diaspora – Ezek. 37:24

The Jews will cry out in the latter days for help – Jer. 30:5-7

Christ with the Saints saves Israel from her enemies - Zech. 14:1-2, 12:7

Vs. 7 – ‘Be thou an help to him’

With his own hands he defends his cause. (NIV)

May his hands strive for them; (Darby)

Rom. 11:25-26. Ezek. 37:24-25, Gen. 49:8, Jer. 51:20

the Thummim and Urim of Levi

Levi = Joining or Fellowship

Levi represents those of the future age to be joined in fellowship unto Christ.
Of the priestly house, those who observe and keep Yahweh's word and covenant.
Having become a kingdom of priests, an holy nation – Ex. 19:6

Thummim and Urim

Associated with the breastplate of the High Priest – Exod. 28:30
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The Urim represented the shining forth of divine light as from the Word; the Thummim represented the fulness of manifestation of both Christ and those to be gathered in both, Jew and Gentile.

Isa. 24:15 - ...glorify ye **the LORD in the fires...**

Phil. 2:15 - ...among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Dan. 12:3 - And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;

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Thummim

Thummim (H8550) = plural of 8537, Fullness (perfections)

tom (H8537) = **completeness**, figuratively prosperity, morally innocence, **integrity**, **upright**.

Psa. 25:21 - Let **integrity** (tom) and uprightness preserve me

Prov. 2:7 - he is a buckler to them that walk **uprightly**.

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The future priests illuminate the earth with the everlasting Gospel.

Rev. 5:9, Rev. 14:6-7

Vs. 8, ...the 'Thummim and thy Urim' are to be with 'thy holy one'

Psa. 16:10 - neither wilt thou suffer **thine Holy One** to see corruption.

Heb. 7:26 - For such an high priest became us, **who is holy**, harmless, undefiled...

Hab. 3:3 - God came from Teman, and **the Holy One** from mount Paran...

Prove at Massah, strive at Meribah

Massah = prove or testing

Meribah = to strive, quarrel, or a provocation

Encamped at Rephidim:

Ex. 17:6, 7

I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb... because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

Encamped at Kadesh:

Num 20:10-11, 13

And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock,... This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD,...

They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, that Rock was Christ - 1 Cor. 10:4

Levi - Observed, kept, teach

Jesus always about his Fathers business:

- Heavenly things elevated above the earthly.
- Spiritual needs to be placed before earthly desires.

John 2:4, Matt. 12:47-50, Mark 19:29-30

Duties of the priests / firstborn of the family to teach God's law and commands.

Lev. 10:8-11, 2 Chron. 15:3, Isa. 2:3, Jer. 3:15

the Beloved of Yahweh

Benjamin = Son of my right hand

Psa. 110:1-2

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou
at my right hand, until I make thine
enemies thy footstool... Matt. 25:34

David = beloved

Matt. 3:17

This is **my beloved Son**, in whom I am
well pleased.

vs. 12 – The Beloved of the LORD shall Dwell in safety by him...

Psa. 60:5, 110:5-6, 12-13, Ezek. 37:24-25

Help and safety will only come from Yahweh, manifest in His Son and the saints.

Psa. 60:11-12, Zech. 14:9-11, Jer. 33:15-16

Our Covering, Our burden bearer

vs. 12 - LORD shall **cover** him all the day long, and he shall **dwell between his shoulders**.

Cover (H2653) *chophaph* = to cover, shield, protect.

Christ our means of atonement / covering of sin.

Christ will cover the righteous with garments of salvation, immortality.

Rev. 3:5, 19:8

Dwell between his shoulders – burden bearer.

Psa. 55:22, Luke 22:41-43, Matt. 11:28-30

