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MOVEMENT THROUGH TRIBES

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I. APOSTOLIC RELATIONSHIP OF THE TRIBES TO THE CHURCH AGE

A. Genealogy of the Patriarchs.

- a. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob who later became Israel.

Leah	Bilhah-Rachel's Maid	Zilpah-Leah's Maid	Rachel
1. Ruben	5. Dan	7. Gad	11. Joseph
2. Simeon	6. Naphtali	8. Asher	12. Benjamin
3. Levi			
4. Judah			
(5) 9. Issachar			
(6) 10. Zebulun			

Table 1: Genealogy of the Patriarchs

A. *Ruben means, 'Behold a Son' or 'See a Son'.*

- a. He was born out of a place of affliction, Jacob didn't love Leah. She said the Lord saw that I was unloved. v.31
- b. Location in was to the East of the Jordan and tasked with guarding eastern flank of Israel.
- c. Lost his birthright due to sleeping with his father's concubine-Bilhah. **Gen 35:22**
- d. Carries the heart of the Father of the house. Builds on the father's vision. Not after creating a whole new thing but instead combines their vision with the father's and desires to stay home.
- e. See story in **Gen 37**-The plot to kill Joseph out of jealousy
 - i. Joseph was the apple of Jacobs eye.
 - ii. Coat of many colors
 - iii. Ruben rescued Joseph from the murderous hands of his brothers.
- f. The Rubens are the real sons of the house who desire to build on the foundation of the Father.

B. *Simeon means, to hear.*

- a. From the verb *shama*. Leah believed the Lord heard of her suffering and vindicated her by giving her another son.
- b. Because the Lord *heard* I was unloved.

C. *Levi means, joined or adhere.*

- a. Signifies uniting or adhering to.
- b. Leah said, 'Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have bore him three sons.'

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- c. Characterized by rebellion, violence, and restoration to the highest levels of service

D. Judah means, 'Let God be praised'

- a. Leah said this time 'I will praise the Lord.' Her heart was free to worship the Lord, without prior hinderances of the previous issues of life.
- b. The tribe of Judah has a pioneering anointing, a breakthrough anointing.
 - i. See the story of their placement in **Numbers 2, Judges 1,**
 - ii. Biggest tribe, most land, most people, and most fighting men.
 - iii. Judah goes out first. Lead the rest of the armies of Israel.
 - iv. The worshippers release a unique sound into the earth that arouses the Lord to act.
- c. Judah was known as the royal tribe, legacy of producing good kings, like David.
- d. Grace to release new works, birth new churches, fresh administrations into the earth.
 - i. If you expect to father new works you must carry this anointing on your life. You cannot be a copycat and expect to birth anything that lasts. You might have good methods and strategies that looks like at first glance things are great but they will not last, they will just wither on the vine and die. And the more money you have the slower and more agonizing the death is.

E. Dan means, judge, contend, or plead

- a. Born of Bilhah, Rachel's maid because she was provoked to jealousy because she was barren.
- b. Not only barren but was given to bitterness and jealousy of Leah who had given Jacob 4 sons.
- c. That was enough so she gave Jacob her maid to give her children. Dan was born out of this sentiment.
- d. This tribe needs to be given a wide birth within the local fellowship.
- e. Filled with complexity, but able to engage and finish hard tasks.
- f. Often willing to do the hard things.

F. Naphtali means, to labor in pain

- a. Labor in pain and anguish
- b. Knows how to engage with the enemy
- c. Warfare, wrestling, travail, intercession
- d. Carry the anointing for fasting, and an ability to rip open the heavens where a brass ceiling has come down and created a stronghold, where a forceful people are needed.
- e. Prayer that moves the mountains

Matthew 17 ...for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

G. Gad means, fortune, or luck.

- a. Gather the troops.
- b. Known for being warriors.
- c. Also located east of the Jordan and was tasked with border protection.

- d. Promote teamwork and mobilization.
 - i. You can see this same anointing on Nehemiah as he rebuilt the wall and supernaturally restored Israel in 52 days.
- e. Gad has the anointing to run with a project.
- f. Because of location east of the Jordan carried the anointing for war.
- g. Carriers of divine assignment. Move with purpose
- h. Great people to function on teams and move apostolically in the earth.
- i. Must give the Gads a wide berth, for different reasons than Dan, as they prove themselves and allow them some ownership and they will run with you a long time. They often don't need to be micromanaged and work well when given discretion. In fact they need to be allowed to operate with real delegated authority with real autonomy.
- j. If not are willing to go it alone if they are not included or respected. They want to stay a part of and cooperate but if pushed they will go it alone.
 - i. An example in church history is Martin Luther.
- k. These guys are problem solvers and produce breakthroughs where before it had been hard or almost impossible.
- l. Strategists. A son brought to maturity who carries this anointing can do mass damage to the kingdom darkness.
- m. Prefer to work in teams but can still function solo if the tasks demands it.

H. Asher means, happy or blessed.

- a. Joy and willingness to serve and help
- b. Traders by the sea. Successful traders.
- c. Always willing to make a contribution
- d. Eighth son born Jacob through Zilpah.
- e. Every one loves Asher.
- f. Great team members. Hard to get long term consistent commitments but can be strategically recruited for chunks of time, or specific projects with structure and end dates.
- g. Recruiting this person for a long-term slog through children's ministry with no end date in sight is equivalent to a round peg in a square hole.
- h. Because of their disposition everyone wants them on their teams.

I. Issachar means, there is a reward,

- a. Issachar knew the times and the seasons-**1 Chron 12:32**
- b. Carries the anointing to understand the times, at the national level/local level
- c. A prophetic administration needed in the local house to help guide and point the way
- d. They need to have an outlet for their voice to be heard. If you carry this anointing and you are operating in the local church there is a demand for you to develop your character and a thick skin so you don't become easily offended when you think you are not heard.
 - i. Maybe you are not heard, or leadership made a different decision leading to negative outcomes. That is not the time to go to the leadership and say I told you so.
 - ii. Or spread your discontent around to others and hurt morale, sow division and cause dissention.

- iii. Remember it's always easier to drive from the back seat.

Eph 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head even Christ.*

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 *Love never fails...when I was a child...*

- e. If you are a leader of a local fellowship, this company will need to have guard rails put on them and given direction in order to operate and function in the fellowship in an edifying way.
- f. Otherwise, if you leave them alone and think they are like Gad who doesn't need a lot of direction, and release too much discretion they can run amuck and create a lot of pain. Because believe you me they are going to speak to someone. If you ignore them or misjudge them or label them because you don't know how to deal with them it's to your own dismay.
- g. The pitfall is operating in the shadow figure, or on the liability side out of hurt or lack of self-awareness.

J. Zebulun means, Habitation

- a. This tribe carries the anointing to make space for people
- b. Practice unreasonable hospitality. People who have the grace to go above and beyond where most people would stop. Where others would think they can be a little too much but to them it's not at all unreasonable and think to themselves if I could do more I would.
- c. Welcome all who come into the fellowship and treat them dignity. Not a respecter of persons, meaning they don't show partiality.
- d. Make room for those who often are shunned.
- e. Make homes for the spiritual vagabonds. Knitting in the misfits and making them fit
 - i. Example: Our friend Machell Murray. She doesn't know any strangers. She loves everybody and always makes room for them in her heart and in the church.
 - ii. If this tribe isn't represented in the fellowship the church will come across as elitist and lacking in love.

K. Ephraim means, fruitfulness Gen 41:52

- a. Carries the anointing of prosperity
- b. Magnets of resources
- c. Able to wage the good warfare in the marketplace
- d. Often times misplaced in the local church and appointed as elders because they have an anointing for resources and for their influence in the marketplace. A false equivalence can occur equating them to be spiritually wise or blessed because of their favor.
- e. It's a true blessing when the priests and kings can work together in biblical order. Unfortunately, there are a lot of variables and moving parts in these relationships where mismanagement leads to misunderstanding, hurt and offense resulting in many Ishmaels being birthed.
- f. Sometimes mistaken identity takes place.
 - i. Example: The Joseph doesn't know he's a Joseph. Just thinks he has been blessed to solve a problem in the marketplace and the Lord has given him favor to do

well. He/she doesn't know the Joseph anointing is given by God to finance the kingdom.

- ii. Many times they need to be disciplined into their true identity in the Body of Christ and not be taken advantage of because of their gifting and favor.
- iii. The ability to build trust and carry the Father's heart for their true development is needed for the Kings to come into their place in the local fellowship seeking to do Kingdom exploits.
- iv. Win the Kings win the day.
 - v. Some have an idea of the anointing they carry but are still carnal and think in terms of the world that whoever has the gold makes the rules.
- vi. Worst possible combination is a carnal Joseph with a compromising Pastor. One who will play favorites because they are under a spirit of mammon.

L. Benjamin means, Son of my right hand

- a. Son of the old age. Benjamin is the last born.
- b. Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin.
- c. Jacob names him a different name than what Rachel wanted to. She named him Ben-oni meaning, 'Son of my sorrow'
- d. Benjamin was close to the father
- e. One who is in the house, close to the father
- f. One who is still, one who covers the testimony. One who can handle the humanity of the leader and not judge.
- g. One who can hold space appropriately and are fiercely loyal.
 - i. Don't take advantage of their loyalty. Don't abuse them. Their weakness is they can be loyal to a fault. The Lord watches how you handle their hearts and lives.
 - ii. When the Lord gives these to you it is for your good. You can hurt them and shipwreck their faith if your character as a leader is undeveloped. (Not speaking of regular sanctification issues but undeveloped character issues which cause spiritual harm) if as a leader you use that as an excuse because you walk in compromise, they will become spoiled.
 - iii. These people will run through walls for you
- h. You need these people on your team.