

Genesis 29-30

Isaiah 54:5-6 — For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. For the LORD has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,” Says your God.

Reuben — “See, a son” / seeing

Simeon — hearing

Levi — joined / attached

Judah — praise

Dan — judge

Naphtali — wrestling

Gad — troop / fortune

Asher — happy / blessed

Issachar — hire / wages

Zebulun — dwelling / endowment

Joseph — add / may He add

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Reuben — God saw Israel’s affliction in Egypt.

Simeon — God heard Israel’s cry.

Levi — God joined Israel to Himself in covenant.

Judah — Israel praised God after deliverance at the Red Sea.

Dan — Israel experienced God’s judgment and chastening in the wilderness.

Naphtali — Israel wrestled with its enemies, especially Amalek.

Gad — Israel faced the troops of Canaan.

Asher — Israel was blessed and happy in victory over those enemies.

Issachar — Israel received its reward in the inheritance of Canaan.

Zebulun — Israel finally dwelt in the land God had given them.

Joseph — God added the Davidic kingdom and its king.

Benjamin — Israel reached the right hand of power and glory under Solomon, though sorrow was already beginning.