

The First Four Tribal Blessings of Moses

Deuteronomy 33:6–11

Veritas Class

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A. The Heading for the Blessings (v. 1)

B. The Introit/Exordium (vv. 2–5)

1. The Arrival of the Divine King (v. 2)
 - a. His Identity: YHWH
 - b. His Origin:
 - c. His Glory:
2. The Introduction of the King and his People (v. 3)
3. The Introduction of the Torah (v. 4)
4. The Celebration of YHWH's Kingship (v. 5)

C. The Blessings of the Individual Tribes

1. The Blessing of Reuben (v. 6)

What's the Problem?

2. The Blessing of Simeon

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3. The Blessing of Judah (v. 7)

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4. The Blessing of Levi (vv. 8–11)

- a. The Role of Levites in Deuteronomy
- b. Why Moses' Favorable Disposition toward the Levites?
- c. The Levites' Charge (vv. 8–10)
 - (1) The Levites as Custodians of the Tummim and Urim (vv. 8–9)
 - (2) The Levites as Custodians of Revelation (v. 10a)
 - (3) The Levites as Custodians of the Cult (v. 10b)
- d. The Levites' Blessing (v. 11)