

## The First Six Tribal Blessings of Moses

Deuteronomy 33:6–11

Veritas Class

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### 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)

#### 5. The Blessing of Benjamin

The "beloved of YHWH." Jedidiah

#### 6. The Blessing of Joseph

a. The content seems to be inspired by the names.

b. The key word, *meget*, "bounty," occurs five times.

c. The fertility is an expression of the goodwill, pleasure (*rāṣôn*) of God.

d. The blessing builds on Joseph's role as firstborn. He is—

e. The blessing splits in two.