

The Last Six Tribal Blessings of Moses

Deuteronomy 33:13–25

Veritas Class

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C. The Blessings of the Individual Tribes

1. The Blessing of Reuben (v. 6)

2. The Blessing of Simeon

3. The Blessing of Judah (v. 7)

4. The Blessing of Levi (vv. 8–11)

5. The Blessing of Benjamin (v. 12)

The “beloved of YHWH.” Jedidiah

6. The Blessing of Joseph (vv. 13–17)

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

b. The key word, *meqed*, “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.

7. The Blessing of Zebulun and Issachar (vv. 18–19)

8. The Blessing of Gad (vv. 20–21)

9. The Blessing of Dan (v. 22)

10. The Blessing of Naphtali (v. 23)

11. The Blessing of Asher (vv. 24–25)