

Identifying the Tribe of Asher

Intro to the 12 Patriarchs

Joh 16:13

Howbeit when she, the Spirit of truth, is come, she will guide you into all truth: for she shall not speak of herself; but whatsoever she shall hear, that shall she speak: and she will shew

you things to come.

Joh 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, she shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said

unto you.

1Co 2:10

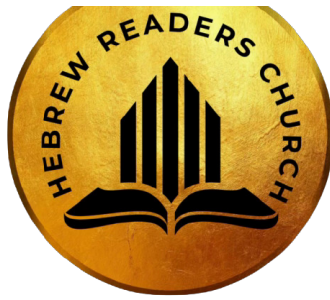
But Alahayim hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Alahayim.

1Co 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Alahayim knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Alahayim.

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Gen 49:1



And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Gen 49:20

Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Deu 33:1

And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of Alahayim blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Deu 33:24

And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

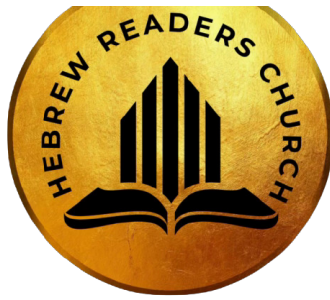
Deu 33:25

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

THE TESTAMENT OF ASHER, THE TENTH SON OF JACOB AND ZILPAH.

1 The copy of the Testament of Asher, what things he spake to his sons in the hundred and 2 twenty-third year of his life. For while he was still in health, he said to them: Hearken, ye children of Asher, to your father, and I will declare to you all that is upright in the sight of the Lord. Two ways hath Alahayim given to the sons of men, and two inclinations, and two kinds of action, and 4 two modes (of action), and two issues. Therefore all things are by twos, one over against the 5 other. For there are two ways of good and evil, and with these are the two inclinations in our 6 breasts discriminating them. Therefore if the soul take pleasure in the good (inclination), all its 7 actions are in righteousness; and if it sin it straightway repenteth. For, having its thoughts set upon righteousness, and casting away wickedness, it straightway overthroweth the evil, and uprooteth 8 the sin.

But if it incline to the evil inclination, all its actions are in wickedness, and it driveth away the good, and cleaveth to the evil, and is ruled by Beliar; even though it work what is good, 9 he perverteth it to evil. For whenever it beginneth to do good, he forceth the issue of the action into evil for him, seeing that the treasure of the inclination is filled with an evil spirit.



2 A person then may with words help the good for the sake of the evil, yet the issue of the action 2 leadeth to mischief

There is a man who showeth no compassion upon him who serveth his turn in 3 evil; and this thing hath two aspects, but the whole is evil.

.And there is a man that loveth him that worketh evil, because he would prefer even to die in evil for his sake; and concerning this it is clear that it hath two aspects, but the whole is an evil work 4 Though indeed he have love, yet is he wicked who concealeth what is evil for the sake of the good name, but the end of the action tendeth unto evil. 5 Another stealeth, doeth unjustly, plundereth, defraudeth, and withal pitieth the poor: this too 6 hath a twofold aspect, but the whole is evil.

He who defraudeth his neighbour provoketh Alahayim, and sweareth falsely against the Most High, and yet pitieth the poor: the Lord who commandeth the 7 law he setteth at nought and provoketh, and yet he refresheth the poor. He defileth the soul, and maketh gay the body;

he killeth many, and pitieth a few: this, too, hath a twofold aspect, but the 8 whole is evil. Another committeth adultery and fornication, and abstaineth from meats, and when he fasteth he doeth evil, and by the power of his wealth overwhelmeth many; and notwithstanding his excessive wickedness he doeth the commandments: this, too, hath a twofold aspect, but the 9 whole is evil.

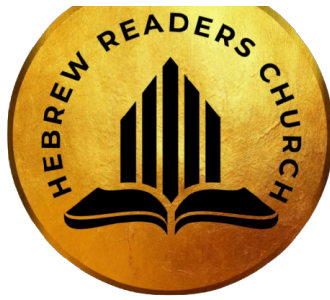
Such men are hares; clean, - like those that divide the hoof, but in very deed are 10 unclean. For Alahayim in the tables of the commandments hath thus declared.

3 1 But do not ye, my children, wear two faces like unto them, of goodness and of wickedness; but 2 cleave unto goodness only, for Alahayim hath his habitation therein, and men desire it.

But from wickedness flee away, destroying the (evil) inclination by your good works;

Shepherd of hermas mandate 6(2:3)

2[36]:3 "Hear," saith he, "and understand their workings. The angel of righteousness is delicate and bashful and gentle and tranquil. When then this one enters into thy heart, forthwith he speaketh with thee of righteousness, of purity, of holiness, and of contentment, of every righteous deed and of every glorious virtue. When all these things enter into thy heart, know that the angel of righteousness is with thee. [These then are the works of the angel of righteousness.] Trust him therefore and his works.



Hermas mandate 12

3[46]:1 "I would fain know, Sir," say I, "in what ways I ought to serve the good desire." "Listen," saith he; "practice righteousness and virtue, truth and the fear of the Lord, faith and gentleness, and as many good deeds as are like these. Practicing these thou shalt be well-pleasing as a servant of Alahayim, and shalt live unto Him; yea, and every one who shall serve the good desire shall live unto Alahayim."

Testament of Asher 3:2

for they that are double-faced serve not Alahayim, but their own lusts, so that they may please Beliar and men like unto themselves.

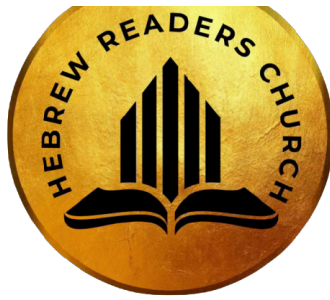
4 1 For good men, even they that are of single face, though they be thought by them that are double 2 faced to sin, are just before Alahayim. For many in killing the wicked do two works, of good and evil; 3 but the whole is good, because he hath uprooted and destroyed that which is evil.

One man hateth the merciful and unjust man, and the man who committeth adultery and fasteth: this, too, hath a twofold aspect, but the whole work is good, because he followeth the Lord's example, in that he 4 accepteth not the seeming good as the genuine good.

Testament of Benjamin 4

4 1 See ye, therefore, my children, the end of the good man? Be followers of his compassion, therefore, 2 with a good mind, that ye also may wear crowns of glory. For the good man hath not 3 a dark eye; for he showeth mercy to all men, even though they be sinners. And though they devise with evil intent concerning him, by doing good he overcometh evil, being shielded by Alahayim: 4 and he loveth the righteous as his own soul.

5 1 If, therefore, ye also have a good mind, then will both wicked men be at peace with you, and the profligate will reverence you and turn unto good; and the covetous will not only cease from 2 their inordinate desire, but even give the objects of their covetousness to them that are afflicted. If 3 ye do well, even the unclean spirits will flee from you; and the beasts will dread you. For where there is reverence for good works and light in the mind, even darkness fleeth away from him 4 For if any one does violence to a holy man, he repenteth; for the holy man is merciful to his reviler, and holdeth his peace. 5 And if any one betrayeth a righteous man, the righteous man prayeth: though



for a little he be humbled, yet not long after he appeareth far more glorious, as was Joseph my brother.

6 1 The inclination of the good man is not in the power of the deceit of the spirit of Beliar, for the 2 angel of peace guideth his soul. And he gazeth not passionately upon corruptible things, nor 3 gathereth together riches through a desire of pleasure. He delighteth not in pleasure, [he grieveth not his neighbour], he sateth not himself with luxuries, he erreth not in the uplifting of the eyes, for 4 AHAYAH is his portion. The good inclination receiveth not glory nor dishonor from men, and it knoweth not any guile, or lie, or fighting or reviling; for AHAYAH dwelleth in him and lighteth up his 5 soul, and he rejoiceth towards all men alway. The good mind hath not two tongues, of blessing and of cursing, of contumely and of honor, of sorrow and of joy, of quietness and of confusion, of hypocrisy and of truth, [of poverty and of wealth]; but it hath one disposition, uncorrupt and pure, concerning all 6 men. It hath no double sight, nor double hearing; for in everything which he doeth, or speaketh, or 7 seeth, he knoweth that AHAYAH looketh on his soul. And he cleanseth his mind that he may not be condemned by men as well as by Alahayim. And in like manner the works of Beliar are twofold, and there is no singleness in them.

Testament of Asher 4:4

Another desireth not to see a good day with them that riot, lest he defile his body and pollute his soul: this, too, is double-faced, but the whole is 5 good.

1Pe 4:3

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1Pe 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Testament of Asher 4:5

4:5 For such men are like to stags and to hinds, because in the manner of wild animals they seem to be unclean, but they are altogether clean; because they walk in zeal for the



Lord and abstain from what Alahayim also hateth and forbiddeth by His commandments, warding off the evil from the good.

5 1 Ye see, my children, how that there are two in all things, one against the other, and the one is hidden by the other: in wealth (is hidden) covetousness, in conviviality drunkenness, in laughter 2 grief, in wedlock profligacy.

Conviviality: the quality of being friendly and lively

Profligacy: licentious (promiscuous and unprincipled in intimate matters) or dissolute (lax in morals) behavior

5:2 Death succeedeth to life, dishonour to glory, night to day, and darkness to light; [and all things are under the day, just things under life, unjust things under 3 death;] wherefore also eternal life awaiteth death. Nor may it be said that truth is a lie, nor 4 right wrong; for all truth is under the light, even as all things are under Alahayim. All these things, therefore, I proved in my life, and I wandered not from the truth of the Lord, and I searched out the commandments of the Most High, walking according to all my strength with singleness of face unto that which is good.

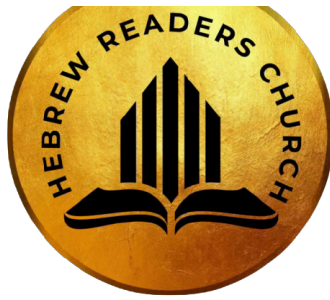
6 1 Take heed, therefore, ye also, my children, to the commandments of the Lord, following the truth 2 with singleness of face. For they that are double-faced are guilty of a twofold sin; for they both do the evil thing and they have pleasure in them that do it, following the example of the spirits of 3 deceit, and striving against mankind.

Testament of Reuben 2:1-2

1 And now hear me, my children, what things I saw concerning the seven spirits of deceit, when 2 I repented. Seven spirits therefore are appointed against man, and they are the leaders in the works 3 of youth.

Testament of Reuben 3:1-9

1 Besides all these there is an eighth spirit of sleep, with which is brought about the trance of 2 3 nature and the image of death, With these spirits are mingled the spirits of error.] First, the spirit of fornication is seated in the nature and in the senses; the second, the spirit of insatiableness, 4 in the belly; the third, the spirit of fighting, in the liver and gall. The fourth is the spirit of 5 obsequiousness and chicanery, that through officious attention one may be fair in seeming. The fifth is the spirit of pride, that one may be boastful and arrogant. The sixth is the spirit of lying, 6 in perdition and jealousy to practice deceits, and concealments from kindred and friends. The seventh is the spirit of injustice, with which are thefts and acts of rapacity, that a man may fulfill the desire



of his heart; for injustice worketh together with the other spirits by the taking of gifts. 7,
8 And with all these the spirit of sleep is joined which is (that) of error and fantasy.] And
so perisheth every young man, darkening his mind from the truth, and not
understanding the law of 9 Alahayim, nor obeying the admonitions of his fathers as
befell me also in my youth

Testament of Asher 6:3

Do ye, therefore, my children, keep the law of the Lord, and give not heed unto evil as
unto good; but look unto the thing that is really good, and keep it in all 4
commandments of the Lord, having your conversation therein, and resting therein.

For the latter ends of men do show their righteousness (or unrighteousness), when they
meet the angels of 5 the Lord and of Satan. For when the soul departs troubled, it is
tormented by the evil spirit which also it served in lusts and evil works.⁶ But if he is
peaceful with joy he meeteth the angel of peace, and he leadeth him into eternal life.

7 1 Become not, my children, as Sodom, which sinned against the angels of the Lord, and
perished for 2 ever. For I know that ye shall sin, and be delivered into the hands of your
enemies; and your land shall be made desolate, and your holy places destroyed, and ye
shall be scattered unto the four 3 corners of the earth. And ye shall be set at nought in
the dispersion vanishing away as water.

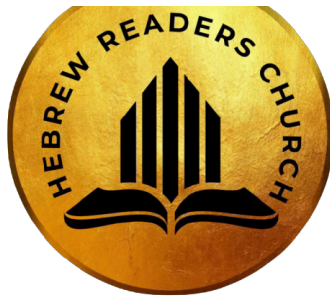
Testament of Zebulon

9 1 Observe, therefore, the waters, and know when they flow together, they sweep along
stones, trees, 2 earth, and other things. But if they are divided into many streams, the
earth swalloweth them up, 3, 4 and they vanish away. So shall ye also be if ye be divided.
Be not ye, therefore, divided into two heads, for everything which the Lord made hath
but one head, and two shoulders, two 5 hands, two feet, and all the remaining members.

Testament of Asher 7: 3

And ye shall be set at nought in the dispersion vanishing away as water. Until the Most
High shall visit the earth, coming Himself [as man, with men eating and drinking, and
breaking the head of the dragon in the water. He shall save Israel and all the Gentiles
[Alahayim speaking in 4 the person of man]. [Therefore do ye also, my children, tell
these things to your children, that they 5 disobey Him not. For I have known that ye
shall assuredly be disobedient, and assuredly act unholy, not giving heed to the law of
Alahayim, but to the commandments of men, being corrupted 6 through wickedness.

1 Timothy 4:1



[1]Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Testament of Asher 7:6

And therefore shall ye be scattered as Gad and Dan my brethren, and ye shall 7 know not your lands, tribe, and tongue. But the Lord will gather you together in faith through His tender mercy, and for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.]

8 1 And when he had said these things unto them he commanded them, saying: Bury me in Hebron.² And he fell asleep and died at a good old age. And his sons did as he had commanded them, and they carried him up to Hebron, and buried him with his fathers.