



Identifying the Sons of Jacob:

The tribe of Reuben

Deu 32:26

I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

Zec 4:6

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Ahayah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith Ahayah of hosts.

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.



Identifying the tribe of Rueben

Gen 49:3

Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

Gen 49:4

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

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BDB Definition:

1) recklessness, wantonness, unbridled license, frothiness. **Strong's**: (figuratively lust)

THE TESTAMENT OF REUBEN, THE FIRST-BORN SON OF JACOB AND LEAH

1 1 The copy of the Testament of Reuben, even the commands which he gave his sons before he 2died in the hundred and twenty-fifth year of his life. Eight years after the death of Joseph his 3 brother, when Reuben fell ill, his sons and his sons' sons were gathered together to visit him. And 4 he said to them: My children, behold I am dying, and go the way of my fathers. And seeing there Judah, and Gad, and Asher, his brethren, he said to them: Raise me up, that I may tell to my brethren and to my children what things I have hidden in my heart, for behold now at length 5 I am passing away. And he arose and kissed them, and said unto them: Hear, my brethren, and 6 do ye, my children, give ear to Reuben your father in the commands which I give unto you. And behold I call to witness against you this day the Alahayim of heaven, **that ye walk not in the sins of 7 youth and fornication**, wherein I was poured out, and defiled the bed of my father Jacob.



And I tell you that he smote me with a sore plague in my loins for seven months; and had not my father 8 Jacob prayed for me to AHAYAH, AHAYAH would have destroyed me. For I was sixteen years old 9 when I wrought the evil thing before AHAYAH, and for seven months I was sick unto death. And 10 after this I repented with set purpose of my soul for seven years before AHAYAH. And wine and strong drink I drank not, and flesh entered not into my mouth, and I eat no pleasant food; but I mourned over my sin, for it was great, such as had not been in Israel.

Testament of Judah 13:1-3

And now, my children, I say unto you, be not drunk with wine; for wine turneth the mind away² from the truth, and inspires the passion of lust, and leadeth the eyes into error. For the spirit of fornication hath wine as a minister to give pleasure to the mind; for these two also take away the ³ mind of man. For if a man drink wine to drunkenness, it disturbeth the mind with filthy thoughts leading to fornication, and heateth the body to carnal union; and if the occasion of the lust be ⁴ present, he worketh the sin, and is not ashamed.

Testament of Reuben

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. [And seven other spirits are given to him at his creation, that through them should be ⁴ done every work of man. The first is the spirit of life, with which the constitution (of man) is ⁵ created. The second is the sense of sight, with which ariseth desire. The third is the sense of hearing, with which cometh teaching. The fourth is the sense of smell, with which tastes are given ⁶, ⁷ to draw air and breath. The fifth is the power of speech, with which cometh knowledge. The sixth is the sense of taste, with which cometh the eating of meats and drinks; and by it strength is ⁸ produced, for in food is the foundation of strength. The seventh is the power of procreation and ⁹ sexual intercourse, with which through love of pleasure sins enter in. Wherefore it is the last in order of creation, and the first in that of youth, because it is filled with ignorance, and leadeth the youth as a blind man to a pit, and as a beast to a precipice.

3 ¹ Besides all these there is an eighth spirit of sleep, with which is brought about the trance of ² nature and the image of death. With these spirits are mingled the spirits of error.] ³ 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 Rueben 3:9

And now, my children, love the truth, and it will preserve you:

Eph 5:9

(For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Psa 119:142

Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.

Testament of Reuben 3:9

...hear ye the words of Reuben your father. 10 Pay no heed to the face of a woman, Nor associate with another man's wife, Nor meddle with affairs of womankind. 11 For had I not seen Bilhah bathing in a covered place, I had not fallen into this great iniquity. 12 For my mind taking in the thought of the woman's nakedness, suffered me not to sleep until I had 13 wrought the abominable thing. For while Jacob our father had gone to Isaac his father, when we were in Eder, near to Ephrath in Bethlehem, Bilhah became drunk and was asleep uncovered in her 14 chamber. Having therefore gone in and beheld nakedness, I wrought the impiety without her 15 perceiving it, and leaving her sleeping I departed. And forthwith an angel of Alahayim revealed to my father concerning my impiety, and he came and mourned over me, and touched her no more.

4 1 Pay no heed, therefore, my children, to the beauty of women, nor set your mind on their affairs; but walk in singleness of heart in the fear of AHAYAH, and expend labour on good works, and on study and on your flocks, until AHAYAH give you a wife, whom He will, that ye suffer not as I did. 2 For until my father's death I had not boldness to look in his face, or to speak to any of my brethren, 3 because of the reproach. Even until now my conscience causeth me anguish on account of my 4 impiety. And yet my father comforted me much and prayed for me unto AHAYAH, that the anger of AHAYAH might pass from me, even as AHAYAH showed. And thenceforth until now I have 5 been on my guard and sinned not. Therefore, my children, I say unto you, observe all things 6 whatsoever I command you, and ye shall not sin. For a pit unto



the soul is the sin of fornication, separating it from Alahayim, and bringing it near to idols, because it deceiveth the mind and understanding, 7 and leadeth young men into hades before their time. For many hath fornication destroyed; because, though a man be old or noble, or rich or poor, he bringeth reproach upon 8 himself with the sons of men and derision with Beliar. For ye heard regarding Joseph how he guarded himself from a woman, and purged his thoughts from all fornication, and found favour in 9 the sight of Alahayim and men. For the Egyptian woman did many things unto him, and summoned 10 magicians, and offered him love potions, but the purpose of his soul admitted no evil desire. Therefore 11 the Alahayim of your fathers delivered him from every evil (and) hidden death. For if fornication overcomes not your mind, neither can Beliar overcome you.

Testament of Benjamin 8:2-3

2 He that hath a pure mind in love, looketh not after a woman with a view to fornication; for he hath no defilement in his heart, because the Spirit of Alahayim resteth upon him. 3 For as the sun is not defiled by shining on dung and mire, but rather drieth up both and driveth away the evil smell; so also the pure mind, though encompassed by the defilements of earth, rather cleanseth (them) and is not itself defiled.

Testament of Issachar 7:2

2 Except my wife I have not known any woman. I never committed fornication by the uplifting of my eyes

Mat 5:27

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Mat 5:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Testament of Rueben 5

5 1 For evil are women, my children; and since they have no power or strength over man, they use 2 wiles by outward attractions, that they may draw him to themselves. And whom they cannot 3 bewitch by outward attractions, him they overcome by craft. For moreover, concerning them, the angel of AHAYAH told me, and taught me, that women are overcome by the spirit of fornication more than men, and in their heart they plot against men; and by means of their adornment they deceive first their minds, and by the glance of the eye instill the poison, and then through the accomplished 4 act they



take them captive. For a woman cannot force a man openly, but by a harlot's 5 bearing she beguiles him. Flee, therefore, fornication, my children, and command your wives and your daughters, that they adorn not their heads and faces to deceive the mind: because every woman 6 who useth these wiles hath been reserved for eternal punishment. For thus they allured the Watchers who were before the flood; for as these continually beheld them, they lusted after them, and they conceived the act in their mind; for they changed themselves into the shape of men, and 7 appeared to them when they were with their husbands. And the women lusting in their minds after their forms, gave birth to giants, for the Watchers appeared to them as reaching even unto heaven.

6 1 Beware, therefore, of fornication; and if you wish to be pure in mind, guard your senses from every 2 woman. And command the women likewise not to **associate** with men, that they also may be pure 3 in mind. For constant meetings, even though the unholy deed be not wrought, are to them an 4 irremediable disease, and to us a destruction of Beliar and an eternal reproach. For in fornication 5 there is neither understanding nor holiness, and all jealousy dwelleth in the lust thereof.

Therefore, then I say unto you, ye will be jealous against the sons of Levi, and will seek to be exalted 6 over them; but ye shall not be able. For Alahayim will avenge them, and ye shall die by an evil death.

7 For to Levi Alahayim gave the sovereignty [and to Judah with him and to me also, and to Dan and 8 Joseph, that we should be for rulers]. Therefore I command you to hearken to Levi, because he shall know the law of AHAYAH, and shall give ordinances for judgement and shall sacrifice for all Israel until the consummation of the times, as the anointed High Priest, of whom AHAYAH spake,

Mal 2:6

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

Mal 2:7

For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of Ahayah of hosts.

I adjure you by the Alahayim of heaven to do truth each one unto his neighbour and to entertain love 10 each one for his brother. And draw ye near to Levi in humbleness of heart, that ye may receive 11 a blessing from his mouth. For he shall bless Israel and Judah, because him hath AHAYAH chosen to 12 be king over all the nation. And bow down before his seed, for on our behalf it will die in wars visible and invisible, and will be among you an eternal king.



8 1, 2 And Reuben died, having given these commands to his sons. And they placed him in a coffin until they carried him up from Egypt, and buried him in Hebron in the cave where his father was.

Deu 33:1

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

Deu 33:6

Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.