



# Identifying the Tribe of Naphtali

## 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

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

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 49:21



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Testament of Naphtali 2:1-2

1 And I was swift on my feet like the deer, and my father Jacob appointed me for all messages, 2 and as a deer did he give me his blessing

Jasher 56:59

59. And Naphtali hearkened to the voice of Joseph and he hastened and ran down to Egypt. And Naphtali was lighter on foot than any of the stags that were upon the wilderness, for he would go upon ears of corn without crushing them

Appendix of the Testament of Naphtali 10:9-10

9 Blessed is the man who does not defile the holy spirit of Alahayim which hath been put and breathed into him, and blessed is he who returns it to its Creator as pure as it was on the day when He entrusted it to him. 10 Thus far are the words of Naphtali, the son of Israel, with which he admonished his sons, with words sweeter than honey.

**Deu 33:23**

And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.

### **THE TESTAMENT OF NAPHTALI, THE EIGHTH SON OF JACOB AND BILHAH.**

**1** 1 The copy of the testament of Naphtali, which he ordained at the time of his death in the hundred 2 and thirty second year of his life. When his sons were gathered together in the seventh month, on the 3 first day of the month, while still in good health, he made them a feast of food and wine. And after 4 he was awake in the morning, he said to them, I am dying; and they believed him not. And as he 5 glorified AHAYAH, he grew strong and said that after yesterday's feast he should die. And he began 6 then to say: Hear, my children, ye sons of Naphtali, hear the words of your father. I was born from Bilhah, and because Rachel dealt craftily, and gave Bilhah in place of herself to Jacob, and she 7 conceived and bare me upon Rachel's knees, therefore she called my name Naphtali. For Rachel loved me very much because I was born upon her lap; and when I was still young she was wont 8 to kiss me, and say: May I have a brother of thine from mine own womb, like unto thee. Whence 9 also Joseph was like unto me in all things, according to the prayers of Rachel.



9 Now my mother was Bilhah, daughter of Rotheus the brother of Deborah, Rebecca's nurse, who was born on one and 10 the self-same day with Rachel. And Rotheus was of the family of Abraham, a Chaldean, Alahayim 11 fearing, free-born, and noble. And he was taken captive and was bought by Laban; and he gave him Euna his handmaid to wife, and she bore a daughter, and called her name Zilpah, after the name 12 of the village in which he had been taken captive. And next she bore Bilhah, saying: My daughter hastens after what is new, for immediately that she was born she seized the breast and hastened to suck it.

**2** 1 And I was swift on my feet like the deer, and my father Jacob appointed me for all messages, 2 and as a deer did he give me his blessing. For as the potter knoweth the vessel, how much it is to contain, and bringeth clay accordingly, so also doth AHAYAH make the body after the likeness of 3 the spirit, and according to the capacity of the body doth He implant the spirit. And the one does not fall short of the other by a third part of a hair; for by weight, and measure, and rule was all the 4 creation made. And as the potter knoweth the use of each vessel, what it is meet for, so also doth AHAYAH know the body, how far it will persist in goodness, and when it beginneth in evil. For 5 there is no inclination or thought which AHAYAH knoweth not, for He created every man after His own image. 6 As a man's strength, so also is his work; and as his mind, so also is his skill; and as his purpose, so also is his achievement; and as his heart, so also is his mouth; as his eye, so also is his sleep; as his soul, so also is his word, either in the law of AHAYAH or in the works of Beliar. 7 And as there is a division between light and darkness, between seeing and hearing, so also is there a division between man and man, and between woman and woman; and it is not to be said that the 8 one is like the other either in face or in mind. For Alahayim made all things good in their order, the five senses in the head, and He joined on the neck to the head, adding to it the hair also for comeliness and glory, then the heart for understanding, the belly for excrement, and the stomach for (grinding), the windpipe for taking in (the breath), the liver for wrath, the gall for bitterness, the spleen for laughter, the reins for prudence, the muscles of the loins for power, the lungs for drawing 9 in, the loins for strength, and so forth. So then, my children, let all your works be done in order 10 with good intent in the fear of Alahayim, and do nothing disorderly in scorn or out of its due season. For if thou bid the eye to hear, it cannot; so neither while ye are in darkness can ye do the works of light.

**3** 1 Be ye, therefore, not eager to corrupt your doings through covetousness or with vain words to beguile your souls; because if ye keep silence in purity of heart, ye shall understand how to hold 2 fast the will of Alahayim, and to cast away the will of Beliar. Sun and moon and stars change not their 3 order; so do ye also change not the law of Alahayim in the disorderliness of your doings. The Gentiles went astray, and forsook AHAYAH, and changed their order, and obeyed stocks and stones, spirits of 4 deceit. But ye shall not be so, my children, recognizing in the firmament, in the earth, and in the sea, and in all created things, AHAYAH who made all things, that ye become not as



Sodom, which 5 changed the order of nature. In like manner the Watchers also changed the order of their nature, whom AHAYAH cursed at the flood, on whose account He made the earth without inhabitants and fruitless.

**4** 1 These things I say unto you, my children, for I have read in the writing of Enoch that ye yourselves also shall depart from AHAYAH, walking according to all the lawlessness of the Gentiles, and 2 ye shall do according to all the wickedness of Sodom.

Eze 16:49

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Eze 16:50

And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*.

Testament of Naphtali 4:10

4:10 And AHAYAH shall bring captivity upon you, and there shall ye serve your enemies, and ye shall be bowed down with every affliction and 3 tribulation, until AHAYAH have consumed you all. And after ye have become minished and made few, ye shall return and acknowledge AHAYAH your Alahayim; and He shall bring you back into your 4 land, according to His abundant mercy. And it shall be, that after that they come into the land of 5 their fathers, they shall again forget AHAYAH and become unholy. And AHAYAH shall scatter them upon the face of all the earth, until the compassion of AHAYAH shall come, a man working righteousness and working mercy unto all them that are afar off, and to them that are near.

Testament of Naphtali 8:1-3

1 And lo! my children, I have shown unto you the last times, how everything shall come to pass in 2 Israel. Do ye also, therefore, charge your children that they be united to Levi and to Judah; For through them shall salvation arise unto Israel, And in them shall Jacob be blessed. 3 For through their tribes shall Alahayim appear [dwelling among men] on earth, To save the race of Israel, And to gather together the righteous from amongst the Gentiles

**5** 1 For in the fortieth year of my life, I saw a vision on the Mount of Olives, on the east of Jerusalem, 2 that the sun and the moon were standing still. And behold Isaac, the father of my father, said to us; Run and lay hold of them, each one according to his strength; and to him that seizeth them 3 will the sun and moon belong. And we all of us



ran together, and Levi laid hold of the sun, and Judah outstripped the others and seized the moon, and they were both of them lifted up with them. 4 And when Levi became as a sun, lo, a certain young man gave to him twelve branches of palm;

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 the LORD of hosts.

Testament of Naphtali 5:5

5 and Judah was bright as the moon, and under their feet were twelve rays. [And the two, Levi and 6 Judah, ran, and laid hold of them.] And 10, a bull upon the earth, with two great horns, and an 7 eagle's wings upon its back; and we wished to seize him; but could not. But Joseph came, and 8 seized him, and ascended up with him on high. And I saw, for I was there, and behold a holy writing appeared to us, saying: Assyrians, Medes, Persians, [Chaldeans,] , Syrians, shall possess in captivity the twelve tribes of Israel.

**6** 1 And again, after seven days, I saw our father Jacob standing by the sea of Jamnia, and we were 2 with him. And behold, there came a ship sailing by, without sailors or pilot; and there was written 3 upon the ship, The Ship of Jacob. And our father said to us: Come, let us embark on our ship. 4 And when he had gone on board, there arose a vehement storm, and a mighty tempest of wind; and 5 our father, who was holding the helm, departed from us. And we, being tossed with the tempest, were borne along over the sea; and the ship was filled with water, (and was) pounded by mighty waves, 6 until it was broken up. And Joseph fled away upon a little boat, and we were all divided upon nine 7 planks, and Levi and Judah were together. And we were all scattered unto the ends of the earth. 8, 9 Then Levi, girt about with sackcloth, prayed for us all unto AHAYAH. And when the storm ceased, the ship reached the land as it were in peace. And, 10, our father came, and we all rejoiced with one accord.

**7** 1 These two dreams I told to my father; and he said to me: These things must be fulfilled in their season, after that Israel hath endured many things. 2 Then my father saith unto me: I believe Alahayim that Joseph liveth, for I see always that AHAYAH numbereth him with you, 3 And he said, weeping: Ah me, my son Joseph, thou livest, though I behold thee not, and thou seest not Jacob that begat thee. 4 He caused me also,



therefore, to weep by these words, and I burned in my heart to declare that Joseph had been sold, but I feared my brethren.

**8**     1 And lo! my children, I have shown unto you the last times, how everything shall come to pass in 2 Israel. Do ye also, therefore, charge your children that they be united to Levi and to Judah; For through them shall salvation arise unto Israel, And in them shall Jacob be blessed. 3 For through their tribes shall Alahayim appear [dwelling among men] on earth, To save the race of Israel, And to gather together the righteous from amongst the Gentiles. 4 If ye work that which is good, my children, Both men and angels shall bless you; And Alahayim shall be glorified among the Gentiles through you, And the devil shall flee from you, And the wild beasts shall fear you, And AHAYAH shall love you, [And the angels shall cleave to you]. 5 As a man who has trained a child well is kept in kindly remembrance: So also for a good work there is a good remembrance before Alahayim. 6 But him that doeth not that which is good, Both angels and men shall curse, And Alahayim shall be dishonoured among the Gentiles through him, And the devil shall make him as his own peculiar instrument, And every wild beast shall master him, And AHAYAH shall hate him. 7 For the commandments of the law are twofold, **And through prudence must they be fulfilled.** 8 For there is a season for a man to embrace his wife, And a season to abstain there from for his prayer. 9 So, then, there are two commandments; and, unless they be done in due order, they bring very 10 great sin upon men. So also is it with the other commandments. Be ye therefore wise in Alahayim, my Children, and prudent, understanding the order of His commandments, and the laws of every word, that AHAYAH may love you.

**9**     1 And when he had charged them with many such words, he exhorted them that they should 2 remove his bones to Hebron, and that they should bury him with his fathers. And when he had 3 eaten and drunken with a merry heart, he covered his face and died. And his sons did according to all that Naphtali their father had commanded them.

## **THE APPENDIX OF THE TESTAMENT OF NAPHTALI**

**1**     1 The testament of Naphtali, Naphtali the son of Jacob, whom Bilhah, the handmaid of Rachel had borne him [the wrestling of Ala]. When Naphtali had grown old, and had come to a good old age, and had completed his years of strength, and fulfilled the duty of the earth-born man, he began to command his children, **2** and he said unto them, 'My children, come and draw near and receive the commands of your father.' And they answered and said unto him, 'lo, we hearken to fulfill all that thou commandest us.' **3** And he said unto them, 'I do not command you concerning my silver, nor concerning my gold, nor all my substance, that I leave unto you here under the sun, nor do I command you any difficult thing which you may not be able to accomplish, but





I speak to you about an easy matter, which you can fulfill.’ **4** And his sons answered and replied a second time, and said, ‘speak, o father for we listen.’ **5** He said unto them, ‘I give you no command save in regard to the fear of The Lord; him shall ye serve, and to Him shall ye cleave.’ **6** They said unto him, ‘what need hath He of our service?’ He said unto them, ‘It is not that He hath need of any creature, but that all creatures of the world have need of Him. But He hath not created the world for nought, but that His creatures should fear Him, and that none should do to his neighbor what he doth not like for himself.’ **7** They said to him, ‘Our father! Hast thou forsooth seen us departing from thy ways, or from the ways of our fathers, either to the right or to the left?’ **8** He said unto them, ‘The Adono and I are witnesses that it is even as ye say; but I dread that which is to come, lest ye go astray after the alahayims of strange nations, and walk according to the ordinances of the people of the lands, and lest ye join the children of Joseph instead of the children of Levi and the children of Judah.’ **9** They said unto him, ‘What dost thou see that thou commandest us in this wise?’ **10** He said unto them, Because I know that one day the children of Joseph will depart from the Adono, the Alahayim of their fathers, and cause the children of Israel to sin, and to become banished from the good land into another that is not ours, as we have been exiled through his being a bond-servant in Egypt.

**2** **1** Further, I will tell you the vision I saw, when I was pasturing the flock. **2** I saw, and lo, my twelve brothers were pasturing with me in the field; and lo, our father came and said to us, “My children, run and seize ye each before me, what comes to his portion.” **3** We answered and said unto him, “What shall we seize? Lo, we see nothing but the sun, moon, and the stars.” **4** He said to unto them take hold of them. When Levi heard it he seized a staff in his hand, and jumped upon the sun and sat and rode thereon. **5** And when Judah saw it, he did likewise; and he seized a staff, and sprang upon the moon, and rode thereon. **6** So did all the tribes; each rode upon his star and his planet in the heavens; and Joseph only remained alone upon the earth. **7** Jacob our father said unto him. “My son, why hast thou not done as thy brothers” He said unto him, “My father, what have they that are born of woman to do in the heavens, as in the end they must needs stand upon the earth?”

**3** **1** Whilst Joseph was speaking, lo, there stood near him a huge bull with great wings like the wings of a stork and his horns huge like the horns of the Reem. **2** And Jacob said to him, “Get up my son Joseph, and ride upon him.” **3** And Joseph got up and mounted upon the bull. And Jacob our father departed from us. **4** For about four hours Joseph gloried in the bull—at times he walked and ran, at times he flew up with him, till he came near to Judah, and Joseph stretched out the standard he had in his hands and began to smite Judah his brother. **5** Judah said to him, “My **6** brother, why dost thou smite me?” He said to him, “Because thou holdest in thy hands twelve staves,



and I have only one; give me ten, and there shall be peace.” **7** But Judah refused to give them to him, **8** Joseph then said to his ten brothers, “Wherefore run ye after Judah and Levi? Depart from them and follow after me.” **9** When his brothers heard Joseph’s words, they departed from Levi and Judah as one man, to follow Joseph, and there remained with Judah only Benjamin and Levi. **10** When Levi beheld this, he descended from the sun full of trouble of spirit. **11** Joseph said to Benjamin his brother, “Benjamin, my brother! Art thou not my brother? **12** Come thou also with me.” But Benjamin refused to go with Joseph his brother. And it came to pass when the day drew to an end, lo, there arose a mighty storm, which separated Joseph from his brothers, so that no two were left together. **13** When I beheld this vision, I related it to Jacob my father, and he said unto me, “My son, it is only a dream, which while neither ascend nor descend, for it hath not been repeated.”

**4** **1** But no long time elapsed, when I saw another vision. **2** Whilst we stood all together with Jacob our father on the shore of the Great Sea, behold a ship came sailing in the middle of the sea **3** without a sailor and a man (pilot). Our father said to us, “Do ye see what I am seeing?” “We see it.” **4** He said unto us, “Do what ye see me doing.” **5** Thereupon Jacob our father took off his clothes, and threw himself into the sea, and we all followed him. **6** And the first were Levi and Judah, and they jumped into the ship, and Jacob with them. And behold in that ship there was all the goodness of the world. **7** Jacob our father said unto them, “Look at what is written on the mast; for there is no ship on which the name of the master is not written on the mast.” **8** Then Levi and Judah looked, and saw, and behold there was written, “This ship belongs to the son of Berachel, and all the good therein.” **9** When Jacob our father heard that, he rejoiced very much, and bowed down, and thanked Alahayim. He said, “Not enough that He has blessed me on earth, He has blessed me on the sea too!” **10** Then he said unto us, “My children quit yourselves like men, and whatever each one of you seizes, that shall be his share.” **11** Thereupon Levi sprang to the big mast therein and sat upon it. **12** The second after him, Judah, also leapt to the second mast, which was next to Levi’s mast, and he also sat thereon. **13** And the rest of my other brothers took each his oar, and Jacob our father grasped the two rudders to steer the ship by them. **14** And Joseph was left alone. Our father said unto him, “My son Joseph take thou also thine oar.” But Joseph refused. **15** When my father saw that Joseph refused to take his oar, he said unto him, “Come here, my son, and take one of the rudders which I hold in my hands, and steer the ship, whilst thy brothers row with the oars until you reach land.” **16** And he taught each one of us, and said unto us, “Thus ye shall steer the ship, and ye will not be afraid of the waves of the sea, nor of stormy winds when they shall arise against you.”

**5** **1** And when he had made an end of commanding us, he disappeared from us. **2** And Joseph took both the rudders, one with the right hand and one with the left, and





the rest of my brothers were rowing, and the ship sailed on and floated over the waters.

**3** And Levi and Judah sat upon the two masts to look out which way the ship was to take. **4** As long as Joseph and Judah were of one mind, and Judah showed Joseph which was the right way, Joseph directed thither the ship, and the ship sailed on peaceably without hindrance. **5** And after a while a quarrel arose between Joseph and Judah, and Joseph no longer steered the ship according to the words of his father and the teachings of Judah and the ship went a wrong course, and the waves of the seas dashed it on a rock, so that the ship was broken up.

**6** **1** Then Levi and Judah descended from the masts to escape for their lives, and as for the rest of the brothers, we escaped for our lives to the shore. **2** And behold there came Jacob our father, and found us dispersed, one here, and another there. **3** He said unto us, "What is the matter with you, my sons? Perhaps you have no steered the ship as it ought, (even) as I commanded you?" **4** And we said unto him, "By the life of thy servants, we have not departed from anything that thou has commanded us; but Joseph transgressed against the command; for he did not steer the ship according to thy command, and as he was instructed by Levi and Judah, for he was jealous of them." **5** And he said unto us, "Show me the place of the ship." And he saw, and behold the tops of the masts were visible, and behold it was floating upon the surface of the water. **6** And my father whistled, and we all gathered round him. **7** And he cast himself into the sea as before, and he repaired the ship. **8** And he reproved Joseph, and said unto him, "My son, thou shalt not again deceive nor be jealous of thy brothers, for they were nearly lost through thee."

**7** **1** And when I recounted the vision to my father, he smote his hands together and sighed, and his eyes shed tears. **2** And I waited till I was ashamed, but he spake no words to me. **3** So I took the hand of my father to embrace it and to kiss it, and I said to him. "Oh servant of The Lord! Why do thine eyes shed tears?" **4** He said unto me, "My son, because of the repetition of thy vision my heart has sunk within me, and my body is confounded by reason of Joseph my son, for I loved him above you all; and for the wickedness of my son Joseph you will be sent into captivity, and you will be scattered among the nations. **5** For thy first and second visions are both one and the same vision. **6** Therefore I command you not to unite with the sons of Joseph, but only with Levi and Judah."

**8** **1** Further, I tell you my lot shall be in the best of the middle of the earth, and ye shall eat and be satisfied with its delights. **2** I warn you not to kick in your fatness, and not to rebel, and not to oppose the command of The Lord, who satisfies you with the good things of His earth. **3** And do not forget The Lord your Alahayim, the Alahayim of



your fathers; Who was chosen by our father Abraham when the nations were divided in the time of Phaleg. **4** For at that time The Lord, blessed be He, came down from His highest heavens, and brought down with Him seventy ministering angels, Michael at their head. **5** He commanded them to teach the seventy families which sprang from the loins of Noah seventy languages. **6** Forthwith the angels descended and did according to the command of their Creator. But the holy language, the Hebrew language, remained only in the house of Shem and Eber, and in the house of Abraham our father, who is one of their descendants.

**9** **1** And on that day Michael took a message from The Lord, and said to the seventy nations, to each nation separately: **2** "You know the rebellion you undertook, and the treacherous confederacy into which you entered against the Adono of heaven and earth, and now choose today whom you will worship, and who shall be your intercessor in the height of heaven." **3** Nimrod the wicked answered and said, "For me there is none greater than he who taught me and my people in one hour the language of Kush." **4** In like manner also answered Put, and Mizraim, and Tubal, and Javan, and Mesech, and Tiras; and every nation chose its own angel, and none of them mentioned the name of The Lord, blessed be He. **5** But when Michael said unto Abraham our father, "Abram, whom dost thou choose, and whom wilt thou worship?" Abram answered, "I choose and select only Him who said, and the world was created; Who formed me in the womb of my mother, body within body; Who placed in me spirit and soul; Him I choose, and to Him I will cleave, I and my seed, all the days of the world.

**10** **1** Then the Most High dispersed the nations, and apportioned and allotted to every nation its share and lot. **2** And from that time all the nations of the earth separated themselves from The Lord, blessed be He; only the house of Abraham remained with his Creator to worship Him; and after him Isaac and Jacob. **3** Therefore, my sons, I conjure you not to go astray and worship any other alahayim than Him whom your fathers have chosen. **4** For know assuredly that there is none like unto Him, and no other who can do as He or like His works in heaven and on earth, and there is none who can do wonders like unto His mighty deeds. **5** A portion only of His power you can see in the creation of man; how many notable wonders are there not in him? **6** He created him from head to foot; with his ears he hears, and with his eyes he sees, and with his brain he understands, and with his nose he smells, and with his wind-pipe he brings forth his voice, and with his gullet he absorbs food and drink, and with his tongue he speaks, and with his mouth he completes(?); and with his hands he does his work, and with his heart he reckons, and with his spleen he laughs, and with his liver he is angry; and with his maw he grinds, and with his feet he walks, and his lungs are for breathing, and by his reins he is counselled. **7** And none of his members changes its function, but every one keeps to its own. It is therefore proper for man to lay to heart all these things, **8** Who



hath created him, and Who it is that hath wrought him out of an ill-smelling drop in the womb of the woman, and Who it is that bringeth him out into the light of the world, and Who hath given him the sight of eyes and the walking of the feet, and who causeth him to stand upright and bringeth him nigh to his Creator and to His place, and hath prepared good deeds in the place of insight, and hath poured into him a living soul and a pure spirit from Himself. **9** Blessed is the man who does not defile the holy spirit of Alahayim which hath been put and breathed into him, and blessed is he who returns it to its Creator as pure as it was on the day when He entrusted it to him. **10** Thus far are the words of Naphtali, the son of Israel, with which he admonished his sons, with words sweeter than honey.

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