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The Tribes: Some Biblical Passages Not Found in the Humash

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A	<p>Judges 3:15 (Tanakh) ¹⁵Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up a champion for them: the Benjaminite Ehud son of Gera, a left-handed man. It happened that the Israelites sent tribute to King Eglon of Moab through him.</p>	<p>Judges 3:15 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 15 וַיִּזְעְקוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּקָּם יְהוָה לָהֶם מוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת־אֶהוּד בֶּן־גֵּרָא בֶן־הַיְמִינִי אִישׁ אֶטֶר יָד־יְמִינוֹ וַיִּשְׁלַחוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיָדוֹ מַנְהָה לְעַגְלוֹן מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב׃</p>
B	<p>Judges 6:11–16 (Tanakh) ¹¹An angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was then beating out wheat inside a winepress in order to keep it safe from the Midianites. ¹²The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, valiant warrior!” ¹³Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why has all this befallen us? Where are all His wondrous deeds about which our fathers told us, saying, ‘Truly the LORD brought us up from Egypt’? Now the LORD has abandoned us and delivered us into the hands of Midian!” ¹⁴The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this strength of yours and deliver Israel from the Midianites. I herewith make you My messenger.” ¹⁵He said to Him, “Please, my lord, how can I deliver Israel? Why, my clan is the humblest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s household.” ¹⁶The LORD replied, “I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian to a man.”</p>	<p>Judges 6:11–16 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 11 וַיָּבֵא מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה וַיֵּשֶׁב תַּחַת הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר בְּעֹפְרָה אֲשֶׁר לְיוֹאֵשׁ אֲבִי הָעֹזֵרִי וַגְּדַעוֹן בְּנוֹ חָבֵט חֲטִימִים בְּגֵת לְהַנִּיס מִפְּנֵי מִדְיָן׃ 12 וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוָה עֲמָךְ גְּבוֹר הַחֵיל׃ 13 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו גְּדַעוֹן בִּי אֲדֹנָי יְיָ יְהוָה עִמָּנוּ וְלָמָּה מִצַּאתָנוּ כָּל־זֹאת וְאַיִהּ כָּל־נִפְלְאוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר סָפְרוּ־לָנוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לֵאמֹר הֲלֹא מִמִּצְרַיִם הֵעֵלָנוּ יְהוָה וְעַתָּה נִטְשָׁנוּ יְהוָה וַיִּתְּנֵנוּ בְּכַף־מִדְיָן׃ 14 וַיִּפֹּן אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר לָךְ בְּכַחַךְ זֶה וְהוֹשַׁעְתָּ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכַּף מִדְיָן הֲלֹא שְׁלַחְתִּיךָ׃ 15 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בִּי אֲדֹנָי בַּמָּה אוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל הֲגַה אֶלְפִי הַדָּל בַּמְּנוּשָׁה וְאֲנֹכִי הַצֹּעִיר בְּבֵית אָבִי׃ 16 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוָה כִּי אֶהְיֶה עִמָּךְ וְהִפִּיתִי אֶת־מִדְיָן כְּאִישׁ אֶחָד׃</p>
C	<p>1 Samuel 9:21–22 (Tanakh) ²¹Saul replied, “But I am only a Benjaminite, from the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my clan is the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin! Why do you say such things to me?”</p>	<p>1 Samuel 9:21–22 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 21 וַיַּעַן שָׂאוּל וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלוֹא בֶן־יְמִינִי אֲנֹכִי מִקְטָנֵי שְׁבֹטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִשְׁפַּחְתִּי הַצְּעִרָה מִכָּל־מִשְׁפָּחוֹת שְׁבֹטֵי בְנֵי־מִן וְלָמָּה דַּבַּרְתָּ אֵלַי כַּדָּבָר הַזֶּה׃</p>

	<p>²²Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and gave them a place at the head of the guests, who numbered about thirty.</p>	<p>22 וַיִּקַּח שְׂמוּאֵל אֶת־שָׂאוּל וְאֶת־נַעֲרָו וַיְבִיאֵם לְשִׁכְתָּהּ וַיִּתֵּן לָהֶם מְקוֹם בְּרֹאשׁ הַקְּרוּאִים וְהֵמָּה כְּשִׁלְשִׁים אִישׁ׃</p>
D	<p>1 Kings 12:12–16 (Tanakh) ¹²Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, since the king had told them: “Come back on the third day.” ¹³The king answered the people harshly, ignoring the advice that the elders had given him. ¹⁴He spoke to them in accordance with the advice of the young men, and said, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father flogged you with whips, but I will flog you with scorpions.” ¹⁵(The king did not listen to the people; for the LORD had brought it about in order to fulfill the promise that the LORD had made through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.) ¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, the people answered the king:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“We have no portion in David, No share in Jesse’s son! To your tents, O Israel! Now look to your own House, O David.”</p> <p>So the Israelites returned to their homes.</p>	<p>1 Kings 12:12–16 (BHS/WHM 4.2)</p> <p>12 וַיָּבֹאוּ יִרְבֵּעַם וְכָל־הָעָם אֶל־רְחֹבָעַם בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר הַמֶּלֶךְ לֵאמֹר שׁוּבוּ אֵלַי בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי׃</p> <p>13 וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־הָעָם קָשָׁה וַיַּעֲזֹב אֶת־עֲצַת הַזְּקֵנִים אֲשֶׁר יַעֲצָהוּ׃</p> <p>14 וַיְדַבֵּר אֵלֵיהֶם כַּעֲצַת הַיְלָדִים לֵאמֹר אֲבִי הַכְּבִיד אֶת־עַלְכֶם וְאֲנִי אֶסִּיף עַל־עַלְכֶם אֲבִי יִסֶּר אֶתְכֶם בַּשּׁוֹטִים וְאֲנִי אִיֶּסֶר אֶתְכֶם בַּעֲקָרָבִים׃</p> <p>15 וְלֹא־שָׁמַע הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל־הָעָם כִּי־הִיְתָה סִבָּה מֵעַם יִ־הוֹה לְמַעַן הַקִּים אֶת־דְּבָרֹו אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יִ־הוֹה בְּיַד אַחִיָּה הַשִּׁילֹנִי אֶל־יִרְבֵּעַם בֶּן־נָבֹט׃</p> <p>16 וַיֵּרָא כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי לֹא־שָׁמַע הַמֶּלֶךְ אֵלֵיהֶם וַיָּשׁוּבוּ הָעָם אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ דִּבְרָו לֵאמֹר מִה־לָּנוּ חֶלֶק בְּדָוִד וְלֹא־נִחַלָה בְּבֶן־יִשִׁי לְאַהֲלֵיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל עִתָּה רְאֵה בֵיתְךָ דָּוִד וַיֵּלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַהֲלָיו׃</p>
E	<p>2 Kings 17:1–6 (Tanakh) In the twelfth year of King Ahaz of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king over Israel in Samaria—for nine years. ²He did what was displeasing to the LORD, though not as much as the kings of Israel who preceded him. ³King Shalmaneser marched against him, and Hoshea became his vassal and paid him tribute. ⁴But the king of Assyria caught Hoshea in an act of treachery: he had sent envoys to King So of Egypt, and he had not paid the tribute to the king of Assyria, as in previous years. And the king of Assyria arrested him and put him in prison. ⁵Then the king of Assyria marched against the</p>	<p>2 Kings 17:1–6 (BHS/WHM 4.2)</p> <p>1 בַּשָּׁנָה שְׁתַּיִם עָשְׂרָה לְאַחַז מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה מֶלֶךְ הַשָּׁעַר בֶּן־אֵלָה בָּשָׁמְרוֹן עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל תְּשַׁע שָׁנִים׃</p> <p>2 וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְ־הוָה רַק לֹא כַּמְלִכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לְפָנָיו׃</p> <p>3 עָלָיו עָלָה שְׁלֹמְנָאֶסֶר מֶלֶךְ אַשּׁוּר וַיְהִי־לוֹ הַשָּׁעַר לְעַבְדוֹ וַיֵּשֶׁב לוֹ מִנְחָה׃</p> <p>4 וַיִּמְצָא מֶלֶךְ־אַשּׁוּר בְּהוֹשָׁע קֹשֶׁר אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח מִלְּאֲכִים אֶל־סוּא מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרָיִם וְלֹא־הֵעֲלָה מִנְחָה לְמֶלֶךְ אַשּׁוּר כַּשֵּׁנָה בְּשָׁנָה וַיַּעֲזְרֵהוּ מֶלֶךְ אַשּׁוּר וַיִּאֶסְרֵהוּ בֵּית כְּלָא׃</p> <p>5 וַיַּעַל מֶלֶךְ־אַשּׁוּר בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ וַיַּעַל־שְׁמֶרוֹן וַיִּצַר עָלָיו שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים׃</p>

	whole land; he came to Samaria and besieged it for three years. ⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria. He deported the Israelites to Assyria and settled them in Halah, at the [River] Habor, at the River Gozan, and in the towns of Media.	בשנת התשיעית להושע לכד מלך-אשור את-שמרון ויגל את-ישראל אשורה וישב אתם בחלח ובחבור נהר גוזן וערי מדי: פ 6
F	2 Kings 17:24 (Tanakh) ²⁴ The king of Assyria brought [people] from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and he settled them in the towns of Samaria in place of the Israelites; they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its towns.	2 Kings 17:24 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 24 ויבא מלך-אשור מבבל ומכותרה ומעוא ומחמת וספרוים וישב בערי שמרון תחת בני ישראל וירשו את-שמרון וישבו בעריה: פ
G	2 Chronicles 15:9 (Tanakh) ⁹ He assembled all the people of Judah and Benjamin and those people of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who sojourned among them, for many in Israel had thrown in their lot with him when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.	2 Chronicles 15:9 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 9 ויקבץ את-כל-יהודה ובנימן והגרים עמם מאפרים ומנשה ומשמעון כי-נפלו עליו מישראל לרב בראתם כי-הנה א-להיו עמו: פ
H	2 Chronicles 30:11–13 (Tanakh) ¹¹ Some of the people of Asher and Manasseh and Zebulun, however, were contrite, and came to Jerusalem. ¹² The hand of God was on Judah, too, making them of a single mind to carry out the command of the king and officers concerning the ordinance of the LORD. ¹³ A great crowd assembled at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great congregation.	2 Chronicles 30:11–13 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 11 אר-אנשים מאשר ומנשה ומזבלון נכנעו ויבאו לירושלם: 12 גם ביהודה היתה יד הא-להים לתת להם לב אחד לעשות מצות המלך והשרים בדבר י-הוה: 13 ויאספו ירושלם עם-רב לעשות את-תג המצות בחדש השני קהל לרב מאד:
I	2 Kings 24:8–16 (Tanakh) ⁸ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. ⁹ He did what was displeasing to the LORD, just as his father had done. ¹⁰ At that time, the troops of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon marched against Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. ¹¹ King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon advanced against the city while his troops	2 Kings 24:8–16 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 8 בן-שמנה עשרה שנה יהויכין במלכו ושלשה חדשים מלך בירושלם ושם אמו נחשתא בת-אלנתן מירושלם: 9 ויעש הרע בעיני י-הוה ככל אשר-עשה אביו: 10 בעת ההיא עלה עבדי נבכדנאצר מלך-בבל ירושלם ותבא העיר במצור: 11 ויבא נבוכדנאצר מלך-בבל על-העיר ועבדיו צרים עליה:

	<p>were besieging it. ¹²Thereupon King Jehoiachin of Judah, along with his mother, and his courtiers, commanders, and officers, surrendered to the king of Babylon. The king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. ¹³He carried off from Jerusalem all the treasures of the House of the LORD and the treasures of the royal palace; he stripped off all the golden decorations in the Temple of the LORD—which King Solomon of Israel had made—as the LORD had warned. ¹⁴He exiled all of Jerusalem: all the commanders and all the warriors—ten thousand exiles—as well as all the craftsmen and smiths; only the poorest people in the land were left. ¹⁵He deported Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king’s wives and officers and the notables of the land were brought as exiles from Jerusalem to Babylon. ¹⁶All the able men, to the number of seven thousand—all of them warriors, trained for battle—and a thousand craftsmen and smiths were brought to Babylon as exiles by the king of Babylon.</p>	<p>12 וַיָּצֵא יְהוֹיָכִין מֶלֶךְ־יְהוּדָה עַל־מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל הוּא וְאִמּוֹ וְעַבְדָּיו וְשָׂרָיו וְסָרִיסָיו וַיִּקַּח אֹתוֹ מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל בַּשָּׁנָה שְׁמֹנֶה לַמְּלָכָה: 13 וַיֹּצֵא מִשָּׁם אֶת־כָּל־אוֹצְרוֹת בֵּית יְהוָה וְאוֹצְרוֹת בֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּקְצָץ אֶת־כָּל־כְּלֵי הַזָּהָב אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה שְׁלֹמֹה מֶלֶךְ־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהִיכַל יְהוָה כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה: 14 וְהִגְלָה אֶת־כָּל־יְרוּשָׁלַם וְאֶת־כָּל־הַשָּׂרִים וְאֶתוֹ כָּל־גְּבוּרֵי הַחַיִל עֲשֹׂרֵה אֲלָפִים גּוֹלָה וְכָל־הַחֲרָשׁ וְהַמְּסַגֵּר לֹא נִשְׁאַר זֹלַת דָּלַת עַם־הָאָרֶץ: 15 וַיִּגַּל אֶת־יְהוֹיָכִין בְּבֵלָה וְאֶת־אִם הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאֶת־ נָשֵׁי הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאֶת־סָרִיסָיו וְאֶת אֹלְיֵי הָאָרֶץ הוֹלִיךְ גּוֹלָה מִירוּשָׁלַם בְּבֵלָה: 16 וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲנָשֵׁי הַחַיִל שִׁבְעַת אֲלָפִים וְהַחֲרָשׁ וְהַמְּסַגֵּר אֲלֹף הַלָּל גְּבוּרִים עֲשֵׂי מֵלִחְמָה וַיְבִיֵּאֵם מֶלֶךְ־בָּבֶל גּוֹלָה בְּבֵלָה:</p>
J	<p>Esther 2:5–6 (Tanakh) ⁵In the fortress Shushan lived a Jew by the name of Mordecai, son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite. ⁶[Kish] had been exiled from Jerusalem in the group that was carried into exile along with King Jeconiah of Judah, which had been driven into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.—</p>	<p>Esther 2:5–6 (BHS/WHM 4.2) 5 אִישׁ יְהוּדִי הָיָה בְּשׁוּשַׁן הַבִּירָה וְשֵׁמוֹ מְרֹדֶכַי בֶּן יָאִיר בֶּן־שִׁמְעִי בֶן־קִישׁ אִישׁ יְמִינִי: 6 אֲשֶׁר הִגְלָה מִירוּשָׁלַם עַם־הַגְּלָה אֲשֶׁר הִגְלָתָה עִם יְכָנְיָה מֶלֶךְ־יְהוּדָה אֲשֶׁר הִגְלָה נְבוּכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל:</p>