

## References to the tribes in the Torah (and in a few Haftarot)

Genesis 48:5 Joseph is designated as two tribes: Ephraim and Manasseh

Genesis 49 Jacob's parting words to his sons

Exodus 31: 1-6 Bezalel (from the tribe of Judah) and Oholiab (from the tribe of Dan)

Leviticus 24:10-11 the blasphemer (associated with the tribe of Dan)

Numbers 1-3 census #1

Numbers 7 the offerings of the tribal leaders

Numbers 13 the 12 spies/scouts (Note that the "good" scouts were from Judah and Ephraim.)

Numbers 16 Korach (a Levite) instigates a rebellion (with the support of Reubenites)

Numbers 25 cultic prostitution with Moabites (with a prominent Simeonite in the lead)

Numbers 26 census #2 (with a precipitous drop in the population of Simeon)

Numbers 27 the daughters of Zelophehad

Numbers 36 counterclaim by the tribe of Manasseh

Numbers 32 three tribes' request for land on the east side of the Jordan

Deuteronomy 27 projected ceremony (specific tribal roles) upon entering the promised land

Deuteronomy 33 Moses' parting words to the tribes (with one tribe conspicuously omitted)

Judges 4-5 Deborah and Barak wage successful battle at Mt. Tabor

(Deborah's poem of victory mentions eight tribes by name.)

Since this material serves as the Haftarah for Parashat B'shallah, it is readily accessed on pp. 424-434 of *Etz Hayim*, or on pp. 281-287 of Hertz.

Judges 13 birth of Samson (tribe of Dan)

Haftarah for Parashat Naso: pp. 813-815 of *Etz Hayim* or pp. 602-604 of Hertz.

II Samuel 5:4-7 King David conquers Jebus / Jerusalem

II Samuel 6-7 David relocates the ark (and the capital) from Hebron to Jerusalem

Haftarah for Parashat Sh'mini: pp. 645-648 of *Etz Hayim* or pp. 454-458 of Hertz.