

## LESSON ONE – Foundation and Background

- Where did the twelve tribes come from?

Abraham and Sarah begot Isaac

Isaac and Rebecca had two twins – Esau (the Hunter, very hairy and strong) and Jacob (the Herdsman).

Jacob meaning grabber was born clutching Esau's heel.

Esau sold Jacob his birthright. (Genesis 25:29-34) Mother, Rebecca, persuaded Jacob to dress like Esau to receive his brother's blessing in his stead.

Jacob saw a vision of Israel's future (Gen 28:10-15)

Jacob served Laban (his uncle) for 14 years for Rachel - Genesis 29:15-30

Judah means Praise - Genesis 29:35

Dinah was Jacob's only daughter bore by Leah: Gen 30:21

Jacob wrestle with an angel and his name was changed to Israel – Genesis 32:24-28  
Israel means "struggled with God".

Now the 12 sons of Israel (Jacob) – Genesis 35:23-27

\*Two wives – Leah – 6 (Reuben First born), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun);  
Rachel – 2 (Joseph and Benjamin)

\*Two Handmaids – Bilhah (Rachel's) – 2 (Dan and Naphtali); Zilpah (Leah's) – 2 (Gad and Asher)

Simeon and Levi massacred the men of Shechem because the prince had defiled their sister Dinah. Gen 34.

Rachel's dies in childbirth with Benjamin. Gen 35:18

Reuben, the oldest, defiled Jacob's bed by sleeping with Bilhah. Gen 35:22

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### **Homework Questions:**

Why did the tribes split and who went where?

Who was part of the House of David?

In 1 Samuel 11:8, is the writer referring to a body of land or a group of people when speaking about Israel and Judah?

Why was there a change in the original twelve tribes?