

#2555 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 814, **The 1947-1948 Tribe of Dan, (xv), Reuben’s sin with Bilhah**

**Key Understanding:** *Reuben forfeits his birthright to Joseph.* The prophetic relationship between *the birth of Dan* and *the birth of Joseph* is tied to Reuben’s sin with Bilhah. Because of Reuben’s sin with Bilhah (who had given birth to Dan), Reuben’s place as the favored firstborn was given to Joseph. [Note: This event of Reuben forfeiting his birthright to the sons of Joseph is *not* the same event as the tribe of Dan being omitted from the list of tribes in Revelation 7, where the tribes of Joseph (in place of Ephraim) and Manasseh are listed. However, the event of Reuben laying with Rachel’s handmaid, Bilhah, and consequently forfeiting his birthright to Joseph is entirely related to *Dan*, for it was Bilhah who gave birth to Dan, while Rachel gave birth to Joseph.]



Jacob blessing his twelve sons

### **Bilhah gave birth to Dan (Genesis 30:6)**

*Genesis 30:4-6 (KJV) And she [Rachel] gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.*

**5 AND BILHAH CONCEIVED, AND BARE JACOB A SON.**

**6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: THEREFORE CALLED SHE HIS NAME DAN.**

### **Rachel gave birth to Joseph (Genesis 30:24)**

*Genesis 30:22-24 (KJV) And God remembered **RACHEL**, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.*

*23 And **SHE CONCEIVED, AND BARE A SON**; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:*

*24 And **SHE CALLED HIS NAME JOSEPH**; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.*

### **Reuben lay with Bilhah his father's concubine (Genesis 35:22)**

*Genesis 35:16-26 (KJV) And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.*

*17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.*

*18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.*

*19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.*

*20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.*

*21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.*

*22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **REUBEN WENT AND LAY WITH BILHAH HIS FATHER'S CONCUBINE**: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:*

*23 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:*

*24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:*

*25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:*

*26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padanaram.*

### **Because of his sin with Bilhah, Reuben forfeited his birthright to the sons of Joseph (1 Chronicles 5:1-2)**

*1 Chronicles 5:1-2 (KJV) Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch **as he defiled his father's bed, HIS BIRTHRIGHT WAS GIVEN UNTO THE SONS OF JOSEPH THE SON OF ISRAEL**): and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.*

*2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)*

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