

~NAPHTALI 1 (106)
(Naph'ta-li) [My Wrestlings]

- The second son born to Jacob by Rachel's maidservant Bilhah in Paddan-aram.
- And the sons by Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, were Dan and **Naphtali**. (**Genesis 35:25**)
- And the sons by Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, were Gad and Asher. These are Jacob's sons who were born to him in Paddanaram. (**Genesis 35:26**)
- Now these are the names of Israel's sons who came into Egypt with Jacob, each man and his household came. (**Exodus 1:1**)
- Dan and **Naphtali**, Gad and Asher. (**Exodus 1:4**)
- These were the sons of Israel, Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. (**1 Chronicles 2:1**)
- Dan, Joseph and Benjamin, **Naphtali**, Gad and Asher. (**1 Chronicles 2:2**)
- Since Bilhah had substituted for her mistress Rachel, **Naphtali**, like his older full brother Dan, was considered by barren Rachel as her own son. Although her sister Leah by then already had four sons
- And Leah became pregnant and brought a son to birth and then called his name Reuben, for she said; It is because Yehowah has looked upon my wretchedness, in that now my husband will begin to love me. (**Genesis 29:32**)
- And she became pregnant again and brought a son to birth and then said; It is because Yehowah has listened, in that I was hated and so he gave me also this one. Hence she called his name Simeon. (**Genesis 29:33**)
- And she became pregnant yet again and brought a son to birth and then said; Now this time my husband will join himself to me, because I have borne him three sons. His name was therefore called Levi. (**Genesis 29:34**)

- And she became pregnant once more and brought a son to birth and then said; This time I shall laud Yehowah. She therefore called his name Judah. After that she left off giving birth. (**Genesis 29:35**)
- Rachel was elated over her success in getting a second son through her maidservant and exclaimed; With strenuous wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister.
- I have also come off winner! The name given to this son, **Naphtali**, meaning, **My Wrestlings**, appropriately expressed Rachel's feelings at the time of his birth.
- At this Jacob's anger burned against Rachel and he said; Am I in the place of God, who has held back the fruit of the belly from you? (**Genesis 30:2**)
- So she said; Here is my slave girl Bilhah. Have relations with her, that she may give birth upon my knees and that I, even I, may get children from her. (**Genesis 30:3**)
- With that she gave him Bilhah her maidservant as wife, and Jacob had relations with her. (**Genesis 30:4**)
- And Bilhah became pregnant and in time bore Jacob a son. (**Genesis 30:5**)
- Then Rachel said; God has acted as my judge and has also listened to my voice, so that he gave me a son. That is why she called his name Dan. (**Genesis 30:6**)
- And Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, became pregnant once more and in time bore a second son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:7**)
- Then Rachel said; With strenuous wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister. I have also come off winner! So she called his name **Naphtali**. (**Genesis 30:8**)
- Later, **Naphtali** himself became the father of four sons, Jahzeel or Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem, or Shallum.
- And the sons of **Naphtali** were Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem. (**Genesis 46:24**)

- The sons of **Naphtali** were Jahziel and Guni and Jezer and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah. (**1 Chronicles 7:13**)
- When the dying patriarch Jacob related to his sons what would happen to them in the final part of the days, his statement about **Naphtali**, though one of the briefest, was favorable.
- Later on Jacob called his sons and said; Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what will happen to you in the final part of the days. (**Genesis 49:1**)
- Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob, yes, listen to Israel your father. (**Genesis 49:2**)
- **Naphtali** is a slender hind. He is giving words of elegance. (**Genesis 49:21**)