

## ~ZEBULUN 2 (397)

(Zeb'u-lun) [Toleration, or, possibly, Lofty Abode or Habitation]

- Tribal Inheritance
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- The name **Zebulun** also designates the tribe descended from him through his three sons. About a year after the Israelites were liberated from enslavement in Egypt, this tribes able-bodied men from 20 years old upward numbered 57,400.

- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month in the second year of their coming out of the land of Egypt, and he said. (**Numbers 1:1**)

- Take the sum of the whole assembly of the sons of Israel according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of names, all the males, head by head of them. (**Numbers 1:2**)

- From twenty years old upward, everyone going out to the army in Israel. You should register them according to their armies, you and Aaron. (**Numbers 1:3**)

- Of the sons of **Zebulun**, their births according to their families in the house of their fathers by the number of names from twenty years old upward, everyone going out to the army. (**Numbers 1:30**)

- Those registered of them of the tribe of **Zebulun** were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. (**Numbers 1:31**)

- A second census taken at the close of Israel's 40 years wandering in the wilderness revealed an increase of 3,100 registered males.

- The sons of **Zebulun** by their families were. Of Sered the family of the Seredites. Of Elon the family of the Elonites. Of Jahleel the family of the Jahleelites. (**Numbers 26:26**)

- These were the families of the **Zebulunites**, of their registered

ones, sixty thousand five hundred. (**Numbers 26:27**)

- In the wilderness, the tribe of **Zebulun**, alongside the tribes of Judah and Issachar, camped on the East side of the tabernacle. This three-tribe division was first in the order of march. Eliab the son of Helon served as the chieftain of the **Zebulunite** army.
- Of **Zebulun**, Eliab the son of Helon. (**Numbers 1:9**)
- And those camping eastward toward the sunrising will be the three-tribe division of the camp of Judah in their armies, and the chieftain for the sons of Judah is Nahshon the son of Amminadab. (**Numbers 2:3**)
- And his army and the ones registered of them are seventy-four thousand six hundred. (**Numbers 2:4**)
- And those camping alongside him will be the tribe of Issachar, and the chieftain for the sons of Issachar is Nethanel the son of Zuar. (**Numbers 2:5**)
- And his army and his registered ones are fifty-four thousand four hundred. (**Numbers 2:6**)
- And the tribe of **Zebulun**, and the chieftain for the sons of Zebulun is Eliab the son of Helon. (**Numbers 2:7**)
- And his army and his registered ones are fifty-seven thousand four hundred. (**Numbers 2:8**)
- All the registered ones of the camp of Judah are one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred in their armies. They should set out first. (**Numbers 2:9**)

## •• Tribal Inheritance

- Regarding the inheritance of the tribe of **Zebulun**, the dying patriarch Jacob stated;
- **Zebulun** will reside by the seashore, and he will be by the shore where the ships lie anchored, and his remote side will be toward Sidon. (**Genesis 49:13**)

- Since Sidon was to the North of Israel and since **Zebulun's** territory was to be toward Sidon, the location of **Zebulun's** territory was to be a northern one.
- While not bordering directly on the sea, the area assigned to **Zebulun** was situated between the Sea of Galilee on the East and the Mediterranean on the West and thus gave the **Zebulunites** easy access to both bodies of water.
- Hence, they could easily engage in commercial trade, which may be alluded to by Moses words of blessing;
- And as to **Zebulun** he said; Rejoice, O **Zebulun**, in your going out, and, Issachar, in your tents. (**Deuteronomy 33:18**)
- At the time the distribution of the Promised Land continued from Shiloh, the third lot was drawn for **Zebulun**.
- So the men got up that they might go, and Joshua proceeded to command those who were going to map out the land, saying; Go and walk about in the land and map it out and return to me, and here is where I shall draw lots for you before Yehowah in Shiloh. (**Joshua 18:8**)
- Next the third lot came up for the sons of **Zebulun** by their families, and the boundary of their inheritance came to be as far as Sarid. (**Joshua 19:10**)
- And their boundary went up westward also to Mareal and reached to Dabbesheth and reached to the torrent valley that is in front of Jokneam. (**Joshua 19:11**)
- And it went back from Sarid eastward toward the rising of the sun to the border of Chisloth-tabor and went out to Daberath and went up to Japhia. (**Joshua 19:12**)
- And from there it passed over eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and went out to Rimmon and was marked out to Neah. (**Joshua 19:13**)
- And the boundary went around it on the north to Hannathon, and its terminations proved to be at the valley of Iphtah-el. (**Joshua 19:14**)

- And Kattath and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem, twelve cities and their settlements. ([Joshua 19:15](#))
- This was the inheritance of the sons of **Zebulun** by their families. These were the cities and their settlements. ([Joshua 19:16](#))
- To assist in the division of the land, Elizaphan the son of Parnach was the divinely appointed representative of the tribe of **Zebulun**.
- These are the names of the men who will divide the land to you people for a possession, Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun. ([Numbers 34:17](#))
- And of the tribe of the sons of **Zebulun** a chieftain, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. ([Numbers 34:25](#))
- When the territorial boundaries were established, **Zebulun** was surrounded by Asher.
- Then the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher by their families. ([Joshua 19:24](#))
- And it went back toward the rising of the sun to Beth-dagon and reached to **Zebulun** and the valley of Iphtah-el to the north, to Beth-emek and Neiel, and it went out to Cabul on the left. ([Joshua 19:27](#))
- Naphtali.
- It was for the sons of Naphtali that the sixth lot came out, for the sons of Naphtali by their families. ([Joshua 19:32](#))
- And their boundary came to be from Heleph, from the big tree in Zaanannim, and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel as far as Lakkum, and its terminations came to be at the Jordan. ([Joshua 19:33](#))
- And the boundary went back westward to Aznoth-tabor and went out from there to Hukkok and reached to **Zebulun** on the south, and to Asher it reached on the west and to Judah at the Jordan toward the rising of the sun. ([Joshua 19:34](#))
- And Issachar.
- Several Levite cities were situated in the territory of **Zebulun**.

- For the sons of Merari by their families there were twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben and out of the tribe of Gad and out of the tribe of **Zebulun**. (**Joshua 21:7**)
- And the families of the sons of Merari, the Levites who were left over, had out of the tribe of **Zebulun** Jokneam and its pasture ground, Kartah and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:34**)
- Dimnah and its pasture ground, Nahalal and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:35**)
- To the sons of Merari by their families they gave from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of **Zebulun** by the lot twelve cities. (**1 Chronicles 6:63**)
- To the sons of Merari that were left over they gave from the tribe of **Zebulun** Rimmono with its pasture grounds, Tabor with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:77**)
- From one of these, Nahalol or Nahalal, the **Zebulunites** failed to drive out the Canaanites, as was also true of the city of Kitron.
- **Zebulun** did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron and the inhabitants of Nahalol, but the Canaanites continued to dwell in among them and came to be subject to forced labor. (**Judges 1:30**)

## • Outstanding Warriors

- The tribe of **Zebulun** produced courageous warriors. Ten thousand men from Naphtali and **Zebulun** responded to Barak's call to fight against the forces under the command of Sisera.
- And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on Mount Tabor, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of **Zebulun**. (**Judges 4:6**)
- And Barak began to call **Zebulun** and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went on up following his steps, and Deborah went on up with him. (**Judges 4:10**)

- Following the victory, Barak and Deborah sang; **Zebulun** was a people that scorned their souls to the point of death.
- **Zebulun** was a people that scorned their souls to the point of death, Naphtali also, on the heights of the field. (**Judges 5:18**)
- Among those supporting Barak were **Zebulunites** handling the equipment of a scribe, evidently men in charge of numbering and enrolling the warriors.
- Out of Ephraim was their origin in the low plain, with you, O Benjamin, among your peoples. Out of Machir the commanders went down, and out of **Zebulun** those handling the equipment of a scribe. (**Judges 5:14**)
- And from the city he took one court official that had a command over the men of war, and five men from those having access to the king that were found in the city, and the secretary of the chief of the army, the one mustering the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land that were to be found in the city. (**2 Kings 25:19**)
- Moreover, Uzziah came to have a force engaging in war, those going out on military service in troops, by the number of their registration by the hand of Jeiel the secretary and Maaseiah the officer under the control of Hananiah of the kings princes. (**2 Chronicles 26:11**)
- **Zebulunites** also came to Judge Gideon in response to his call for warriors.
- And Yehowah's spirit enveloped Gideon so that he went blowing the horn, and the Abi-ezrites got to be called together after him. (**Judges 6:34**)
- And he sent out messengers through all of Manasseh, and they too got to be called together after him. He also sent out messengers through Asher and **Zebulun** and Naphtali, and they came on up to meet him. (**Judges 6:35**)
- Among David's supporters were 50,000 **Zebulunites**, loyal men not having a **double heart**.

- Of **Zebulun** those going out to the army, drawing up in battle formation with all the weapons of war, there were fifty thousand, and for flocking together to David they were not of a double heart. (**1 Chronicles 12:33**)
- All these were men of war, flocking together in battle line, with a complete heart they came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel, and also all the remainder of Israel were of one heart for making David king. (**1 Chronicles 12:38**)
- And they continued there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers had made preparation for them. (**1 Chronicles 12:39**)
- And also those near to them, as far as Issachar and **Zebulun** and Naphtali, were bringing food upon asses and upon camels and upon mules and upon cattle, eatables of flour, cakes of pressed figs and cakes of raisins and wine and oil and cattle and sheep in great quantity, for there was rejoicing in Israel. (**1 Chronicles 12:40**)
- During David's reign **Zebulunites** evidently had a notable share in subduing the enemies of Israel.
- There is little Benjamin subduing them, the princes of Judah with their shouting crowd, the princes of **Zebulun**, the princes of Naphtali. (**Psalms 68:27**)

#### •• **Attitude Toward True Worship**

- In the latter half of the **Eighth Century B.C.E**, individuals from the tribe of **Zebulun** humbled themselves and responded to Judean King Hezekiah's invitation to attend the Passover celebration at Jerusalem.
- And Hezekiah proceeded to send to all Israel and Judah, and even letters he wrote to Ephraim and Manasseh, to come to the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem to hold the Passover to Yehowah the God of Israel. (**2 Chronicles 30:1**)
- So the runners continued on, passing along from city to city throughout the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to **Zebulun**, but they were continually speaking in mockery of them and deriding them. (**2 Chronicles 30:10**)

- Only individuals from Asher and Manasseh and from **Zebulun** humbled themselves so that they came to Jerusalem. (2 **Chronicles 30:11**)
- For there was a great number of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and **Zebulun**, that had not cleansed themselves, for they did not eat the Passover according to what is written, but Hezekiah prayed for them, saying; May the good Yehowah himself make allowance for. (2 **Chronicles 30:18**)
- Every one that has prepared his heart to search for the true God, Yehowah, the God of his forefathers, though without the purification for what is holy. (2 **Chronicles 30:19**)
- Centuries later, in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.
- However, the obscureness will not be as when the land had stress, as at the former time when one treated with contempt the land of **Zebulun** and the land of Naphtali and when at the later time one caused it to be honored, the way by the sea, in the region of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. (**Isaiah 9:1**)
- The people that were walking in the darkness have seen a great light. As for those dwelling in the land of deep shadow, light itself has shone upon them. (**Isaiah 9:2**)
- Christ Jesus preached in the territory of ancient **Zebulun** and apparently found hearing ears there.
- Further, after leaving Nazareth, he came and took up residence in Capernaum beside the sea in the districts of **Zebulun** and Naphtali. (**Matthew 4:13**)
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 4:14**)
- O land of **Zebulun** and land of Naphtali, along the road of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (**Matthew 4:15**)
- The people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and as for those sitting in a region of deathly shadow, light rose upon them. (**Matthew 4:16**)



## · Referred To In Visions

- In Ezekiel's vision, **Zebulun's** land assignment was situated between Issachar and Gad.
- And by the boundary of Issachar, from the eastern border to the western border, **Zebulun** one. (**Ezekiel 48:26**)
- And by the boundary of **Zebulun**, from the eastern border to the western border, Gad one. (**Ezekiel 48:27**)
- And one of the gates of the city, **Yehowah Himself Is There**, bears the name **Zebulun**.
- And the southern border will be four thousand five hundred cubits as to measurement, with three gates, the gate of Simeon, one, the gate of Issachar, one, the gate of **Zebulun**, one. (**Ezekiel 48:33**)
- Round about there will be eighteen thousand cubits, and the name of the city from that day on will be **Yehowah Himself Is There**. (**Ezekiel 48:35**)
- The apostle John, in vision, heard that 12,000 had been sealed out of the spiritual tribe of **Zebulun**.
- And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. (**Revelation 7:4**)
- Out of the tribe of **Zebulun** twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed. (**Revelation 7:8**)