

Exodus 1:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

Analysis

Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin—The remaining sons of Leah and Rachel continue the covenant line. **Issachar** (יִשָּׂשכָר) means "there is reward," prophetically pointing to Israel's recompense after Egyptian bondage. **Zebulun** (זְבֻלֹן, "dwelling") would later dwell by the sea (Genesis 49:13). **Benjamin** (בִּנְיָמִין, "son of my right hand"), Rachel's youngest, connects to the beloved wife's line—from Benjamin's tribe would come Israel's first king (Saul) and the apostle Paul. Each name carries prophetic and theological significance.

Historical Context

These three tribes represented distinct geographical and economic roles in later Israel. Issachar was known for understanding the times (1 Chronicles 12:32), Zebulun for maritime trade, Benjamin for producing warriors (Judges 5:14). The listing preserves both individual and corporate identity.

Related Passages

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Study Questions

1. What does God's attention to each son teach about His care for individuals within the larger community?
2. How do these names' meanings reflect God's providential purposes in your life circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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| יִשָּׂשכָר | | זְבוּלֹן | : | וּבִנְיָמִן |
| Issachar | | Zebulun | | and Benjamin |
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