

#### 45. THE ORDER AND GROUPING OF THE TWELVE TRIBES.

There are twenty different lists given of the Twelve Tribes. These vary according to the different objects with which they are given, and the different connection in which they stand, according to birth : mothers, encampment, numeration, blessing, geographical relation, &c. All are worthy of attention and study (\*1). They may be thus presented :--

##### I. GENESIS.

	29, 35	46	49
1.	Reuben		
2.	Simeon		
3.	Levi		
4.	Judah		
5.	Dan	Issachar	Zebulun
6.	Naphtali	Zebulun	Issachar
7.	Gad		Dan
8.	Asher		Gad
9.	Issachar	Joseph	Asher
10.	Zebulun	Benj.	Naphtali
11.	Joseph	Dan	Joseph
12.	Benj.	Naphtali	Benj.
13.			
14.			

##### II. EXODUS.

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5.	Issachar
6.	Zebulun
7.	Benj.
8.	Dan
9.	Naphtali
10.	Gad
11.	Asher
12.	*
13.	
14.	

##### III. NUMBERS.

	1:1-15	1:20-43	2:7, 10	13	26	34
1.	Reuben	Reuben	Judah	Reuben	Reuben	†
2.	Simeon	Simeon	Issachar	Simeon	Simeon	Judah
3.	Judah	Gad	Zebulun	Judah	Gad	
4.	Issachar	Judah	Reuben	Issachar	Judah	Simeon
5.	Zebulun	Issachar	Simeon	Ephraim	Issachar	Benj.
6.	Ephraim	Zebulun	Gad	Benj.	Zebulun	Dan
7.	Man.	Ephraim	Ephraim	Zebulun	Man.	Man.
8.	Benj.	Man.	Man.	Man.	Ephraim	Ephraim
9.	Dan	Benj.	Benj.	Dan	Benj.	Zebulun
10.	Asher	Dan	Dan	Asher	Dan	Issachar
11.	Gad	Asher	Asher	Naphtali	Asher	Asher
12.	Naphtali	Naphtali	Naphtali	Gad	Naphtali	Naphtali
13.	†	†	‡	†	†	
14.						

#### IV. DEUTERONOMY.

	27	33
1.	Simeon	Reuben
2.	Levi	Judah
3.	Judah	Levi
4.	Issachar	Benj.
5.	Joseph	Joseph
6.	Benj.	Zebulun
7.	Reuben	Issachar
8.	Gad	Gad
9.	Asher	Dan
10.	Zebulun	Naphtali
11.	Dan	Asher
12.	Naphtali	
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14.		

#### V. JOSHUA.

	13, &c.
1.	Reuben
2.	Gad
3.	Man. E.
4.	Judah
5.	Ephraim
6.	Man. W.
7.	Benj
8.	Simeon
9.	Zebulun
10.	Issachar
11.	Asher
12.	Naphtali
13.	Dan
14.	§§

#### VI. JUDGES.

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1.	Ephraim
2.	Benjamin
3.	Machir = Man
4.	
5.	Zebulun
6.	Issachar
7.	Reuben
8.	
9.	Gilead = Gad
10.	Dan
11.	Asher
12.	Zebulun
13.	Naphtali
14.	¶

## VII. 1 CHRONICLES.

	2:1-	2:3-8	12	27
1.	Reuben	Judah	Judah	Reuben
2.	Simeon	Simeon	Simeon	Simeon
3.	Levi	Reuben	Levi	Levi
4.	Judah	Gad	Benj.	Aaron = Levi
5.	Issachar	Man. E.	Ephraim	Judah
6.	Zebulun	Levi	Man. E.	Issachar
7.	Dan	Issachar	Issachar	Zebulun
8.	Joseph	Benj.	Zebulun	Naphtali
9.	Benj.	Naphtali	Naphtali	Ephraim
10.	Naphtali	Man. W.	Dan	Man. W.
11.	Gad	Ephraim	Asher	Man. E.
12.	Asher	Asher	Reuben	Benjamin
13.			Gad	Dan
14.		**	Man. W.	††

## VIII. EZEKIEL.

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1.	Dan
2.	Asher
3.	Naphtali
4.	Man.
5.	Ephraim
6.	Reuben
7.	Judah
8.	Levi
9.	Benj.
10.	Simeon
11.	Issachar
12.	Zebulun
13.	Gad
14.	

## IX. REVELATION.

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1.	Judah
2.	Reuben
3.	Gad
4.	Asher
5.	Naphtali
6.	Man.
7.	Simeon
8.	Levi
9.	Issachar
10.	Zebulun
11.	Joseph
12.	Benj.
13.	
14.	‡‡

\* Joseph omitted, he being in Egypt.

† Levi omitted.

‡ This is the only order which occurs three times. Levi mentioned in ch. 2:17 after Gad. The order is that of importance.

|| Eastern Tribes omitted.

§ Simeon omitted. Benjamin before Joseph, because the order is geographical.

§§ Here the Tribes are in the four groups which are to furnish cities for the four classes of Priests.

¶ Judah and Simeon omitted.

\*\* Zebulun and Dan omitted, unless Dan is read in 7:12.

†† Gad and Asher omitted.

‡‡ Dan omitted.

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(\*1) Two orders mentioned but not detailed. (1) The order "according to *birth*", on the two stones of the High Priest's shoulders (the place of strength). (2) The order on the twelve stones of the High Priest's breastplate (the place of love). This was according to their *tribes*, as chosen by Jehovah's love.