

# **What Happened To Reuben?**

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**Left: The banner of Reuben brigade leader of the 3 tribes camped on the south side of the tabernacle, the other 2 being Simeon and Gad**

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Dear children of God and Israelites, my lecture is about God's dealings in earthly affairs and is based on the Bible. God's word is life and it gives life if we hear and believe through conviction by the Holy Spirit.

Is there actually a method whereby we can find out where Israel's tribes live today?

The methodology is to study both the Bible and secular history together as the prophecies given for every tribe should indeed enable them to be identified through historical evidence.

To start with we will now look at Jacob's firstborn – Reuben.

What can we glean from the Bible about Reuben?

Among other things which can be said about Reuben is that he had an ambition to excel, even to the extent that “David’s House” would arise out of Reuben. It was Ruth from Moab, the daughter-in-law of Elimelech and Naomi of Bethlehem in Judea. The whole area of Moab at that time was under the control of Reuben. However, she was no Moabitess. How can that be? Neh. 13:1-3

***“On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;***

***Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.***

***Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.”***

and the congregation is Israel. Deut 23:

***1 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.***

***2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.***

***3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation***

***shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:***

***4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.***

***5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.***

***6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.***

Ruth herself said: "Your God is my God", your people are my people"! It seems to me that one must have faith that God has given Israel a special status, it was forbidden to mongrelise. Today it is the exact opposite with it being an offence to discriminate. So if we are to talk about punishment, we will now read Deuteronomy 27:13-26.

***13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.***

***14 And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,***

***15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.***

***16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

***26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

How shall our just God rebuke us? Does God change?

Genesis 29:31-32

***31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.***

***32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.***

Genesis 27:20-23

***20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.***

***21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.***

***22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.***

***23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;***

Numbers 16:16

***1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:***

***2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:***

***3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one***

*of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

Deuteronomy 3:7

*11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.*

*12 And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.*

*13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.*

*14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashanhavothjair, unto this day.*

*15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.*

*16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;*

*17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Ashdothpisgah eastward.*

Genesis 42:36-37

***36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.***

***37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.***

Genesis 49:1-4

***1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.***

***2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.***

***3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:***

***4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.***

Joshua 13:15-23

***15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families.***

***16 And their coast was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;***

***17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamothbaal, and Bethbaalmeon,***

***18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,***

***19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zarethshahar in the mount of the valley,***

***20 And Bethpeor, and Ashdothpisgah, and Bethjeshimoth,***

***21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.***

***22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.***

***23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.***

Israel is guilty on all these counts. Israel shall turn away from evil.

Reuben would aim for power as promised, he is unstable as the waves on the water and he also has sexual lust.

Let us turn our thoughts to Europe, where the tribes of Israel now live under different names, because God gave them a bill of divorcement because of their unending whore mongering and for this reason the names of the tribes were changed. We will now show which people are descended from Reuben.

## Marks of Reuben

Unstable, changeable, variable, does not willingly get involved in evil deeds, but will do so under pressure and is easily excited also to sexual pleasure.

The candidate which comes to the fore with these marks is France. After England and America France is the next strongest in the western alliance. The French are well known for their instability. The expression “French leave”, that means so many French discharge themselves and disappear and go back home, for example, between 1875 and 1945 there were 100 changes of cabinet. That is to say each cabinet lasted on average for only 8 months! The principle cause of this was a lack of discipline amongst the parties. That is as we see in Judges 5.15:

**“And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great heartfelt thoughts.”**

There were many varying opinions that came down through the lineage of Reuben.

The word French is also associated with perfume, films and shows. There are in Paris world famous sex shows, as for example in the Moulin Rouge. Another example is that people in high positions in the American and British governments are obliged to resign when exposed on account of a sex scandal but those similarly exposed who are high up in the French government it is not a resigning matter as to the French it is just normal every day life.



One can see the pride of the French in the Palace of Versailles, in the Louvre and the cathedral of Notre Dame.

Also we mustn't forget their wine culture, their eating and drinking are done with great gusto.

The Vatican obviously knows France's true status as Reuben as she refers to France as her "**First Son**", just like the Vatican also refers to England as "**Mary's Dowry**", knowing that Mary was born and buried in England. The French language is the dominant language in many parts of the third world. Yes, indeed, Reuben shows the traits of power and dignity as it was prophesied. The name Reuben has the numerical value of 259 or  $7 \times 37$  and interestingly it is mentioned in the book of Ecclesiastes as words meaning absconding, transience and vanity occur exactly 37 times each.

I was once in Jerusalem where I bought an ornate bowl which had the symbols of all the tribes of Israel on it with Reuben's symbol being shown as a sun. This led my thoughts to the Sun King of France. The king's banner displays a sun and in the middle of which is a man's head. It was King Ludwig XIV's head, whose house had power for 72 years. (He was enthroned as king as a 4 year old on the 14th May, 1643 under the regency of his mother, Anna of Austria). However, in actuality during this period the power was welded by a government minister, Cardinal Mazarin. His Reubenite trait of vanity and lustfulness are well known.

Reuben's banners display a man and often with a club. In the heraldry of France, one can clearly recognise Reuben as the nation of France. The Lion is also depicted on many banners, coat of arms and other heraldic devices of cities and private families etc. within France as indeed it is in all other Israelite countries (Micah 5:7)

It can be said of the French that in general they have a social conscience and a desire to help as well as having a spirit of brotherhood, courtesy and pleasantness. They adore lovely clothes, uniforms and good manners. Also we should not forget, that for a long time in all European royal palaces it was French that was spoken (yes indeed, aiming for power). Eloquence is his trait without being overbearing.

The first royal house to be established in France was founded by King Merewech in the 5th century out of which came the line of Merowinger.

Another Israelite family had the name Salier and came from the banks of the Dead Sea, from which there was some connection with the family of Serach (Genesis 38:30) from the line of Judah (Jer. 33:17).

Through their descent from the Galileans and Galatians, the French can trace their ancestry back to Reuben.

Jesus sent his apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Mat. 10:6-8):

***“But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go preach, saying The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”***

Did France at that time receive the preaching of the Gospel of deliverance and forgiveness? Old stories, history and folk-law can be very astonishing. For example there was a certain church historian by the name of Caesar Baronius who was employed by the Vatican in 1596. It was there in the Vatican library, that he found an ancient manuscript, which he referred to in his book titled “Annales Ecclesiastici”. In it he describes how a group known as “friends of the Lord”, who were in a boat without a rudder or sail that had been blown by the wind over the Mediterranean came aground on the shores of an area known today as Marseilles where they disembarked and spread out over the land using the gifts of the Holy Spirit which one can deduce from the narrative.



**the French village of Rocamadour  
where Zacchaeus is buried**

He describes their arrival here in the year AD 35. Somewhere I have read that this group was exiled in this boat by the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem with the intent of causing their deaths because they feared these people. They were sure that they would have no chance

at all in a storm and for this reason had no concerns for their safety. So it is now possible to understand this remarkable old story. The French poet Mistral named the group out of this ship as: Maria (wife of Kleopas), Maria Magdalena, Martha and her maid servant Marcella, Lazarus, Joseph of Arimathea and Jesus' mother, Trophimus, Maximus, Cleon, Europius, Sidonius also known as Martialis (nephew of Stefanus and Saturnis).

Why do I mention this story? Because the Acts of The Apostles says 5:30-31:-

***“The God of our fathers raised up, Jesus who ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”***

This group that came ashore in France must have taken the Gospel to the lost sheep of this country using the gifts of the Holy Spirit which can be deduced from the following facts:-

**A church in the Camarque is known by the name of “The Holy Mary from The Sea”**

**It is known that Maria Salome had the corpse of her son James with her in the mountain which she took to Spain in order to bury it.**

**·Martialis preached in Limoges and Gallien**

**·Maximus preached in Aix-en-Provence**

**·Mary Magdalene was with Maximus in Aix-en-Provence**

**·Martha and Marcella preached in Arles, in Avignon and along the Rhone.**

**Joseph of Arimathea went further and travelled to England with the mother of Jesus.**

**Zacheus has a grave in the French village of Rocamadour.**

**The mountain cave where Mary Magdalene had lived has been visited by many Popes and Kings.**

**Paul preached in Narbone.**

It was in this time that various groups of Galileans in Spain, Germany and England received the Gospel. Later the Franks would invade spreading out over a huge area from Spain to as far as the Russian border – surely ambition and power!

Now, Isaiah 17:4, says; *“And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.”*

This is indeed a warning concerning political aspects as well as religious and economic conditions.

## **The baptism of King Clovis**

### **The End Is Still Not Yet.**



The Franks were a West-German tribe, who around 100BC separated from the confederation of the Sueve, who then chose to settle in an area along the lower Rhine. In the 5th Century the Franks conquered territory to the left of the Rhine, since when it has been the boundary between the German and French languages.

The baptising of King Clovis in 496 AD was a very significant event for the Christian

church at that time and for this reason the blessing of the Christian faith was secured against German paganism.

## King Clovis



In the old German empire there was a dukedom of Franks on both sides of the river Main stretching from Alsace to Bingen.

What was the reason for the wars between France and other European people? It was because of Reuben's desire to have power over his brothers ---- the ambition to have superiority which of course leads to strife.

Likewise, because Judah had the royal trappings, he also would seek to exercise power over his brothers, and another factor was the blessing given to Ephraim as first born received from Jacob, his grandfather. He too would seek his right to exercise power over his brothers. So these are the underlying reasons for the wars and strife to the present day and **foreseeable future.**

In reality these wars between the nations of Europe were wars between brothers. Our God frequently intervened through the power of his angels to come between warring parties in order to prevent a great catastrophe of the mass slaughter of Israelites. For we know that God had his eye on his people while making their way to their appointed places. The prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah had already predicted that Israel would migrate to the north and the west, which means the coast lands to the north and west.

God knows where we Israelites all are. He watched over his people on their migration routes. Is. 49:12; Jer. 3:18; Is. 51:5 "**... the isles shall wait upon me and on mine arm shall they trust**".

Is. 49:1 "**Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people from far...**" Isles and coast lands have the same Hebrew word (iy). Some bibles translate the word to isles, others to coast lands. Yes, Reuben in France also lives in a coast land. The Lord is faithful and His every word has to

be fulfilled. Is 55:11 **"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it".**  
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