



RESOURCE

Parashah: Vayetze = And He Went Out
 Genesis 28:10-32:2; Hosea 12:12-14:9; John 1:43-51

TITLE: 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF THEIR ENTRY INTO EGYPT

WHAT IS THIS?



In Genesis 46 we are told the names of Jacob's 13 children, their 52 sons and daughter, and their 4 grandchildren who were born by the time he took them into Egypt to escape the famine. There is considerable controversy about the actual number of people who went down there (some say 70, some say 72, some say 75) and you have to do some fancy footwork to get to each number. (Note: the number only includes Jacob's descendants and none of their wives.) We have chosen to use only the information we can glean from Genesis 46 and add the 1 daughter of Levi who had been conceived but not yet born. Jochebed is significant because she became the mother of Moses, Aaron and Miriam who led Israel out of Egypt as a nation of millions possibly 210 years later. They were busy!

We are told in Deuteronomy 32:7-9 to "Remember the days of old... When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He divided the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance." The "sons of man" would be descendants of Noah and the "sons of God" could be the elohim that made up the divine council, whom Elohim is allowing a short opportunity to rule the nations that were created at the Tower of Babel event. Some people think there were 70 nations, a nod to these 70 descendants of Jacob—the nation of Israel who would eventually rule them all under the Messiah.

of JACOB'S 53 GRANDCHILDREN LISTED BY SONS

THE 12 SONS OF JACOB BECAME THE 12 TRIBES AND PATRIARCHS OF ISRAEL. JACOB'S FIRST TWO GENERATIONS (PLUS A FEW FROM THE THIRD) AND THEIR WIVES WENT INTO EGYPT AND BECAME A GREAT NATION BEFORE THE EXODUS.

- 4 sons
- 6 sons
- 3 sons, 1 daughter
- 5 sons (-2 dead)
- 1 son
- 4 sons
- 7 sons
- 4 sons, 1 daughter
- 4 sons
- 3 sons
- 0
- 2 sons (11a, 11b)
- 10 sons
- = 53 grandchildren
- + 13 children
- + 4 great grands
- = 70 descendants

