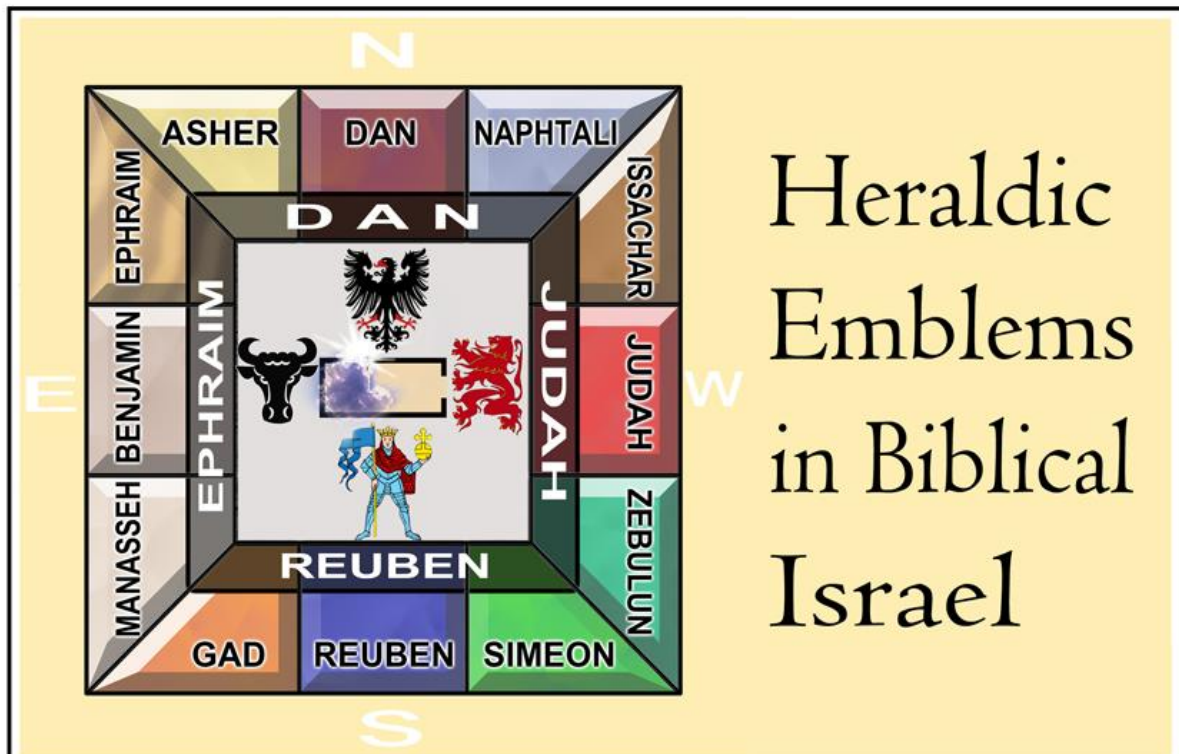


# HERALDIC EMBLEMS IN BIBLICAL ISRAËL



## Heraldic Emblems in Biblical Israel

### Blessings of Jacob-Israel to his Twelve Sons – Genesis 49

Before Jacob died, he called together his twelve sons and foretold of blessings over each of them. He used **objects, animals, or personal characteristics** as symbols. These symbols became the standards or emblems for the tribes of the nation and later in history, the nations of Israel.

On the following pages we will study the emblems of each tribe.

### Layout of the Camp of Israel – Numbers 2

“Now the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own **standard**, with the **banners of their fathers' households**; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.” Numbers 2:1,2

Israel's camp was divided into four brigades, with three tribes in each brigade.

Each brigade carried the banner of the main tribe as the standard of the brigade:

North: Asher, Dan, Naphtali = Brigade of Dan = Eagle (Num. 2:25-31)

South: Simeon, Reuben, Gad = Brigade of Reuben = Man (Num. 2:10-16)

East: Issachar, Judah, Zebulun = Brigade of Judah = Lion (Num. 2:3-9)

West: Benjamin, Ephraim, Manssseh = Brigade of Ephraim = Ox (Num. 2:18-24)

# The Heraldic Emblems of Reuben

## THE TRIBE OF REUBEN

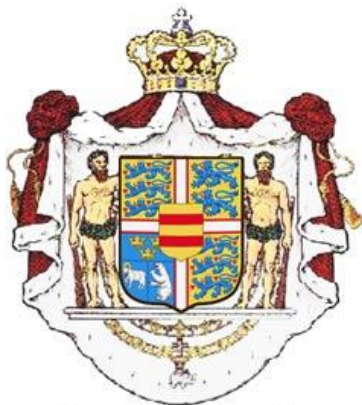
Reuben, you are my firstborn; My might and the beginning of my strength,  
 Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.  
 Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence... (Genesis 49:3,4)



Primary



Secondary



Royal Arms of DENMARK



Arms of PRUSSIA and Provinces



Arms of LOWER SELISIA, D.



Shield of ODENSE, DK

Primary emblems  
DENMARK

Hobro      Nyborg  
Alestrup      Kobenhavn  
Soro      Tonder

and more than  
30 cities and towns

Primary emblems  
also found  
throughout  
the German  
and Baltic states,  
as well as the  
Netherlands.  
Secondary emblems  
found in all of  
Northern Europe

# The Heraldic Emblems of Reuben (cont.)



Province of Zeeland  
NETHERLANDS



Province of  
LAPPLAND  
SWEDEN

Province of  
MEDELPAD



Town of 's Hertogenbosch  
NETHERLANDS



City of Sheffield  
ENGLAND

BRITISH ISLES  
Arms of over  
50 towns and  
counties  
and found in  
at least 17  
of the  
Scottish Clans



Dalziel Clan  
SCOTLAND



Coat of Arms of  
ICELAND



Main Branch of the  
Steward Clan  
SCOTLAND

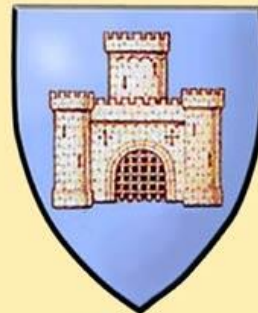
# The Heraldic Emblems of Simeon and Levi

## THE TRIBE OF SIMEON AND LEVI

Simeon and Levi are brothers; Their swords are implements of violence.  
(or... their swords are weapons of violence.)  
(Genesis 49:5)



Primary



Secondary



SWANSEA,  
WALES, GB.



BATH,  
ENGLAND, GB.



SPANDAU, BERLIN  
GERMANY

Other towns  
and shires in  
GREAT BRITAIN:

London	Winchester
Essex	Exeter
Middlesex	Northampton
Perth	Newcastle

and across Europe such as:  
Holland, Germany, Russia.



CZERNOWITZ,  
UKRAIN

# The Heraldic Emblems of Simeon and Levi (cont.)



Skene  
SCOTLAND



Edinburgh  
SCOTLAND



Schneider, Saxony  
GERMANY



West Prussia  
GERMANY

## SCOTLAND

Barclay, Gunn, Eliot, Guthrie,  
Farquharson, Macgregor, Macmillan,  
Matherson, Scrymgeour, Spalding, Wallace  
as well as many other Scottish clans.



Town of Middelburg  
NETHERLANDS



Town of Aardenburg  
NETHERLANDS

Simeon and Levi's Primary Sword Emblem is found in the Royal Arms, and at least 20 municipalities in the Netherlands. It also found across Europe and into Russia.

The Secondary Emblem, the Towered Castle, Gate Emblem, or Fastness, is found in Elburg, Gorinchem and over 20 other cities and towns in the Netherlands. The Emblem is also found in Ireland, the UK, Germany, the Baltic States, and Russia.



Fredericia  
DENMARK



Abenraa  
DENMARK

## DENMARK

Arms of Hjorring  
Arms of Skanderup-Stilling



City of  
Dnepropetrovsk  
UKRAINE



Province of  
Bohuslan  
SWEDEN

# The Heraldic Emblems of Judah

## THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

Judah is a lion's whelp...He couches, he lies down as a lion...  
The scepter shall not depart from Judah... He washes his garments in wine  
(Genesis 49:9-11)



Primary



Secondary



Secondary (Zerah-Judah)  
Genesis 38:28-30



Royal Standard of the  
UNITED KINGDOM



The arms of the  
KINGDOM of the NETHERLANDS



National Arms of  
ENGLAND



National Arms of  
DENMARK



German State Arms of  
BADEN-WUTTEMBERG



National Arms of  
ESTONIA

# The Heraldic Emblem of Zebulun



## THE TRIBE OF ZEBULUN

Zebulun will dwell at the seashore;  
And he shall be a haven for ships...  
(Genesis 49:13)



Town, NIEUWPOORT  
BELGIUM



KOSTROMA CO.  
RUSSIA



Town, BLANKENHAM  
NETHELANDS



MAC PHERSON Clan  
SCOTLAND



Town, HADDEBY  
GERMANY



Town, KRESLAU  
LATVIA



MAC LAREN Clan  
SCOTLAND



State Arms of  
NEW ZEALAND



VLIELAND  
NETHERLANDS



Duke of ARGYLL  
SCOTLAND



Town of ANDRESY  
FRANCE



MAC DONEL of Glengarry  
SCOTLAND

# The Heraldic Emblem of Issachar



## THE TRIBE OF ISSACHAR

Issachar is a strong donkey,  
Lying down between the sheepfolds  
(or... couching down between two burdens)  
(Genesis 49:14)



MAULBRONN, Borough  
GERMANY



USILNE, Borough  
CZECH Commonwealth



HALDENWANG,  
Town, GERMANY



TUSSENHAUSEN, Borough  
GERMANY



OBEROHRN, Town  
GERMANY



House of JESKI  
SILESIA



House of HANIEL  
GERMANY



House of RETTENBACH-  
GUNZBERG, Eastern  
GERMANY



House of MASKIEWICZ  
POLAND



House of MACHNICKI  
POLAND

Whole swathes of land have been tussled over for more than 1000 years between Germanic speaking and Slavic speaking Europe (Germanic dialects are English, Dutch, German, and Scandinavian. Slavic are Russian, Polish, Czech and so on). These areas are full of town and shire names in both German or Polish/Czech. It is in these regions one finds more town and family shields with asses than any other part of the world.



# The Heraldic Emblems of Dan

## THE TRIBE OF DAN

Dan shall be a serpent in the way, A horned snake in the path,  
That bites the horse's heels, So that his rider falls backward  
(Genesis 49:16)



Primary



Secondary



Camp Standard,  
Dan's emblem of choice



Shield of  
AUSTRIA



The Great Seal  
of the USA



Shield of the  
CZECH Commonwealth



Shield of  
POLAND



Shield of  
Saarland, D.



Shield of  
Varmland, Sweden



Hohenstaufen  
family Shield, D.



Shield of  
GERMANY

Dan's 'Emblem of Choice', his Camp Standard, is iconic for the USA, Germany, Poland, Russia and many 'shires-states-provinces-oblasts' of Holland, Denmark, and Sweden.

# The Heraldic Emblem of Gad



Primary

THE TRIBE OF GAD  
As for Gad, raiders shall raid him,  
But he will raid at their heels  
(or... Gad, a troop shall overcome him:  
but he shall overcome at the last)  
(Genesis 49:19)



Secondary



Shield of MOSKOW  
RUSSIA



National Shield of  
LITHUANIA



JEDBURGH, Town  
in SCOTLAND



HOLSTEBRO, Borough  
DENMARK



BRUSPERK, Town in  
CZECH Commonwealth



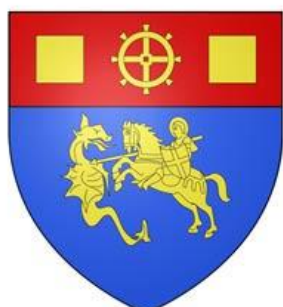
BELLOY, District,  
in FRANCE



KLIN, Borough,  
in RUSSIA



KATZENBACH, Town  
in GERMANY



AYDOILLES, FRANCE  
Near Germany



On the GRIMMA Bridge  
GERMANY



The House of  
ADDINGTON, UK



The Earl of  
SNOWDON, UK

# The Heraldic Emblem of Asher



## THE TRIBE OF ASHER

As for Asher, his food shall be rich, And he will  
yield royal dainties  
(or ... and he shall yield dainties to princes.).  
(Genesis 49:20)



Duke of Fife  
SCOTLAND



Town of HELGUM  
SWEDEN



House of GREENOCK  
ENGLAND



Town, STIRING-WENDEL  
GERMANY



Town, STAUFEN  
GERMANY



House of BUTLER  
ENGLAND



A MAC DONALD clan  
SCOTLAND



Town, HADISLEBEN  
GERMANY



CARNEGIE clan  
SCOTLAND



Town, BARNSELY  
ENGLAND

# The Heraldic Emblem of Naphtali



## THE TRIBE OF NAPHTALI

Naphtali is a doe let loose, He gives beautiful words.  
(or... Naphtali is a hind let loose:  
he giveth goodly words.)  
(Genesis 49:21)



LUBLIN, shire in  
POLAND



BOCKHORN, hamlet  
NETHERLANDS



TIERGARTEN  
Borough in GERMANY



SCHÖNEBERG, Borough  
GERMANY



WONSERADEL,  
Borough  
NETHERLANDS



ALAND  
Islands in the  
Baltic Sea



NIZHEGORODSKOY  
an Oblast in  
RUSSIA



HELLEENDOORN  
Borough  
NETHERLANDS



STOMPWIJK  
Hamlet in the  
NETHERLANDS



Three UK  
Council coats  
of arms, from  
left to right...  
BAGSHOT  
SURBITON  
MACCLESFIELD

# The Heraldic Emblems of Ephaim (Joseph's son)

## THE TRIBE OF EPHRAIM

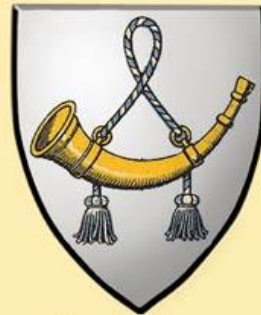
As the first-born of his ox, majesty is his, and his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will push the peoples, all at once, to the ends of the earth. And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim... (Deuteronomy 33:17)



Primary



Secondary



Secondary



Royal Coat of Arms  
UNITED KINGDOM



Shield of  
Dregterland  
a town in the  
NETHERLANDS

Royal Coat  
of Arms  
SCOTLAND



Shield  
of Bludenz  
a State of  
AUSTRIA



Royal Coat  
of Arms  
CANADA



Shield and  
Bearer.  
Hoorn,  
town in the  
NETHERLANDS

Johann C. F. von Schiller,  
German poet, philosopher,  
historian, and playwright.  
(1788–1805)



# The Heraldic Emblems of Manasseh (Joseph's son)

## THE TRIBE OF MANASSEH

Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a spring; Its branches run over a wall. The archers bitterly attacked him, And shot at him and harassed him... (Genesis 49:22,23)



Primary



Secondary



The Great Seal of the USA with Eagle of Dan and Olive branch and arrows of Manasseh



Russian outpost shire CHITINSKAYA with Eagle of Dan and arrow of Manasseh and bull of Ephraim



The Lion of Judah in the shield of the Royal Dutch coat of arms holding povincial arrows, a Manaseh symbol



The Borough shield of WEDDING in Germany with Manasseh symbol



Shield of SHEFFIELD England



Earldom of SAVONIA Finland



Town shield of BIRTLINGEN Germany



Earldom of NARKE Sweden



Earldom of ZALA Hungary

# The Heraldic Emblem of Benjamin



## THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN

Benjamin is a ravenous wolf;  
In the morning he devours the prey,  
And in the evening he divides the spoil.  
(Genesis 49:27)



WOLFHAGEN, Borough  
GERMANY



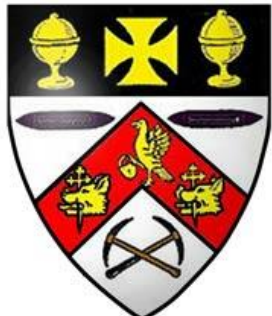
VAUFFELIN, Borough  
SWITZERLAND



UNTERGRIESBACH,  
Town, GERMANY



REMAGEN, Town  
GERMANY



BARNSLEY, Borough  
ENGLAND

### TWO MILITARY EXAMPLES

Right:  
U-Boat fleet  
The Wolf-Pack  
Far Right:  
Kalix Branch  
of the  
Swedish Army



Three Clan /  
House of...  
Far left:  
Moyle, Ireland  
Middle:  
Cochrane  
Left:  
Robertson



Vitebsk area,  
Gad emblem  
in Russia

Below, alter-  
native Levi  
emblems



Revolutionary  
flag, USA



Bosnia (in  
Austro-Hun-  
garian times)



Vologda  
oblast (shire)  
Russia



Vizirov clan,  
Russian Fed.



Below, Lily emblems for those who are 'white and frank' (Laban)



Karel de Groot  
(Charlemagne)



Valois district  
France



Ledcice, Czech  
Commonwealth



Charlottenburg,  
Germany

# NL GOUDEN RIJDER MUNTEN ANNO 1750





The City (in London, U.K.)



Moscow, Russia



Statue of Russian king slaying Khazar warrior



## NL GOUDEN MUNTEN UIT HET TIJDPERK VAN DE VOC