

The Twelve Tribal Blessings
(including Blessing of Levi)
of Deuteronomy 33

Patriarch	Verse	Text (Artscroll Mesorah Translation)
Yehudah	v.7	<i>“And this to Judah, and he said: hearken, O Hashem, to Judah's voice, and return him to his people; may his hands fight his grievance and may You be a Helper against his enemies.”</i>
Zebulun and Issachar	v.18 - 19	<i>“Of Zebulun he said: Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your excursions, and Issachar in your tents. The tribes will be assembled at the mount, there they will slaughter offerings of righteousness, for by the riches of the sea they will be nourished, and by the treasures concealed in the sand.”</i>
Ruvein	v. 6	<i>“May Reuben live and not die, and may his population be included in the count.”</i>
Gad	v.20 - 21	<i>“Of Gad he said: Blessed is He Who broadens Gad; he dwells like a lion, tearing off arm and even head. He chose the first portion for himself, for that is where the lawgiver's plot is hidden; he came at the head of the nation, carrying out Hashem's justice and His ordinances with Israel.”</i>
Ephraim and Menasheh	v.13 -17	<i>“Of Joseph he said : Blessed by Hashem is his land – with the heavenly bounty of dew, and with the deep waters crouching below; with the bounty of the sun's crops, and with the bounty of the moon's yield; with the quick-ripening crops of the early mountains, and with the bounty of eternal hills; with the bounty of the land and its fullness, by the favor of Him Who rested upon the thornbush; may this blessing rest upon Joseph's head, and upon the crown of him who was separated from his brothers. A sovereignty is his ox-like one – majestic is his, and his glory will be like the horns of a re'eim; with them shall he gore nations together, to the ends of the Land; they are the myriads of Ephraim, and the thousands of Menasheh.”</i>
Benjamin	v.12	<i>“Of Benjamin, he said: May Hashem's beloved dwell securely by Him; He hovers over him all day long; and rests between his shoulders.”</i>
Dan	v.22	<i>“Of Dan, he said: Dan is like a lion cub, leaping forth from the Bashan.”</i>

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Asher	v.24	<i>“Of Asher he said: The most blessed of children is Asher; he shall be pleasing to his brothers, and dip his feet in oil.”</i>
Naphtali	v.23	<i>“Of Naphtali he said: Naphtali, satiated with favor, and filled with Hashem's blessing; go possess the sea and it's south shore.”</i>

**Exclusion of Shimon: according to Ibn Ezra, because Shimon was rebuked by Yaacov Avinu and because the tribe of Shimon aided the incident of decent at Baal-Peeor they were not extended a blessing by Mosheh Rabbeinu*