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MFS Year 6 Jewish Literacy Programme
Core General Knowledge
Study and Review Q. & A.

Study Sheet 7

26. Q. Do you remember the names of the sons of יַעֲקֹב?

A. ראובן שמעון לוי יהודה יששכר זבולון
דן נפתלי גד אשר יוסף בנימין

The שבט (tribe) of יוסף was divided into אפרים and מנשה.

All of these became the י"ב שבטים ~ TWELVE TRIBES of בני ישראל

Each שבט had its own CAMP, its own PRINCE,
its own FLAG, and its own PORTION in ERETZ YISROEL.

Rambam (Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon) writes:

(in 'Sefer HaMitzvos, Negative Mitzvoh 169)

The Priests (Kohanim) and Levites are not given a portion in the Land of Israel

Devarim, 18:1

"The Priests the Levites all the tribe of Levi shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel"

- > Hashem chose the tribe of Levi and their descendants to serve in the Beis HaMikdosh.
- > The tribe of Levi includes both the priests (Kohanim) and the Levites.
- > This is their special privilege and they are considered different from the rest of the Jewish people in several ways.
- > When the Jewish people entered Eretz Yisroel and divided the land among the tribes as Hashem had instructed them, each tribe was assigned a portion of the Land of Israel.
- > The tribe of Levi, however, was not given a portion. Hashem told them "I will be your inheritance!"
- > He appointed them to serve in the Beis HaMikdosh and granted them the benefits of the rest of the people's gift offerings.
- > We are commanded to present them with different gifts of food to provide for their needs so they can concentrate on their service in the Beis HaMikdosh without financial worry.
- > There is a Mitzvoh that instructs the tribe of Levi not to demand a share in the Land of Israel.