

THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS MOSES 49

DEUTERONOMY 33:22

22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

DEUTERONOMY 33:23

23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.

GENESIS 49:21

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MATTHEW 4:13

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

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And of Naphtali he said,

Strabo, an Heathen writer, speaking of this part of the land of Judea, says it was a happy and fruitful country, bearing all manner of fruit;

in this tribe was the fruitful country of Gennesaret, full of delightful gardens and fields, which lay along by a lake of that name, frequently mentioned in the New Testament;

which country, Josephus says, one may call the ambition of nature; and the Targum of Jonathan has it, "ye shall be full of the fruits of the valley of Gennesaret.

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possess thou the west and the south; taking the words as referring not to geographical position but to natural characteristics, "the sea and the sunny district. "

The word Δ yam, which we here translate west, literally signifies the sea, and probably refers to the sea of Gennesareth, which was in this tribe.

DEUTERONOMY 33:24

24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

GENESIS 49:20

20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. Out of Asher his bread shall be fat,

It occupied a tract of land, as Andrichomius says, reaching from great Zidon to Carmel of the sea, a space of twenty miles in length; and in breadth, from the great sea to Asor, and even to Naason, a space of nine miles;

the land of this tribe is very fat, he says, and exceeding fruitful in wine and oil, especially in the best wheat:

and in this tribe, as the same writer observes, among other very fruitful places was the valley of Asher, called the fat valley,

which began five miles from Ptolemais, and reached to the sea of Galilee, and contained more than ten miles in length; the soil of which was exceeding fat and fruitful, and produced the most delicate wine and wheat, and might be truly called the fat valley.

I KINGS 4:16

16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

A great part of Solomon's daily provision for his table seems to have come from Asher,

I KINGS 4:22

22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

I KINGS 4:23

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.

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DEUTERONOMY 33:24

24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in *OIL.

OIL: shemen {sheh'-men}

fat, fatness, olive oil, for anointing, fat (of fruitful land, valleys)

(metaphorical)

and let him dip his foot in oil; have such plenty of it, that if he would he might dip or wash his feet in it; and it was usual not only to anoint the head, but the feet also with oil.

Washing feet was a constant need and an act of hospitality in the dusty terrain. Only the wealthy and genteel, however, would regularly make use of (olive) oil for the washing. This metaphor speaks of prosperity.

DEUTERONOMY 33:25

25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

DEUTERONOMY 33:26

26 There is none like unto the God of *JESHURUN, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

JESHURUN: Yshuruwn {yesh-oo-roon'}

"upright one", a symbolic name for Israel describing her ideal character, Israel's God, and God's Israel,

PSALM 18:9

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

PSALM 18:10

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

PSALM 18:11

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

PSALM 18:12

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

PSALM 68:4

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

PSALM 68:33

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

PSALM 68:34

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

PSALM 104:3

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

DEUTERONOMY 33:27

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

DEUTERONOMY 33:28

28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

DEUTERONOMY 33:29

29 Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!

and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

