

Review Questions

1. **Which tribes had a part in the land of Palestine and will also have a part in the kingdom of God?** (Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, and Manasseh. Page 368)
2. **Which tribes are truly lost?** (Ephraim and Dan. Page 368)
3. **What influences in Ephraim's life contributed to his tribe being lost?** (He was the son of an Egyptian princess who was an idolater. It is very probable that most of Ephraim's life was spent among the Egyptians. The fact that Ephraim received the first place in the blessing of the patriarch may have filled his heart with pride and given a different mould to his life. Page 369)
4. **What is the one glimpse of the individual life of Ephraim that is given?** (The record states that his sons, in a marauding expedition, stole the cattle belonging to the men of Gath, and the men of Gath slew them. Page 369)
5. **What was the name of the son of Ephraim and what does his name mean?** (Beriah, which means "evil." Page 369)
6. **What illustrious leader came through the descendants of Beriah?** (Joshua. Page 369)
7. **Give three examples of Bible characters receiving a name change to indicate their character?** (Oshea, "help," became Joshua, "the help of Jehovah." Abram became Abraham and Jacob became Israel. Pages 369-370)
8. **What woman is mentioned in the Bible as being a descendant of Beriah and what did she do?** (Sherah, who built two cities. Page 370)
9. **What other illustrious man came through the line of Ephraim?** (Samuel. Page 370)

10. **What offices did Samuel fill during his life?** (He officiated as priest, but he was not a priest. He judged Israel all the days of his life. He was also a great educator, and established the schools of the prophets. When but a child Samuel was entrusted with the Spirit of prophecy, and it is usually supposed that a portion of the Bible was written by him. Page 370)
11. **What part did Ephraim have in the history of Israel after the death of Solomon?** (Jeroboam, their first king, was an Ephrathite. Page 371)
12. **How did Jeroboam receive the 10 tribes of Israel?** (It was God that rent the kingdom out of the hands of Rehoboam, and gave ten tribes to Jeroboam. Page 371)
13. **Why did this lead to ruin for Israel?** (It was the same spirit of jealousy and suspicion that had marred the history of his tribe, that influenced Jeroboam to make the golden calves, and set them up in Bethel and Dan, thus establishing a system of idolatrous worship. Page 371)
14. **How did the Lord seek to draw back Jeroboam?** (The Lord sent a message of warning, and even performed a miracle upon the person of the king, but "*Jeroboam returned not from his evil way.*" Pages 371-372)
15. **Which book of the Bible was an entreaty for Ephraim to repent?** (Hosea. Page 372)
16. **What does Hosea give as the reason for Ephraim's downfall?** ("*Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.*" God's kingdom and the kingdoms of the world are entirely distinct. No one can serve God and mammon. Ephraim was "*a cake not turned;*" he did not have a thorough experience in the things of God. One cannot mix himself among the people of the world, spending his strength in the pursuit of wealth and fame, and at the same time be a member of the true Israel of God. Page 372)

17. **What was the great sin of Ephraim?** (Idolatry, he failed to appreciate the sacred things of God. Page 372)
18. **What did God say after the pleadings of the Lord were rejected?** (*“Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.” “My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him,”* nor accept His love. Pages 372-373)
19. **What are the idols that modern day people are following?** (Money, wealth, pleasure and high position. Page 373)
20. **How are the ancient Ephraimites similar to a certain group within the church today?** (They are reckoned as part of the church of God, but the theater and pleasure resorts have more attraction for them than the house of prayer, and worldly society is more enjoyable than the companionship of saints. They will one day be taken captive by a King greater than the kings of Assyria and Babylon. Pages 373-374)
21. **What will these people do in that day?** (*“In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they have made each one for himself to worship, to the moles, and to the bats,...for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.”* Isaiah 2:20-21 (Page 374)
22. **Who was Dan?** (Dan was the fifth son of Jacob, and his descendants composed one of the strong tribes of Israel. Page 374)
23. **How was Dan influenced by idolatry?** (Jeroboam set up his golden calves, one in Bethel in the territory of Ephraim, the other in the city of Dan; and the Danites were given over to idolatry. Even before the days of Jeroboam, we find the Danites worshiping graven images. Page 374)
24. **Which gift did the Danites possess that may have led to their downfall?** (Aholiab, of the tribe of Dan, possessed wisdom to *“devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,”* and the ability to teach others the same art. These gifts remained with the

tribe of Dan, and were doubtless the reason why they were attracted toward the wealthy city of Tyre, and intermarried with its inhabitants. Page 374)

25. **Who was the only ruler of Israel furnished by the tribe of Dan?** (Samson. Page 375)
26. **Which part of Jacob's blessing tells of the character that Dan might have possessed?** (The first part which states, "*Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.*" Page 375)
27. **Which part of the blessing reveals the true character of Dan?** (The second part which states, "*Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.*" Page 375)
28. **What attribute did Dan possess that would have fitted him to be a judge of Israel?** (Naturally he was endowed with the quick, keen discernment that makes a good judge; but he did not exercise the gift as God designed; he used it in detecting the evil in others, instead of the good. Page 375)
29. **What does Dan represent as revealed by the serpent and the adder?** (A backbiter. Page 376)
30. **How will the Lord deal with backbiters?** ("*Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off.*" Psalm 101:5. Page 376)
31. **Why does Dan have no part in the eternal inheritance?** (God had decreed, long before they sealed their destiny by their wicked course, that no backbiter should ever stand on Mount Zion. Page 376)
32. **How does Jehovah answer the question of the psalmist, "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"** ("*He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.*" Page 376)

- 33. How can the experiences of Reuben, Levi, Judah, Gad, Benjamin and Asher be compared with those of Ephraim and Dan?** (Ephraim and Dan, with the same opportunities that their brethren had of overcoming evil traits in their characters, failed to gain the victory, and are not reckoned with the 144,000 who will stand on God's holy hill and abide in His tabernacle. Pages 376-377)
- 34. What is needed in order to be changed or transformed in your life?** (We must keep our mind upon God and by beholding we will be changed. We must open the door of our heart and bid Him enter. He who will meditate upon Christ, and study His sinless life, by beholding the glory of the Lord will be "*changed into the same image from glory to glory.*" Page 378)
- 35. How is it possible for poor fallen humanity to reflect the divine character?** (Through the power of God. Christ covers the marred life with the spotless robe of His own righteousness. God and angels beholding the individual thus clothed, see only the perfect character of the divine Son of God; and throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity, the redeemed will witness to the transforming power of the blood of Christ. Page 378)

More Study

Brothers of the King, by Arthur W. Spalding, pages 49-50, 52-61, 81, 84-86.

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Write a summary of your study and then mark your Bible.

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Share at least once a week what you have learned.

Activity

Using the chart of the tribes of the 144,000 that you completed previously, contrast the characters of the twelve tribes with these two lost tribes.