

## ***Benjamin and the Sign of Gemini***

"Stars of Israel Series"--Part 11

Following the subject of Joseph, it is most appropriate to elucidate on Benjamin who was a full brother to Joseph. These two were the only ones born of Jacob's beloved wife Rachel, and thus there is a special kinship between them. Furthermore, Benjamin is one of the key tribes, the other two tribes being Joseph and Judah, and these three tribes shall be seen as lead tribes all through the history of Israel as well as in the outworkings of God's purpose in this hour. This does not mean that the other tribes are something less, but rather these three tribes seem to figure prominently in all of Israel's forward thrusts.

In commencing, bear with this flat statement, and it shall be further proven as we proceed: BENJAMIN'S individual tribal sign is GEMINI, the sign on their particular ensign. Gemini covers the zodiacal period of May 22nd to June 21st which latter date approximates the summer solstice or the longest day of the year. In other words, this is indicative of greater light, for then is there more daylight than darkness, and in the spiritual the type is carried over meaning that great spiritual light is afforded Benjamin and those of his tribe. But let this admonition be given---further light always involves greater responsibility, for the reception of light without the acceptance of responsibility is unbalanced to the point of irresponsibility.

The name GEMINI in Hebrew means DOUBLED, for Gemini is known as THE TWINS, whom the Greeks called Apollo and Hercules but the Romans called Castor and Pollux. Thus it is we see Paul even sailed in a ship whose sign was Castor and Pollux. In considering that Gemini means the twins or doubled, it is easy to see how Benjamites do things not by ones but by twos. In other words, if a thing is good, Benjamin has a tendency to repeat it. If once is good, then why not the second time better? This may not always prove to be right, but this is one of the earmarks of Benjamin.

Benjamin means SON OF MY RIGHT HAND which is a position of honor and power, as the right hand speaks of the strong hand. Christ Himself is seated at the right hand

of God showing His position of power and authority. Thus Benjamin is figured as at the right hand of his father, Israel--in the place of power in Israel. This again ties in with what has been formerly said that Benjamin has a tendency to double things. His position is at the right hand, yet there were many left handed Benjamites who could sling stones at an hair's breadth and not miss. (Judges 20:16)

Benjamin was located on the west side of the Tabernacle during the wilderness march and encampments along with Ephraim and Manasseh. It is said of that tribe, "Then the tribe of BENJAMIN: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be ABIDAN the son of GIDEONI." Num. 2:22. The west speaks of the sunset, and yet God figures not from midnight to midnight as we do but rather from sunset to sunset. Thus the west or sunsetting place was the beginning of a new day which new day began with a period of rest rather than work. True Benjamites have a vision of the coming of a new day or age, but they enter into that new timing in restfulness and not laborious effort. This is further clarified in the fact that the star picture of Gemini shows one twin holding a club in repose and the other holding bow and arrow in repose. Benjamites are great warriors but know the quality of resting in God.

Let us consider the twin stars of Apollo and Hercules and their meanings. Apollo means RULER or JUDGE--which entails the ability to be so. Benjamites have the ability God-given of being rulers or judges, but this is balanced with Hercules which means COMING TO LABOR OR SUFFER. Spiritual Benjamites not only rule and judge but also know the true meaning of suffering. There can be no true rulership without suffering, for suffering is what keeps a person humble enough to rule under God. Paul is a picture of this, for he was a Benjamite and learned well the lesson of God's strength being made perfect in weakness. Furthermore, see how he writes concerning the approval of ministry which is applicable to any minister in any tribe, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in PATIENCE, in AFFLICTIONS, in NECESSITIES, in DISTRESSES, in STRIPES, in IMPRISONMENTS, in TUMULTS, in LABOURS, in WATCHINGS, in FASTINGS.....etc." II Cor. 6:4-10. Read it all and you will see that any ministry is not approved by ministering, preaching, teaching, working of miracles, understanding of mysteries, etc. The picture is of those who are balanced with suffering as well as rulership.

Another bright star besides Apollo and Hercules is AL HENAH which means HURT, WOUNDED. This again  
...that has already been said concerning Beniam-

ites under pressure and suffering.

The three associate constellations of Gemini bear out the picture of Benjamin even further. The first one is LEPUS meaning the ENEMY TRODDEN DOWN. Benjamin will never cease until both feet (another double) are on the enemy and the enemy conquered. True spiritual Benjamites are warriors indeed, warriors in the spiritual battle against wicked spirits in the heavenlies.

The second constellation associated with Gemini is CANIS MAJOR, and the third one is CANIS MINOR. As can be seen by the names, they are closely allied. Canis Major means a big dog or wolf whereas Canis Minor means a little wolf. Again the doubling of Benjamin is recognized, discerned in this, for he has to deal with two wolves-----a big one and a small one. This fits so beautifully with Jacob's dying prophecy to Benjamin: "Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf...." Gen. 49:27. If you look carefully, you will see that the word AS is in italics showing it was supplied by the translators who figured it meant more sense that way. But leave out that little preposition and see what the real meaning is---BENJAMIN SHALL RAVIN A WOLF! It means just the opposite of what most of us think, for Benjamin doesn't ravine AS a wolf, but rather he ravines the wolf itself. In Ezk. 22:27 the false PRINCES or rulers are referred to as wolves. In Hab. 1:8 the BABYLONIANS are called wolves. And Zeph. 3:3 states that the backslidden PRIESTS are as evening wolves. Furthermore, in Matt. 7:15 Jesus refers to "ravening wolves" which literally means "wolves of extortion". Taking these scriptures together, it is easy to see that spiritual Babylon (confusion) is full of backslidden princes and priests who confuse and extort people. Against such Benjamin arises in righteousness and will never cease until both the little wolves and the big wolves are ravined by him and defeated.

May I interject a thought here concerning the twins, Castor and Pollux. On Oct. 27, 1954, something was spoken to me which at that time did not make too much sense, but as I have been writing this article on Benjamin and the twins, the Lord has reminded me of it. Here it is for whatever it is worth: "I will lay the foundation of many generations to come. I will set the SIGN OF THE POLLUX in the midst of the earth to which you shall come, and from there steer your course to a peculiar destiny foreordained of God for those who would turn their faces Lordward and strive for the prize held out to the conquerors." The sign of Pollux in the heavens is understandable, but what about the Pollux in the midst of the earth? This could only refer to a com-

pany of people, and is it possible that it refers to a group in Benjamin who will be used as a special sign in these days due to Pollux being one of the bright stars in Gemini? It is something to ponder indeed!

As there is a firstfruits company according to Rev. 7 and 14 out of the various tribes, so there is a "first of the firstfruits", a spearhead company out of each tribe. As for Benjamin this is well represented by the captain of Benjamin named ABIDAN in Num. 2:22. His name means FATHER OF JUDGMENT, and he was the son of Gideon which means GREAT WARRIOR. Out of Benjamin's spiritual warfare, out of his great warriorship, is born Abidan, FATHER OF JUDGMENT. To judge and rule God's people in love is a position not easily attained, especially when you are a FATHER of judgment or one matured in judgment, such judgment as is not fleshly nor vindictive but meted out in deepest love, even the love of a father for his offspring. Such judgment is not punitive nor wreaked in haste but instead comes with many tears and groanings and mingled immeasurably with keen insight and wisdom which also is seen as good judgment. All of this comes to pass because true Benjamites are willing to SUFFER, willing to wage SPIRITUAL WARFARE, willing to SPEND AND BE SPENT. Such are they who are of the firstfruits and the first of the firstfruits of Benjamin, even fathers of judgment.

True spiritual Benjamites are the spiritual remnant out of natural Benjamin, and their position is one of great conflict, but it leads into that place of resting in God knowing it is HIS RIGHT HAND which hath gotten then the victory!!!

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