
BENJAMIN: A TYPE OF THE MESSIANIC BELIEVER

- Only son born to “Israel”
- Only son to have a name change:
 - ***Ben-oni*** – “Son of my sorrow”
 - ***Ben-yamin*** – “Son of the right hand”
 - **Yedid HaShem** – “Beloved of Adonai”
- Birth connected to Joseph
- Only son born in The Land
- Only son born on the road, not at home
- Born near Bethlehem in Ephratah
- Only son that did not bow to Esau
- Did not participate in the sale of Joseph
- Is not imprisoned with his brothers
- “The Cup” hidden with Benjamin
- Receives the greater portion (5x)
- His soul is “bound” to his father’s
- Absent from most of the narrative
- Is the youngest
- Is the center of controversy
- Territory contains Jerusalem/Temple

- Ps. 68: 27 – *“There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead...”*
- Is already in Egypt when Jacob and the family arrives
- Is the most fruitful (10 sons):
 - **Bela** (בלע) = *swallowed up*
 - **Bechar** (בכר) = *firstborn*
 - **Ashbel** (אשבבל) = *sent by God*
 - **Gera** (גרא) = *alien*
 - **Na’aman** (נעמן) = *pleasant*
 - **Achi** (אחי) = *my brother*
 - **Rosh** (ראש) = *head/leader*
 - **Muppim** (מפים) = *from the mouth*
 - **Chuppim** (חפים) = *chuppah*
 - **Ard** (ארד) = *descend*
- Shaul/Paul – a Benjamite (Rom.11:1)