

JACOB'S FAMILY

Leah

Reuben (God has seen) - the Lord has seen my misery – surely my husband will love me now

Simeon (God has heard) - the Lord has heard that I'm not loved

Levi (joined/attached) - Now at last my husband will become attached to me since I've born him 3 sons

Judah (praise)...this time I will praise the Lord

Rachel/
Bilhah

Dan (vindication) - God has vindicated me

Naphtali (my wrestling) - I have had a great struggle with my sister & I have won

Leah/
Zilpah

Gad (fortune) - what good fortune!

Asher (happy) - how happy I am! The women will call me happy

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Issachar (reward)...God has rewarded me for giving my maidservant to my husband

Zebulun (dwelling)...this time my husband will treat me with honor because I've born him 6 sons

Leah – Dinah*

Rachel

Joseph (addition)...God has taken away my disgrace. May the Lord add to me another son

Ben-Oni (son of my trouble)/**Benjamin** (son of my right hand)...Rachel died giving birth

These 12 sons of Jacob became the 12 Tribes of Israel which eventually became the nation of Israel.