

## Review Questions

1. **Who was Issachar's mother?** (He was the fifth son of Leah. Page 329)
2. **What does Jacob's dying blessing reveal of Issachar's life?** (His life consisted of self-sacrifice and burdenbearing with a meek and quiet spirit. Page 329)
3. **What animal does Jacob liken him to?** (A donkey. Page 329)
4. **Why is a donkey used?** (It is not a common animal, but a "strong" one. Page 329)
5. **What did Jacob say about the motive of Issachar's burden-bearing?** (*"He saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute."* Pages 329-330)
6. **Why do many today lose the blessing that is promised to burden-bearers?** (They murmur and complain when they are required to carry a double burden. Page 330)
7. **What can be assumed from the words of Judges 5:15 about the part that Issachar took in the battle of Megiddo?** (It would seem that Issachar bore the burden of the battle even more than Barak. Page 330)
8. **What does the record state in I Chronicles 12:32 about Issachar?** (They *"were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."* They represented men that bore heavy responsibilities, pillars in the cause of God. They were able to plan the battle, and to carry the burden of the work. Page 330)
9. **What terms characterize the tribe of Issachar?** (A laborious, hardy, valiant tribe, patient in labor, and invincible in war. Page 330)

10. **What land did the tribe of Issachar possess?** (They possessed one of the richest portions of Palestine. It was bounded on the east by the river Jordan, on the north by Zebulun, and on the south by the half tribe of Manasseh. Pages 330-331)
11. **What were some of the events which took place within the territory of Issachar?** (The great battle of Megiddo that was won by Deborah and Barak. The house of the noble woman who furnished a room for Elisha. The raising of the young man of Nain by Christ. The crowning sin of Saul in consulting the witch of Endor. Jezreel was the scene of the wicked murder of Naboth and this is also where the dogs ate the flesh of Jezebel. Pages 331-332)
12. **What Biblical characters were from the tribe of Issachar?** (Tola who ruled Israel for 23 years, and Basha who ruled for 24 years. Elah, his son, was slain by Zimri and the kingly power passed out of the hand of Issachar. Page 332)
13. **What part did Issachar play in Jezebel's rule?** (Issachar was the center of Jezebel's power, and the Baal worship introduced by her exerted an influence long after she died. Page 332)
14. **Where was Issachar carried captive?** (Into Assyria by Shalmaneser. Page 332)
15. **When Hezekiah celebrated his great Passover in Jerusalem, were those that attended from the tribe of Issachar prepared?** (No. They had so far departed from the true worship that they had forgotten to make the necessary purifications. Pages 332-333)
16. **What did Hezekiah do about their unfitness to partake of the Passover?** (Hezekiah was in close enough touch with the Lord to discern that the desire in the heart to serve God was of more consequence than forms and ceremonies. He allowed them to eat of the Passover. Page 333)
17. **What prayer did Hezekiah offer?** (*"The good Lord pardon everyone that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers,*

*though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.” II Chronicles 30:18-19. Page 333)*

## **More Study**

*Brothers of the King*, by Arthur W. Spalding, pages 37-38, 43-46 or  
*The Conquerors*, by Leslie Hardinge.

## **Mark Your Bible**

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

## **Share**

Share at least once a week what you have learned.

## **Activity**

On your chart of the tribes of the 144,000, write the character qualities of those under the banner of Issachar.

“Therefore also now, saith the Lord,  
turn ye even to me with all your heart,  
and with fasting,  
and with weeping, and with mourning:  
And rend your heart, and not your garments,  
and turn unto the Lord your God:  
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.”

Joel 2:12-13