

Review Questions

- 1. Who was Benjamin's mother and what influence did she have over him?** (He was the second son of Rachel. Since she died at his birth, she had no outward influence over his upbringing. Page 345)
- 2. What did Rachel want to name him?** (Benoni which means "*son of my sorrow.*" Page 345)
- 3. What did Jacob instead call him?** (Benjamin which means "*son of the right hand.*" Page 345)
- 4. Even though Benjamin was referred to as a lad when he accompanied his brothers into Egypt, what evidence do we have that he was a grown man?** (Genesis 46:21 states that he was the father of 10 sons. Pages 345-346)
- 5. What did Jacob's parting blessing state?** ("*Benjamin shall raven as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.*" Page 346)
- 6. What kind of character does this indicate?** (A child indulged and petted until it is self-willed and petulant, as one might expect the youngest son in a large family would be, with no mother to control him. Page 346)
- 7. What Biblical event gives support to this stubborn spirit?** (When the tribe of Benjamin fought almost to extinction rather than give up the wicked men of Gibeah, that they might be punished. Judges 20:12-48. Page 346)
- 8. What distinction did the Benjamites have in the army?** (They were the only tribe which seemed to have pursued archery to any purpose, and their skill in the use of the bow and the sling were celebrated. Page 346)
- 9. What were the boundaries of the territory of Benjamin?** (It lay north of Judah's, the boundary line between the two tribes running through the city of Jerusalem. Page 346)

10. **What privileges did the tribe of Benjamin have that should have changed its stubborn character?** (For 20 years the ark remained within their borders in Kirjath-jearim. Ramah was the home of Samuel the prophet. Mizpeh where all the great assemblies of Israel were held was within its borders. Page 347)
11. **What blessing did Moses give to the Benjamites?** (*“Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.”* Page 347)
12. **How was the character of Benjamin changed in comparing the blessings of Jacob and Moses?** (The same fearless character that Jacob compared to a wolf, destroying everything before it, is changed by the converting power of the Spirit of God; and the strength once used to destroy, is now used to protect the people and interests of the Lord. Page 347)
13. **How does the author compare the character change of the tribe of Benjamin with that of Paul?** (Paul is first introduced to us as witnessing the stoning of Stephen; and *“consenting unto his death.”* Next we hear of him as a ravening wolf, making *“havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women,”* and committing them to prison. But the same strength of character, when converted, shields and protects the honor of God and His cause. Page 348)
14. **What events in Paul’s life illustrate that God never forgets to return an act of kindness?** (Nothing could harm him. The sting of the poisonous serpent was powerless. There was not enough water in the sea to drown him. God covered him all the day long. Page 349)
15. **What two meanings are possible for the phrase *“and he shall dwell between his shoulders”*?** (Some commentators think that this refers to the temple being built upon Mount Moriah, within the borders of Benjamin. But to the one who has childhood recollections of being carried between the strong shoulders of his father over the rough, uneven places in the road, the words have another meaning. Page 349)

16. **What must be forever hushed from the one who wishes to fill the place between His shoulders?** (The voice of criticism and slander must be forever hushed. Page 350)
17. **What men of the Bible were Benjamites?** (Ehud, Saul and Mordecai. Page 350)
18. **When were the wolf-like propensities of Saul revealed?** (When he became exalted in his own mind. Hide a ravening wolf, he chased David for years. Page 350)
19. **Upon what does the true, lasting victory that extends throughout all eternity depend?** (Not upon tribal connections or hereditary tendencies but upon a humble trust in God. Page 351)
20. **What was the natural character of Benjamin?** (The character of the unconverted heart in every age of the world. Page 351)

More Study

Brothers of the King, by Arthur W. Spalding, pages 81, 86-87 or
The Conquerors, by Leslie Hardinge.

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