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Moses' blessing, Deuteronomy 33

“Most blessed of sons be Asher,
May he be the favorite of his brothers,
May he dip his foot in oil.”

Midrash Rabbah Bamidbar 2

“His gem was aqua-marine (Tahrshish).
His color was like a precious stone used by
women for decoration. There was an olive
tree drawn on it.”

THE TRIBE OF ASHER

ASHER WAS JACOB’S EIGHTH SON, SECOND SON OF ZILPAH, LEAH’S SERVANT. ASHER IS A FULL BROTHER TO GAD AND WAS BLESSED WITH RICHES. THE NAME ASHER MEANS “PRAISE”.

The tribe of Asher settled in northwest Canaan along the Mediterranean Sea on some of the most fertile land in the area. The Bible references to the tribe are replete with references to the fertility of the land (Genesis 49:20). Its principal cultivation was the olive tree, a symbol of opulence and joy. In the Aggadah, it is written that the land of Asher was so fertile that it supplied all of Israel’s agricultural needs, including olives.

The tribe developed in tranquility, but this may have taken away the tribe’s incentive for national leadership. Asher was the only tribe not to have a national spokesman in the period of the Judges.

Asher did not participate in some battles. In fact, the tribe was criticized by Deborah for not

participating in an important battle (Judges 5:17).

At the beginning of the second decade of David’s reign, the tribe developed a close relationship with the Kingdom of David. Four cities from Asher were given to the Levites. The kings of Judah attempted to extend their rule over Asher (II Chronicles 30:10-12).

Asher is symbolized in my painting by the olive branch as reflected in the blessings of Moses. The aquamarine color in the background symbolizes the tribe’s color as suggested in the Midrash.

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