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Summary of Dan's Tribal History

- 1. The descendants of Dan displayed wonderful achievements as well as gross failure.**

2. The Danites were the second most numerous tribe in the wilderness, yet they failed to secure their possession in the land due to their trend toward spiritual compromise and failure to exclusively trust God. (Num. 2:26; 26:42; Judges 1)

3. Aholiab, Bezalel's assistant on constructing the tabernacle and Samson, the womanizing, self-absorbed judge are the two most widely known Danites. (Exodus 31:6; 35:34)

4. Dan was blessed by Moses who refers to the tribe as a “lion’s cub” (Deut 33:22).

5. The period of the Judges showed both their greatest successes and their greatest flaws.

6. Though some have argued that the antichrist comes from Dan, this cannot be supported biblically. The tribe is omitted from the genealogies in 1 Chron 2–10.

Gen 30:1, “Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, ‘Give me children, or else I die!’

Gen 30:2, “And Jacob’s anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, ‘Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?’

Gen 30:3, “So she said, ‘Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees, that I also may have children by her.’

Gen 30:4, “Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.

Gen 30:5, “And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

Gen 30:6, “Then Rachel said, ‘God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son.’ Therefore she called his name Dan.”

**Deu 33:22, “And of Dan he said: ‘Dan is a lion’s
whelp; He shall leap from Bashan’.”**



Judges 1:34, “And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;”

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שֵׁפִיפּוֹן *šepiypōn*: A masculine noun referring to a snake, a viper, an adder. It represents some kind of snake, possibly a horned snake (Gen. 49:17; nasb, horned snake; kjv, adder).



Rev 12:9, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

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