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Rejoice Zebulun, in Your Going Out, Issachar, in Your Tents

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Rejoice Zebulun, in your going out, Issachar, in your tents DIG: How does Moses confirm the blessing conferred by Jacob on Zebulun? What does he add to it? Did these two tribes have access to the Mediterranean Sea when entering the Promised Land? How would that change during the thousand-year Messianic Kingdom?

REFLECT: How are you blessed in the course of your daily life? When you bring your sacrifices (tithes and offerings) to your place of worship, how do you enjoy your “family feast?” How do you think things will change for you during the Messianic Kingdom? What can you imagine that you will be doing? What ministry would you like to have at that time?

On the day Moses died, he delivered his final blessing and then ascended Mount Nebo to view the Land of Promise from afar.



Zebulun and Issachar are described as two tribes who will receive rich **blessings** from land and sea. **For Zebulun Moses** said: **Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents (33:18)**. The two phrases **going out**, and **in your tents**, cover all of daily life, a merism (polar elements that signify a totality): *going to work, coming home to rest*. **Moshe** was

blessing every aspect of **their** lives, what we might call *the routine tasks of life*.⁶⁹⁹
 Peoples they call to the mountain - there they offer righteous sacrifices. For they suckle the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand (33:19). This is a picture of worship followed by a communal feast, but **the Jews** had to bring **their sacrifices to Mount Tabor (Joshua 19:12 and 22; Judges 4:6 and 12)**, and later the Temple, where they could enjoy family feasts.

When **Joshua** led **the Israelites** into the Promised Land, **Zebulun and Issachar** had no outlet to **the Mediterranean Sea**. But during the Messianic Kingdom, **they** will have plenty of access to **the sea** (see the commentary on **Genesis, to see link click Lh - Zebulun Will Live by the Seashore and Become a Haven for Ships**) because the topography of **Isra'el** will change at that time.

The Millennial River, a massive river, will begin at the Temple then **flow** down to the city of **Jerusalem**, where it splits, **half** heading **east** to **the Dead Sea**, and the other **half** heading west to **the Mediterranean Sea**. Rivers will characterize the Millennial **Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8; Ezekiel 47:1-12)**. Therefore, **ships** will sail on the Millennial River in the Kingdom. But while there may be **ships** on the Mediterranean, there will be no **ships** of war. **No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them** (see the commentary on **Isaiah Ge - Your Eyes Will See the King in His Beauty**).

*Dear Heavenly Father, **You** are such a blessing to have as a **Father. You** are the best **Father** that ever could be (**John 1:12**)! How wonderful that **You** are willing to **father** all who chose to lovingly come to **You** and follow **Your Word**. Praise **You** that being part of **Your** family is open to all (**Ephesians 2:13-14**), no matter the color of skin, rich or poor, male or female, young or old (**Galatians 3:26-28**). **Your** becoming our **Father** cannot be bought with money, nor by beauty nor ancestral heritage, but **You** choose to adopt as **Your children** those who choose to love **You** (**Romans 10:9-10**). **You** graciously offer the gift of redemption to all who love you and accept **Yeshua's** sacrifice in their place. **He made the One who knew no sin to become a sin offering on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (Second Corinthians 5:21).***

*What a wonderful eternal blessing **You** are! Others may laugh at us. We may be scorned, beaten or ridiculed for our trust in **You**; but it is well worth the eternal joy that we will have with **You** in heaven. **The Ruach Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, also heirs - heirs of God and joint-heirs with Messiah - if indeed we suffer with Him so that we***



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may also be glorified with Him. For I consider the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed to us (Romans 8:16-18). We love You all the time! In Yeshua's name and His power of resurrection. Amen