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## Dan is a Lion's Cub

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Dan is a lion's cub DIG: How is Dan likened to a lion's cub? What did Jacob say about him? What questions does this chapter prompt, especially when compared to Jacob's blessing in Genesis 49? Why wasn't Dan included in the 144,000 of Revelation? What is different about the tribe of Dan during the Messianic Kingdom?

REFLECT: How have you gone from a lion's cub to a lion in the Kingdom of God? How much have you grown? How are you growing now? How can you get to where you want to be? What will change about you when you are in the Messianic Kingdom?

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

Comparing **Dan** to a **lion's cub** suggests the timidity and youthfulness of the tribe, but it showed great promise and great strength in the future. **A lion's cub** grows up to be **a lion!**



**Dan** had introduced idolatry into the nation of **Isra'el** as seen in **Judges 17-18** (see the commentary on **Genesis**, **to see link click [Lj](#) - Dan Will be a Serpent by the Roadside, A Viper Along the Path**). That is why the tribe of **Dan** is not listed with the 144,000 during the Great Tribulation (see the commentary on **Revelation [Cr](#) - Then I Heard the Number of Those Who Were Sealed, 144,000 from all the Tribes of Isra'el**). But to this, **Moshe** answered prophetically: **Dan is a lion's cub leaping out of the Bashan**. When **Joshua** led **the Israelites** into the Promised Land, there was no association of **Dan** and **Bashan**. It was in the Shephelah region of central **Isra'el**. Eventually, after being unable to evict the Canaanites, the tribe relocated to the far north region of **Isra'el** and conquered a community called "Laish." The comparison of **Dan** to **a lion** may have been related to that conquest, since "Laish" is another Hebrew word for **lion**. And the reference might draw from the fact that **lions** were known to be found there.<sup>701</sup> In the Messianic Kingdom, the tribe of **Dan** will be the most northern tribe once again, but without any idolatry (see the commentary on **Isaiah [Ge](#) - Your Eyes Will See the King in His Beauty**).

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, **You** are Almighty and all powerful and greater than all the armies of the world (**Revelation 19**). When a situation comes before me that seems impossible, help me to remember that **nothing will be impossible with You (Luke 1:37)**. When I look at the problem it seems big and God seems small; but when I look up to **You**, **God** looks big and the problem looks small. I will choose to spend time with **You**, listening to **Your** word, praising **You**, and exalting **Your** great name. I love to meditate on the stories in **Your** Word*



*which help me understand how awesome **You** are! Thank **You** for always being with me. For God Himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you," so that with confidence we say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear (Hebrews 13:5c-6a). Praise **You** for helping me with problems that seem large to me- but are so small to **You**. I love **You**! In **Yeshua's** holy name and **His** power of resurrection. Amen*