

PARSHAH V'ZOT HA B'RAKHAH AOW/2021  
Deuteronomy (D'Varim), Ch. 33, v 1 - Ch. 34, v. 12

I. Comparative Blessings. [Ch. 33, vs 4 - 25]

In this Parshah, Moshe Rabeinu offers a blessing (Bracha) for each of the Tribes of Israel as they prepare to enter The Promised Land. As we recall, in Genesis (B'Reishit), Parshah Va-y'hi, Jacob presented each of his sons with his evaluative and prophetic assessment of Israel's foundational twelve tribes. [See Ch. 49, vs 1 - 27]

- A. How do Moshe Rabeinu's Brachot compare with Jacob's predictions / assessments regarding the future of his twelve sons and their descendants?
- B. Are there any significant differences in the status, role, image and / or importance of the various tribes as described by Moshe Rabeinu?
- C. As we compare the two sets of assessments, how do those of Moshe Rabeinu differ from those of Jacob?

II. Tribalism: Blessing or Curse?

- A. If we compare the diversity of the Jewish People, as we are today, with Am Yisrael at the time when Moshe Rabeinu blessed us:
  - A. How are we to compare what was a tribal society with a unified national entity?
  - B. Or, in many respects are we still a tribal society?
  - C. What impact does this have / has this had, on the Jewish People?