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# RAISING UP A BENJAMIN PEOPLE

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# GENESIS 43:33-34

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# A BENJAMIN PEOPLE ARE :



## 1. PROVIDED A NEW IDENTITY

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### **Genesis 35:16-18 (NIV)**

16 Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. 17 And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, “Don’t despair, for you have another son.” 18 As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. (*Son Of My Pain or Sorrow*)

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## 2. A BENJAMIN PEOPLE HAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE FATHER

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### Genesis 42:4 (NIV)

4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him.

### Genesis 42:38 (NIV)

38 But Jacob said, "My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my grey head down to the grave in sorrow."

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# 3. A BENJAMIN PEOPLE HAVE PROVISION 5 TIMES AS MUCH

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## Genesis 43:33-34 (NIV)

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# 4. A BENJAMIN PEOPLE RAISES UP POWERFUL LEADERS

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## SAUL

1 Samuel 9:2 (NIV)

Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

## PAUL

Philippians 3:4-6 (NIV)

4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless

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# 5. A BENJAMIN PEOPLE MAY BE WOUNDED BUT NOT CONQUERED

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## JUDGES 3:15-30

Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. 16 Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. 17 He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. 18 After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. 19 But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, “Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you.” The king said to his attendants, “Leave us!” And they all left.

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### JUDGES 3:15-30

20 Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat, 21 Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king’s belly. 22 Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. 23 Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

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**JUDGES 3:15-30**

**24 After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, “He must be relieving himself in the inner room of the palace.”**

**25 They waited to the point of embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their lord fallen to the floor, dead. 26 While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the stone images and escaped to Seirah. 27 When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them.**

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## JUDGES 3:15-30

**28 “Follow me,” he ordered, “for the Lord has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands.” So they followed him down and took possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab; they allowed no one to cross over. 29 At that time they struck down about ten thousand Moabites, all vigorous and strong; not one escaped. 30 That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years**

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