

Dan



- Dan means “judge.”
- Was originally known as Laish before it was renamed by the Israelites after the conquest of Canaan.
- Location:
 - Four miles from Caesarea Philippi.
 - Northernmost point in Old Testament Israel.
 - Beautiful stream of water.
- 5th son of Jacob. his mother was Bilhah, Rachel’s maid.
- Dan received a territory just north of Judah toward the Philistine country but was never able to conquer it. **Judges 1:34; 18:1**
- Later the tribe requested permission for the removal to the northern region. **Judges 18:1-10**
- Dan figures in Biblical history in the story of Jeroboam 1(931-910 B.C.), the first king of the northern kingdom.
 - **1 Kings 12:26-28** — “And Jeroboam said in his heart, ‘Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:
 - 27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.’
 - 28 Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up

from the land of Egypt!”

- He set up one of the golden calves at Bethel and the other at Dan.
- The northern city became the northern outpost of Palestine, giving rise to the term “from Dan to Beersheba.”

