



Issachar Family Structure and The Bible What We Could Learn From Them Present Day Name: Mexicans  
Issachar was the ninth born son of Jacob, later known as Israel. Issachar's mother was Leah. His name means: He is hired. Source: 1611 King James Bible Indigenous Mexican families are descendants of Aztecs. Aztec society was a well-organized independent culture. A strong family structure was one of the many keys to the growth & success of this tribe.

Let's learn a bit about the traditional family structure in Mexico. Biblically, Aztecs can be identified in the scriptures as the descendants of the Tribe of Issachar. Issachar family's Patriarchal Foundation Each family is typically led by a male figure. Most commonly a father or grandfather. The patriarch of the family is revered as the "Jefe"- a boss or leader; a person in charge of something. This is a concept that sounds familiar:

**1 Peter 3:6** Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. - lord: someone or something having power, authority, or influence; a master or ruler. AKA- Jefe - The "Jefe" of the family is typically in charge of the organization, functioning, and spiritual guidance of the family, a concept also supported scripturally:

**1 Corinthians 11: 3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

**1 Timothy 2:11** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

**1 Timothy 2:12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Jefe is typically the guide of the spiritual growth in the family. This is the same order ordained to be applied to righteous spiritual leadership. Traditionally, Issachar families are Patrilineal: The men in the family carry the family name and lineage.

**Numbers 1:18** And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

Biblically, the family's lineage has always extended from the paternal family. Comparison to Babylonian Culture - It is very commonplace in American culture for children to take their mother's last name due to many reasons, but most commonly due to failed relationships with father, father & mother being unmarried/single motherhood, & support of feminist ideology. - It is common for children to grow up in a matriarchal single parent home, even not knowing who their father is at all. This of course means they have no knowledge of their lineage & heritage. - "Number of U.S. children living in a single parent family 1970-2019. In 2019, there were about 15.76 million children living with a single parent in the United States, and about 3.23 million children living with a single parent." Issachar: The Village family structure: - Issachar: Often, two, three or more nuclear families (father, mother, children) lived together in one household.

Biblically, Israelites & tribes have often lived near one another. Families were not necessarily in the same home, but we moved as tribes, inhabiting lands with our families & migrating alongside them often.



See Numbers Chapter 2 for an example of Israel's camp being set up, keeping the families & tribes together . Issachar: Organized family structure: - Everyone had a role. The men taught boys their roles and responsibilities. Girls learned from the women. - One thing is for sure, The Most High is a God of order.

**1 Corinthians 14:40** Let all things be done decently and in order.

**1 Corinthians 11:3-7** , is a further example of the God ordained order of the family giving authority to the man over the woman.

**Ecclesiasticus 3:2** For the Lord hath given the father honor over the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother over the sons. - Mothers are the teachers of the children but especially their daughters.

**Ezekiel 16:44** Behold, everyone that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.

#### Takeaways

- Traditional Issachar family structure maintains some of the standards set forth by The Most High God, and passed down by their forefathers. If one has had the privilege of being raised within this traditional structure, consider it a gift .
- Maintain the godly examples set before you and add unto it the laws, statutes, commandments, & faith in Christ.
- All things have an order and structure Biblically, including the family. We have examined Issachar as an example to see what a patriarchal family structure with reverence of the Jefe/man as the lead and spiritual guide could look like.

**Shalom, Most High, in Christ's Name Bless You**