

## BENJAMIN AND NAPHTALI'S HISTORY LESSON

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### THE TRUTH

Read scriptures:

- **Genesis 30:7 - 8** Rachel was unable to bear children and because she saw that her sister Leah was bearing seed to Jacob, she gave her handmaid Bilhah to Jacob to wife so that he could lay with her and bear him seed. The 2nd son Bilhah bared to Jacob was Naphtali which means 'I have wrestled'
- **Genesis 35:16 - 19** Rachel wombed eventually was opened up and she bore two sons to Jacob. Joseph and Benjamin were the last one of whom Rachel died because of the hard labour.
- Talk about the attributes of the Benjamites and Naphtalites.

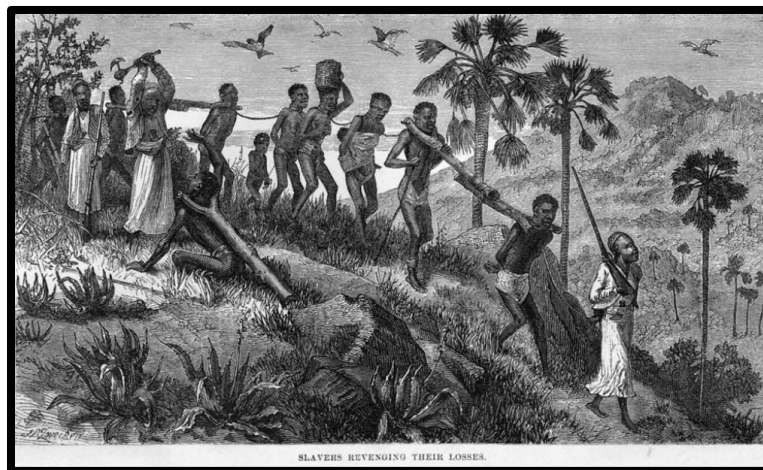


## WHO AM I?

Before Jamaica today, the Benjamite were enslaved by the British and Spainards in which they gained “independence” from 1962. Millions of Israelites which fled and inhabited the land of Africa (Ham) and were shipped over to the Carribbean by the Arabs and Africans to become slaves. Christopher Columbus discovered the land of Jamaica and destroyed the Taino and Arawak people that dwelt in the land. One of the heaviest slave plantations in Jamaica was the sugar plantation (sugar cane) and a haven for pirates who harassed Spanish shipping. Benjamin was such a fierce tribe that during slavery they rebelled and revolted in the 1720 and 1790s where the Maroons went to war. As prophesied in Genesis 49:27



Sugar mills with vertical rollers, French West Indies, 1665.





## ACTIVITY: LISTEN TO BENJAMITE MUSIC

Benjamin is a tribe that is well known for the use of music for redemption from affliction and oppression. They raven as wolves as it says in Genesis 49:27. Their most common genre of music is called Reggae.



**LUCIANO:** he mainly sang songs about the Most High and about salvation.

**Songs:** Sweep Over My Soul, The Lord Is My Strength, Jah It's Me.



**SIZZLA:** he mainly sang about oppression, affliction and The Most High.

**Songs:** Solid As a Rock, White God, No Other Like Jah, Jah Is Love, Mental Chains, Bless Me.



**GARNETT SILK:** he sang songs mainly about the Most High.

**Songs:** Kingly Character, Lord Watch Over My Shoulder, Zion In A Vision, Splashing Dashing. Although Benjamin was able to sing of truths it was not all according to knowledge.

## WHO AM I?

Naphtali in Argentina were enslaved from 1492. A lot of activities came from taking slaves from Brazil into Argentina. More than 70 percent of the imports were enslaved Israelites that came from dwelling in Africa. The slaves were sent over to Chile, Argentina and other countries such as Peru, Tucuman etc. Like Benjamin they fought for freedom and introduced in 1813 the Free Womb Act which was to free the children born to slave mothers. Slavery in Argentina was abolished in 1861. Once again the Spaniards had a huge hand in the destruction and enslavement of Naphtali and the economic activities in colonial time were for cotton, sugar, tobacco and other things.



“Afro-Argentines”



## DID YOU KNOW? Information Sheet

### DID YOU KNOW?

That Benjamites tend to say the word 'Jah' a lot which can be found in Psalm 68:4. They also refer to everyone as 'He' which is very similar to our Bibles which tend to speak in a masculine form.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are people in Argentina who identify themselves as 'Afro-Argentines' and people in Chile who identify themselves as 'Afro-Chilean'. These are bywords according to Deuteronomy 28:37



“Afro-Argentine”





## “Afro-Chilean”

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