

The mixed presence of "Benjamin" in the books of Samuel

PREFACE, JUDGES 19-21: war between Israel and Benjamin after a rape of a visitor's woman, leads to taking 400 women from Jabesh-gilead and more from Shiloh as wives for the Benjaminite men

Blue = people of Benjamin Green = land of Benjamin

1 SAMUEL

4.12	A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head.
9.1	There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. [as 9.16, 21]
10.2	When you depart from me today you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah...
10.20-21	Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot . He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families , and the family of the Matrites was taken by lot. Finally he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man, and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot.
13.2	Saul chose three thousand out of Israel; two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin ; the rest of the people he sent home to their tents.
13.15-16	And Samuel left and went on his way from Gilgal. The rest of the people followed Saul to join the army; they went up from Gilgal toward Gibeah of Benjamin . Saul counted the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. Saul, his son Jonathan, and the people who were present with them stayed in Geba of Benjamin ; but the Philistines encamped at Michmash. [as 14.16]
22.7-8a	Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, you Benjaminites ; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? Is that why all of you have conspired against me?

2 SAMUEL

2.9	[Abner] made [Ishbaal] king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin , and over all Israel.
2.15	So they came forward and were counted as they passed by, twelve for Benjamin and Ishbaal son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
2.25	The Benjaminites rallied around Abner and formed a single band ; they took their stand on the top of a hill.
2.31	But the slaves of David had killed of Benjamin three hundred sixty of Abner's men.
3.19	Abner also spoke directly to the Benjaminites ; then Abner went to tell David at Hebron all that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin were ready to do .
4.2	Saul's son had two captains of raiding bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab. They were sons of Rimmon a Benjaminite from Beeroth--for Beeroth is considered to belong to Benjamin .
19.16-17a	Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite , from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the people of Judah to meet King David; with him were a thousand people from Benjamin .
21.14	They buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela , in the tomb of his father Kish; they did all that the king commanded.