

## Reuben ben Jacob in Genesis

29.32	Leah conceived and bore a son, and she <b>named him Reuben</b> ; for she said, "Because <b>YHWH has looked on my affliction</b> ; surely now my man will love me."
30.14	In the days of wheat harvest <b>Reuben</b> went and <b>found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah.</b>
35.22	While Israel lived in that land, <b>Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it.</b>
37.21-22, 29-30	But <b>when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands</b> , saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father....  When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, " <b>The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?</b> "
42.22	Then <b>Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood."</b>
42.37	Then <b>Reuben said to his father, "You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you.</b> Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."
48.5	{[Jacob:]} "Therefore your [Joseph's] two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I [Jacob]came to you in Egypt, are now mine; <b>Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are."</b>
49.3-4	Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might and the first fruits of my vigor, <b>excelling in rank and excelling in power. Unstable as water, you shall no longer excel because you went up onto your father's bed; then you defiled it--you went up onto my couch!</b>