

“Tribes” (*shebet* or *matteh*) in 1-2 Kings

Hebrew, *matteh* (252x in Masoretic Text, often as “staff”)

7.14	[Hiram of Tyre] was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali , whose father, a man of Tyre, had been an artisan in bronze; he was full of skill, intelligence, and knowledge in working bronze.
8.1	Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes , the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of YHWH out of the city of David, which is Zion.

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8.16	'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from any of the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.'
11.13	will not, however, tear away the entire kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son , for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."
11.31-32 [also 11.35, 36]	He then said to Jeroboam: Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, "See, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and will give you ten tribes. One tribe will remain his , for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.
12.20-21	When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone . When Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin , one hundred eighty thousand chosen troops to fight against the house of Israel, to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam son of Solomon.
14.21	Now Rehoboam son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that YHWH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel , to put his name there. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite.
18.31	Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob , to whom the word of YHWH came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"
2 Kings 17.18	Therefore YHWH was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight; none was left but the tribe of Judah alone .
21.7	The carved image of Asherah that he had made he set in the house of which YHWH said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel , I will put my name forever;