

### The Plot of Simeon and Levi

"And they saw him afar off, before he had come nigh to them, and plotted against him to kill him. And Simeon and Levi, who were brothers in counsel, said each man to his brother. Behold, this master of dreams cometh. And now come let us kill him, and throw him into one of the pits, and say that an evil beast hath devoured him, and we will see what will be the interpretation of his dreams"

Genesis 37:18-19 Targum of Jonathan

## Digged A Wall<sup>or</sup>Houghed An Ox?

- "The KJV has "digged down a <u>wall</u>" based upon the word つい (shuwr) with a cholem below the Vav. This is also found in the Latin Vulgate, the Targums of Onkelos and Jonathan, and the Arabic text"
- "The KJV margin has "houghed oxen" based upon the word "I'D" (showr) with a cholem above the Vav. This is taken from the Masoretic text, and is also found in the LXX, and Samaritan text. It was followed by Tyndale, Greens, ASV, NASB, RV, NIV and many others. As pointed in the Masoretic text the word always signifies an ox.

## The Two Numberings Of Israel

Tribe	Old Census	New Census	Tribe	Old Census	New Census
Reuben	46.500	43,730	Ephraim	40,500	32,500
Simeon	59,300	22,200	Manasseh	32,200	52,700
Gad	45,650	40,500	Benjamin	35,400	45,600
Judah	74,600	76,500	Dan	62,700	64,400
Issachar	54,500	64,300	Asher	41,500	53,400
Zebulum	57,400	60,500	Naphtali	53,400	45,400
			Totals	603,550	601,730

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#### Simeon And Levi United In Evil

"Simeon and Levi, brethren, fulfilled iniquity of their own choice. Into their counsel let not my soul enter, and in their assembly let not my heart contend; for in their anger they slew men, and in their passion they houghed a bull, this he says regarding the conspiracy into which they were to enter against the Lord... Since from Simeon sprang the scribes, and from Levi the priests. For the scribes and priests fulfilled iniquity of their own choice, and with one mind they slew the Lord"

Hippolytus on Genesis 49:5-6

## Simeon & Levi Against Messiah

- Mark 14:1 "and the chief priests (Levi) and the scribes (Simeon) sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death"
- Mark 14:43 "a great multitude with swords and staves from the chief priests and the scribes"
- Mark 14:53 "and they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes"
- Mark 15:1 "the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council"
- Mark 15:31 "the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes... himself he cannot save"

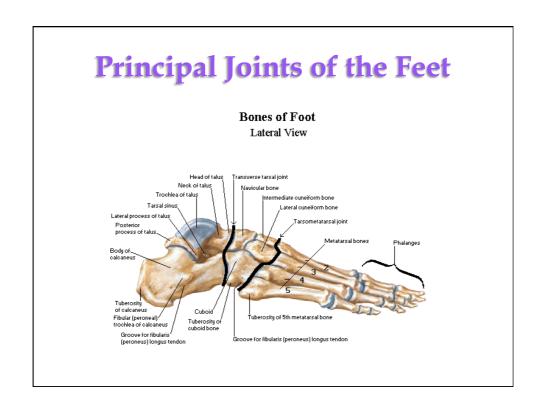


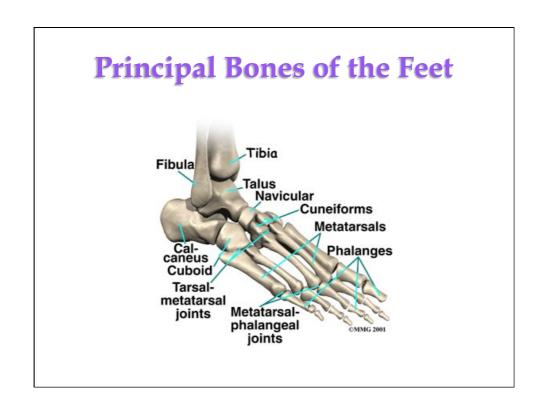


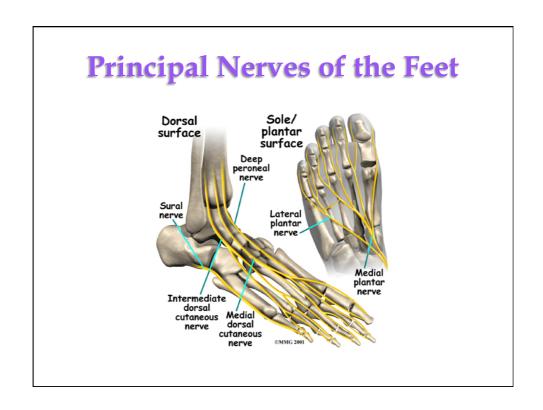
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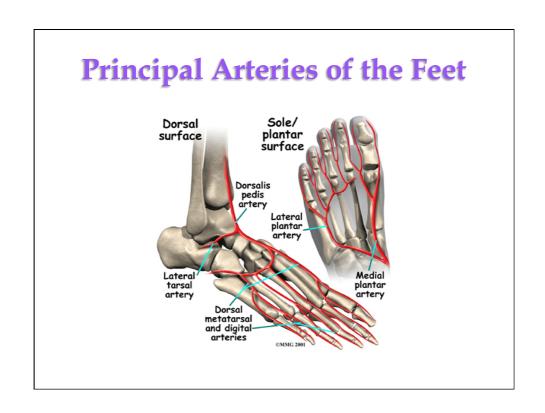


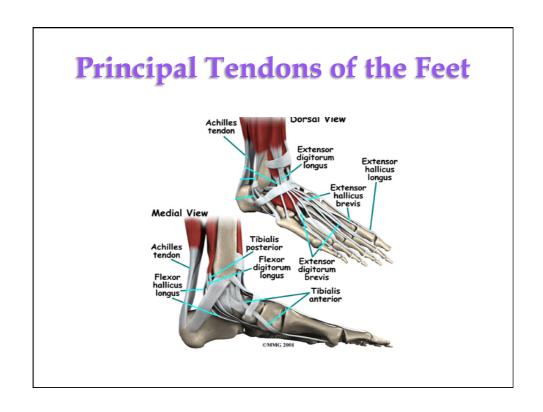


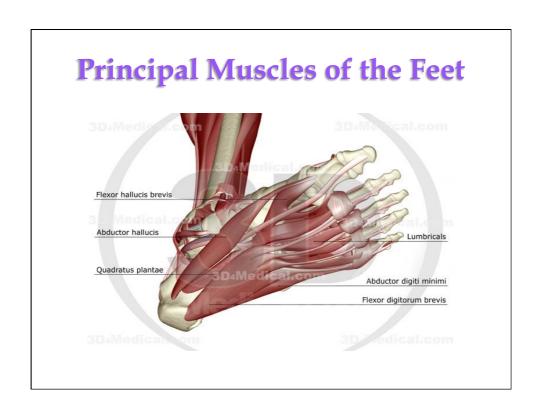


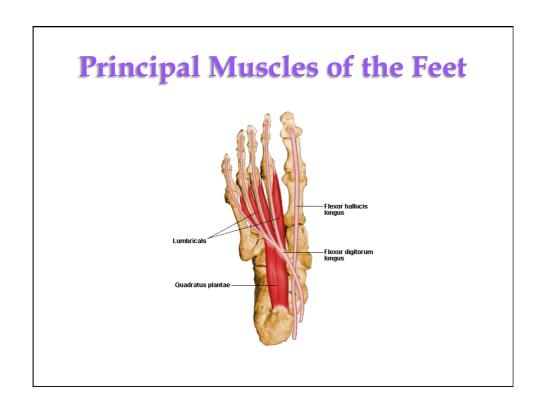


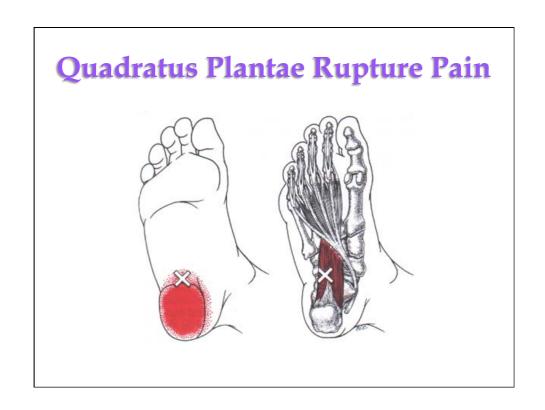












## The Piercing Of Messiah's Feet

"for dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones"

Psalm 22:16-17

"for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self will they houghed an ox. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath for it was cruel"

**Genesis 49:6-7** 

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"

Genesis 3:15

### The Space To Choose

"Between stimulus and response there is a space.

In that space is our power to choose our response.

In our response lies our growth and our freedom."



Viktor E. Frankl

# **Reacting versus Responding**

The thinking of the flesh prompts us to react to past events



Event - - - - - Outcome

Respond \_\_\_\_\_

The thinking of the spirit moves us to respond to future outcomes