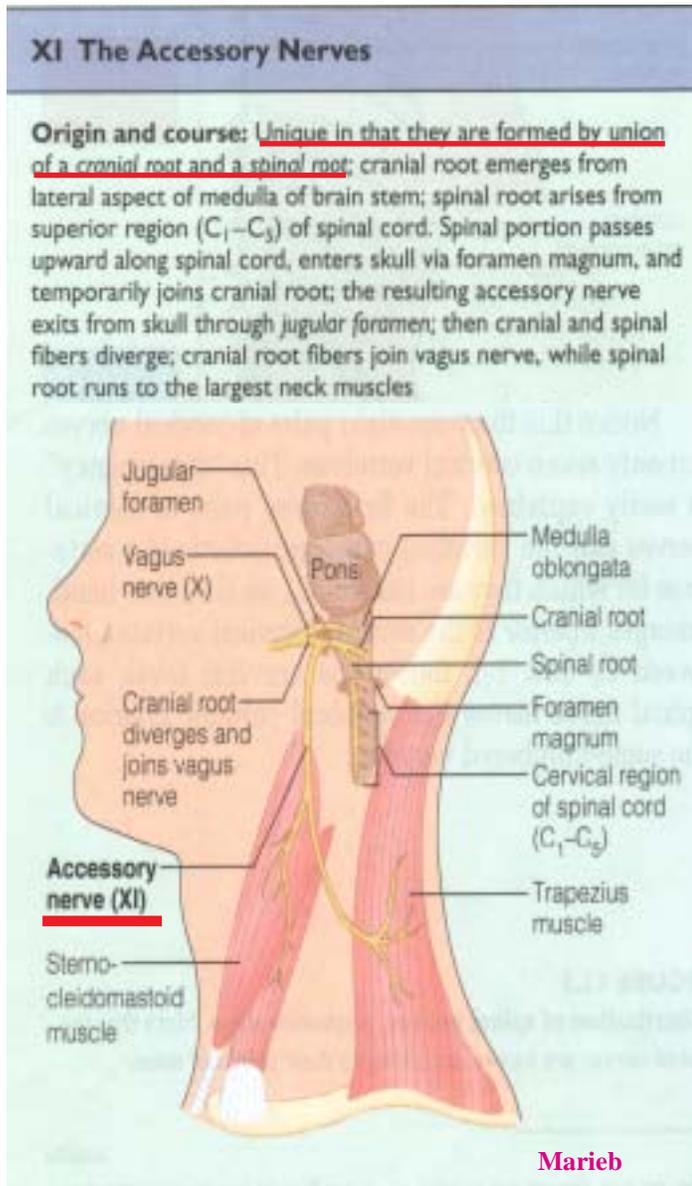


GEN 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: **they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.**

We have discussed the twelve cranial nerves and how Joseph was separate from his brethren in that the vagus nerve descends deep into the body. What about Joseph's little brother Benjamin. How does he fit into this picture? The accessory nerve is somewhat unique in that it is formed by a cranial nerve and a spinal root. It joins the vagus nerve in descending into the neck muscles and the muscles at the top of the shoulder. It is called the "shrug" nerve because one of the tests of the wholeness of this nerve is to ask one to shrug their shoulders.



DEU 33:12 And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, **and he shall dwell between his shoulders**

Isn't it interesting that Benjamin is identified with the shoulders? Benjamin is quite unique in that he seems to be ambidextrous between the right (spirit) and the left (word).

GEN 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called **his name Benoni [son of my sorrow]:** but his father **called him Benjamin [son of the right hand].**

Paul was a Benjaminite and as a Pharisee he could stone one with the law with his left hand, but after his Damascus Road experience, he became skilled in the Spirit. A completed Benjamin is ambidextrous in word and spirit.

JDG 20:15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities ...

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.