

Genesis 49 - Lesson 48

Jacob's Last Days Prophecy

1. Gen 49:1-7 - Reuben-Levi - Cursed and scattered

- a. *"last days"* - first mention - Isa 2:2, Mic 4:1, Acts 2:17, 2 Tim 1:3, Heb 1:2
- b. 3-6 - Reuben - *"thou shalt not excel"* - No judge, prophet, or king comes from him
 - i. *"unstable"* - Double minded man - Jam 1:8
- c. 5-7 - Simeon and Levi receive a curse as well because of their anger in Gen 34
 - i. Simeon is a southern tribe that is later scattered among the northern tribes
 - ii. Levi receives no land inheritance and is scattered among the tribes

2. Gen 49:8-12 - Judah - A Messianic Prophecy

- a. *"thy brethren shall praise"* - The first blessing in the list.
- b. *"bow down"* - the temple would be built in the kingdom of Judah
- c. *"lion's whelp"* - that will grow to rule Prov 30:30, from Judah - Mc 5:8, and Rev 5:5
- d. *"the scepter shall not depart"* - 10 generations in the future about rulers - 2Sa 7:14-16
- e. Israel's rise is identified by Judah - Num 23:19-24, 24:9, 14-19
- f. Shiloh is the place where the tabernacle was before Judah - Josh 18:1, Ps 78:56-69
- g. God made a sanctuary to dwell in Israel - Exo 25:8, Matt 1:23, and again Rev 21:3
- h. *"unto him shall all the gathering"* - Isa 11:1,10; 49:6; Jer 31:10, Joel 3:16-20, &ph 1:10
- i. *"ass's colt"* *"foal"* - Mentioned only three times: here, Zech 9:9, & Matt 21:5
- j. *"clothes in the blood of grapes"* - a semicolon separates 1st and 2nd coming
 - i. See also in Gen 3:15, Isa 63:1, 61:2-3 where prophecies are combined

3. Gen 49:13-21 - Zebulun-Naphtali

- a. Gaebelein says these prophecies represents Israel's history among Gentiles
- b. Zebulun's prophecy fulfilled here - Josh 19:11
- c. Issachar dwells in the plentiful valley of Jezreel, but also conflict - 1Chr12:32
- d. Dan leads the northern tribes into idolatry, and he is left out of the Rev 7 list of 144,000, but returns in the kingdom (Eze 48). That he is a serpent perhaps alludes to the antichrist coming from this tribe.
- e. Salvation here is the Hebrew word Yeshua, also Joshua, and Jesus
- f. Gad is encouraged that he will overcome at the last, though he be overcome first
- g. Asher/ Naphtali's prophecies are not untrue, Gaebelein suggests it is the kingdom

4. Gen 49:22-27 - Joseph & Benjamin

- a. This is the explanation of Joseph's history (but also his future?)
- b. *"shepherd, stone of Israel"* - Connecting Joseph to Christ as a type
- c. *"everlasting hills"* - as long as the hills remain, everlasting life as long as life remains
- d. Saul (the king) and Saul (the persecutor) come from Benjamin