



GENESIS

Chapters 49–50: Israel's Prophecy

Chapter 49– 12 Prophecies

- 1 **Jacob called for his sons** – He is now 147 years old.
“Days to come” Lit. “at the end of the days.”
- 2-4 **Reuben** - “Turbulent as the waters” Lit. “Boiling water.”
for you went up onto your father’s bed - a reference to Reuben’s adultery with Jacob’s concubine Bilhah (35:22).
Not one leader came from the tribe of Reuben.
- 5-7 **Simeon and Levi** - Here was God’s moral judgment on their slaughter of the Shechemites (34:25-29)
Simeon was largely disintegrated (with its land inside that of Judah; Josh. 19:1, 9).
Levi however, took a stand for God later Baal-peor when Israel sinned with the daughters of Moab (Exodus 32). Moses was a Levite. They became the priestly line.
- 8-11 **Judah** – “praise” 1Chron 5:1-2, Deut 21:15
Lion – of the tribe of Judah – Jesus Christ
he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes – Future judgment - See Rev. 14:19-20, 19:11-13, Isaiah 63:1-6
- 13 **Zebulun** - Zebulun = “dwelling.” The word “live” also means to dwell. Zebulun inherited the northern part of the land, the land of Galilee and Nazareth. He was a haven for ships.
- 14-15 **Issachar** - Issachar settled in the valley of Megiddo which was a very fertile valley. Materialistic
- 16-17 **Dan** – produced the judges – Samson was a Danite.
Serpent – Idolatry entered the land through Dan Judges 18:30, Deuteronomy 29:16-21. Rabbinical tradition says the Antichrist will come from tribe of Dan fulfilling this and Gen. 3:15.

- 18 **I look for your deliverance, O LORD** – Deliverance = אֲדֹלָךְ y^eshuàab. Yeshua or Joshua. The very Hebrew name of Jesus. “Yahweh Is Salvation.”
- 19 **Gad** - settled east of the Jordan outside the land of promise and were often attacked by raiders. A courageous bunch. Deut. 33
- 20 **Asher** – happy - in Deut 33:24 Asher would “bathe his feet in oil.” Today, Iranian pipelines terminate in Haifa (Asher).
- 21 **Naphtali** - wrestling. a doe, a free mountain people. Deborah sang of the people of Naphtali risking their lives “on the heights of the field” (Judges 5:18). That tribe settled northwest in (Galilee).
- 22-26 **Joseph** – fruitful vine –Ephraim means fruitful – See the **True Vine** in John 15. Joshua, Deborah, and Samuel, are all of the tribe of Ephraim, Gideon and Jephthah, both of Manasseh’s tribe.
- 27 **Benjamin** - “The son of my right hand.” - a warrior tribe(Judges 20), Saul, the first king of Israel was a Benjamite, in (1 Sam. 9:1-2; 19:10; 22:17). Paul the apostle was “of the tribe of Benjamin” (Philippians 3:5)
- 28-33 **when he blessed them** – Hebrews 11: 21

Chapter 50 – Joseph Dies

- 1-5 **then I will return** –Joseph wanted Pharaoh to be assured he would return
- 6-9 **All Pharaoh’s officials accompanied him** – Full military honors
- 10-11 **Abel Mizraim** – Grief of the Egyptians
- 12-26 **he was placed in a coffin in Egypt** - When he died, they embalmed him, and laid him “in the coffin,” which was then deposited in a room, according to Egyptian custom (*Herod.* 2, 86), and his body remained in Egypt for 360 years, until they carried it away with them at the time of the Exodus, and it was eventually buried in Shechem, in the piece of land which had been bought by Jacob there (Gen 33:19; Josh 24:32).

See Hebrews 11:22