

“The Blessing (Part 2)
Genesis 49:1-33

The Blessings of the Sons of Israel: Prophetic

vv. 1-2 Q. What was the purpose of this gathering?

- A. It was a _____ word to each son (and sometimes to their _____).

Note: This was done together as prophetic _____, but also as clear family _____ or _____.

Describe the individual prophetic words:

vv. 3-4 _____

- A.
1. _____ born son
 - a. My _____
 - b. My _____
 - c. _____ in honor and power
 2. All that is _____ because you slept with one of my wives (Bilhah; 35:22)
 3. You _____ me; I dishonor you.

Note: _____ prophet, priest, judge, or king was ever recorded as coming from Reuben's family. Their portion of the land was east of the Jordan in the area of _____. (Num. 23)

vv. 5-7 _____ and _____

A.

1. Set outside the counsel _____ because of their past violence. Cf., Dinah and Shechem; Gen. 34
2. They (anger) are _____.
3. They will not have a _____ territory within the Promised Land.

Note:

Simeon was given territory in the _____ of Judah but was _____ into this tribe so much so that it is not even mentioned by the time of David. When the kingdom splits, it splits between the northern ten and the southern two (Benjamin and Judah). No _____ of Simeon at all.

Note:

Levi had the same fate as Simeon, but a _____
_____ was given during the time of Moses when the Levites stood against the Golden Calf sin in the camp. Cp. Ex. 32:26

God _____ the curse and blessed them. Eventually they _____ the firstborn dedication. The Levites would be set a part to serve the Lord as a tribe of _____. Cp. Num. 3:45.

The Levites would be given land to meet their _____ needs and as _____ of teaching the Law to the people, but they never received a _____ area that would be called their inheritance. "The _____ was their inheritance." (Deut. 18:1-2) Cp. 10:9

vv. 8-12 _____

Note: Judah and Joseph have the longest blessings of the Twelve sons.

A.

1. A play on his name – his brothers will give him _____.
2. He will _____ his enemies.
3. His family will _____ and honor him as the _____ of the family.
4. His _____ will be the _____ – the king of the wild animals.
5. He will be of the _____ of _____.
6. He will be the _____ of the ultimate king and _____ over the nations (the _____).
7. His rule will bring _____ and _____/abundance.

Note: _____ - _____ kings would come from this tribe including King Jesus.

v. 13 _____

A. Prophetically describing his _____ location as in the north on the Mediterranean Sea.

_____ would speak of Zebulun and Naphtali prophetically as the places where _____ would spend most of his ministry. Cf. Isaiah 9:1-2.

vv. 14-15 _____

A.

1. Issachar will be known for its _____; its hard work.
2. It will lie in the _____ of Zebulun, Naphtali, West Manasseh, and Gad.

Note: The men of Issachar would be known for their wisdom and _____ in examining the times and knowing the course that Israel should take.

vv. 16-17 _____

A.

1. "Daniel" means "God _____." "Dan" = "shall judge." This may be in reference to _____, a Danite, who was a judge over Israel.
2. Dan would become one of the tribes known for introducing _____ to the other tribes. He will cause many to _____.

Note: Dan would never be able to take their territory between Ephraim and Judah and so moved north to _____, to an "unsuspecting" people, Cf. Jdg. 18:7. Hence, the saying, "From Dan to _____." Like saying, "from the northernmost to the southernmost." There exists a historic Israelite _____ sacrificial site in Tel Dan even today.

Note: The tribe of Dan is missing in Revelation 7's 144,000

_____.

v. 19 _____

- A. Since Gad settled across the Jordan River, it would always be _____ to attack from neighbor but would be _____ at least at the beginning in repelling their advancements.

v. 20 _____

- A. Asher would be located in modern day _____ and would be _____ for crops and seafood. Asher means, "_____ " and indicates the joyous allocation received from God.

v. 21 _____

- A. Most scholars see a general description/prediction of this tribe's offspring – _____ in God's sight.

vv. 22-26 _____

- A.
1. God has made him _____ fruitful in spite of his difficulties.
A _____ One
A _____
A _____ for Israel
A _____
 2. God has made his hand _____
 3. God _____ in every area of life.

4. May all these blessings – these _____ blessings - fall on Joseph.

v. 27 _____

A. Apt description of the men who would come from this tribe. Brave. _____. Fighting men. From this tribe will come King _____ and the Apostle _____.

v. 28 Q. What is the summation?

A. Focused on _____ but with prophetic future meaning for the _____ itself.

vv. 29-33 Q. What were Jacob's final instructions to his sons?

A. Don't bury me in _____ but take me back _____ to buried with my family in the cave that Abraham bought as the family plot.

Note: “_____ to his people” is yet another example of the establishment of _____ after death. The Scripture says that he “breathed his last and was gathered to his people.” It doesn't say that he “breathed his last and was _____” for that would take several days later. This “gathering” takes place _____.

Application questions:

Q. How does 1 Timothy 5:24 speak to the blessings of Jacob?

A.

Q. What does the prophetic word to Judah say about God's overall plan?

A.

Q. I can't help but think that there was a lot of hatred or at least ill-feeling toward Jacob by his sons. Perhaps we don't know all of the story. But I would think that for a few of the boys, not too many tears were shed when he died. Speak to the tragedy of this.

A.

