

Genesis 49

1 A prophetic word for each of the sons who will become tribes.

2 And this is what we do weekly - assemble and listen to the words the Spirit has given those who speak.

3,4 Rueben knew this was coming. The word is that he will no longer excel. He has to this point but his sin - of giving in to temptation and dishonoring his father, had changed that.

5-7 Their giving in to anger and revenge earned them this promise of being scattered and not a whole unit. For Levi this was specifically true as his tribe was not given one area of land but land throughout Israel, to be priests to all the nation.

8 True of the kingly line but the final reality is in Jesus of the tribe of Judah, our King. Every knee will bow.

9 The lion of the tribe of Judah. Aslan, of the Narnian Chronicles.

10 It belongs to Jesus. All nations will bring their yearly tribute to New Jerusalem in obedience to King Jesus.

11 The rabbi see a prophetic picture of Messiah here. His garments are died red from Bozrah. He will trample out the vineyard where the grapes of wrath are stored and the blood will be up to the horses' bridles.

12 My beautiful Savior. Though his body was beaten beyond recognition, his beauty is beyond compare.

13-17 He provides justice. Yet Dan became more like a serpent for he went into idolatry early on and remained in it.

18 -25 Israel acknowledges the hand of God that preserved Joseph's life from all the sin that surrounded it and enemies that tried to squelch it.

26 The one separated from his brothers. God separates to make us entirely His.

27 The became great slingshot warriors.

28 They got the blessings they deserved, just blessings, fitting to their actions. Grace is involved but their response to grace is weighed in.

29 This is the cave that Abraham bought for Sarah. Where is it today?

30,31 I wonder why he did not bury Rachel there?

32,33 Wow. He knew exactly when he would go, finished his prophecy, gave orders for his bones, and exhaled.