



SERMON NOTES

May 25, 2014

Scripture: Genesis 49:8-21 (NAS)

Topic: "Jacob's Prophecy"

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- 8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you.
- 9 "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?
- 10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
- 11 "He ties his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.
- 12 "His eyes are dull from wine, And his teeth white from milk.
- 13 "Zebulun will dwell at the seashore; And he shall be a haven for ships, And his flank shall be toward Sidon.
- 14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between the sheepfolds.
- 15 "When he saw that a resting place was good And that the land was pleasant, He bowed his shoulder to bear burdens, And became a slave at forced labor.
- 16 "Dan shall judge his people, As one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 "Dan shall be a serpent in the way, A horned snake in the path, That bites the horse's heels, So that his rider falls backward.
- 18 "For Your salvation I wait, O LORD.
- 19 "As for Gad, raiders shall raid him, But he will raid at their heels.
- 20 "As for Asher, his food shall be rich, And he will yield royal dainties.
- 21 "Naphtali is a doe let loose, He gives beautiful words.

I. PROPHECY

- A. A Curiosity
- B. Sometimes Difficult To Understand
- C. Apostles' Failed To Understand Jesus' Prophetic Teaching

II. WHAT THESE PROPHECIES MEAN

- A. To Jacob's Sons
- B. To Moses' Original Readers
- C. To Us

III. INSTRUCTIONS FOR JACOB'S SONS

- A. They Would Not See Much Of This Prophecy Fulfilled
- B. They Were Blessings Given To Each Son
- C. They Were Predictions Concerning Their Future
- D. Many Of The Predictions Are Tied To Their Name

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOSES' FIRST READER

- A. Reminded Of Their Covenant Relationship To God
- B. It Is A Picture Of God's Grace

V. INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU

- A. God Has A Plan For Your Life
- B. Evidence Of God's Grace
- C. Anticipate Christ's Coming
- D. A Call To Obedience While We Wait. *John 14:15*