

**Text: Genesis 49:1-15**

**PROPHETIC STATEMENTS OF JACOB CONCERNING HIS SONS**

(The first 6 sons)

**A. Jacob summons all his sons together**

**1. Gathering of the sons (Genesis 49:1-2)**

**2. Admonition to hear him as their father (Genesis 49:2)**

**B. Prophetic Statements about the children**

**1. Reuben (Genesis 49:3-4)**

- a) Identified as firstborn (**Genesis 49:3a**)
- b) Might and the beginning of strength (**Genesis 49:3b**)
- c) Excellency of dignity and excellence of power (**Genesis 49:3c**)
- d) Unstable as water (**Genesis 49:4a**)
- e) You shall not excel (**Genesis 49:4b**)
- f) Because he defiled his father's bed (**Genesis 35:22**; Bilhah was Rachel's maid)

**2. and 3. Simeon and Levi (Genesis 49:5-7)**

- a) Instruments of cruelty (**Genesis 49:5**)
- b) Let not my soul enter their council (**Genesis 49:6a**)
- c) Let not my honour be united to their assembly (**Genesis 49:6b**)
- d) In their anger they slew a man (**Genesis 49:6c**)
- e) In their self-will they hamstrung an ox (**Genesis 49:6d**)
- f) Cursed be their anger and wrath; fierce and cruel were their expressions (**Genesis 49:7a**)

g) They will be divided and scattered in Israel (**Genesis 49:7b**)

#### **4. Judah (Genesis 49:8-12)**

a) His brothers will praise him (**Genesis 49:8a**)

b) His hand will be on the neck of his enemies (**Genesis 49:8b**)

c) His brothers will bow to him (**Genesis 49:8c**)

d) Judah is a young lion (**Genesis 49:9**)

e) The sceptre will not depart from him (**Genesis 49:10a**)

f) The lawgiver will come from him (**Genesis 49:10b**)

g) Until Shiloh comes ("To whom it belongs") (**Genesis 49:10c**)  
(Reference to the Messiah)

h) To Him shall be the obedience of the people (**Genesis 49:10d**)

i) He will wage war (**Genesis 49:11**)

j) Garments/clothes in the blood of grapes (**Genesis 49:11**)

k) His eyes darker than wine (**Genesis 49:12a**)  
Vitality

l) His teeth whiter than milk  
Healthy

#### **5. Zebulun (Genesis 49:13)**

a) He will dwell by the haven of the sea (**Genesis 49:13a**)

b) He will be a safe haven for ships (**Genesis 49:13b**)

c) He will situate himself next to Sidon (**Genesis 49:13c**)

#### **6. Issachar (Genesis 49:14)**

a) A strong donkey bearing heavy burdens (**Genesis 49:14**)

b) Became a band of slaves (**Genesis 49:15**)