

Text: Genesis 49:16-33

(I) PROPHETIC STATEMENTS OF JACOB CONCERNING HIS SONS II

(The rest of the sons)

1. Dan (Genesis 49:16-18)

- a) A judge (**Genesis 49:16a**)
- b) A serpent/ a viper that bites the horse's heels (**Genesis 49:17**)
- c) A Prayer: For salvation from the Lord (**Genesis 49:18**)

2. Gad (Genesis 49:19)

- a) A troop shall tramp upon him (**Genesis 49:19a**)
- b) But he shall triumph at last (**Genesis 49:19b**)

3. Asher (Genesis 49:20)

- a) Wealth
- b) Yielding royal dainties

4. Naphthali (Genesis 49:21)

- a) A deer let loose
- b) Uses beautiful words

5. A Joseph (Genesis 49:22-26)

- a) A fruitful bough (**Genesis 49:22**)
- b) Archers bitterly grieved him (reference to his brothers) (**Genesis 49:23**)
- c) His bow remained in strength/ the arms of his hands were made strong by the mighty God of Jacob, the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel (**Genesis 49:24**)

- d) Blessings from the Almighty God (**Genesis 49:25**)
- e) Blessings excelled that of ancestors (**Genesis 49:26a**)
- f) These blessings will be like a crown on Joseph's head (**Genesis 49:26c**)

6. Benjamin (Genesis 49:27)

- a) A ravenous wolf
- b) He will devour the prey
- c) He will divide the spoil

(II) PROPHECY AND BLESSING

Genesis 49:28

- 1. Some prophetic words were ominous**
- 2. Therein is hope- that they will take heed and turn away from sin**
- 3. Blessings are contingent upon obedience**

(III) THE LAST CHARGE OF JACOB

Genesis 49:29-33

- 1. His final resting place is in a cave in Machpelah (Genesis 49:29)**
- 2. This burial ground was bought by Abraham (Genesis 49:30)**
- 3. This was their ancestral burial ground (Genesis 49:31-32)**

(IV) THE DEMISE OF JACOB

- 1. He passed away shortly after all these instructions**
- 2. He had a very full life**
 - a) Redeemed

b) Protected

c) Provided

d) Wonderfully blessed