

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Disqualified & Qualified"
Genesis 49:1-12
Study-79

Jacob, on his deathbed, calls his sons to himself, that he might give the "**Patriarchal Blessing**"

Genesis 49 contains the longest and oldest Hebrew poem (Blessings of Jacob) in Genesis: Noah's Brief Blessing – Genesis 9:24-27

Note Five Important Truths About These Blessings:

1. These words are not just Jacobs' devout wishes for his children, but God's message.
2. These words were prophetic blessings for the future tribes. **Genesis 49:1**
3. Words reveal human character and conduct. (God exposes the truth)
Galatians 6:7
4. These words were a source of encouragement when Israel was in bondage
5. We see the revelation of Jesus, **Shiloh** (v-10) **Salvation** (v-18) **Mighty One**, the **shepherd** and **Stone** (v-24) **Almighty** (v-25) which are all pictures of Jesus Christ.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Sin Disqualifies Us, But Genuine Repentance Followed By A Godly Change Can Yet Result In Being Qualified."

1. **Verses 1-2 Israel's Prophecy:**
2. **Verses 3-4 Reuben Disqualified:**
3. **Verses 5-7 Simeon & Levi Disqualified:**
4. **Verses 8-12 Judah Qualified:**

1. Verses 1-2 Israel:

Genesis 49:1 Then Jacob

Context - section began in **Genesis 47:29** Jacob was 147 and he made Joseph promise that he would not bury him in Egypt but in Canaan. In **Genesis 48**, Jacob calls for Joseph and adopts **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** and blesses

Then

This could have been minutes or hours. Jacob now knows his time has come

"Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come. He now calls all his sons to his bedside in order to speak to them regarding the future.

the days to come 1st appearance of the phrase, "the days to come" or "the end time" used 14 times in the OT.

This scene before us (Jacob and his sons) is a picture of the future

Believer's Judgment Seat. The Bema Seat of Christ.

Not to be confused with "The Great White Throne Judgment," reserved for non-believers. Revelation 20:11-15

Some of these blessings that Jacob pronounced turned out to be curses, while others are descriptions of character, as well as predictions of future events.

Genesis 49:2 And listen to Israel your father.

Character and their strengths and weaknesses.

The Holy Spirit allows Jacob to view into the future

The first six sons of Leah.

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar

2. Verses 3-4 Reuben:

Reuben (Son #1) – "see a son"

Genesis 49:3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn; firstborn to God's covenant.

Being first born promise and hope for the future. **Deuteronomy 21:17**

Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

Great promise of the 1st born.

Genesis 49:4 "Uncontrolled as water, Reuben's Moral Instability:

Uncontrolled – root word "*lawless mob*"

"*boiling over of water*" speaks of unstable emotions. lacked self-control.

1 Chronicles 5:1

you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it—he went up to my couch.

Genesis 35:22 had relations with Bilhah his father's concubine.

Morally Instability:

Sin Has Consequences – Reuben had 40 years to repent. **Proverbs 25:28**

The blessing of Reuben turned into a curse for Reuben:

His sin was exposed. (Real Consequences they really exist)

The sin of Instability of Reuben with his tribe. They would not wait to inherit the land, so they settled for the land on the wrong side of the Jordan (Eastern).

Numbers 32

Dathan and Abiram were Reubenites who were leaders in the rebellion of

Korah Numbers 16:1 Later, Reuben helped set up an unauthorized place of

worship in Canaan **Joshua 22:10-34**. During the Judges, there was a call to

arms through Deborah and Barak and the tribe of Reuben failed to answer

Judges 5:15-16

3. Verses 5-7 Simeon & Levi:

Simeon (Son #2) - "one who hears"

Levi (Son #3) "attached"

Genesis 49:5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers;

Two of a kind; birds of a feather flock, together.

The Disgrace of Treachery: Their swords are implements of violence.

There was anger and revenge: **Genesis 34:25-31** They killed an entire city of men of Shechem. Their sister **Dinah** had been raped by Shechem, they Lied and used God's Name as a ruse. **Genesis 34:25-31 Criminal Behavior:**

Simeon and Levi misrepresented God to the Gentiles

Genesis 49:6 "Let my soul not enter into their council;

Disown them for behavior.

Because in their anger they slew men, results from anger. **Proverbs 16:32**

And in their self-will they lamed oxen.

Anger made they abused and hurt animals.

Simeon & Levi Costly Sin Of Anger, Revenge/Cruelty:

Genesis 49:7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; God distinguishes a "Holy War from Ruthless Vengeance" fierce – "harsh, shameless" And their wrath, for it is cruel. "difficult, strict, stubborn"

Simeon – would be absorbed in Judah.

I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.

The only inheritance came to Simeon's children as a handout through Judah

Joshua 19:1, 9 what little they had reverted back to Judah.

There are some individuals that are not a good to mix together.

Levi - would later become the priestly tribe. (48 cities **Joshua 21:1-3**)

Moses & Aaron from the tribe of Levi. It was after Moses came down from Mount Sinai that Israel got into idolatry and immorality. Moses then gave the call to Israel that whoever is for the Lord let him come forward and **Levi step forward, Exodus 32**. Later Levi was blessed by Moses **Deuteronomy 33**

4. Verses 8-12 Judah:

Judah (Son #4) – "praise" Genesis 49:8

Judah committed sin with his daughter-in-law Tamar. He hired her as a prostitute, and then sold Joseph into slavery but this did not define him. Jacob does not even mention any of these issues; reason being, Judah repented and changed. **Jeremiah 31:34**

"Judah, means *"I will praise him"* **your brothers shall praise you;**
s(Play on his name)

Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;

Judah would succeed in warfare. **Numbers 2:9; 10:14; Judges 1-2**

Your father's sons shall bow down to you.

Kingly tribe, but the Messiah would come

Genesis 49:9 Judah is a lion's whelp (cub);

lion speaks of royalty. **Lion** king of beasts.

Numbers 24:9; Micah 5:8; Ezekiel 19:1-7; Revelation 5:5

lion's whelp (cub);

Cub is like a lamb. *"The lion and the lamb."* **John 1:29**

Genesis 49:10 "The scepter (royal authority) shall not depart from Judah,

Reference to the kingly line of Judah, (under David) that would culminate with Jesus. The Davidic Covenant that the Messiah would come through Judah. **2**

Samuel 7:8-17 Psalm 62:11 That power belongs to God; Matthew 28:18

Numbers 24:17

Under David it never ceased, even in Babylonian captivity it was Judah

Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, Ezekiel 21:26-27

Shiloh – word *"shalom" peace, not a place but a person, "Prince of peace"*

"Giver of rest, to have rest, until He comes whose right it is to rule"

Messiah (whose it is)

And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

|*"until tribute comes to him"*

This is looking forward to when universal obedience to Jesus will take place.

Revelation 20

Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2; Philippians 2:10-11

Verses 11-12 The Land Of Judah:

Genesis 49:11 "He ties his foal to the vine, would break the vine eat the grapes and escape and both would be gone. Partially **Deuteronomy 8:7-9.**

It speaks of the plenty during the "Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ" **Isaiah 65:25**

Genesis 49:12 Joel 3:18; Ezekiel 34:26-27

Application:

1. Unconfessed Sin, Unwillingness To Humble Ourselves, Repentance Of Sin And Faith Towards God. Will Result In Disqualification For Salvation.
2. All Of Humanity Has This In Common We Are All Sinners By Nature And By Choice **Romans 3:23** The Good News Is That God Can Forgive, We Can Start Over - **1 John 1:9**
3. The Good News Is That The Person That I Am Now I Don't Have To Remain This Way - **2 Corinthians 5:17**