

Genesis 49

King James Version (KJV)

(Jacob's blessings to his other sons; Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh were blessed in Chapter 48)

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. (In the end times; these blessings were for those days; but will also demonstrate themselves in the generation of the fig tree; when antichrist is here and deceiving the world)

²Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

³Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

⁴Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch. (Unstable as water = wishy-washy, indecisive) (He seduced Bilhah; Jacob's concubine. He lost the double portion of the first born for what he did. That blessing went to Joseph)

(This tribe is believed to be France today)

⁵Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. (They avenged the rape of their sister, Dinah)

⁶O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. (They killed every man in the village for the offence of one man, who raped their sister Dinah. Jacob cursed them for it, but God didn't) Chapter-34:26

(Meanwhile, the whole village was planning on overtaking Jacob and his family for their riches. God saw to it that they never got the chance. They may not all have raped Dinah, but they were all as corrupt as the one who did)

⁷Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. (Avenging their sister was good, but they overdid it by killing the others)

(Simeon received his blessing from God in Joshua-19:1. Levi received his blessing in Exodus-32:26-29)

⁸Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. (This is Israel, today)

(Judah became the king line through King David; all the way to Jesus, who is King of kings, Lord of lords)

⁹Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? (couched as a lion – a male lion; as an old lion – a female lioness, a mother lion; they are different words in the Hebrew) (A lion is vicious and protective of its young)

¹⁰The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (This refers to Jesus Christ; Shiloh means rest. Today, Our Lord Jesus Christ is out Sabbath. HE is our rest)

See Ezekiel-21:27 (The return of Christ as King of kings, Lord of lords)

¹¹Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: (This is a figure of speech meaning that he will always be in a plentiful state. He won't see poverty)

¹²His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. (He will have plenty to eat and drink)

Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times will not be for bread, but for hearing the true Word of God. Judah will not suffer from that famine)

¹³Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon. (He will be a safe haven for travelers and merchants)

¹⁴Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: (Between Jezreel <good time charley> and Carmel <land of plenty>)

¹⁵And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

(He'd rather pay tribute to others, than fight to defend his own. You cannot buy friends. You need to defend yourself against invaders)

¹⁶ Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. See Judges-15:20 (And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years)

¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. (He'd rather worship the serpent than Almighty God)

¹⁸ I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD. (Dan is missing in Revelation-7, because of his idolatry. Jeroboam placed one of the golden calves in Dan and they worshipped it)

¹⁹ Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last. (He will face opposition, but he will be the victor in the end)

²⁰ Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. (He will be very prosperous – because he loves God)

²¹ Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words. (He followed Deborah when no one else would, to defend the Promised Land) See Judges-5:18

²² Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: (God saved Israel & Egypt through Joseph)

²³ The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: (He was betrayed by his own brothers and a few Egyptians, but prevailed through it to be God's servant in saving the 12 tribes)

²⁴ But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) (Joseph was a type of savior. He was a forerunner for Jesus Christ – the Savior of all who believe in Him)

²⁵ Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: (To feed and nurture <the breast> & a place of safety <the womb>)

²⁶ The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

²⁷ Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. (He will be a hunter and a warrior)

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. (Blessings for then and also for the last days that will end this Age)

NOTE: (We should be wise and watch for these blessings as we approach the last day. They will show themselves in due time. Jesus told us to be watchers, so that we can warn the people)

²⁹ And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, (This is the land that Abraham purchased)

³⁰ In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. (I.S.R.A.E.L.)

³² The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

³³ And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people. (He died)