

Genesis
Chapter 49
Student

Contents: Jacob's dying blessing and prophecy regarding the future of the tribes of Israel.

Characters: Jacob, twelve sons.

Conclusion: We are blessed when we attend to **GODly** parents in their last hours of life. If we are observant, we can learn how to die as well as live, and profit by their reproofsⁱ, counsels, and comforts. Though they cannot prophecy, they can tell us from **GOD's** Word what will befallⁱⁱ us in the last day **IF** we do not do the will of the Father.

Key Word: Prophecy (shall befall), :1.

Strong Verses: :10.

Striking Facts: Jacob, the cunning, shifting and often faithless, supplanter and bargain maker, displays remarkable calm as he displays **GODly** faith and bestows blessings and rebukes to his children. In so doing, Israel's participates in the last great dispensation of earth, after Christ has returned.

Prophecies:

Reuben – Sexual inappropriateness - Genesis 35:22

Simeon and Levi – Cruelty - Genesis 34:25

Judah – Kingship - **2 Samuel 7:16**, Psalms 89:29, Ephesians 1:10

Zebulun – Dwelling by the sea Joshua 19:10

Issachar – Burden Bearing - 1Chronicles 12:32

Dan – Judge – Exodus 35:34

Gad – Warrior – Joshua 1:12

Asher – Abundance of Food – Deuteronomy 33:24

Naphtali – Speaker of good words – Judges 4:4-5

Joseph – **GODly** Favor and honor [**Ephraim and Manassah**]

Benjamin – Greedy and Warlike – Judges 20:15

Questions:

1. Which child was not mentioned? Why?

ⁱ Reproof (**Biblical**) - The subject of reproof, i.e. the refutation of error, the discovery of sin, the convincing and convicting of the wrongdoer, is mentioned frequently in the Bible. Reproof is used generally in the sense of rebuke.

(**Non-Biblical**) - an expression of blame or disapproval.

ⁱⁱ Befall - (of something bad) happen to someone