



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 49

Title: Jacob's Last Words (Part 2)

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Discussion Starter – What are some of the key things you see being revealed in Jacob's last words as it pertains to the supernatural blessings of a father?

Read Genesis 49:1-7

- 1) What would you say to your children or family members if you knew it was the last thing you would be able to speak to them before you died?
- 2) What is the significance in how Jacob addresses his sons, by using both of his names in verse 2? What do you think he is trying to communicate to them in this statement?
- 3) How does Jacob address Ruben his firstborn son? What are some of the things you can remember about Ruben that identify the problem with his character? Read Galatians 6:7-10. What is the biblical truth contained in this passage that we see being revealed as Jacob speaks to Ruben?
- 4) What were some of the things you can remember about Simeon and Levi's character and past deeds, that rendered them this lack of blessing from their father Israel?
- 5) What seems to be the difference in how they continue as a tribe of people after this final admonishment?
 - a. We see that sexual purity and self-control can deeply impact our future. What are some of the things you personally experienced in your life that have had consequences from either of these two areas of ungodly character?

Read Genesis 49:8-33

- 6) What are some of the things in Judah's past that would have seemed to have disqualified him from this blessing? What do we also know about Judah that would indicate that there has been a change in his life and character?
- 7) What prophetic blessing do we see in Jacob's blessing of Judah? How would these last words of Jacob also be a blessing to each of his sons? Read Revelation 5:5. How does this verse tie into Jacob's blessing for Judah?
- 8) Who is Shiloh, and what is the reference in time that these words will be fulfilled?
- 9) What were the meanings of each of the prophetic words of Jacob spoken to Zebulun, Issachar Dan, Gad, Asher and Naphtali?
- 10) What are the five titles Jacob uses for God as he speaks his blessing over Joseph?
- 11) Summarize in your own words Jacob's message about Joseph and his blessings.
- 12) What do we know about the tribe of Benjamin that lets us know that Jacob was speaking the will of God in his last words?
 - b. How has this message encouraged you to redeem the time you still have in your life to sow seeds that will point people to Jesus and participate in building His Kingdom?