

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 49

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Genesis 49.

1. Re-read V. 1 of the passage. What seems to be the key phrase in V 1 of our chapter? What are the possible meanings of this phrase?
2. Are the names of the sons given in birth order? What are the apparent criteria for the order of the sons listed?
3. Re-read V's 3,4 of our passage, along with Gen 35:22 and 1 Chronicles 5:1-3. What was Reuben's sin, and what were the consequences?

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4. Read V's 5-7 along with Gen 34:25. Did Jacob forget what these two sons had done? What were the consequences of the cruelty and anger of Simeon and Levi?

5. Re-read V's 8-12 of chapter 49 along with Rev 5:5. What are the blessings afforded to Judah seen in V's 8-12? Who is being referred to in Rev 5:5?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Genesis 49 again.

6. What does a scepter represent in v. 10? How long will the scepter be with the tribe of Judah?

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7. What is Shiloh in v. 10?

8. Re-read Gen 49:14, 15 and 1 Ch 7:1-5. Describe Issachar and his tribe.

9. Re-Gen 49:16-18. Read Rev 7:4-8. Describe characteristics of the tribe of Dan. In the Revelation passage, is the tribe of Dan included in the 144,000?

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10. Read V 19 and Joshua 13:8-13. From the Joshua passage, why was the tribe of Gad exposed to invasion?

11. Read V 20 and Joshua 19:24-31. From foot notes or other resources, what general area did Asher occupy in the promised land?

12. Read V 21 and Judges 4:4-6. Who were the two people mentioned in these verses from the tribe of Naphtali?

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❖ **DAY 3**

Read Genesis 49 again.

13. Read V's 22-26 and Gen 48:19. Joseph obviously played a large part in the history of the Israelites, as did his two sons. Which of Joseph's sons received the blessing?

14. According to verses 24 and 25, why did Joseph endure and even thrive in spite of the "archers" who "harassed him?"

15. Re-read V 27, 1 Sam 9:1-2 and Phil. 3:5. The small tribe of Benjamin was warlike and aggressive. What two prominent men in the Bible (with the same name) came from the tribe of Benjamin?

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16. Read V's 29-33 and Gen 50:12-14. How do we know if Jacob's instructions were carried out?

17. In V 31, what is significant about the statement regarding Leah?

18. How do you see God's plan of redemption being played out in this chapter?

This week, praise God for his providential faithfulness to you throughout your life. Thank God for His sovereign and perfect plan for His people Israel and the church today. Pray that the Spirit might grow you in your faith and trust in Him.