

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Gen. 49

Review

We began in Genesis with the beginnings of the human race.

I. THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HUMAN RACE, 1:1—11:32

II. THE PATRIARCHAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HEBREW RACE, 12:1—50:26

A. The Progenitor: Abraham, 12:1—25:11

B. The Pilgrim: Isaac, 25:19—27:46

C. The Propagator: Jacob, 28:1—36:43

D. The Provider: Joseph, 37:1—47:26

E. The Conclusion, 47:27—50:26

1.The Death of Jacob, 47:27—50:21

a. Jacob's Foreknowledge, 47:27—49:27

(1)The Chosen Favorite, 47:27—48:22

(2)The Chosen Family, 49:1-27

(a)Introduction, 49:1-2

(b)Reuben, 49:3-4

i. His Unique Position, 49:3

ii. His Unstable Personality, 49:4a

“Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel...”

iii. His Unscrupulous Passion, 49:4b

(c)Simeon and Levi, 49:5-7

i. Their Close Brotherhood, 49:5a

“Simeon and Levi *are* brethren...”

ii. Their Criminal Behavior, 49:5b-6

iii.Their Continuing Blame, 49:7

Tonight, we continue in Gen. 49, the last days of Jacob as he gives an evaluation of, and a prophetic picture of the future for his family. Jacob states, "...that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you **in the last days**." (49:1b) He will give prophesy of both advents of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These prophecies may be called the "judgment seat of Jacob" and is an excellent picture of the "Judgment Seat of Christ." Both the sons of Jacob and the children of God will learn about their inheritances or loss thereof. Last week we learned about the first three sons: Reuben, Simeon, and Levi. Tonight, we begin with a most important son, Judah. Join us to learn more, for we all have a special appointment:

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Judah was not always a paragon of spirituality. From Gen. 38, we learn that he was involved in several carnal events: he married a heathen woman, had vile sons, and then the relationship with Tamar that produced Pharez and Zarah. Judah was probably expecting Jacob to bring up those events.

(d) Judah, 49:8-12

i. The Leader, 49:8

Gen. 49:8 Judah, 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.

- ❖ Nothing was mentioned about the incidents in Gen. 38. Perhaps Judah had expressed his repentance. Jacob's judgment seat was not designed to bring up confessed and forsaken sin.
- ❖ Judah put his life on the line for Benjamin: he stepped up as a leader before his brethren when coming before Joseph.

Gen. 44:14 And **Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house**; for he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. ...

18 Then **Judah came near unto him**, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for **thou art even as Pharaoh**.

33 Now therefore, **I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren**.

❖ Judah is blessed as being the tribe from which the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of David, will come. (See Mt. 1:3, Luke 3:33)

Amos 3:8 **The lion hath roared**, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

Rom. 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

4 And **declared to be the Son of God with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

- ❖ Judah was over three classes of people: his brethren, his enemies, and his father's children.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus was over three classes of people: the Jews, the Gentiles, the believers.

ii. The Lion, 49:9

Gen. 49:9 Judah *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?

- ❖ Judah would become the royal tribe, as the lion is the king of beasts.
- ❖ Jesus will become the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Num. 23:24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

- ❖ Reuben “sacrificed the permanent upon the altar of the immediate” and lost his blessing that was bestowed to Judah.

iii. The Lord, 49:10

Gen. 49:10 The 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*.

❖ The “sceptre” belongs to the monarch. *Shiloh* is a person.

Original Word: שִׁלֹּה Transliteration: Shiloh

Definition: perhaps "he whose it is", a Messianic title

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7886.htm>

he whose it is, that which belongs to him, tranquillity

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h7886/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

- ❖ *Shiloh* is a Hebrew word that comes from the root of *Shalom* – peace.
- ❖ *Shiloh* is the “*Prince of Peace*,” the Lord Jesus, as found in Isa. 9:6.

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

Num. 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Rev. 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was **to rule all nations with a rod of iron**: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.

Isa. 2:10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and **for the glory of his majesty.**

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

12 For **the day of the LORD of hosts** *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

(Read Micah 5 and Jn. 12:32; Acts 15:14; Rom. 11:24-28; Acts 15:17; Isa. 11:1-11, 2:1-5)

iv. The Land, 49:11-12

Gen. 49:11 Binding 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:**

12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

❖ Both Advents of Christ are pictured in 49:11.

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and **riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.**

Mt. 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.**

- ❖ The “vine” and “choice vine” is a connection to Israel.
- ❖ The “garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes” are references to the time of judgment at the end of the Tribulation Period.

Rev. 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into **the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

Rev. 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

Rev. 19:13 And **he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

(See Psa. 78:65; Isa. 7:20-22; Song 5:1, 12)

Summary

- ❖ Judah, like Jesus, made intercession for his brethren.
- ❖ Judah received the blessing from Jacob instead of Reuben, Simeon, and Levi.
- ❖ Jacob expressed a picture of the first and second advents.
- ❖ Jacob expressed a prophetic picture of the Lord Jesus regarding His appearance of the Leader, the Lion, and the Lord over the Land during the millennium.

Conclusion

Psa. 24:1 The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 **He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart**; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and **the King of glory shall come in.**

8 **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and **the King of glory shall come in.**

10 **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.** Selah.