

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

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(b) Reuben, 49:3-4

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

(d) Judah, 49:8-12

(e) Zebulon, 49:13

i. His Costal Interests, 49:13a

ii. His Commercial Interests, 49:13b

iii. His Continental Interests, 49:13c

(f) Issachar, 49:14-15

i. His Strength, 49:14a

ii. His Satisfaction, 49:14b-15a

iii. His Servitude, 49:15b

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 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:

We begin tonight with Dan. Time permitting, we will also cover Gad.

(g) Dan, 49:16-18

i. His Position, 49:16

Gen. 49:16 **Dan shall judge his people**, as one of the tribes of Israel.

Original Word: דָּן; **Transliteration:** Dan; **Phonetic Spelling:** (dawn)

Definition: "judge", a son of Jacob, also his desc. and their territory, also a place in Northern Israel

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- ❖ Dan was the 5th son of Jacob, the 1st of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid.
- ❖ The tribe of Dan produced Samson during the Judges Period (Jud. 13:2.)

ii. His Poison, 49:17

Gen. 49:17 **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.

- ❖ Dan is connected to Satan with the connection to the serpent, as well as the “heel biter” connection to Gen. 3:15.
- ❖ In Deut. 33:22, a further connection to Satan is seen regarding both the “lion” (1 Pet. 5:8,) and “Bashan.”

Deut. 33:22 And of Dan he said, **Dan is a lion's whelp:** he shall leap **from Bashan**.

Psa. 22:12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.

- ❖ The “bulls” and “dogs” are indicative of demons and Romans at the cross, another negative aspect of Dan in connection to his spiritual relationship.

Psa. 22:16 For **dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.**

- ❖ The Danites, migrating north, produced the Baal worshippers, such as Ahab and Jezebel, and established the worship center of Baal at the city of Dan by Jeroboam. (See Jud. 17-18)

*As a Bible study project, try connecting these dots: Ethbaal, Zidon, Laish, Micah, the Levite (a father and a priest,) Ahab, Jezebel, and Baal worship.

2 Kings 10:29 Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

❖ Some scholars consider that the Antichrist may originate in the tribe of Dan.

iii. His Pardon, 49:18

Gen. 49:18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

❖ This phrase is linked to the end of the Tribulation Period.

Mt. 24:13 But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.**

❖ During the last days, during the Tribulation Period, 12 tribes are mentioned in Rev. 7:5-8.

Rev. 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.

❖ Note the 12 tribes of Israel that are mentioned:

Rev 7:5 the tribe of **Juda** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Reuben** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Gad** were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:6 the tribe of **Aser** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Nepthalim** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Manasses** were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:7 the tribe of **Simeon** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Levi** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Issachar** were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:8 the tribe of **Zabulon** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Joseph** were sealed twelve thousand.

the tribe of **Benjamin** were sealed twelve thousand.

- ❖ Did you notice what tribe is NOT listed?
- ❖ The tribe of Dan is not listed.

(h) Gad, 49:19

i. Vanquished – “**Gad, a troop** shall overcome him...”

Gad = "troop"

- ❖ seventh son of Jacob and first by Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, and full brother of Asher.

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h1410/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

Deut. 33:20 And of Gad he said, Blessed *be* he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, *in* a portion of the lawgiver, *was he* seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

❖ Jephthah, Barzillai, and Elijah came from the tribe of Gad.

ii. Victorious – “...but he shall overcome at the last.”

1 Chron. 12:8 And of **the Gadites** there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness **men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains;**

❖ The Gadites were fierce warriors. Their loyalty to David is a picture of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Summary

- ❖ As Jacob continued his prophetic “judgment seat,” Dan and Gad were given prognostications that are not clearly understood.
- ❖ Dan has a prediction of a mysterious future, with a unique relationship to Baal worship, identification with spiritual darkness, and the Tribulation Period.
- ❖ Gad’s future is vague, but appears more complimentary than Dan’s.
- ❖ Their loyalty to David is a picture of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; **that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**