

In The Beginning

The Promised Nation of Israel

The death of Jacob... Gen. 49-50

What is the judgment on Simeon and Levi for their wrath re Dinah? vs.5-7

They (tribes) are judged severely. They were to be dispersed and scattered.

Despite Judah's sins, what is prophesied of his tribe? vs.8-9 Jud.1:1-2;

He would have preeminence in Israel. Praise and served by the others. Like Joseph...

And how is the 'blood line' described? vs.10 IISam.2:4 John 19:15

The scepter (starting with David) would not depart Judah UNTIL Shiloh (Jesus) comes.

Comment on the description of Shiloh in vs. 11-12 Rev.19:11-16 cp. Jn.8:56

The picture of a King in battle (blood of grapes) and peace (wine and milk).

As Jacob reviews the life of Joseph (vs.22-23), what made him successful? vs.24-25

He was protected by the Mighty One of Jacob, The Shepherd, The Rock of Israel...

And what does Jacob now confer in abundance upon Joseph? vs.25-26

All the blessings of the "God of your father". Blessings in every area of life. Still to come...

As Jacob's last act of faith, what does he do? vs.29-33 Comments?

Gives instructions to bury him in Canaan, his land. He looks ahead and KNOWS...

After Jacob is buried as instructed, what comes up again? 50:15-21

The brothers fear reprisal from Joseph. Grace and forgiveness are hard to accept.

And how does Joseph demonstrate his faith? vs.22-26

He makes his sons swear to take his bones when God surely takes Israel from Egypt!

Some thoughts about the book of Genesis

We see:

- the divine creation of everything from nothing, in specific detail
- the promised blood line to the *seed of the woman* from Adam to Judah
- incredible *types* of Christ, particularly in Joseph, the rejected brother, King
- real people with real lives and sins emerge victorious by their faith in God
- the birth of the nation of Israel and God's protection upon them
- God clearly choosing (younger over elder)