

# Sermon Notes



Title: "Jacob's Prophetic Blessings on His Sons"

Text: Genesis 49:1-28

Theme: A spiritual inheritance is our greatest and highest treasure. In reality, our greatest inheritance is God Himself, and the Lion of Judah is our special treasure.

## I. Jacob's Word to the Sons of \_\_\_\_\_ (1-15)

## II. Jacob's Word to the Sons of the \_\_\_\_\_ (16-20)

## III. Jacob's Word to the Sons of \_\_\_\_\_ (21-27)

## IV. Summary Statement (28)

## V. Applications

A. A parent's duty and privilege is to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
God's truth to his/her \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The prophetic blessings that Jacob bestowed on his sons are  
also \_\_\_\_\_ "word from the LORD" concerning  
\_\_\_\_\_ that are now \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The word of the LORD through Jacob to Judah about the  
\_\_\_\_\_ speaks of One to Whom the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the peoples belong, and this Lion is  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lion.

Next Week Read: Genesis 49:29-50:26

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. After blessing Joseph (chapter 48), whom does Jacob bless next (v. 1a)?
2. What was the nature of Jacob's blessings upon them (v. 1b)?
3. How did Jacob arrange the order of his sons as he pronounced blessings upon them?
4. Which son did Jacob speak to first (v. 3)? What did Jacob say to him regarding his status as the firstborn son (v. 4)?
5. Which sons were cursed for their violence and anger (vv. 5-6)?
6. Whom did Jacob indicate would be the tribe that would rule (v. 10)?
7. Which son's descendants would be known for their ships (v. 13)?
8. Which tribe would be renown for its work ethic (vv. 14-15)?
9. Which tribe would be formidable despite its small size (vv. 16-17)?
10. The people with a reputation of regrouping and rebounding after being raided would be what tribe (v. 19)?
11. Which tribe would produce rich agricultural bounty and food delicacies (v. 20)?
12. Which tribe would be known for producing beautiful children (v. 21)?
13. The son who received the longest blessing that involved becoming a very productive tribe and to whom Jacob used several names for God was which son (vv. 22-26)?
14. To what was the tribe of Benjamin compared? What did this signify (v. 27)?
15. Parents have many duties and responsibilities under God. What duty to children do parents have with respect to God's revelation?
16. Identify some ways that parents can implement and carry out this duty. In what ways is this responsibility a privilege?
17. How does a failure to hear and know God's Word affect people? How might it affect you?
18. How does Jacob's blessings on his sons impact us today?
19. What is the interpretational issue (v. 10) regarding the sons of Judah?
20. What is meant by the "Lion of Judah"? Demonstrate from Scripture who this person is.