## Jacob's Prophetic Blessing on Joseph Genesis 49: 22–26

- 1. To be fruitful:

  Blessed with large numbers
  and strong leadership
- 2. To be harassed, hated by enemies
- 3. To stand firm, steady made strong by God
  - a) The Almighty God of Jacob
  - b) The Shepherd
  - c) The Rock of Israel
  - d) The God of Jacob
  - e) The Almighty
- 4. To be blessed
  - a) With the blessings of heavenly rain and fertile soil
  - b) With the blessings of springs and streams
  - c) With many offspring
- 5. To be blessed above his brothers
  - a) As Jacob was blessed above his ancestors
  - b) To the utmost

- 22 "Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.
- 23 With bitterness archers atacked him; they shot at him with hostility.
- 24 But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.
- 25 becasue of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb.
- 26 Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills.

  Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brethers."