

Jacob's Prophetic Blessing on Judah

Genesis 49:08–12

1 *His tribe:*

To be praised

- a. For military leadership and strength
- b. For being like a lion:
A symbol of strength, security and sovereignty
- c. To rule over all

2. *His greatest blessing:*

Shiloh's coming would be through him (Messiah, The Saviour)

- a. People would be gathered to Him
- b. He would bring prosperity and abundance
- c. He would bring health

8 “Judah, your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons will bow down to you.

9 You are a lion's cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.
Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness — who dares to rouse him?

10 The sceptre will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs shall come
and the obedience of the nations
shall be his.

11 He will tether his donkey to a vine,
his colt to the choicest branch;
he will wash his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes will be darker than wine,
his teeth whiter than milk.

Jacob's Prophetic Blessing on Joseph

Genesis 49:22–26

<p>1. To be fruitful: <i>Blessed with large numbers and strong leadership</i></p> <p>2. To be harassed, <i>hated by enemies</i></p> <p>3. To stand firm, <i>steady — made strong by God</i></p> <p>a) The Almighty God of Jacob</p> <p>b) The Shepherd</p> <p>c) The Rock of Israel</p> <p>d) The God of Jacob</p> <p>e) The Almighty</p> <p>4. To be blessed</p> <p>a) With the blessings of heavenly rain and fertile soil</p> <p>b) With the blessings of springs and streams</p> <p>c) With many offspring</p> <p>5. To be blessed above his brothers</p> <p>a) As Jacob was blessed above his ancestors</p> <p>b) To the utmost</p>	<p>22 “Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.</p> <p>23 With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>25 because 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.</p> <p>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 brothers.”</p>
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