

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.