

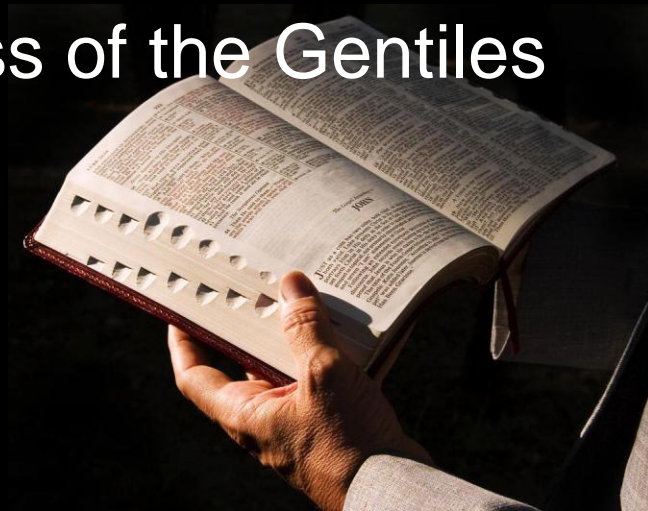
Understanding Israel

Blessings and Curses



Review

- Promise to Abraham – People, Land, Blessing
- Blessed = blessing or mixed, grafted
- 12 sons – only one is Judah (Jews)
- Joseph = firstborn (birthright & blessing)
- Ephraim and Manasseh (double portion)
- Ephraim = melo ha goyim (fullness of the Gentiles)



And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days . . .

NKJ Genesis 49:1



"Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.

NKJ Genesis 49:3



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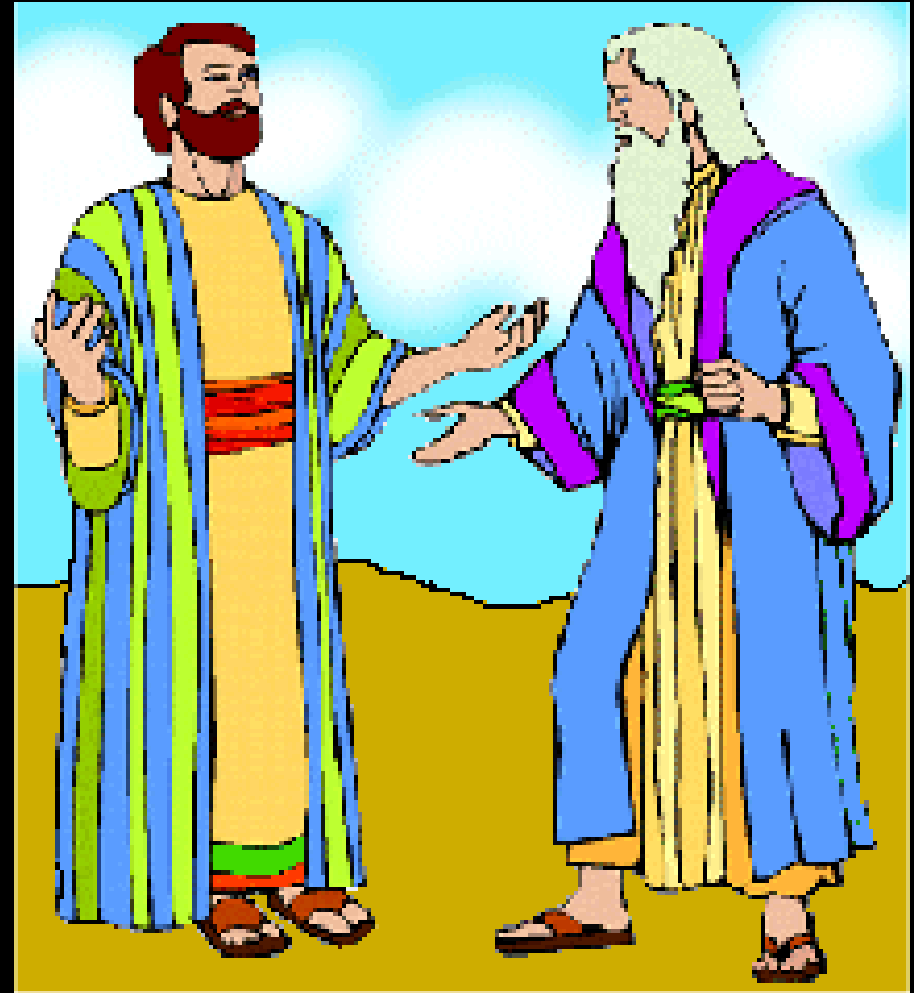
(you are) unstable as water, you shall not excel . . .

NKJ Genesis 49:4



And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.

ESV Genesis 43:8



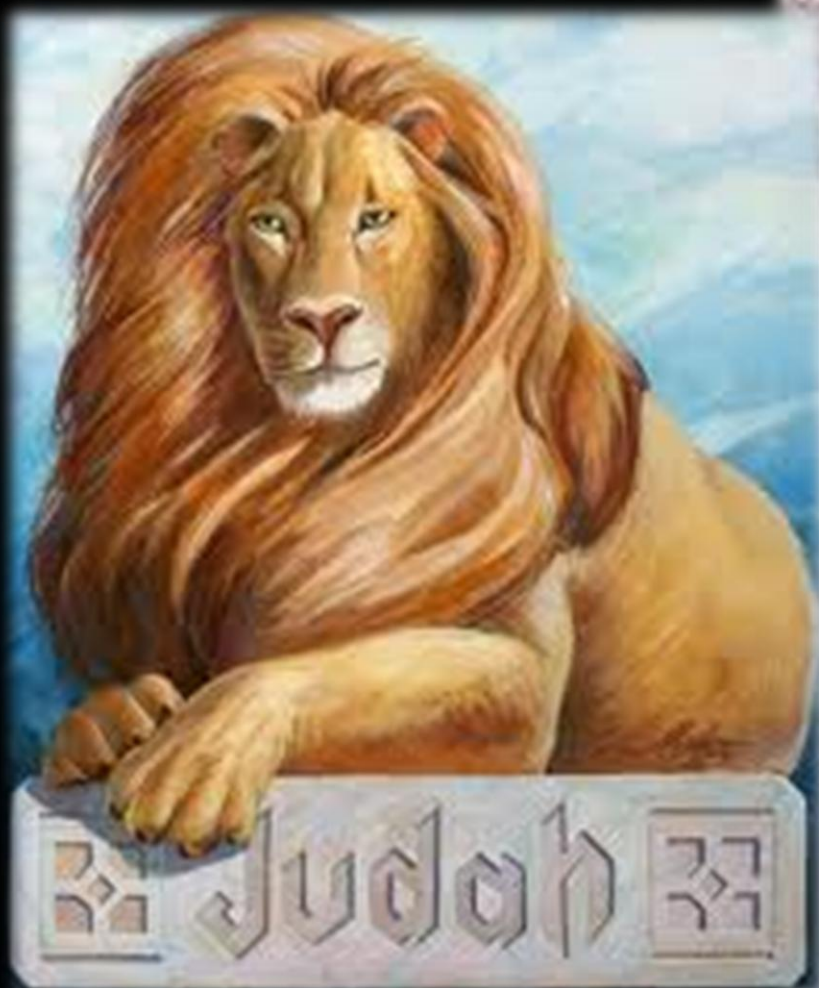
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NKJ Genesis 49:3

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**Strong
Weapon**



The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

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separated ones
consecrated ones
devoted ones

Nazarite

Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

ESV Genesis 15:13 - 14



And this he said of Judah: "Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him in to his people. With your hands contend for him, and be a help against his adversaries."

ESV Deuteronomy 33:7

And this he said of Judah: Hear, O LORD the voice of Judah And restore him to his people. Though his own hands strive for him, Help him against his foes.

TNK Deuteronomy 33:7

See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

ESV Deuteronomy 4:5-8

Leviticus 26
+
Deuteronomy 28
=
the Curse of the Law

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

NKJ Deuteronomy 29:29

The concealed plans of YHVH are always revealed to us and our sons as we apply the words of this Torah.

"For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

NKJ Mark 4:22-23

Review -

- Jacobs blessings given to Judah and Joseph
 - Kingship (strength) and Rulership given to Judah
 - Wealth, Population, Leadership given to Joseph
- Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land
- Israel's Purpose – to be a light of YHVH's ways
- Understanding of these things thru Torah

שְׁלוֹם לָכֶם

Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You

David is Anointed King Over All Israel

- Sets up the “Tabernacle of David”

Brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem

Builds a SUKKAH to cover it.

- A millennial symbol (Lev. 23:39 – 43)

Tabernacle of David synonymous with –

- The restoration (uniting) of the Kingdom of Israel
- The Millennial Kingdom



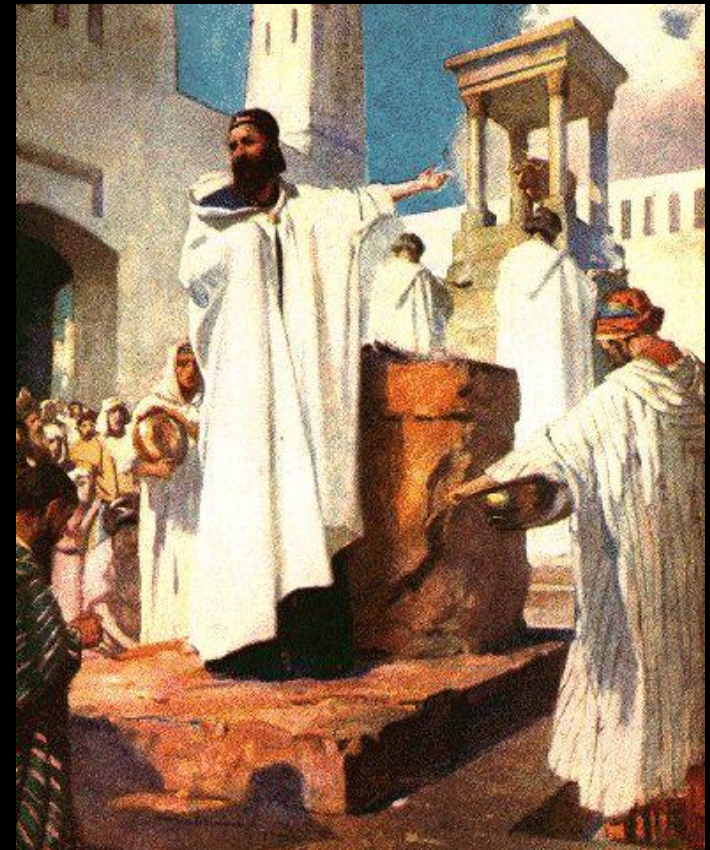
The Kingdom Divides

- God gives 10 tribes to Jeroboam
- Rehoboam (Solomon's son) tries to hang on the kingdom by being anointed king in Shechem.
 - Rehoboam heeds unwise council
- The northern tribes secede
 - Jeroboam becomes king over Israel



Characteristics of Israel *the Northern Tribes*

- Worshiped God via idols (golden calves)
- Made priests from all the people
- Changed the festivals (Sukkot)
- Instituted new festivals
- Made offerings on various altars
- Attempted to mimic the proper order of worship that God had previously established



the Israel Series

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