

Genesis 49:10
JUDAH BLEST CONCERNING SHILOH

- I. The setting.
 - A. Judah is the first son to receive a rich and unmixed blessing, with emphasis on the kingly part of the birthright blessing.
 - B. There is a prophetic play on the word “praise.”
 1. Leah named him “Judah” as “praise” and gratitude to God (29:35).
 2. Now Jacob applies the meaning of the name to Judah himself – he will be the object of the praise of his brothers (8).
 - C. Why is Judah worthy of praise? Was he more worthy than the older three? No!
- II. The content of Jacob’s blessing of Judah.
 - A. Judah will have the rule and dominion among the tribes of Israel.
 1. The “scepter” is the symbol of royal authority and command (cf. Ps. 45:6); a symbol of executive authority.
 2. The “lawgiver” is really the ruler’s staff.
 - B. In His kingship Judah gained victories over enemies, for which he receives praise.
 - C. Till “Shiloh” come. “Shiloh” is derived from a word which means “to be at rest, without cares.”
 - D. Jacob used this word as a proper name most fitting for law-giver and applied to His being King, King of the church.
- III. This position of kingship would “not depart from Judah.”
 - A. Consider the place of Judah in history.
 - B. It is not the case that “till” means that Judah would rule until Jesus came, and then Judah’s pre-eminence would end.
 1. The Headship portion of the birthright blessing given to Judah continued in his descendant: the Messiah.
 2. When the Son of David comes, and the scepter will never depart from Him; He holds it forever.