

Questions for Genesis 48

1. Jacob called all of his sons to his death bed to bless them at the same time. T F
2. Jacob did not have the strength to sit up in the bed when his son came to visit him. T F
3. Joseph brought his two sons to be blessed by his father. T F
4. Jacob adopted Joseph's eldest son. T F
5. Joseph's eldest son Ephraim was given a double portion of the blessing meant for Reuben. T F
6. Joseph was upset that Manasseh did not get a blessing from Jacob. T F
7. Jacob's eyes were still sharp in his old age. T F
8. Jacob crossed his arms when he presented the blessing to Joseph's sons. T F
9. Jacob was excited about seeing his grandsons after not seeing his favorite son for 20 years. T F
10. Just as Jacob was the younger son, Jacob blessed Ephraim instead of his older brother. T F
11. How was Joseph blessed by Jacob with a double portion?

Judah	Praise	Gen. 29:35
Reuben	See a son	Gen. 29:32
Gad	A troop	Rom. 11:25
Asher	Blessed or happy	Psa. 144:15
Naphtali	Wrestling	Eph. 6:12
Manasseh	Forgetting	Psa. 45:10
Simeon	Hearing	John 10:3
Levi	Joined	I Cor. 6:7
Issachar	Hire	I Cor. 3:5-9
Zebulun	Dwelling	I Cor. 3:16,17
Joseph	Adding	Matt. 6:33 Acts 2: 41,47
Benjamin	Son of my right hand	Deut. 33:12
Ephraim	Fruitful	Gen. 41:52
Dan	Judge	Gen. 30:6

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.¹

²Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

³Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:²

⁴Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel³; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

⁵Simeon and Levi⁴ are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

⁶O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.(Eph 4:26, 31)

⁷Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.⁵

⁸Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise⁶: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

⁹Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

¹⁰The sceptre shall not depart from Judah⁷, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come⁸; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

¹ This is Jacobs death bed prophesy.

² Jacob initially praises Reuben to show what he could have been. He then goes into what Reuben is.

³ None of the kings or prophets come from the line of Reuben.

⁴ Jacob puts Simeon and Levi together because they joined together to trick and kill the men of Shechem.

⁵ Eventually the tribe of Simeon is merged with the tribe of Judah, and the tribe of Levi become the priests, and they never receive a land inheritance.(Joshua 19:1)

⁶ Judah means praise.

¹¹ Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

¹² His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

¹³ Zebulun⁹ shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

¹⁴ Issachar¹⁰ is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

¹⁵ And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

¹⁶ Dan¹¹ shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

¹⁸ I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.¹²

¹⁹ Gad¹³, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

²⁰ Out of Asher¹⁴ his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

²¹ Naphtali¹⁵ is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

²² Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

²³ The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:¹⁶

⁷ The scepter is the symbol of power and rule. the one who held the scepter was responsible for giving the death penalty.

⁸ Shiloh is the prophesy of Christ

⁹ Zebulun is the fifth son of Leah. The land given to Zebulun was bordered on both sides by water.

¹⁰ Issachar is the sixth son of Leah. Jacob says he was strong, but lazy.

¹¹ Dan is the first son of Leah's hand maid Bilhah. The judge Samson was a descendent of Dan.

¹² This seems to be a pause in the prophesy, as Jacob apparently calls on the name of Jesus the Savior.

¹³ Gad means troop and he is the first son of Zilpah

¹⁴ Asher is the second son of Zilpah

¹⁵ Naphtali is the second son of Bilhah. Jacob does not distribute the prophesy in the birth sequence.

¹⁶ Jacob reviews the hardship Joseph was subject to.

²⁴ But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of **the mighty God** of Jacob; **(from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)**¹⁷

²⁵ Even by **the God of thy father**, who shall help thee; and by **the Almighty**, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

²⁶ The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

²⁷ **Benjamin**¹⁸ shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; **every one according to his blessing he blessed them.**¹⁹

²⁹ And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: **bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite**²⁰,

³⁰ In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

³² The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

³³ And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, **and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.**

¹⁷ Joseph is given the patriarch status of the brethren. Judah is given the kingly line, and Levi is given the priestly line.

¹⁸ Benjamin is predicted to be a mighty warrior. Saul, and Jonathan are from the line of Benjamin. In the book of Judges the tribe of Benjamin fought against the rest of the tribes and were almost successful.

¹⁹ Jacob is finished blessing his sons.

²⁰ Jacob requests to be buried with his fathers in Ephron.