

STUDY FORTY THREE

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Genesis 49:1-28

Introduction

Jacob's blessing of his sons continues.

Questions for Discussion

1.a) What does v.1 tell us about Jacob's words in this section?

b) Does prophecy always come to fulfilment?

c) What are some of the Bible prophecies that have been fulfilled?

d) Which prophecies still have not been fulfilled?

2.a) What does Jacob prophesy about Reuben (vv.3-4)?

b) Why did he lose his position as leader of the brothers? (See Gen. 35:22)

c) What does this tell us about the consequences of sin? (See Num. 32:23)

d) Who was given the blessing of the first-born? (See 1Ch. 5:1-2)

3.a) What was Jacob referring to in his prophecy about Simeon and Levi (vv.5-7)? (See also Gen. 34)

b) How would the tribe of Simeon be scattered? (See Jos. 19:1-9)

c) How would the tribe of Levi be scattered? (See Jos. 14:1-5)

d) How was Levi blessed after being disciplined for sin? (See Num. 1:1-4 & 47-53)

e) What does this teach us about God?

4.a) Apart from Joseph's sons which of Jacob's sons received the greatest blessing (vv.8-12)?

b) Who is the person to whom the sceptre belongs (v.10)? (See also Mt. 1 & Rev. 5:5)

c) What does the last prophecy in v.10 mean?

d) Review the life of Judah from Genesis 37-49. What does his life tell us about the way God deals with sinners? (See Eph. 2:1-10)

5.a) How was Joseph described (v.22)?

b) In what ways had Joseph's life already been fruitful?

c) How can we be fruitful people? (See Jn. 15:1-8)

6. What can we learn about God from Jacob's words?

7. Read 2Peter 1:3-4.

a) In what ways has God blessed us?

b) What are God's promises based on?

c) How should we respond to the blessings that God has given us?

For Further Thought And Action

How can your life be more fruitful?

Memory Verse

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3