

 Bible questions plan week 16 day 2 Genesis 49 World English Bible British Edition	
1 Jacob called to his sons, and said: “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which will happen to you in the days to come. 2 Assemble yourselves, and hear, you sons of Jacob. Listen to Israel, your father.* <i>* Suggested interpretation of Jacob's blessings on his sons is below.</i>	What did Jacob tell his sons about why he was calling them together?
3 “Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, excelling in dignity, and excelling in power. 4 Boiling over like water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father’s bed, then defiled it. He went up to my couch.	What did Jacob say about: Reuben?
5 “Simeon and Levi are brothers. Their swords are weapons of violence. 6 My soul, don’t come into their council. My glory, don’t be united to their assembly; for in their anger they killed men. In their self-will they hamstrung cattle. 7 Cursed 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.	Simeon and Levi?
8 “Judah, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your father’s sons will bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion’s cub. From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he crouched as a lion, as a lioness. Who will rouse him up? 10 The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs. The obedience of the peoples will be to him. 11 Binding his foal to the vine, his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes will be red with wine, his teeth white with milk.	What blessing did Jacob give to Judah?
13 “Zebulun will dwell at the haven of the sea. He will be for a haven of ships. His border will be on Sidon.	What did Jacob say about: Zebulun?
14 “Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between the saddlebags. 15 He saw a resting place, that it was good, the land, that it was pleasant. He bows his shoulder to the burden, and becomes a servant doing forced labour.	Issachar?
16 “Dan will judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. 17 Dan will be a serpent on the trail, an adder in the path, that bites the horse’s heels, so that his rider falls backward. 18 I have waited for your salvation, LORD.	Dan?
19 “A troop will press on Gad, but he will press on their heel.	Gad?
20 “Asher’s food will be rich. He will produce royal dainties.	Asher?
21 “Naphtali is a doe set free, who bears beautiful fawns.	Naphtali?
22 “Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine by a spring. His branches run over the wall. 23 The archers have severely grieved him, shot at him, and persecuted him: 24 But his bow remained strong. The arms of his hands were made strong, by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, (from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel), 25 even by the God of your father, who will help you, by the Almighty, who will bless you, with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb. 26 The blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my ancestors, above the boundaries of the ancient hills. They will be on the head of Joseph, on the crown of the head of him who is separated from his brothers.	What blessing did Jacob give to Joseph?
27 “Benjamin is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he will devour the prey. At evening he will divide the plunder.”	What did Jacob say about Benjamin?
28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them, and blessed them. He blessed everyone according to his own blessing. 29 He instructed them, and said to them, “I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 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 from Ephron the Hittite as a burial place. 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah, his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah, his wife, and there I buried Leah: 32 the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth.” 33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, breathed his last breath, and was gathered to his people.	What instructions did Jacob give his sons before he died?
<i>A suggested interpretation of Jacob's blessings on his sons in Genesis 49 v 3 to 27.</i> - Reuben will lose his privilege as firstborn because of his incest with Bilhah (v 3 and 4) - Simeon and Levi share the trait of violence. Simeon's tribe will occupy an area within Judah's tribal area. Levi's descendants will be scattered throughout the land (v 5 to 7) - Judah's tribe will provide the ruler of Israel. Jesus Christ came from the tribe of Judah (v 8 to 12) - Zebulun will be close enough to the sea to be involved with shipping (v 13) - Jacob says the tribe of Issachar will be strong but not over zealous, sometimes becoming servants to others (v 14 and 15) - The judge Samson will come from Dan. A group of Danites will show their character dealing with Micah in the time of the judges (v 16 and 17) - Being on the east of the Jordan, the tribe of Gad will be vulnerable to attack from Israel's enemies (v 19) - The tribe of Asher will have the rich fertile land by the Mediterranean Sea (v 20) - Naphtali will have an independent spirit encouraged by their position on the northern border (v 21) - Joseph's tribes Manasseh and Ephraim will be very fruitful because Joseph trusted in God through all his trials when he was sold by his brothers (v 22 to 26) - Benjamin's tribe will be very warlike (v 27)	
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