

## **JACOB'S FINAL WORDS TO HIS 12 SONS – PART 2**

**Genesis 49:16-33**

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### **6. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO DAN – vv. 16-18**

**a) Judicial Authority – v. 16** After Joshua's death, the tribe of Dan assumed the leadership overseeing the governmental and military activities. People need leadership  
*Judges 21:25; Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 12:15*

**b) Justifiably Avenging – v. 17** - known for its subtlety, cunningness and deception in order to gain an advantage over its enemies. Samson was good at this. *Judges 16:25-30*  
*Judges 18:30-31; Joshua 19:40-48; Revelations 7:4-8 ☹*

### **7. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO GAD – v. 19**

The location of their land inheritance made it easier for raiders to get at them. *1 Chronicles 12:8*. But Gad will always be victorious!

### **8. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO ASHER – v. 20**

*Near* the seacoast between Tyre and Carmel. His name means “happy” and Jacob pictured him in a fertile field, where wheat and wine and oil would be produced.

### **9. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO NAPHTALI – v. 21**

Although his lips dripped eloquent words, he is a wild! *Judges 1:33; Matthew 4:13-17*

### **10. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO JOSEPH – vv. 22-26**

**a) Abundantly Fruitful – v.22** A green tree constantly nourished by spring water which over time grows so tall and so wide that when its branches run against a wall it will grow over it and keep expanding.

**b) Abusive Fights – v. 23** the hardships Joseph went through.

**c) Armed Firmly – v. 24-25a**

**i. Joseph remained strong in the strength of God – v. 24** God strengthened Joseph with His might!

**ii. Joseph was helped by God – v. 25a** Jacob said my God, who helped me through my tedious journey is the same One who has helped you and will continue to help you.

**d) Abundantly Blessed – v. 25b** heavens (sky) to produce rain, earth's deep rivers and streams to provide for the animals. Then He would bless the women to give birth ***astronomically and be able to nurse each child.***

**e) Acknowledged with The Birthright – vv. 26.** The writer of 1 Chronicles places everything in context.  
*1Chronicles 5:1-2*

### **11. JACOB'S PROPHECY TO BENJAMIN – v. 27**

Benjamin's tribe would become a treacherous horde of people, that lacked conscience and mercy as they went ravaging through weaker nations. *Judges 19 & 20*

However each of them develops as individuals would be left up to the choices they make.

### **12. JACOB'S PARTING WORDS TO HIS 12 SONS – vv. 29-33**

It's the same requests he made of Joseph back in *Genesis 47:29-30* with a few more details.