

## Genesis 49:10

### The Scepter of Shiloh

**Text: Genesis 49:8-12**

#### Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. Furthermore, this Victor would also be kinsman of man who could serve as a daysman or mediator (Job 19:23-27).
4. In the seedline of Abraham, the promise had passed to Isaac, to Jacob, and now to Judah.
5. In God's promise to Judah it is learned that this Savior will institute a reign of peace...

#### I. A BRIEF HISTORY OF JUDAH

- A. He was the fourth son of Jacob and Leah (Gen. 29:35).
- B. He persuaded his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him (Gen. 37:26-27).
- C. He convinced Jacob to entrust Benjamin to his care when they travelled into Egypt (Gen. 43:8-9).
- D. He begged Joseph to spare Benjamin's life (Gen. 44:18ff).
- E. He committed fornication with his widowed daughter-in-law, Tamar, thinking that she was a prostitute (Gen. 38).

#### II. THE PROPHECY OF JUDAH (Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12)

- A. This prophecy was concerning the "last days" - the time of the Messiah.
- B. The prophecy of Judah was one of prosperity and power, strength and victory.
  1. Prominence over his brethren - Judah ("Praise") would be praised.
  2. As a young lion, Judah possessed strength; as an old lion, stability.
- C. The image of the scepter suggests the idea of rule and reign.
- D. Shiloh means "place of peace" and suggests a man of peace bringing a kingdom of peace.
- E. Finally, there would be victory and prosperity.

#### III. THE FULFILLMENT IN JESUS (Job 19:23-27)

- A. Jesus was a direct descendant of Judah (Heb. 7:14; Matt. 1:3; Luke 3:33).
- B. Jesus is the Great Lawgiver descended from Judah (2 Sam. 7:12-14; Psa. 60:7; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 5:5).
- C. Jesus is Shiloh, the place of peace and rest (Isa. 2:2-4; 9:6; Matt. 11:28-30; Luke 1:79; 2:14; 7:50; 8:48; 19:38, 42; John 14:27; 16:33; Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1; 10:15; 14:17; 15:13; Eph. 2:14-17; Col. 1:20; 2 Thes. 3:16).
- D. It is to Jesus that people gather (cf. Mark 12:37).