

## Genesis 49:13-15

A Haven & A Donkey

*Allotted periods and boundaries ...*

### I. Brothers 10 & 9

- A. Zebulun & the Zebulunites: *opportunity*
- B. Issachar and His Clans: *ease*
- C. The Geography of Redemption

### II. The Galilee Connection

- A. A Light in Darkness
- B. A Band of Galileans
- C. The Spread of the Gospel

### III. Insight for God's People

- A. Strategically Placed
- B. Seize Opportunity
- C. Ease or Ambition

*... that they should seek God.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Does God always have a plan for His people?
2. Will God use His people for His glory wherever they are?
3. The city of Nazareth may not be important to many people, but why is it important in the Bible?
4. How is the good news of Jesus spread?
5. The apostles started preaching in Jerusalem a long time ago but it did not stop then or there. How do we see proof of that in our time?

## Good from Nazareth?

If Nathaniel, “an Israelite in whom there is no guile,” can openly question whether or not “anything good can come out of Nazareth,” we might wonder too. While that territory had a reputation we soon discover that some of the best things come from there after all. The ninth and tenth sons of Jacob are not prominent figures, but the significance of the placement of the tribes Zebulun and Issachar in ancient times plays a big part the geography of redemption. If we fast forward from Jacob’s prophesies to the time of Christ we discover the two clans settled in what is known the land of Galilee familiar to us as the territory in which Jesus spent a great deal of time ... in fact the majority of his earthly life, His hometown being Nazareth (on the southern border of Zebulun). All the apostle except for Judas were Galileans, and it was these “men of Galilee” that God would use to begin the spread the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the “light for those living in the shadow of darkness,” to the world.