

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Jacob's blessing on His sons is a prophecy that hopes in the Church's salvation through Jesus Christ.

Sermon Point: *Wait on Jesus.*

Move 1: *Jacob's prophecy is true.*

Prophet, as Abraham (Gen. 20:7); Isaac (Gen. 27); Noah (Gen. 9:24-27). E.L. Bynum/ Pink:

- Rueben, vss. 3-4. Sin, Gen. 35:22. Fulfilled in 1 Chr. 5:1-2 (birthright to Joseph, rule to Judah). "Reuben prevailed in nothing." Tribe numerically weak, shrank (Num. 1:21; 26:7). Tribe settled in wilderness, smallest portion of PL (Num. 32:5). (See also Deut. 27:12-13; 2 King. 10:32-33).
- Simeon/Levi, vss. 5-7. Sin, Gen. 34:5-31. Fulfilled: Simeon's tribes shrinks (Num. 1:23; 26:14); portion of P.L. w/in Judah (Jos. 19:1-9). Levi's scattered in P.L. cities (Jos. 14:4; 21; Num. 35:8).
- Zebulun, vs. 13. Fulfilled: Josh. 19:10-11; Deut. 33:18, 19; 23:4; Ez. 28:22; 48:26 (haven for sea trade). 10th son, but mentioned after 4th (Judah). Jesus came out of Judah, but lived in Zebulun for 30 years (Galilee of Nazareth), a haven for Joseph/Mary from Herod (Mat. 2:13-23) and Him (Mt. 4:12-15; Isa. 9:1). Eleven of 12 apostles (not Judas) from Galilee. Jesus began His ministry mainly in area of Zebulun (Mt. 4:12-17). Eleven of the twelve disciples were from Galilee (Judas was not). When the religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus, He took refuge in Galilee (John 7:1 and 9).
- Issachar, vss. 14-15. Fulfilled: grew numerous/strong. Num. 26:25; 1 Chr. 7:5; 12:40.
- Dan, vss. 16-17. Fulfilled: Of low birth. Descendants omitted in 1 Chr. 2-10; Rev. 7 (probably due to first to go into idolatry: Judg. 18:30-31; see also Gen. 46:23; Num. 26:42; often mentioned last, 1 Chr. 27:16-22.). Judge: Samson in Judg. 13-16. "Serpent": Gen. 3:15? Treachery/cruelty, Jdg. 18.
- Gad, vs. 19. Fulfilled. Gilead: isolated, exposed to attacks by Ammonites/Midianites. First portion/ to go into captivity (Deut. 3:12-15; Judg. 11:4-6; 1 Chr. 5:18-22; 1 Sam 11:1; Jer. 49:1-2).
- Asher, vs. 20. Fulfilled. Olive oil and petrol now found here. Palm trees, near Mediterranean. Jos. 19:24-29. Royal dainties: Tyre in Asher, Hiram supplied David/Solomon. Luke 2:36-38 (Anna).
- Naphtali, vs. 21. "Wrestling". Fulfilled: Judg. 4:6. Mt. 11:21-23 (Chorazin/ Capernaum).
- Joseph, vss. 24-26. Fulfilled. Fruitfulness, 2 portions. Num. 13:7-8 (Joshua); Ezek. 47:13. Gen. 48. Manasseh gets lots of land; Ephraim means fruitfulness, becomes synonymous with Israel.
- Benjamin, vs. 27. Most fierce, warlike tribe. Judg. 3:15-22 (Ehud); 19:16; 20:16, 21-22; 2 Sam. 2:15-16; 3:15-22; 1 Chr. 8:40-42; 12:2; 2 Chr. 17:17. King Saul, 1 Sam. 9:1, 2. Saul, Phil. 3:5.
- Jeremiah 28:9

Move 2: *Jacob's prophecy is about salvation through the Church.*

Vs. 1: "after days": prophecy of their days toward Last Days/Day. Vs. 1-2, 28 "Gather" "all tribes." But they don't go into PL. Tribes views all the way to heaven: Rev. 7:5-8; 21:12. Meaning of Vs. 18, Jacob sees growing Church.

Move 3: Jacob's prophecy shows salvation by sovereign grace alone.

Rueben, Simeon, Levi passed over as first 3 sons due to temporal judgment. But none left out of the eternal blessing: Vs. 1-2, all gathered together. Vs. 28, all tribes. Vs. 25: Jacob himself wonders that he has more than fathers at his death (Gen. 47:9 and Gen 32:10). Yet sees the nation before his eyes, and its completion nearer to Shiloh coming.

Move 4: Jacob's prophecy is about salvation through the coming of King Jesus.

“Last days” (vs. 1) is about Heb. 1:2. Prophecy about Judah is about the coming of Jesus:

- Vs. 8: Judah: “praise”. All nations blessed by/will bless Son of Abraham through Gen. 3:15; 12:3. “Neck of enemies” David had (Ps. 18:40; 60, 108) as a type of Jesus: Psalm 110:7; Phil. 2:10-11.
- Vs. 11-12. “Wine”: famous vineyards: Sol. 1:14. “Washed garments”: Isa. 63:1-3; Rev. 19:13-15.
- “Lion”, vs. 9. Jdg. 1:1-4. Jesus' ascension after spilling blood. Rev. 5:5. Gen 59:10:
- The Lion of Judah is Jesus who will “gather a people” as the “Lawgiver”: Isa. 9:5-7; 11:1-10. Ps. 110:3 “willing people”; Eph 1:10
- “Scepter”: Fulfilled: 1 Chr. 5:2, rule. Fulfilled further in David (2 Sam. 5:1-3; Ps. 72:1-5). In full in Jesus: Psalm 45:6 w/ Hebrews 1:8. Ps. 110:4; Hebrews 7:14. “Shiloh” is the Messiah Who has come and taken the “Scepter” to extend it across the world. Judah lasted after Israel was no more. The tribe held the Scepter “until Shiloh come”. Now no Judah. Why? Shiloh (Jesus) has come. And He will come again.

Conclusion:

Wait on Jesus.