

Hope beyond Egypt Genesis 49-50

I. Revelation – Gen. 49

1. Jacob speaks prophetically to his sons – 1, 2
God gave him insight concerning each tribe
2. Reuben is unstable & shall not excel – 3, 4
Firstborn but he defiled his father's bed
3. Simeon & Levi will be scattered – 5-7
Their anger was turned into cruelty
4. Judah will be exalted as the royal tribe – 8-12
Line of Judah will be the royal line of David
Climaxing with Messiah, the one worthy to rule
There will be great abundance under His reign
5. Zebulun will be a haven for ships – 13
Appears to reach beyond Israel's borders
6. Issachar is strong but content to rest – 14-15
He will therefore become subject to tribute
7. Dan will judge but also be a serpent– 16-17
Judge in Samson but also a leader in idolatry
8. Jacob's hope is in God's salvation – 18
9. Gad will be attacked but finally overcome – 19
More vulnerable settling on east side of Jordan
10. Asher will be a source of delicacies – 20
He will feed many and supply great resources
11. Naphtali brings Good News – 21
This tribe settled in a portion of Galilee
After salvation in 18 he predicts good news
12. Joseph is a fruitful branch – 22-26
He prevailed even though being persecuted
Great blessings are pronounced on him
He will become two tribes in Israel
13. Benjamin will be a warlike tribe – 27
In the Judges, Ehud, King Saul
14. Jacob blessed his sons, bid farewell – 28-33
He gave them instructions for his burial
Jacob then died

II. Reassurance – Gen. 50

1. Jacob's sons buried him as he desired – 1-14
All Egypt mourned with Joseph & his brothers
A large procession carried him back to Israel
2. Joseph reassures his brothers – 15-21
They still feared some retaliation – 15-18
Joseph reassures them of forgiveness – 19-21
He sees it all as a part of God's plan
3. Joseph dies with a request – 22-26
He wants his bones returned when Israel returns