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Shabbat Message

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Gen 47:28-50:26

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Fruitful Seed

Introduction

We finally come to the end of the Book of Genesis and we see that Jacob is dying and so He wants to send His sons away with prophecies that are fitting their characters. This is their parting gift and this is the promise of their inheritance. We are all waiting for our heavenly inheritance if we are believers and this is pointing that very thing. The Sons of Israel get the Promised Land as their inheritance which is what we see with Joshua. However today we are

going to be talking about what it is to be a fruitful son.

Joseph the Fruitful Son

Genesis 49:22-23

1. Joseph was a fruitful son physically because He would go on to the largest of the Tribes with two combined.
2. Joseph was a fruitful son spiritually because He would become a multitude of nations spiritually through His son Ephraim.
3. Joseph was also a fruitful son with people who would be able bodied men who would fight both physically and spiritually.

Joseph the Unlikely Warrior

Genesis 49:24

1. Yehovah filled Joseph's bow was always quick moving only by the hands of the Might One of Yaakov.
2. The Stone of Israel might be an indirect reference to the Stone that is in Bethel. The one Jacob anointed when He saw Yehovah High and Lifted up. (Psalm 118:22; Isa. 28:16; 1 Peter 2:6-8).
3. Also the Shepherd picture here is again prevalent because Yehovah is our shepherd and

even Yeshua calls Himself the Good Shepherd in John 10.

From the Elohim of Your Father

Genesis 49:25

1. Yehovah the God of our Father helps us which is the word eben in Hebrew where we also get the word stone.
2. Shaddai will bless you. This may be a faint reference to the Triunity in this verse of Scripture. EL Shaddai.
3. The blessings will come from 3 ways 1.)From the Heavens 2.)Blessings of the deep. that lies below 3.) Blessings from the womb and from the breasts which is the fruit of the womb.

Blessings of the Ancient Mountains

Genesis 49:26

1. The blessings of Jacob surpassed the blessing of the ancient mountains. Ancient Mountains can also mean Angelic beings or even the Heavenly Mountains. Deuteronomy 33:15; Habakkuk 3:6.
2. Basically Jacob was saying the blessings even from all of the everlasting hills have come upon Joseph head.

3. This was talking about how Joseph ascended into the highest office of the land just under Pharaoh.

His Suitable Blessings

Genesis 49:28-29

1. Jacob blessed all twelve tribes with a suitable blessing! Or with a Barach Baracha! Double Blessing. (Deut. 28:2; Psalm 67:6; James 1:17; Psalm 128:1-2).
2. Then he charged them I am about to be gathered unto my people...what could this mean?
3. Answer: Jacob is gathered to Abraham and all of His ancestors both physically through death but also spiritually as well in the after life. The Patriarchs were very big believers that life existed after death. There is conscious existence of life after death. (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Take Away

1. Jacob gives his sons suitable blessings just for them.
2. Joseph is represented as 2 tribes in one. Ephraim and Manasseh.
3. Being gathered unto your people is another way of saying we are going to join our ancestors in death and in the afterlife.

Application

1. I will rejoice that Yeshua has blessed me with suitable blessings just for us.
2. I will continue to rejoice that Yehovah will surround and protect us if we belong to him.
3. I will prepare myself today for when it is my time to gathered unto my people.

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