

Genesis 49:10-11

Genesis 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

"The scepter" was a staff or rod which served as an emblem of royal or kingly authority. Psalms 45:6-7 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows

and Hebrews 1:8-9 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

(B) Jacob (Israel) has had twelve sons but it is Judah that is to be the kingly tribe and through whom the Redeemer is to come.

(C) "Lawgiver". Hebrew word: khaw-kak', to engrave or enact, appoint, decree and the power of capital punishment. In a lesser sense, the kings of Judah who are to come will have authority to rule by decree or enact Laws and carry out capital punishment. But in a far greater sense, the Lord is the Law Giver (Isaiah 33:22) and the Lord Jesus is the Law Giver who can save (James 4:12).

(D) "Shiloh", Hebrew shee-lo, take out an epithet of the Messiah, literally meaning here: "To Him to Whom it belongs". What belongs? The scepter! The real King, the real Law Giver who is to come of the tribe of Judah !

(E) The people will be "gathered" by the Messiah or Redeemer. "Gathered" in Hebrew yaw-keh, is to obey, obedience, the saved will obey Him.

(F) When the Messiah comes. His coming to present Himself will have something to do with a "foal", an "ass's colt. Cf MK. 11:1ff

Mar 11:1-11 And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and

bring *him*. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strowed *them* in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed *be* the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve

Thus we close our study in the book of Genesis, step by step we have noted the development of the Messianic idea and the promises of the "Seed" or the Child to come in this first book of the Bible.