

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:8-12

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Gen 49:12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Genesis 49:8 A. Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Hebrew Judah praise of the Lord tribe so eminent, glorious superior power dignity

B. thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Describes war like character: assigned first lot promised land. Caleb 1st laid hands the neck enemies cf: Joshua 14:11 & king David Psalm 18:40

C. thy father's children shall bow down before thee ... Kingly or ruling tribe.

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Stages strength tribe compared grown lion, nursing lioness fiercest standard Judah David secure terror of his name cf: I Chronicles 14:17

Thus city of David called Ariel Hebrew the Lion of God. Isaiah 29:1 Woe to Ariel ...

Our Lord Himself, who was Judah's most illustrious descendant was called cf:

Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof

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"Until" Duration power this tribe is determined. The scepter staff emblem royal or kingly authority & civil government cf:(will be broken) Isaiah 14:5 (Restored) Psalms 45:6-7 (When Christ) Hebrews 1:8-9 Judah that is to be the kingly tribe government continue David until Shiloh or the Messiah until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Lawgiver Hebrew khaw-kak', enact, decree power of capital punishment. lesser sense, the kings of Judah authority Greater sense, the Lord is the Law Giver cf: Isaiah 33:22 & James 4:12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Rome banished Arch-el-aus Herod's son for mal-administration power of life and death was taken away from the Jews cf: John 18:31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

Shiloh, Hebrew shee-lo, an epithet of Messiah, literally To Him to Whom it belongs. from shalach to send forth What belongs? The scepter! The real King, the real Law Giver who is to be sent forth out of the tribe of Judah !

The people will be "gathered" by the Messiah or Redeemer. "Gathered" in Hebrew yaw-keh, is to obey, obedience, the saved will obey Him. Luke 6:46

Genesis 49:11 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: When the Messiah comes. His coming to present Himself will have something to do with a "foal" "ass's colt. Cf: Matthew 21:1-11

The Children of Israel were symbolized by the vine cf: Psalm 80:8 & Isaiah 5:1ff Our Lord styled Himself as the true vine cf:

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

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This same imagery is used describing the return of Christ in Revelation cf: Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (cf: Isaiah 63)

The vengeance to be inflicted upon all His enemies, the enemies of the Church and the enemies of faithful Christians is expressed in the symbolical imagery of: washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: It represents His garments crimsoned in blood of His foes and their immense bloody slaughter

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The strength and wholesomeness of Shiloh's or the Messiah's doctrine are next represented by His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

And in the same way Isaiah the prophet invites the world to embrace the coming Gospel of Christ cf:

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price & Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and Bride say come ...

Isaiah 8:6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, Our Lord the last day of the feast invited the Jews to come to Him cf: John 7:37-39

Jesus compared His doctrine wine required being put new skins Matthew 9:17

The Gospel is repeatedly represented as affording milk for babes

I Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby & Hebrews 5:12-13

This important prophecy concerning Judah states:

- 1. The warlike character and conquests of this tribe.**
- 2. The end of their civil and religious government at the coming of Christ.**
- 3. His meek and lowly inauguration at that time as spiritual King of the Jews riding on an ass like the ancient judges and prophets.**
- 4. His coming again in power and glory to trample on all His foes.**
- 5. His ability to save and teach and instruct a faithful people.**

