

PROPHETIC WARNING

to **COVENANT PEOPLE**

Scripture Reading:
Genesis 49:1-2, Deuteronomy 33:1

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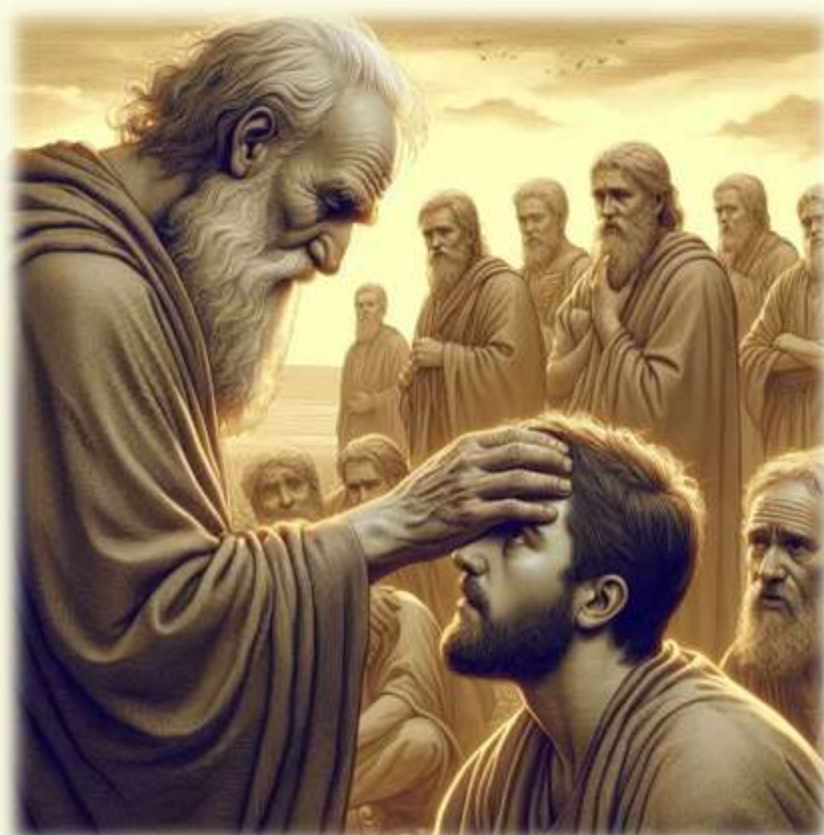
¹ And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

² Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1

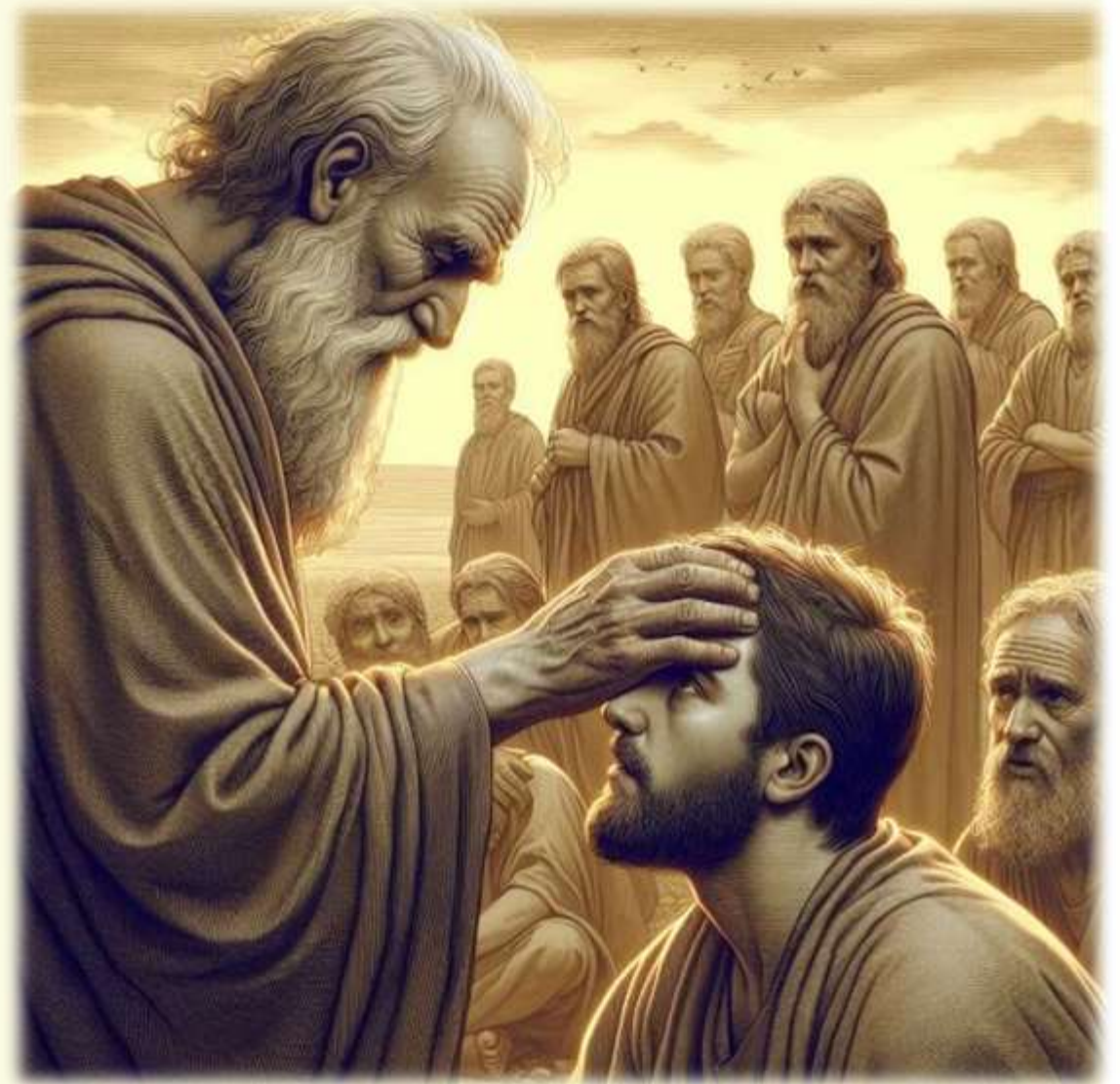
And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33 are a powerful comparison because both chapters contain prophetic blessings and warnings over the tribes of Israel, from two different leaders at two different moments in history.



Genesis 49 is Jacob's parting words. It is prophetic and corrective.

The **focus** is on **character and future destiny**.



Deuteronomy 33 is Moses' parting words.

It is encouraging and affirming.

And the focus of Deuteronomy 33 is on blessing and divine favor.

Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33 are not just historical events.

They are deeply personal for believers today.



1. God sees you honestly
– but does not leave you there.

God sees your real condition – strength and weaknesses.

He does not pretend or ignore sin.

Reuben is the **firstborn:**

Position of Privilege

Inheritance

Authority

Genesis 49:4 says, 'Unstable as water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it.'

Water has not fixed shape.

No stability of Character

Reuben has moments of good intention – but no consistency.

He started well but did not finish strong.

He is driven by impulse instead of conviction.

Instability is dangerous. Unstable as water can look like:

- Inconsistent faith
- Emotional decision-making.
- Many of us, we make decision, even give advice based mainly on how you feel rather than on careful thinking as a child of God.
- Lack of self-control
- Easily swayed by temptation

Even though Reuben was still a son, like we are still Christian:

- He lost privilege and influence
- Sin does not remove your salvation but it affects usefulness, spiritual authority, and impact.

God says in Deuteronomy 33:6: 'Let Reuben live, and not die.'

**2. You are not disqualified, you are
reassigned**

Genesis 49:5-7, Deuteronomy 33:8

Genesis 49:5-7

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self will they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:8

And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah.

What was the issue in Levi in Genesis 49:

Violence and anger

Uncontrolled temperament

Misuse of strength

None assigned

But something happened.

It has to do with character.

When others sinned at the golden calf incident, Levi stood with God.

Today we live in a compromising culture: even churches compromise. We say:

Truth is relative

Do what is right

Don't be too extreme about your faith

Many Christians:

Stay quiet

Blend in

Avoid standing out

And we have hidden sin, live a double life (**church life verses private life**), justify wrong behavior.

We follow Christ even when it cost us:

Relationship

Comfort

Reputation

And God gave them a very special gift.

Deuteronomy 33:8 says, 'And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah.'

Thummim and Urim are **sacred objects** used by Levi to **discern God's will**.

Urim means **light and revelation**.

Thummim means perfection and truth.

- They are entrusted with divine guidance.
- They become God's voice.
- They have spiritual authority.
- They learned obedience through difficult seasons

3. God finishes what He starts

Genesis 49:8 says, 'Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise.'

Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33 shows Judah moves from prophetic destiny to established strength.

The name Judah literally means **'praise.'**

'Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies'
means you have total control in battle and enemies will be subdued.

'Your father's children shall bow down before you.'

How does it apply to us as believers?

Your identity is **rooted in praise.**

Judah shows us that those who live in praise **will walk in victory and authority.**

To live in praise, it means:

- We respond to life **(whatever it is and however it is)** with gratitude instead of bitterness
- We acknowledge God even in pressure
- Our attitude stays anchored in God's goodness

The scepter shall not depart from Judah.

God finishes what He starts:

Because you are in Christ, you can trust:

God will not abandon your calling

God will not stop halfway

God will complete your spiritual formation

So, in parting words I urge you:

Trust God in unfinished season even when nothing seem to change

Stay faithful in process because God is still working

Stop giving up on yourself because God is not finished with you

Believe your future is secure in Christ because Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise.

