

Judah's Scepter

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Introduction:

A. Gen. 49:8-12 - Exegete - 1Chron. 5:2

1. Gen. 49:8 - The name Judah means "praise the Lord" in Hebrew. This tribe will be so preeminent and glorious that the rest of the tribes will acknowledge Judah's superior power and place.
 - a. Judah became the majority tribe of the southern kingdom from which the Jews and Jesus came.
 - b. They would become the dominant military tribe to which was given the first lot of the promised land, conquered by Caleb who was the first to hands on the necks of his enemies and subdue them - Joshua 14:11; Psalm 18:40
 - c. They would be the tribe that would rule the other tribes.
2. Gen. 49:9 - In the different stages of Judah's strength, they are compared to a lion cub, a full grown lion, and a nursing lioness, the fiercest of all. From that point onward, the lion became the standard and symbol of Judah.
 - a. 1Chron. 14:17; Rev. 5:5
3. Gen. 49:10 - The scepter was a staff that served as an emblem of royal authority and civil government - Isa. 14:5; Psalm 45:6-7; Heb. 1:8-9
 - a. This would continue until Jesus came and established His eternal kingdom - 2Sam. 7:12-14; Isa. 33:22; James 4:12
 - b. Shiloh, Hebrew shee-lo, a name for the Messiah, literally meaning: "To Him to Whom it belongs." Derived from shalach "to send forth."
 - c. Obedience in Hebrew is yaw-keh, which is to obey, obedience, meaning that the saved will obey Him - Luke 6:46
4. Gen. 49:11; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:5 - The Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to His crucifixion.
 - a. Israel is portrayed as grapevine to which Jesus would be bound.
 - b. Psalm 80:8; Isa. 5:1-7
 - c. Washing His clothes in wine - John 15:1; Rev. 19:13
5. Gen. 49:12 - He will have wine and milk to fill Him, referring to the abundant blessings He and His will enjoy - Isa. 55:1, 12:3
 - a. Isaiah said the Jews would reject the flowing blessings in Christ.
 - b. Isa. 8:6; John 7:37-38; 1Peter 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14

I. JESUS IS SHILOH WIELDING THE ETERNAL SCEPTER

A. Jesus manifested the two great attributes of Shiloh:

1. The Anointed One - Luke 4:18; Isa. 61:1-3
2. The Sent One; Hebrew Shiloh - sent forth
 - a. And Greek - ap-os-tel'-lo
 - a. Matt. 15:24; John 17:3, 20:21; Heb. 3:1

B. Jesus fulfilled all of the secondary attributes of Shiloh.

1. The warrior character of Shiloh - Rev. 19:11-16
2. His ending of the Jewish civil and religious government - Col. 2:14-15
3. His meek inauguration as spiritual King of the Jews riding on donkey like the ancient judges, great prophets, and kings bringing peace.
4. His ability to instruct and save faithful people - John 3:2; Heb. 7:25

II. THE SHILOH HAS COME AND NOW REIGNS

A. Luke 24:44-47; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:20; Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:5-6, 23