



Right Definitions For The Right Results, Part 4 (Right Family Results)

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Statement: Jacob gave an incredible summary of his family's success and mistakes. He is brutally honest and painfully frank. He accuses them of incest, strife, adultery, violence, anger, praise and worship.

Reuben

Incest:

- Genesis 49:1 Then Jacob called for his sons and said: “Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. 2 “Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel. 3 “**Reuben**, you are my firstborn, my might, the first sign of my strength, excelling in honor, excelling in power.

Strife and Adultery

- 4 **Turbulent** as the waters, **you will no longer excel**, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it.

Simeon and Levi

Violence and Anger

- 5 “Simeon and Levi are brothers— their swords are **weapons of violence**. 6 Let me not enter their council, let me not join their assembly, for they have killed men in their anger and hamstringed oxen¹ as they pleased. 7 **Cursed be their anger, so fierce**, and their fury, so cruel! I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel.

Judah

Praise and Worship

- 8 “Judah, **your brothers will praise you**; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. 9 You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? 10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. 11 He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

Zebulun

He Loves the Port and Ships

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/Israelites-hamstring-horses.html>

- 13 “Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend toward Sidon.

Issachar

He Loves the Hard Work of Sheep Farming

- 14 “Issachar is a rawboned donkey lying down among the sheep pens. 15 When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his shoulder to the burden and submit to labor

Dan

He will be like a Snake and a Viper

- 16 “Dan will provide justice for his people as one of the tribes of Israel. **17 Dan will be a snake by the roadside, a viper along the path**, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider tumbles backward. 18 “I look for your deliverance, Lord.

Gad

He will be a Fighter

- 19 “Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders, but he will attack them at their heels.

Asher

He will be a Cook that provides good food

- 20 “Asher’s food will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

Naphtali

He will be a Free Spirit like a Doe or female deer

- 21 “Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.

Joseph

He is a Fruitful Person that is steady

- 22 “Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.
- 23 With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. 24 But **his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber**, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, 25 because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb. 26 Your father’s blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

Benjamin



He is like a Wolf that devours

- 27 “Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.”

Summary

- 28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

Prime Questions:

- **How honest are you about your kids?**
- **How much were Jacob's other kids like him?**

Q/A Time