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Hear the Voice of Judah

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Hear the voice of Judah DIG: How does Moshe's prophecy clarify Jacob's prophecy? Who is the "Him" in this prophecy? When will that take place?

REFLECT: By what names do you call out to ADONAI? As you read through these blessings, what names imply God's blessings? How does that encourage you?

On the day Moses died, he delivered his final blessing and then ascended Mount Nebo to view the Land of Promise from afar.

The blessing on **Judah** is much shorter than the one found in **Genesis 49:8-12**, and has no Messianic overtones. It does not deny those overtones, but assumes that **the Israelites** are already aware of them. It seems clear that the last line that it has reference to is military matters. After all, **Judah** was to march at the head of **the Israelite** army whenever they entered the field of battle (**Numbers 2:9**).⁶⁹¹ So, this **blessing** was basically a prayer for **Judah's** military success by **God's** help.



The next tribe mentioned is **Judah**, from which **the Messiah** would come (see the commentary on **Revelation**, to see link click **Ce - The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David Has Triumphed**). **Moshe** knew it, not only from Jacob's prophecy (see the commentary on **Genesis Lg - The Scepter Will Not Depart from Judah Until He Comes to Whom It Belongs**), but from this new

revelation: **Now this is for Judah. He** said: **Hear, ADONAI, the voice of Judah! Bring Him to his people. His hands contended for him, so You will be a help against his foes.** Who is the **Him** in this verse? It cannot be **Moses**. It has to be **the Messiah**.

It is puzzling that **Moses** omits the tribe of **Simeon** from **his** blessings. You may recall from **Genesis** that **Jacob** blessed the tribes of **Simeon** and **Levi** with a “blessing” that was more like a curse. **He** prophesied that **they** would be **dispersed in Jacob and scattered in Isra’el (Genesis 49:7)**. As it happened, **Simeon** never really did hold **his** own territory. The tribe of **Simeon** diminished in size until it was swallowed up by **Judah**. **The Simeonites** were assimilated into **Judah**, and **their** territory came to be regarded as **Judah’s**.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** that **You** are the best that ever could be! Thank **You** that you bless **Your children (John 1:12)** with an eternal blessing of joy and peace in heaven where there will be **no tears and no pain. He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4)**. Thank **You** for the opportunity to bless **You** by fighting battles for **Your** honor. **Judah** marched out leading **Isra’el (Numbers 2:9)**. **Judah** also led **his brothers** in the very emotional battle over **Benjamin (Genesis 44:18-34)**.*

***You** have granted us the wonderful joy and privilege of showing our love for **You** by what choices we make as we fight battles for **You**. There are many battles in this life. The time battle calls for my attention to do x, y, and z, all in a short time. The money battle begs for resources to care for family and future. The emotional battle tries to sort out what is important to do and how to best handle the many problems that come my way. Praise **You** that when **Your children** run to **You**, **You** are always right there with us, helping and guiding (**Psalms 139; Hebrews 13:5**).*

*In your graciousness, **You** have promised rewards for **your children (John 1:12, Romans 10:9-10)** as **they** serve **You**, based on **their** heart attitude. **Now he who plants and he who waters work as one, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor . . . let each consider carefully how he builds on it. For no one can lay any other foundation than what is already laid - which is Yeshua the Messiah. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear. For the Day will show it, because it is to be***



revealed by fire; and the fire itself will test each one's work - what sort it is (First Corinthians 3:8, 10c-13). Whatever the reward might be, it will be a joy to lay it at **Your** feet in worship of you (**Revelation 4:10**). The reward of pleasing you is the greatest reward! It is a joy and a privilege to fight earthly battles for **You**. Thank **You** for the times of trials and problems in my life; for though they are not pleasant, they allow me to turn to you for **Your** help and to glorify **You** in my choices. I rejoice in serving **You** - in good times and in hard times. I love **You!** In **Yeshua's** holy name and **His** power of resurrection. Amen