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**All in God’s Family**

Genesis 49

* How are the two heroes, Judah and Joseph recognized in Genesis 49?
* All of Jacob's sons shared in the Promise and Blessing

(1 Chronicles 5:1-2 gives a long-later perspective.) Why is that encouraging and a warning at the same time?

* Judah is woven into the Messianic Message of the Old Testament at Genesis 49:10. Jesus was the fulfillment of that prophecy. What part of that are we still waiting to see?
* Jesus said there are only two kinds of people in this world, what are the two? (John 3:16-21; 14:6) Why is that so irksome to the world?
* There are hundreds of years between Judah and the King of Kings, Jesus. What are some things that you may not see in your life but for which you work and wait?
* How confident are you about what God has promised based on what we have seen so far? How does that confidence affect the way you live?

**The LORD's Messianic Message in the Law to:**

***The Snake-***

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

***Abraham*-**

**Genesis 12:3** ...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

***Judah-***

**Genesis 49**:**10** The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his..

***The Nation of Israel-***

**Numbers 24:17** I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.

**Deuteronomy 18:15** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

***The Reader of The Law-***

**Deuteronomy 34:10** Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses...