

## GENESIS 49; February 18; Jacob Blesses His Sons

### ANALYSIS:

1. Reuben is Jacob's firstborn but is stripped of that honor because of sin (35:22) and declared to be \_\_\_\_\_ as water.
2. Simeon and Levi's anger is cursed in the slaughter of Shechem's family (34:25) and Jacob says "I will \_\_\_\_\_ them in Jacob, and \_\_\_\_\_ then in Israel."
3. Judah, the fourth born, is appointed the family head before whom the other sons shall bow down, and the sceptre shall be with him until \_\_\_\_\_ come.
4. To whom does Jacob give the credit for Joseph's survival, strength and blessings? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did Jacob request to be buried after he dies? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The dissolute actions of some of Jacob's sons resulted in their loss of blessing from their father. Some of our actions carry consequences which cannot be evaded. Thus it is better to think through to the outcome of a given action or decision, rather than rush into hasty conduct which can result in disgrace.

If you are prone to speedy responses; slow down, and cool off before speaking or acting. Perhaps you need to seek the counsel of a spiritual friend. "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly" Pro 14:29.

### HELP:

1. Unstable (v 4).
2. Divide, scatter (v 7).
3. Shiloh (v 10).
4. The mighty God of Jacob (v 24), the God of thy father (v 25).
5. In the cave in the field of Machpelah which Abraham bought (v 30).