

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 49-50

Chapter 49

- Is there anything in the passage that makes you believe that Jacob was aware that he would be speaking prophetically over his sons?
- Why do you think Jacob addressed his sons in birth order?
- In the comments made to Judah what do you see that gives us any insights into the coming of Messiah?
- What does Jacob say that speaks of an overflowing abundance toward the tribe of Judah?
- How would you sum up Jacob's words to his son, Joseph?

Chapter 50

- How do Joseph's actions regarding the carrying out of his father's dying wishes speak to his character?
- In **verse 15** what does fear cause Joseph's brothers to do?
- What did the sons of Jacob say to Joseph and what do their actions tell you about the power of guilt?
- What was Joseph's reaction and why did he react that way?
- How is Joseph an example to us all in his reaction to his brothers?
- Read **Colossians 3:12–13**. How did Joseph's action align with the Apostle Paul's words to all followers of Christ?
- How can Christians stay free from bitterness and resentment?