

HE CAME FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

Foretold

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. Gen 49:10 NIV

Jacob was on his deathbed. Reuben, the oldest son, was seen to be unworthy because of great sin to receive the authority usually given to the firstborn, and this honor was passed on to Judah. He was the fourth in the line, likened to a lion cub by his soon-to-die father. All the twelve sons stood around the aged Jacob as he blessed his grieving family before his passing. Jacob was indeed frail and so weak that day, but knew his sons well.

Indeed, Jacob--or Israel, as he was named by God--knew Reuben thoroughly, and although he still was proud of him (Reuben was born first in the large family), and made him an example of how sin shouldn't ever be condoned.

Next in age, but also unworthy according to their father were Simeon and Levi, who exhibited cruelty in their dealings with a whole town, Schechem.

Of course, Jacob was next. In scripture, Jacob says, Gen. 49:10:

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Until he comes to whom it belongs*

And the obedience of the nations is his. NI V

Jacob continued with six of his other sons Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, and Naphtali, then the two sons of his favorite wife Rachael--Joseph and Benjamin.

Many of the kings from Judah's offspring, like David and Solomon, would rule in the most productive decades of their history. Others were unbelievably wicked and interested only in themselves.

But Judah would provide the stream from which Jesus would eventually come and he would be God's plan for the redemption of His beloved creation. Jesus would come and offer Himself on the hill of Calvary at the hands of his enemies as a perfect sacrifice for the inherited sin nature of Man.

Fulfilled:

Luke 3:23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,

Luke 3:24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

Luke 3:25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

Luke 3:26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

Luke 3:27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

Luke 3:28 the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

Luke 3:29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Mattath, the son of Levi,

Luke 3:30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

Luke 3:31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

Luke 3:32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

Luke 3:33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah