

THE SCEPTER GIVEN TO JUDAH

Printed Text: *Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:24-26; 49: 10-12*

Bible Background: *Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:24-26; 49: 10-12*

Devotional Reading: Numbers 24:2 - 9, 15 - 17

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **SUMMARIZE** the structure of Jacob’s family
- **EXPLAIN** the connections among the three sections of the lesson text
- **STATE** a way to overcome a family dysfunction for increased service to the Lord

INTRODUCTION: Jacob’s family tree had quite a reputation for going against the will of God. His four older sons had committed several offences against God. Reuben, the oldest, had committed adultery; Levi and Simeon had committed murder; and Judah followed their path. Judah was callous and greedy. His act toward Tamar was not in ignorance; it was self-serving. However, when Judah was confronted with the exposure of an adulterous relationship, he confessed his sins.

KEY VERSE:

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Genesis 49:10 / KJV

LESSON:

Jacob’s Family

Genesis 35:22b - 26

Judah’s Humbling

Genesis 38:24 - 26

SUMMARY: As Jacob was about to die, he called his family together. The patriarch spoke blessings and curses on his children as he prophesied over them. This is in spite of the shame Judah had brought upon himself. Jacob blessed Judah, saying that his brothers would praise him and bow down to him. This is quite an announcement to someone with such a questionable past. God did not write Judah off. He showed grace to Judah and worked out His sovereign plan even through Judah's wrong choices. God extends His grace and mercy toward us as well. No matter who we are or what we have done, He demonstrates His love toward us. [Romans 5:8]

QUESTIONS:

1. *How can people respond fairly and in good time to an unjust situation?*
2. *How should a person respond when confronted with their unrighteousness or sinful decisions?*
3. *In what ways are this lesson's Scripture texts applicable to modern audiences?*

Daily Bible Readings for
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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Sept. 19 th	Tamar Asserts Her Rights	Genesis 38:12-19, 24-26
Tue., Sept. 20 th	Ruth Gives Birth to Obed	Ruth 4:9-17
Wed., Sept. 21 st	God's Blessings for Israel	Numbers 23:18-26
Thurs., Sept. 22 nd	A Scepter Shall Rise from Israel	Numbers 24:2-9, 15-17
Fri., Sept. 23 rd	The Heavenly Throne	Revelation 4
Sat., Sept. 24 th	The Conquering Lion of Judah	Revelation 5
Sun., Sept. 25 th	Judah Destined to Reign	Genesis 49:8-12