

## **The Lion of Judah: A Christmas Prophecy**

Genesis 49:8–12

**Context:** In Genesis 49:8-12, Jacob blesses his sons, highlighting Judah's preeminence and foreshadowing the coming of a ruler from his lineage, symbolizing the hope of the Messiah.

### **The Lion of Judah Prophecy calls you to...**

#### **I. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Preeminence (vs. 8)**

- A. This verse marks a shift in Genesis away from the sons of Jacob bowing down to Joseph (Genesis 37:7), now moving forward they and their sons will bow down to Judah's descendants.
- B. The Bible tells us in Philippians 2:10 that every knee will bow to Jesus.

#### **II. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Power (vs. 9)**

- A. Judah is compared to a lion, symbolizing courage and might.
- B. This crouched lion is so strong and fierce, no one can threaten him.
- C. Jesus is referred to as the "Lion of Judah" in Revelation 5:5.

#### **III. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Principality (vs. 10)**

- A. This descendant of Judah will wield a scepter that he will wield over all of the peoples.
- B. All nations will bow to this king and pay him tribute and obey him.
- C. In Revelation 7:9, we see people from every nation worshiping Jesus.

#### **IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Provision (vs. 11-12)**

- A. This language (vv. 11, 12) describes prosperity so great that people will tie a donkey to a choice vine, letting it eat because there is such abundance; wine will be as plentiful as water and everyone will be healthy. (John MacArthur)
- B. So great will be the blessing and leadership of Jesus that his followers will dwell in full abundance.