



# A Father's Blessing

GENESIS 49:1-12



**Genesis 49:1 Then Jacob called his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.**

**2 Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.**

**Genesis 49:3 Reuben, you are my firstborn,  
my might, and the firstfruits of my strength,  
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in  
power.**

**4 Unstable as water, you shall not have  
preeminence,  
because you went up to your father's bed;  
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!**



Be sure your sin  
will find you out.

∞ Numbers 32:23 (KJV)

PERSONAL APPLICATION

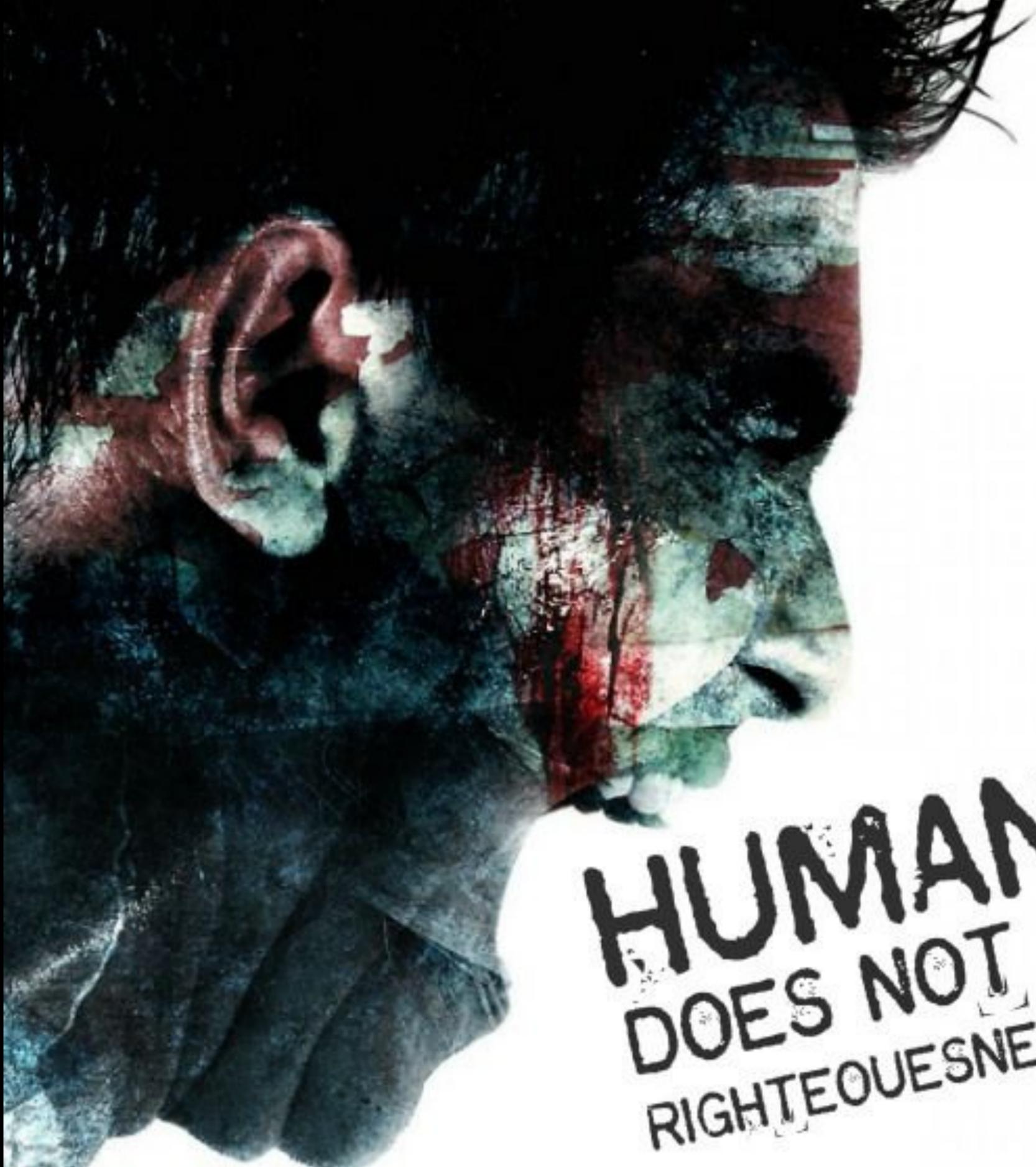
**Genesis 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brothers;  
weapons of violence are their swords.**

**6 Let my soul come not into their council;  
O my glory, be not joined to their company.  
For in their anger they killed men,  
and in their willfulness they hamstring oxen.**

**7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,  
and their wrath, for it is cruel!**

**I will divide them in Jacob  
and scatter them in Israel.**

PERSONAL



**HUMAN ANGER  
DOES NOT PRODUCE THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOD DESIRES.**

**JAMES 1:20**

APPLICATION

**Genesis 49:8 “Judah, your brothers shall  
praise you;  
your hand shall be on the neck of your  
enemies;  
your father’s sons shall bow down before  
you.**

**9 Judah is a lion’s cub;  
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion  
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?**

**49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
until tribute comes to him;  
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.**

**11 Binding his foal to the vine  
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,  
he has washed his garments in wine  
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.**

**12 His eyes are darker than wine,  
and his teeth whiter than milk.**

## JUDAH = PRAISE

- 1. God was praised for him. 29:35 *And she (Leah) conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah.***
- 2. God was praised by him. 38:26 *Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.***
- 3. God was praised in him. 44:33 *Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers.***



- **He's the promised Seed of woman.**
- **He's Shiloh, who gives rest.**
- **He's the Sovereign, who holds the scepter.**
- **He's the Shepherd, who gave His life.**
- **He's the Stone, upon which the building is framed.**
- **He's the bright & morning Star of His Church.**

**Revelation 5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.**



AND ONE OF THE ELDERS SAID TO ME,

**“WEEP NO MORE;**

**BEHOLD, THE LION**

**OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,  
THE ROOT OF DAVID,**

**HAS CONQUERED,**

**SO THAT HE CAN OPEN THE SCROLL  
AND ITS SEVEN SEALS.”**

REVELATION 5:5

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**