

Determining Your Destiny

(Learning from Ancient Prophecy)

Text: Genesis 49:1-28

Main Idea: Character & actions really do determine future blessings in God's program, and have a major impact on future generations.

1. God's prophecy is designed to keep God's people _____ minded & _____ them of trouble to be avoided. (1-2)
2. God's prophecy is not detached from our _____ & _____, which have repercussions for our destiny & tend to shape future generations. (v. 3-28)
 - God's future blessings may be _____ because of sinful uncontrolled passions! (3-7)
 - 1) **Reuben:** Uncontrolled _____ (sexually & political power) ruins great potential. (Gen 35:22)
 - 2) **Simeon & Levi:** Uncontrolled _____ destroys self & others. (Gen 34)
 - **Judah:** God's grace is available for those who truly _____ & turn to the Lord. (8-12, Gen 38:26, 43:8-10, 48:18)
 - 1) Judah will have the _____. (8)
 - 2) Judah will be _____. (9)
 - 3) Out of Judah will come the _____. (10)
 - 4) It will be the dawn of a new _____. (11-12)
 - God's blessings are sovereignly bestowed to _____ His servants. (v. 13-21, 27)
 - **Joseph:** God's bestows ultimate blessings on His faithful servants who _____. (v. 22-26)

Application:

1. _____ truly matters in how God blesses His people.
2. _____ will truly have an impact on future generations.
3. Blessings received in God's future plan will mainly be determined by our _____.