

Genesis 49

1. What are Jacob's words to Reuben about? (vs. 3-4)

2. What about Simeon and Levi? (vs. 5-7)

3. What's so special about Judah? (vs. 8-12)

4. How did Jacob retell Joseph's story? (vs. 22-26)

5. Why is Benjamin's blessing so violent? (vs. 27)

“Jacob had ever been a man of deep and ardent affection; his love for his sons was strong and tender, and his dying testimony to them was not the utterance of partiality or resentment. He had forgiven them all, and he loved them to the last. His paternal tenderness would have found expression only in words of encouragement and hope; but the power of God rested upon him, and under the influence of Inspiration he was constrained to declare the truth, however painful.”

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 237.2