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(Ju'dah) [Lauded, Object of Laudation]

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- Jacob's fourth son by his wife Leah.
- And she became pregnant once more and brought a son to birth and then said; This time I shall laud Yehowah. She therefore called his name **Judah**. After that she left off giving birth. (**Genesis 29:35**)
- These were the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi and **Judah**, Issachar and Zebulun. (**1 Chronicles 2:1**)
- After spending about nine years of his life at Haran in Paddan-aram, **Judah** was taken with all of Jacob's household to Canaan.
- So Jacob said to them; My brothers, from what place are you? To which they said; We are from Haran. (**Genesis 29:4**)
- Then he said to them; Do you know Laban the grandson of Nahor? To which they said; We know him. (**Genesis 29:5**)
- When Leah came to see that she had left off giving birth, she proceeded to take Zilpah her maidservant and to give her to Jacob as wife. (**Genesis 30:9**)
- In time Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, bore a son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:10**)
- Then Leah said; With good fortune! So she called his name Gad. (**Genesis 30:11**)
- After that Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, bore a second son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:12**)
- When Jacob was coming from the field in the evening, Leah went on out to meet him and then said; It is with me you are going to have relations, because I have hired you outright with my sons

mandrakes. Accordingly he lay down with her that night.
([Genesis 30:16](#))

- And God heard and answered Leah and she became pregnant and in time bore to Jacob a fifth son. ([Genesis 30:17](#))
- Then Leah said; God has given me a hirelings wages, because I have given my maidservant to my husband. So she called his name Issachar. ([Genesis 30:18](#))
- And Leah became pregnant once more and in time bore a sixth son to Jacob. ([Genesis 30:19](#))
- Then Leah said; God has endowed me, yes, me, with a good endowment. At last my husband will tolerate me, because I have borne him six sons. So she called his name Zebulun. ([Genesis 30:20](#))
- And afterward she bore a daughter and then called her name Dinah. ([Genesis 30:21](#))
- Finally God remembered Rachel, and God heard and answered her in that he opened her womb. ([Genesis 30:22](#))
- And she became pregnant and brought a son to birth. Then she said; God has taken away my reproach! ([Genesis 30:23](#))
- So she called his name Joseph, saying; Yehowah is adding another son to me. ([Genesis 30:24](#))
- And it followed that when Rachel had given birth to Joseph, Jacob immediately said to Laban; Send me away that I may go to my place and to my country. ([Genesis 30:25](#))
- Give over my wives and my children, for whom I have served with you, that I may go, for you yourself must know my service which I have rendered you. ([Genesis 30:26](#))
- Then Laban said to him; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, I have taken the omens to the effect that Yehowah is blessing me due to you. ([Genesis 30:27](#))
- And he added; Stipulate your wages to me and I shall give them. ([Genesis 30:28](#))

- Then Jacob got up and lifted his children and his wives onto the camels. (**Genesis 31:17**)
- And he began driving all his herd and all the goods that he had accumulated, the herd of his acquisition that he had accumulated in Paddanaram, in order to go to Isaac his father to the land of Canaan. (**Genesis 31:18**)
- This makes twenty years for me in your house. I have served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you kept changing my wages ten times. (**Genesis 31:41**)
- Subsequently he resided with his father at Succoth and then at Shechem. After his sister Dinah was violated by Hamor's son, and Simeon and Levi had avenged her by killing all the males of Shechem, **Judah** evidently shared in plundering the city.
- And Jacob pulled out for Succoth, and he proceeded to build himself a house and for his herd he made booths. That was why he called the name of the place Succoth. (**Genesis 33:17**)
- In time Jacob came safe and sound to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, while he was coming from Paddanaram, and he pitched camp in front of the city. (**Genesis 33:18**)
- Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, used to go out to see the daughters of the land. (**Genesis 34:1**)
- And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, a chieftain of the land, got to see her and then took her and lay down with her and violated her. (**Genesis 34:2**)
- However, it came about that on the third day, when they got to be aching, the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, proceeded to take each one his sword and to go unsuspectedly to the city and to kill every male. (**Genesis 34:25**)
- And Hamor and Shechem his son they killed with the edge of the sword. Then they took Dinah from Shechem's house and went on out. (**Genesis 34:26**)
- The other sons of Jacob attacked the fatally wounded men and

went plundering the city, because they had defiled their sister.
([Genesis 34:27](#))

- Their flocks and their herds and their asses and what was in the city and what was in the field they took. ([Genesis 34:28](#))
- And all their means of maintenance and all their little children and their wives they carried off captive, so that they plundered all that was in the houses. ([Genesis 34:29](#))

·· Relationship To Joseph

- In the course of time, because Jacob favored him, Joseph came to be hated by **Judah** and his other half brothers. Their hatred intensified after Joseph related two dreams that pointed to his becoming their superior.
- Therefore, when Jacob sent Joseph to check on his half brothers as they cared for the flocks, they, upon seeing him from a distance, plotted to kill him. But at the suggestion of Reuben, who had in mind saving Joseph's life, they pitched him into a dry waterpit.
- This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years old, happened to be tending sheep with his brothers among the flock, and, being but a boy, he was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, the wives of his father. So Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. ([Genesis 37:2](#))
- And Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons, because he was the son of his old age, and he had a long, striped shirtlike garment made for him. ([Genesis 37:3](#))
- When his brothers came to see that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they began to hate him, and they were not able to speak peacefully to him. ([Genesis 37:4](#))
- Later on Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers, and they found further reason to hate him. ([Genesis 37:5](#))
- And he went on to say to them; Listen, please, to this dream that I have dreamed. ([Genesis 37:6](#))
- Well, here we were binding sheaves in the middle of the field when here my sheaf got up and also stood erect and here your

sheaves proceeded to encircle and bow down to my sheaf.
([Genesis 37:7](#))

- And his brothers began to say to him; Are you going to be king over us for certain? Or, Are you going to dominate over us for certain? So they found fresh reason to hate him over his dreams and over his words. ([Genesis 37:8](#))
- After that he had still another dream, and he related it to his brothers and said; Here I have had a dream once more, and here the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me. ([Genesis 37:9](#))
- Then he related it to his father as well as his brothers, and his father began to rebuke him and say to him; What does this dream that you have dreamed mean? Am I and also your mother and your brothers for certain going to come and bow down to the earth to you? ([Genesis 37:10](#))
- And his brothers grew jealous of him, but his father observed the saying; ([Genesis 37:11](#))
- His brothers now went to feed the flock of their father close by Shechem. ([Genesis 37:12](#))
- After a while Israel said to Joseph; Your brothers are tending flocks close by Shechem, are they not? Come, and let me send you to them. At this he said to him; Here I am! ([Genesis 37:13](#))
- So he said to him; Go, please. See whether your brothers are safe and sound and whether the flock is safe and sound, and bring me back word. With that he sent him away from the low plain of Hebron, and he went on toward Shechem. ([Genesis 37:14](#))
- Later a man found him and here he was wandering in a field. Then the man inquired of him, saying; What are you looking for? ([Genesis 37:15](#))
- To this he said; It is my brothers I am looking for. Tell me, please, Where are they tending flocks? ([Genesis 37:16](#))
- And the man continued; They have pulled away from here, because I heard them saying; Let us go to Dothan. So Joseph

kept on after his brothers and found them at Dothan. (**Genesis 37:17**)

- Well, they caught sight of him from a distance, and before he could get close by them they began plotting cunningly against him to put him to death. (**Genesis 37:18**)
- So they said to one another; Look! Here comes that dreamer. (**Genesis 37:19**)
- And now come and let us kill him and pitch him into one of the water-pits, and we must say a vicious wild beast devoured him. Then let us see what will become of his dreams. (**Genesis 37:20**)
- When Reuben heard this he tried to deliver him out of their hand. So he said; Let us not strike his soul fatally. (**Genesis 37:21**)
- And Reuben went on to say to them; Do not spill blood. Pitch him into this water-pit which is in the wilderness and do not lay a violent hand upon him. His purpose was to deliver him out of their hand in order to return him to his father. (**Genesis 37:22**)
- So it came about that as soon as Joseph came to his brothers, they went stripping Joseph of his long garment, even the long striped garment that was upon him. (**Genesis 37:23**)
- After which they took him and pitched him into the water-pit. At the time the pit was empty. There was no water in it. (**Genesis 37:24**)
- Thereafter, as a caravan of Ishmaelites came into view, **Judah**, apparently in Reuben's absence, convinced the others that, instead of murdering Joseph, it would be better to sell him to the passing merchants.
- Then they sat down to eat bread. When they raised their eyes and took a look, why, here was a caravan of Ishmaelites that was coming from Gilead, and their camels were carrying labdanum and balsam and resinous bark, on their way to take it down to Egypt. (**Genesis 37:25**)
- At this **Judah** said to his brothers; What profit would there be in case we killed our brother and did cover over his blood? (**Genesis 37:26**)

- Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be upon him. After all, he is our brother, our flesh. So they listened to their brother. (**Genesis 37:27**)
- Despite Joseph's plea for compassion, they sold him for 20 silver pieces (if shekels, \$44).
- Now men, Midianite merchants, went passing by. Hence they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the water-pit and then sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces. Eventually these brought Joseph into Egypt. (**Genesis 37:28**)
- And they began to say one to the other; Unquestionably we are guilty with regard to our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he implored compassion on our part, but we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us. (**Genesis 42:21**)
- Although the indications are that **Judah's** main concern was to save Joseph's life and that the sale itself afterward proved to be a blessing for all concerned, **Judah**, like the others, was guilty of a grave sin that long burdened his conscience.
- And they began to say one to the other; Unquestionably we are guilty with regard to our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he implored compassion on our part, but we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us. (**Genesis 42:21**)
- Then Reuben answered them, saying; Did not I say to you; Do not sin against the child, but you did not listen? And now his blood, here it is certainly asked back. (**Genesis 42:22**)
- At this **Judah** exclaimed; What can we say to my master? What can we speak? And how can we prove ourselves righteous? The true God has found out the error of your slaves. Here we are slaves to my master, both we and the one in whose hand the cup was found! (**Genesis 44:16**)
- So Joseph said to his brothers; Come close to me, please. With that they came close to him. Then he said; I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. (**Genesis 45:4**)

- But now do not feel hurt and do not be angry with yourselves because you sold me here, because for the preservation of life God has sent me ahead of you. (**Genesis 45:5**)
- When the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, they began to say; It may be that Joseph is harboring animosity against us and he will be sure to repay us for all the evil that we have rendered him. (**Genesis 50:15**)
- So they expressed a command to Joseph in these words; Your father gave the command before his death, saying; (**Genesis 50:16**)
- This is what you are to say to Joseph; I beseech you, pardon, please, the revolt of your brothers and their sin in that they have rendered evil to you. And now pardon, please, the revolt of the servants of your fathers God. And Joseph burst into tears when they spoke to him. (**Genesis 50:17**)
- Following that his brothers also came and fell down before him and said; Here we are as slaves to you! (**Genesis 50:18**)
- Then Joseph said to them; Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? (**Genesis 50:19**)
- As for you, you had evil in mind against me. God had it in mind for good for the purpose of acting as at this day to preserve many people alive. (**Genesis 50:20**)
- So now do not be afraid. I myself shall keep supplying you and your little children with food. Thus he comforted them and spoke reassuringly to them. (**Genesis 50:21**)
- Under the Mosaic Law later given to the Israelites, this offense carried the death penalty.
- And one who kidnaps a man and who actually sells him or in whose hand he has been found is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:16**)
- Afterward **Judah** also joined the others in deceiving Jacob into thinking that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast.
- However, they took Joseph's long garment and slaughtered a

male goat and repeatedly dipped the long garment in the blood.
(Genesis 37:31)

- After that they sent the long striped garment and had it brought to their father and said; This is what we found. Examine, please, whether it is your sons long garment or not. (Genesis 37:32)
- And he went examining it and exclaimed; It is my sons long garment! A vicious wild beast must have devoured him! Joseph is surely torn to pieces! (Genesis 37:33)
- **Judah** was then about 20 years old.

•• Judah's Family

- It seems that after this incident **Judah** left his brothers. He took up tenting near Hirah the Adullamite, and apparently a friendly relationship developed between them.
- During this time **Judah** married the daughter of the Canaanite Shua. By her he had three sons, Er, Onan, and Shelah. The youngest, Shelah, was born at Achzib.
- Now in the meantime it came about that when **Judah** went down from his brothers he pitched his tent near a man, an Adulamite, and his name was Hirah. (Genesis 38:1)
- And there **Judah** got to see a daughter of a certain Canaanite, and his name was Shua. So he took her and had relations with her. (Genesis 38:2)
- And she became pregnant. Later she bore a son and he called his name Er. (Genesis 38:3)
- Again she became pregnant. In time she bore a son and called his name Onan. (Genesis 38:4)
- Yet another time she went on to bear a son and then called his name Shelah. Now he happened to be in Achzib at the time she bore him. (Genesis 38:5)
- Later, **Judah** selected Tamar as a wife for his firstborn Er. But on account of his badness, Er was executed by Yehowah. **Judah** then instructed his second son, Onan, to perform brother-in-law marriage.

- But Onan, although having relations with Tamar, wasted his semen on the earth so as not to give offspring to his brother. For this Yehowah also slew him.
- **Judah** then recommended that Tamar return to her father's house and wait until Shelah matured. Yet, even after Shelah had grown up, **Judah**, seemingly reasoning that his youngest son might die, did not give him in marriage to Tamar.
- In time **Judah** took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. (**Genesis 38:6**)
- But Er, **Judah's** firstborn, proved to be bad in the eyes of Yehowah, hence Yehowah put him to death. (**Genesis 38:7**)
- In view of that **Judah** said to Onan; Have relations with your brother's wife and perform brother-in-law marriage with her and raise up offspring for your brother. (**Genesis 38:8**)
- But Onan knew that the offspring would not become his, and it occurred that when he did have relations with his brother's wife he wasted his semen on the earth so as not to give offspring to his brother. (**Genesis 38:9**)
- Now what he did was bad in the eyes of Yehowah, hence he put him also to death. (**Genesis 38:10**)
- So **Judah** said to Tamar his daughter-in-Law; Dwell as a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up. For he said to himself; He too may die like his brothers. Accordingly Tamar went and continued to dwell at her own father's house. (**Genesis 38:11**)
- With that she removed the garments of her widowhood from her and covered herself with a shawl and veiled herself and sat down at the entrance of Enaim, which is along the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up and yet she had not been given as a wife to him. (**Genesis 38:14**)
- Therefore, subsequent to **Judah's** becoming a widower, Tamar, on learning that her father-in-law was going to Timnah, disguised herself as a prostitute and then seated herself at the entrance of Enaim on the road **Judah** would be traversing.

- Not recognizing his daughter-in-law and assuming her to be a prostitute, **Judah** had relations with her. When it later came to light that Tamar was pregnant, **Judah** demanded that she be burned as a harlot. But upon the presentation of the evidence that he himself had made her pregnant, **Judah** exclaimed;
- She is more righteous than I am, for the reason that I did not give her to Shelah my son. Thus unwittingly **Judah** had taken the place of Shelah in fathering legal offspring. Some six months later Tamar gave birth to the twins Perez and Zerah. **Judah** had no further relations with her.
- Thus the days became many and the daughter of Shua, **Judah's** wife, died, and **Judah** kept the period of mourning. After that he went up to the shearers of his sheep, he and Hirah his companion the Adullamite, to Timnah. (**Genesis 38:12**)
- Then it was told to Tamar; Here your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep. (**Genesis 38:13**)
- With that she removed the garments of her widowhood from her and covered herself with a shawl and veiled herself and sat down at the entrance of Enaim, which is along the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up and yet she had not been given as a wife to him. (**Genesis 38:14**)
- When **Judah** caught sight of her, he at once took her for a harlot, because she had covered her face. (**Genesis 38:15**)
- So he turned aside to her by the road and said; Allow me, please, to have relations with you. For he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. However, she said; What will you give me that you may have relations with me? (**Genesis 38:16**)
- To this he said; I myself shall send a kid of the goats from the herd. But she said; Will you give a security until you send it? (**Genesis 38:17**)
- And he continued; What is the security that I shall give you? To which she said; Your seal ring and your cord and your rod that is in your hand. Then he gave them to her and had relations with her, so that she became pregnant by him. (**Genesis 38:18**)

- After that she got up and went and removed her shawl off her and clothed herself with the garments of her widowhood. (Genesis 38:19)
- And **Judah** proceeded to send the kid of the goats by the hand of his companion the Adullamite in order to get back the security from the hand of the woman, but he never found her. (Genesis 38:20)
- And he went inquiring of the men of her place, saying; Where is that temple prostitute in Enaim along the road? But they kept saying; No temple prostitute has ever been in this place. (Genesis 38:21)
- Finally he returned to **Judah** and said; I never found her and, besides, the men of the place said; No temple prostitute has ever been in this place. (Genesis 38:22)
- So **Judah** said; Let her take them for herself, in order, that we may not fall into contempt. At any rate, I have sent this kid, but you, you never found her. (Genesis 38:23)
- However, about three months later it happened that it was told to **Judah**; Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot, and here she is also pregnant by her harlotry. At that Judah said; bring her out and let her be burned. (Genesis 38:24)
- As she was being brought out she herself sent to her father-in-law, saying; By the man to whom these belong I am pregnant. And she added; Examine, please, to whom these belong, the seal ring and the cord and the rod. (Genesis 38:25)
- Then **Judah** examined them and said; She is more righteous than I am, for the reason that I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he had no further intercourse with her after that. (Genesis 38:26)
- Now it developed that in the time of her giving birth, why, here there were twins in her belly. (Genesis 38:27)
- Further, it turned out that when she was giving birth one extended his hand, and the midwife at once took and tied a scarlet piece about his hand, saying; This one came out first. (Genesis 38:28)

- Finally it developed that as soon as he drew back his hand, why, here his brother came out, so that she exclaimed; What do you mean by this, that you have produced a perineal rupture for yourself? Hence his name was called Perez. ([Genesis 38:29](#))
- And afterward his brother upon whose hand the scarlet piece was came out and his name came to be called Zerah. ([Genesis 38:30](#))

.. To Egypt For Food

- Sometime later reports reached famine-stricken Canaan that food was available in Egypt. Consequently, at Jacob's direction, ten of his sons, including **Judah**, went there for food.
- At this time their half brother Joseph was serving as Egypt's food administrator. Whereas Joseph immediately knew them, they did not recognize him.
- Joseph accused them of being spies and warned them not to return without Benjamin, whom they mentioned in denying that they were spies. Joseph also had one of his half brothers, Simeon, bound and held as a hostage.
- Eventually Jacob got to see that there were cereals in Egypt. Then Jacob said to his sons; Why do you keep looking at one another? ([Genesis 42:1](#))
- And he added; Here I have heard that there are cereals in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, that we may keep alive and not die off. ([Genesis 42:2](#))
- Accordingly ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt. ([Genesis 42:3](#))
- But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his other brothers, because he said; Otherwise a fatal accident may befall him. ([Genesis 42:4](#))
- So Israel's sons came along with the others who were coming to buy, because the famine existed in the land of Canaan. ([Genesis 42:5](#))

- **And Joseph was the man in power over the land. He was the one that did the selling to all people of the earth. Consequently Joseph's brothers came and bowed low to him with their faces to the earth. (Genesis 42:6)**
- **When Joseph got to see his brothers, he at once recognized them, but he made himself unrecognizable to them. So he spoke harshly with them and said to them; Where have you come from? To which they said; From the land of Canaan to buy foodstuffs. (Genesis 42:7)**
- **Thus Joseph recognized his brothers, but they themselves did not recognize him. (Genesis 42:8)**
- **Immediately Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed respecting them, and he went on to say to them; You are spies! you have come to see the exposed condition of the land! (Genesis 42:9)**
- **Then they said to him; No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy foodstuffs. (Genesis 42:10)**
- **We are all of us sons of but one man. We are upright men. Your servants do not act as spies. (Genesis 42:11)**
- **But he said to them; Not so! Because you have come to see the exposed condition of the land! (Genesis 42:12)**
- **At this they said; Your servants are twelve brothers. We are the sons of but one man in the land of Canaan, and here the youngest is with our father today, whereas the other one is no more. (Genesis 42:13)**
- **However, Joseph said to them; It is what I have spoken to you, saying; You are spies! (Genesis 42:14)**
- **By this you will be tested out. As Pharaoh lives, you will not go out of here except when your youngest brother comes here. (Genesis 42:15)**
- **Send one of you that he may get your brother while you have been bound, that your words may be tested out as the truth in your case. And if not, then, as Pharaoh lives, you are spies. (Genesis 42:16)**

- **With that he put them together in custody for three days. (Genesis 42:17)**
- **After that Joseph said to them on the third day; Do this and keep alive. I fear the true God. (Genesis 42:18)**
- **If you are upright, let one of your brothers be kept bound in your house of custody, but the rest of you go, take cereals for the famine in your houses. (Genesis 42:19)**
- **Then you will bring your youngest brother to me, that your words may be found trustworthy, and you will not die. And they proceeded to do so. (Genesis 42:20)**
- **And they began to say one to the other; Unquestionably we are guilty with regard to our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he implored compassion on our part, but we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us. (Genesis 42:21)**
- **Then Reuben answered them, saying; Did not I say to you; Do not sin against the child, but you did not listen? And now his blood, here it is certainly asked back. (Genesis 42:22)**
- **As for them, they did not know that Joseph was listening, because there was an interpreter between them. (Genesis 42:23)**
- **Consequently he turned away from them and began to weep. Then he returned to them and spoke to them and took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. (Genesis 42:24)**
- **After that Joseph gave the command, and they went filling up their receptacles with grain. Also, they were to return the money of the men to each ones individual sack and to give them provisions for the journey. Accordingly it was done so to them. (Genesis 42:25)**
- **Understandably, Jacob, presuming that he had lost both Joseph and Simeon, was unwilling to let Benjamin accompany his other sons to Egypt.**
- **Reuben's emotional statement that Jacob could put his own two sons to death if he did not return Benjamin carried insufficient weight,**

perhaps because he had proved himself to be unreliable by violating his father's concubine.

- And it came about while Israel was tabernacled in that land that once Reuben went and lay down with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Israel got to hear of it. So there came to be twelve sons of Jacob. ([Genesis 35:22](#))
- Finally **Judah** succeeded in getting his father's consent by promising to be surety for Benjamin.
- Then Jacob their father exclaimed to them; It is I you have bereaved! Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and Benjamin you are going to take! It is upon me that all these things have come! ([Genesis 42:36](#))
- But Reuben said to his father; My own two sons you may put to death if I do not bring him back to you. Give him over to my care, and I shall be the one to return him to you. ([Genesis 42:37](#))
- However, he said; My son will not go down with you men, because his brother is dead and he has been left by himself. If a fatal accident should befall him on the way on which you would go, then you would certainly bring down my gray hairs with grief to Sheol. ([Genesis 42:38](#))
- Finally **Judah** said to Israel his father; Send the boy with me, that we may get up and go and that we may keep alive and not die off, both we and you and our little children. ([Genesis 43:8](#))
- I shall be the one to be surety for him. Out of my hand you may exact the penalty for him. If I fail to bring him to you and present him to you, then I shall have sinned against you for all time. ([Genesis 43:9](#))
- But if we had not lingered around, we should by now have been there and back these two times. ([Genesis 43:10](#))
- So Israel their father said to them; If, then, that is the case, do this; Take the finest products of the land in your receptacles and carry them down to the man as a gift, a little balsam, and a little honey, labdanum and resinous bark, pistachio nuts and almonds. ([Genesis 43:11](#))

- Also, take double the money in your hand, and the money that was returned in the mouth of your bags you will take back in your hand. Maybe it was a mistake. (**Genesis 43:12**)
- And take your brother and get up, return to the man. (**Genesis 43:13**)
- And may God Almighty give you pity before the man, that he may certainly release to you your other brother and Benjamin. But I, in case I must be bereaved, I shall certainly be bereaved! (**Genesis 43:14**)
- Homeward bound, after having bought cereals in Egypt, Jacob's sons were overtaken by Joseph's steward and accused of theft, actually a ruse by Joseph.
- When the supposedly stolen item was found in Benjamin's bag, the men returned and entered Joseph's house. It was **Judah** who then answered the charge and eloquently and earnestly pleaded in behalf of Benjamin and for the sake of his father, requesting that he be constituted a slave in Benjamin's stead.
- So moved was Joseph by **Judah's** sincere plea that he could no longer control his emotions. Thereafter, alone with his brothers, Joseph identified himself.
- After pardoning them for having sold him into slavery, Joseph instructed his half brothers to get Jacob and then return to Egypt, as the famine was to continue for five more years.
- Later on he commanded the man who was over his house, saying; Fill the bags of the men with food to the extent they are able to carry it and place the money of each one in the mouth of his bag. (**Genesis 44:1**)
- So you must tell my father about all my glory in Egypt and everything you have seen, and you must hurry and bring my father down here. (**Genesis 45:13**)
- Later, as Jacob and his entire household neared Egypt, Jacob sent **Judah** in advance of him to Joseph to impart information ahead of him to Goshen.
- And he sent **Judah** in advance of him to Joseph to impart

information ahead of him to Goshen. After that they came into the land of Goshen. ([Genesis 46:28](#))

.. Superior Among His Brothers

- By his concern for his aged father and his noble effort to preserve Benjamin's freedom at the cost of his own, **Judah** proved himself to be superior among his brothers.
- For **Judah** himself proved to be superior among his brothers, and the one for leader was from him, but the right as firstborn was Joseph's. ([1 Chronicles 5:2](#))
- No longer was he the **Judah** who in his youth had shared in plundering the Shechemites and who had been party to wronging his half brother Joseph and then deceiving his own father.
- His fine qualities of leadership entitled Judah, as one of the heads of the 12 tribes of Israel, to receive a superior prophetic blessing from his dying father.
- As for you, **Judah**, your brothers will laud you. Your hand will be on the back of the neck of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. ([Genesis 49:8](#))
- A lion cub **Judah** is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? ([Genesis 49:9](#))
- The scepter will not turn aside from **Judah**, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. ([Genesis 49:10](#))
- Tying his full-grown ass to a vine and the descendant of his own she-ass to a choice vine, he will certainly wash his clothing in wine and his garment in the blood of grapes. ([Genesis 49:11](#))
- Dark red are his eyes from wine, and the whiteness of his teeth is from milk. ([Genesis 49:12](#))