

בראשית

Genesis 49

Genesis 49:10 “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

לְאִי־סוּר שֵׁבֶט מִיְהוּדָה וּמַחְקֵק מִבֵּין רַגְלָיו עַד
כִּי־יָבֹא שִׁילֹה וְלוֹ יִקְהַת עַמִּים:

שִׁילֹה *Shiylah* shee·lo

“he whose it is, that which belongs to him; tranquility, rest”



Allen Ross-

The translation “to whom it belongs” may come from the Hebrew relative pronoun (se), a preposition (le), and a pronominal suffix (oh), translated “who to him,” or “to whom it belongs.”

שֵׁי לֹה = לוֹ + שֵׁ

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Ezekiel 21:25–27 also indicates that Messiah has the right to rule:

21:25 ‘And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the punishment of the end,’

21:26 thus says the Lord God, ‘Remove the turban and take off the crown; this will no longer be the same. Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high.

21:27 ‘A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more **until He comes whose right it is**, and I will give it to Him.’

עֵנָה עֵנָה עֵנָה אֲשִׁימְנָה גַם־זֹאת לֹא הָיָה

עַד־בֹּא אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ הַמְּשָׁפֵט וְנִתְּתִיו

Numbers 24:17

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel, and shall crush through the forehead of Moab, and tear down all the sons of Sheth.”

“The truth Balaam saw concerned primarily a star and a scepter that would originate in Israel in the future. Since poetically the star is parallel to the scepter, the star must also refer to royalty. The connection of this prophecy to that of Jacob, in which he predicted that a ruler over Israel would come from Judah (Gen. 49:10), is unmistakable.”

Eugene Merrill

Genesis 49:11 “He ties his foal to the vine, and his donkey’s colt to the **choice vine**; He washes his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.”

“choice vine” = the noun שֵׂרֶק [soreq] - choice species of vine, choice grapes (cf. Isa. 5:2; Jer. 2:21)



Genesis 49:11 “...he washes his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.”
cf. **Isaiah 63; Lamentations 1:15; Revelation 19:11–21**



Genesis 49:12 “His eyes are dull from wine, and his teeth white from milk.”

cf. Exodus 3:17; Isaiah 55:1; 60:16;
Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13–15



The symbol of the lion in Scripture related to Israel



Summary (Genesis 49:8–12)

- 1) Genesis 49:10 reveals that Messiah will be from a specific tribe of Israel (Judah) and would also be a King.
- 2) The “scepter” and the “ruler’s staff” indicate royalty and authority which demonstrates that the Messiah will be a King.
- 3) The scepter and ruler’s staff of the King specifically belongs to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has the right to rule.
- 4) Messiah’s rule in the future kingdom will be characterized by tremendous blessing and prosperity (Gen. 49:11–12).
- 5) To the lion from the tribe of Judah all will bow (Genesis 49:8–9; Philippians 2:9–11).