

## Life-Study of Genesis Summaries - Messages 102-106

### MESSAGE 102, 104 - The Manifestation of Maturity (5, 6)

Dan is firstly the continuation of Judah, the continuation of the victory of Christ. As a young lion, Dan is not fighting for the prey, but for more land, **fighting to gain more Christ**. Then Dan fell into the **worship of idols**. After this terrible fall, God's salvation came. Dan ends with failure, but **Gad**, who shall raid the heels of the raiding band, comes in with the **recovered victory**. After Gad comes **Asher**. Asher's bread is fat; that is, his food is rich. When we have the victory of Christ and help our brothers gain their portion before we enjoy our own, we have **rich food**. When you have arrived at this stage, there is no need to worry or care about tomorrow, and there is no anxiety. Immediately after Asher comes **Naphtali**, who is neither a young lion nor a lioness, but a hind. When we are Naphtali, it is easy to take the earth because we are in resurrection speaking **beautiful words**, and we are satisfied with favor and full of blessing.

**Joseph** was perfect because he was altogether **victorious**. The Old Testament likens Joseph to an ox full of strength indicating that Joseph is strong in his victory. **Benjamin** is described as a **tearing wolf**. Also, God's dwelling place is with Benjamin. Joseph, as the son of Jacob, branches out all the riches of this tree that come from the fountain. No matter how high the opposing wall may be, the very Christ within us will run over the wall by means of the many branches. Benjamin, a tearing wolf, is also a type of Christ. Therefore, the reference to a wolf is positive, not negative. This means that Christ is not only the overcoming One, but also the tearing One, the One who eats His enemy. (Life-Study of Genesis, 102, 104).

### MESSAGE 103- The Spiritual Significance of Dan, Gad, Asher, and Naphtali

Dan's **apostasy** was the setting up of a divisive center of worship. **Not caring for the other parts of the Body is the source of apostasy**. Apostasy is worshipping God in a devilish way.

With Gad we see recovery. After the apostasy of Dan, Gad came in to recover the lost victory. Gad **crushed the enemy** by the **productive life of Christ**. The reason for Gad's success was that he let go of his own enjoyment in order to take care of the Body.

After the recovery with Gad, we have the sufficiency of Asher. In Asher we also see the **rich provision** of life and the **bountiful supply** of the Spirit for his daily walk. When we have the exceeding blessing and surpassing grace, the rich provision of life, and the bountiful supply of the Spirit, we have absolute rest with peace, strength, security, and sufficiency.

As a hind Naphtali gives beautiful words; **when our inner being is filled with Christ, we must speak** lest we burst. When we truly experience Christ in resurrection, we become those who will take the earth by preaching Christ. (Life-Study of Genesis, 103).

### MESSAGE 105, 106 - The Spiritual Significance of Joseph and Benjamin (1)

Joseph was very **fruitful**. He was fully occupied with fruitfulness, having no time for anything else. The church is very fruitful and that the history of the church is a history of fruitfulness.

Joseph **overcame** the archers' attack. The spiritual significance of this is that in all suffering we more than **conquer**. Today in the Lord's recovery we are empowered in the grace of Christ to withstand all opposition for the Lord's testimony. Hallelujah, we are standing on Him and trusting in Him! Therefore, we are fruitful and victorious. Jacob's prophecy regarding his twelve sons ends with a blessing that includes ten items. First are the blessings with the precious things of heaven above. Joseph was also blessed with the dew, which is finer than rain or snow. And then the blessings go on to the springs in the earth, whose reality is within us. Deuteronomy 33:14 then speaks of the blessing "with the precious fruits brought forth by the sun" which signify all the riches of Christ. This verse also speaks of the precious things put forth by the moon. Then, the best things of the ancient mountains and the precious things of the eternal hills implying that the universal blessing is long and wide, and it reaches from eternity past to eternity future. Finally, the precious things of the earth and its fulness. **We need the vision to see that we are today's Joseph and that everything is a blessing to us**. (Life-Study of Genesis, 105, 106)