

Blessing of Zebulon.

Probably not actually touching any sea.

Idea of holding scepter between feet while sitting on throne.

Various interpretations of ⁷11^v in connection with blessing of Levi and Simeon.

Blessing of Levi as interesting case of curse being later turned to blessing.
A good subject for an instructive and helpful sermon.

Dan — ~~strategem~~ ~~Sampson~~ ??

In Holy Writ we find the biography of no important judge, prophet, prince, or king, of the tribe of Reuben. Two bad characters, Dathan and Abiram, 'noted for their impious rebelling against Moses,'¹ are mentioned in connection with their common opposition with Korah against the leader of the Israelites. A certain Adina is also included in a list of David's captains (1 Chron. 11:42). These, however, only support in a most definite way the forecast of Jacob concerning his firstborn. Reuben did indeed not excel his brothers.—¹ Mt. Henry, op. cit., in loco.

On verse 28.—Mt. Henry well says: 'Whatever rebukes of God's word or providence we are under at any time, yet, as long as we have an interest in God's covenant, a place and a name among his people, and good hopes of a share in the heavenly Canaan, we must account ourselves blessed.' Calvin, too, was right: 'The Lord daily proves in his own people, that the punishments he lays upon them, although they occasion shame and disgrace, are so far from opposing their happiness, that they rather promote it.' So that Jacob really did bless all his sons.