

1 Joseph remonstrated Jacob pointed out that
2 though each of them would be the progenitor of a
3 whole tribe, the tribe descended from the
4 younger brother would be the greater of the two
5 (Gen 48:13-20).

6 The following chapter (Gen 49) tells of the
7 blessing that Jacob gave his own sons when death
8 seemed near. Although he spoke of individual
9 sons, it is clear that he had their descendants
10 in mind.

11 4. Description of Visions. There were
12 a few times when a considerable portion of a
13 prophet's message consisted of describing some-
14 thing he had seen in a vision. This method was
15 used effectively by Micaiah when he faced the
16 wicked king Ahab and his counterfeit prophets.
17 Micaiah presented a figurative picture of the
18 fate that was ahead for Israel (I Kings 22:17)
19 and then depicted a vision of events in the
20 heavenly courts (vv.19-23). In Dan 7-12 the
21 prophet described a series of visions, foretel-
22 ling great future events. Ezekiel told how he
23 was carried in a vision to Jerusalem where he
24 saw various events taking place, and was then
25 brought back to Chaldea (Ezek 8-11). The last

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