

**ARE THESE REALLY BLESSINGS?**  
**LEARNING FROM JACOB'S BLESSING OF REUBEN, SIMEON AND LEVI**  
**Genesis 49:1-7**

**I. THE CONTEXT OF JACOB'S BLESSING HIS SONS: Jacob gathers his sons to tell them what will befall them in the future (1-2)**

**II. REUBEN'S BLESSING: A WARNING AGAINST UNCONTROLLED LUST (3-4)**

A. Reuben's potential (3)

B. Reuben's sin and its future consequences (4, Gen. 35:22, 1Chr. 5:1-2)

C. Lessons for us

**III. SIMEON AND LEVI'S BLESSING: A WARNING AGAINST UNRESTRAINED ANGER AND SELF WILL (5-7)**

A. Simeon and Levi's sin (5-7, Gen 34)

B. Jacobs (Thus God's) disapproval and separation (5-6)

C. They future consequences: dispersed (7)

D. Lessons for us

**IV. HOW COULD ANY OF THIS BE A BLESSING?**