

Genesis 49:27

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Israel Defense Forces pound Gaza relentlessly with artillery, rockets, and jet-bombs.

BIBLE COMMENTARY

Concerning Benjamin the prophecy of Jacob was short: "**Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder.**" (Genesis 49:27)

Let's speculate **who the prophetic Benjamin might be?** First: a review of the ways of wolves. They are the apex predator. They are the ruler of the woods and the enemy of livestock and shepherds.

The jaws of a wolf exert 3/4 of a ton of pressure per square inch. A wolf easily crushes large bones in its jaws. A wolf can run at 60 km/h for 20 minutes and jump a 5 meter wall without breaking stride.

A wolf is highly territorial. A pack of wolves is not large, consisting of only a few male and female breeding pairs and the young they have raised. A pack of wolves will make a large circuit of its territory about every two weeks or less. Wolves from outside the pack who intrude into the territory will be killed mercilessly.

The wolf relies on scent for hunting and identification of friend and foe. Some experts say the wolf's sense of smell is 100 times greater than a human and 12 times greater than a domestic dog. A wolf will be onto you long before you know he's there.

The wolf never rests, it is constantly on the prowl to kill and eat. They bite the hind quarters and sides of larger animals to bleed them to death. Smaller defenseless animals like sheep they will bite the neck and sever the spine.

Now, after that chilling introduction **can you imagine that Jacob, the shepherd, could ever have described one of his own sons as a 'ravenous wolf'?** If it were not in Scripture we wouldn't believe it.

So, who is Benjamin in prophecy? Benjamin is the last son of Jacob and his only son born in the Promised Land. All the rest of Jacob's sons were born in Syria while he labored for his father-in-law Laban.

According to the tribes in the Desert Camp, Benjamin is on the West side. His group consists of the lead

tribe Ephraim (prophetic United States); second tribe Manasseh (prophetic United Kingdom); and **Benjamin (prophetic modern state of Israel).**

The modern state of Israel came into existence through the Balfour Declaration courtesy of the United Kingdom. Following this, Israel took root and flourished in the Promised Land because of the protection and support of the United States, to this very day.

The wolf has 78 chromosomes. In spite of the dreaded violent nature of the wolf, the number 78 means '*Miraculous Sign*'. And that is one reason so many Christians support Israel - because the rebirth of Israel, for the third time in the Promised Land - is a clear fulfillment of prophecy in the Bible and in the stars - a sign that the coming of our Lord Jesus is not far away.

How is modern Israel like a wolf? The current events of this past week display the wolf-like nature of Israel. The wolf is highly territorial. The wolf is the apex predator of its territory.

Jesus said '**if someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other**'. This is the way of the lamb. This is not the way of the wolf.

The way of the wolf is 'if a few poorly armed militants fire some rockets into your territory, most of which are intercepted or fall harmlessly, then you have every justification to attack the city where they are hiding and kill hundreds of innocent civilians. You are justified to fire many more rockets, artillery, and tank shells than were fired at you. Unlike the Hamas rockets, your shelling will have deadly effect. You will also destroy the homes and hospitals and places of worship of bystanders who did not attack you.

Why? Because the state of Israel has the right to self-defense? No, because the state of Israel is the apex predator - who backs down to no one. Any challenger, any intruder on his territory will be attacked and killed mercilessly. Not only them, but women and children who happen to be in the path of the killing.

Jacob lived almost 4,000 years ago. He was a shepherd of sheep. But he was also a prophet of God who saw the future from afar. He dearly loved Joseph and Benjamin, his two sons of Rachel. But Jacob also knew that 'every dog has his day' and **when it was prophetic time for Benjamin to be a nation, it would herald the dark last days of history.**

Israel (Benjamin) will rise in time to be the most powerful nation on earth. That is the legacy of all the nations who are foreshadowed by the tribes in the desert camp, starting with Judah (Babylon) and ending with Dan (Antichrist). The British Empire (Manasseh) was the dominant world power in its day.

The United States (Ephraim) is the current dominant world power, but on the decline. The mantle of leading world power will be transferred to the modern state of Israel (Benjamin), possibly within our lifetime.

Jacob said '**in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder**'. What we are seeing now is the morning time. Israel is small but excessively violent. The prophecy of Jacob suggests Israel will be the last world power standing, after all the others are demolished. Israel will '**divide the spoils**', meaning Israel will be the one who decides who gets what pieces of the left-overs.

It is not a pretty picture, particularly if you are a defenseless Palestinian civilian. But when we see all these things happen, we know God is in control because it was all foretold.

The day will come when American can't protect Christians, and Israel won't bother because we are outside of her 'territory'.

We can only look to Jesus to keep his promise of our salvation and rescue our eternal souls. He is the good shepherd, and we are his sheep. No wolf can snatch us out of his hands.

Blessings,

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PS The prophetic identities of the tribes of the Desert Camp is presented on page 4.0 Prophecy on our website.