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TITLE: The Shepherd, The Stone of Israel

TEXT: Genesis 49:24

1Sa 17:40 ¶ And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

**Genesis 49:1-2,24,26**

Ge 49:1 ¶ And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Ge 49:24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

Ge 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Limited in power, anointing, wisdom? We need to be READY.

There should be no difference in our heart of choice than David’s. We cannot pick up physical stones and fight a physical battle and expect to win the victory we need. If we are going to overcome as he overcame it is going to take a total commitment, surrender.

All that He is, we must become: The shepherd, the stone of Israel. All that He has for us to do we must do. We must win souls. And, YES, I can win one soul.

There is a promise of Strength and we need to be made strong.

Jacob for many years made no CLEAR CHOICE.

Ge 49 →… him … O LORD.…the mighty God of Jacob; (… the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)…the God of thy father… the Almighty,

“What He is We can Become”

* Lu 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
* Lu 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
* Joh 17:24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me…
* Re 3:4…which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
* Re 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
* Re 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Joshua was of the tribe of Ephraim. Joshua was God’s choice.

* Ge 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.
* Ho 5:12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

Judges 20: