

Session 2—God Narrows His Plan

I. Narrowing Promises to **Abraham** (Gen. 12:1–3; 17:6)

A. Promise of **worldwide** blessing (12:1–3)

God's promise to make Abraham a blessing to the **families** of the earth refers to God's offer of **salvation** to all nations through Christ.

B. Promise of **royal heirs** (17:6)

King David, Israel's second king, became the first king in the **royal line** that eventually produced **Jesus**.

II. Narrowing Prophecies through **Jacob** (Gen. 49:1–12)

A. **Dire** prophecies for Judah's older brothers (49:1–7)

Reuben, Simeon, and Levi all disqualified themselves from receiving the **right** of succession that normally belonged to the **firstborn** son.

B. **Royal** prophecies for Judah (49:8–12)

1. **Victory** (49:8, 9)

Jacob prophesied that Judah would **earn praise** from the other tribes for dominating common **enemies**.

The ultimate fulfillment of Judah's victory won't be until Jesus returns to earth to **wipe out** His enemies and establish His **rule**.

2. **Rule** (49:10)

When Jesus returns to earth at some point in the future, He will rule the world from **Jerusalem**, wielding Judah's **scepter**.

3. **Restoration** (49:11, 12)

No one will run out of **food** during Jesus' **reign**.

Jesus will reverse the **curse** so people won't suffer **need**.

Under Jesus' rule, those believers with unglorified bodies will experience excellent **health** and prolonged **life**.