

Genesis 49: 2, 8-10

Matthew 1: 1-17

Today's Reading is a prophecy of what is to come. It indicates the fulfilment of the promise made to Abraham by God. Here, Jacob is sharing his prophetic vision concerning the descendants of the tribe of Judah. The fact that Judah is spoken of as a 'Lion cub,' suggests that a lot of maturation is to be made. In human years, this maturation will take a long **TIME**. But the tribe of Judah, despite many setbacks, will prevail. "The sceptre shall not pass from Judah, nor the mace from between his feet until **HE** comes to whom it belongs, to whom the peoples shall render obedience."

The length of **TIME**, as revealed in the passage from Matthew is 'The Genealogy of Jesus Christ.' That is, from Abraham to the coming of the Saviour, who is the '**HE**' above. It is an appotted history if you like! A total of 42 generations. When God made his promise to Abraham, the results were far from immediate!

When God makes promises, they always come to fruition. They may not be revealed straight away but they will always come to pass if we trust and follow his ways.