



Week 6 Challenge #4

Week of August 16 – August 20

Chapter 14

## *LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH*

I have a new tribe. My recently formed tribe has been given the name Genesis life group. We are a life group with a specific goal of reproducing new groups to make disciples. We want new beginnings, new groups to be formed out of our original group, constantly keeping the objective of the great commission as our goal. Well anyway, the other night I decided to ask my life group to help me write the introduction to this prayer guide. Here are some of our thoughts:

One of the first questions we pondered was: what does each of our names mean? Have you ever discovered the meaning of your own personal name? Our culture has lost the significance of the concept of names. But in Jesus time, it was significant in His Jewish culture, to understand the purpose of a person's name. When we understand a names' purpose and significance, the tone is set. Such is this name of Jesus-LION OF THE TRIBEL OF JUDAH. Let's diagram this name. Do you remember diagramming sentences in elementary school? You know, like breaking down the sentence, separating it into parts. I didn't like doing that in school. But today, it seems as bit fun to me to diagram His name.

LION-denotes strength, power, majesty, courage, justice. The lion is commonly referred to as "the King of the beasts." The lion is a symbol of kingly power and might. The head of the lion family is the pride male. He's the king of the pride and his job is to protect.

TRIBE is defined from Oxford Languages as a social division in a traditional society consisting of families or communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties with a common culture and dialect, typically having a recognized leader.

JUDAH was, according to the Book of Genesis, the fourth of twelve sons of Jacob and Leah and was the founder of the Israelite Tribe of Judah. His name was given in Genesis 29:35. Judah is a direct ancestor to Jesus Christ. The words Jew and Judaism are derived from his name. Out of the tribe of Judah became the most powerful and most important tribe. The great King David and Solomon were produced from this tribe and in the Old Testament, it was prophesied that the Messiah would come from among its members.

So, let's put it all together and unpack what my Genesis tribe discovered that night at life group as we considered the name of Jesus-Lion of the Tribe of Judah. The way we view how we come into relationship with Jesus affects how we live out our spiritual relationship with him, and ultimately the way we live out life. If we view Jesus as a terrifying lion that's going to devour us with every mistake we make, we will walk around bound up in fear, terrified of making mistakes, never breaking through strongholds or walking in freedom and never feeling secure in our salvation. But when we look at Jesus

as the mighty victor, capable of defeating any enemies – including our sin nature, we see him through the eyes of a royal king that can be trusted to take care of all our needs.

I love what Clarence L. Haynes Jr. says specifically in his article *4 Powerful Reasons to Understand and Know Jesus as the Lion of Judah*.

- As the lion of Judah, one day Jesus will destroy all his enemies. He has already defeated our greatest enemy-sin and death. When we receive through saving faith in Jesus Christ alone the free gift of salvation, we are no longer under the penalty of sin. We are victorious because Jesus defeated sin and death.
- As the lion of Judah, one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name above every other name. (Phil. 2:9-11). This lion is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- As the lion of Judah, his kingdom reigns forever. Nothing will interfere or thwart this kingdom's existence. It remains unchangeable, for all eternity, it has no end – and this kingdom will win. As members of this kingdom, we will win in the end, regardless of anything we face this side of eternity, In the end, we are victorious. The lion of the tribe of Judah is coming again!

When we think about the lion of Judah, we generally also think about the lamb. Earlier in Ann Spangler's book *Praying the Names of Jesus* we looked at the name: Lamb of God. Mary the mother of Jesus gave birth to the pure and spotless lamb. Isaiah 53:7 says the lamb was led to the slaughter and punished for our transgressions though NO wrong had he done. What a name of great significance. In fact, these names of Jesus are the most significant names of all because they pave the pathway to reconciliation and redemption.

- Clarence L. Haynes Jr. says specifically in his article, point #4 of the *4 Powerful Reasons to Understand and Know Jesus as the Lion of Judah*: "As important as it is to know God as the lion, that wouldn't have mattered much unless he became the lamb. He would still be God. He would still reign forever. He would still ultimately triumph over his enemies. However, we would still be lost. What makes Jesus all the more impressive is that his road to conquering – his road to being the lion – came through suffering. He didn't redeem us by keeping his status as lion. He redeemed us by becoming humble as a lamb. That precious blood he spilled purchased our salvation, forgave our sins, and allowed us to triumph. I am thankful that he is the lion who fights for us and will come to our rescue. I am also thankful that he became like a lamb to win back our salvation. In fact, it was his suffering as a lamb that paved the way for him to be the true Lion of the tribe of Judah. The great lion of the tribe of Judah conquered by becoming a lamb."

### ***Additional daily reflections as we consider our LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH:***

**Monday:** Read 1 Corinthians 15:24-26. How does the truth and hope that Jesus' reign is forever give you strength to press on? How does the declaration of God's absolute rule – to a perfect end and the certainty of the resurrection give you victory in your walk with Him, today?

**Tuesday:** Read Philippians 2:9-11. Thank Jesus for his compelling example of humility and selflessness. Ask him to reveal areas where you need to humble yourself and become more giving. Praise Him Praise Him Lord of All!

**Wednesday:** Read Revelations 11:15. Jesus' reign is forever and forever. How does this motivate you to take risks to bring a sound of warning to those within your territory?

**Thursday:** Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. How does knowing that you've been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ move you? Tell Jesus how much He means to you.

**Friday:** Memorize Revelation 5:5-6. Ask Jesus to help you truly understand his position as the lamb so that you can truly understand his position as lion.

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**A**doration: *we worship You for Your all powerful and majestic ways!*

**Lion of the Tribe of Judah:** A Prayer of Adoration

Jesus, I adore You and I praise this name of Yours, oh Lion of the Tribe of Judah: .

In this name, we discover that You are the majestic and powerful one. You are the king of this Royal family, reigning for all eternity with strength, power and courage. Fighting our battles for us! Defeating our enemies. We've got to walk in victory holding steadfastly to who you are and what you have offered. Thank you for first coming as the pure and spotless lamb, slain from the foundations of the world. Thank you for reigning as Lion. I honor you as the lion and the lamb.

I worship You for offering the gospel to all people so that hope, restoration, and redemption can be found. I praise You, oh Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

**C**onfession: *we now humbly admit our failures as a people, as a church, and as a nation!*

**Lion of the Tribe of Judah:** A Prayer of Confession

Jesus, I wonder how different my life would look if I truly saw You as the lion, powerful and mighty to conquer all my circumstances. Forgive my futile attempts at trying to do things on my own and only placing You as the lion of my heart and mind when I need you rather than always. How much wiser my choices would be if I depended upon Your leading and protecting me rather than finding my own way. God, I confess the many times that I lean on myself or the things of this world rather than on You.

Please continue being patient with me and extending Your grace to me as I turn from myself and my own wisdom and turn completely and wholly to YOU. Please gently lead me toward Your strength, power and might so that I can have a compass of compassion, kindness, and love in my life. I confess that my life can be lacking in the Fruits of the Spirit. Help me to walk in victory, courageously on mission for you.

You are the kingly protector, oh **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**. You've given me the guide book to follow, forgive me when I ignore it. I want to keep my focus totally on You and not turn to the right or to the left. Give me a tender and responsive heart, so that I want to humble myself before You when I hear Your word. I want to pursue Your precepts, Your standards. Forgive my pride and rebelliousness when I turn my eye away from Your word. You are the hope of my calling. Help me when I fail and fall short to repent and return to You, Jesus.

*Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.*

**T**hanksgiving: for being both the lion and the lamb!

**Lion of the Tribe of Judah:** A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus, your message, your death and resurrection is the best new ever. Thank you, Jesus, for dying for my sins and for conquering death so that I could be completely forgiven, set free and, one day, be raised with you forever to my eternal home that you are preparing for me. This is the gospel. Thank you for the gospel. Thank you for offering it to all. I praise you that I've believed it and received it. I want to be an active carrier, passing this gospel message on to others. Help me to be your mouthpiece, sounding the alarm.

**Praise God For:**

- the **SYFW** at First Baptist Church in Liberty TX where Andy Yates taught 19 people from 2 churches. Pray for implementation and a desire for further training to reach the lost for Christ.
- the **SYFW** at Austin Alliance Church in Austin TX Tim Nguyen taught 34 people from 3 churches. God has answered our prayers that we held an evangelistic outreach event (OJT) and that 9 people received Christ. PTL!
- You are our shelter in the storm, our shining light who illuminates our path, our provision in times of need, the One who loves us most. May we enter into a deep and fruitful relationship with you.
- that we don't need fancy words, structured outlines, or formal methods. We only need to open a conversation with God, sharing our hearts in our own words, no matter how feeble and inadequate we think they are.

**S**upplication: help us to trust who you are.

**Lion of the Tribe of Judah:** A Prayer of Supplication

Jesus, I want others to know Your name and experience the blessing of living according to Your will and Your ways. And enjoying the freedom that you offer. Give me insight on how to share Your name, **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**, with those around me. Show me ways to inspire others to seek You more fully so that they will grow in their relationship with you.

Keep me on the path that you have offered to me, **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**, so that I do not lose my way. Help me follow You humbly and with much gratitude, with confidence, knowing that every step I have taken toward You thus far has been completely and divinely ordained by You.

**Ask God For:**

- all of the plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2022.
- many on-site prayer warriors to cover each Equip America training.
- all of the plans associated with the **Equip America** on Aug 28th in Manteca CA, Wilmar MN, and Dale City VA. Pray for Pastors to be encouraged and challenged to equip their churches to share the Gospel.
- let Your praises ring in our cities! In our towns and counties! In our communities! In our homes!
- for the HFK's training at Brookstone Church in Weaverville NC that begins Aug 11 for 13 weeks!
- we ask that You would put an end to violence and restore order to our cities. We pray for revival to spread throughout America. In Jesus' name.
- guide and lead us about all of our medical decisions, including everything about Covid.
- we ask for godly teachers who will take their place as instructors in classrooms across America, teaching students to walk in truth, to love each other, to acquire sound knowledge, and to know your righteousness.
- we ask that You bless homeschooling families. Give them peace, joy, support, and a wonderful learning experience.

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| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/11-29/21  | Vietnamese Alliance Church               | Orlando FL       |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/20-21/21  | Henagar Baptist Church                   | Henagar AL       |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/21/21     | First Baptist Church of Rogers           | Rogers AR        |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/21/21     | Destination Church                       | Fletcher NC      |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/21/21     | Philema Road Baptist Church              | Leesburg GA      |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/21/21     | St. Thomas Evangelical Church            | Warminster PA    |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/28/21     | Lakeview Baptist Church                  | Delray FL        |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 8/28/21     | Zion Baptist Church                      | Brownsville TN   |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 9/3-26/21   | Vietnamese Alliance Church               | Minneapolis MN   |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 9/11/21     | International Bible Christian Fellowship | Lynnwood WA      |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 9/11/21     | Trinity Lutheran Church                  | Atchison KS      |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 9/18/21     | First Baptist Church                     | Clarendon AR     |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 9/18/21     | Harmony Community Church                 | Peachland NC     |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 10/2/21     | Hope of Glory Baptist Church             | Brownsville TN   |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 10/16/21    | Friendly Hills Church                    | Jamestown NC     |
| <b>SYFW</b>       | 11/13/21    | First Baptist Church                     | South Otselic NY |
| <b>EV2 Launch</b> | 8/19 - 8/20 | First Baptist Church                     | Rogers AR        |
| <b>EV2 Launch</b> | 10/15-10/16 | Rio Life Community Church                | Mercedes TX      |
| <b>XEE</b>        | 10/14-16/21 | CC Palabra de Vida                       | Raleigh NC       |