

## Last Words Genesis Chapter 50

- Gen 50:1 **1) The Funeral** vs 1-14  
Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.
- *Joseph wept 7 times*
- Gen 50:2 Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.
- *Joseph had physicians embalm his father rather than priests which was more the custom. Possibly due to the Egyptian priest's religious rituals as they proceeded thru the embalming process.*
- Gen 50:3 Now forty days were required for it, for such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.
- *The entire nation wept for Jacob 40 days.*
- Gen 50:4 When the days of mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak to Pharaoh, saying,
- *Joseph didn't speak to Pharaoh directly. Possibly due to a ritual cleanliness issue due to Joseph's father dieing.*
- Gen 50:5 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am about to die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.' "
- Gen 50:6 Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."
- *Jacob had the wisdom to be prepared for death. Physically prepared - plot, will, service preferences, funeral paid for. Spiritually prepared - forgiveness, assurance*
- Gen 50:7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,
- Gen 50:8 and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.
- Gen 50:9 There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.
- *"a very great company" - included all of Pharaoh's servants, elders of house and elders of land.*
  - *Jacob's household*
- Gen 50:10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed seven days mourning for his father.
- Gen 50:11 Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.
- *The Canaanites realize someone great has passed away when they see this great group of people then realizing this is a funeral processional.*
- Gen 50:12 Thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;
- Gen 50:13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a burial site from Ephron the Hittite.
- Gen 50:14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.
- *Joseph returns to Egypt. He longed for his home but he realized Egypt was where God had called him.*

Gen 50:15 **2) Blessed Assurance** vs 15-26

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!"

Gen 50:16 So they sent {a message} to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,

Gen 50:17 "Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Gen 50:18 Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

- *With Jacob gone the brothers wonder if Joseph was just saving his wrath until Jacob's death and then they were going to be punished for their offense against Joseph.*
- *You have to wonder if Jacob really said what the brothers said he said in verse 16+17. Were they just manipulating the circumstance for their own preservation?*
- *We often times return to this place before Jesus. Did He really forgive our sins? Sometimes we wonder if punishment still awaits us. Do we have assurance?*
- *1 John Assurance & Grace*
- *Joseph hears this and he weeps.*

Gen 50:19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?"

Gen 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, {but} God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Gen 50:21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- *Assures them that God is governing these situations.*
- *Joseph says this about God's sovereignty now for the 2nd time. (first time was in chapter 45)*

Gen 50:22 Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

Gen 50:23 Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees.

Gen 50:24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Gen 50:25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here."

- *Again Joseph assures them that God will care for them.*
- *Hebrews 11:22 "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones."*
- *Joshua 24 Joshua buried in Shechem in Ephraim*

Gen 50:26 So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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