

Genesis 50 - Lesson 49

The Death, Burial, and Hope of Israel

1. Gen 49:28-50:1 - Jacob Dies

- a. Every important Bible doctrine stems from the seed planted in Genesis
- b. The Bible is built upon the promises in Genesis - Deu 27:3, Lk 1:72, 2 Pet 3:4
- c. 29-32 - The only land Israel owned, a specific description identifying it
- d. Jacob wishes burial there in hope of resurrection (remember Gen 26:3, 28:13, 46:4)
- e. *"yielded up the ghost"* - like Jesus, no one took it from him - John 10:18, 19:30
- f. Jesus and Jacob died with a promise of resurrection - Heb 11:39
- g. *"gathered unto his people"* - he was not buried yet, and was still living - Matt 22:32

2. Gen 50:1-14 - Israel Returns to the Land

- a. Jacob embalmed as a rich man, just as Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb
- b. 50:2 - Jacob died, but Israel is preserved
- c. 50:6 - Pharaoh said, "Go" which is a stark contrast to the future Pharaoh's response
- d. This Pharaoh respects God and his people by knowing Joseph
- e. The funeral procession is like Christians do today from funeral to cemetery
- f. *"beyond Jordan"* - the next time Israel makes this trip it will be to conquer
- g. Jacob's sons carried him into the land, and buried him in Machpelah

3. Gen 50:15-21 - The Tribes Bow to Joseph

- a. The brothers fear Joseph, the proper response of Israel after they go into the land
- b. Jacob was seen as the mediator, Joseph is seen as the avenger.
- c. That Jacob says to "forgive them" sounds like what Jesus said on the cross Lk 23:34
- d. Here, Israelites are appealing to the fathers' sake - Rom 11:28
- e. God had a promise to the fathers and will keep it - Rom 11:26-27, 15:8
- f. They are asking for forgiveness, the proper response of Israel - 1 John 1:9, Lev 26:40
- g. *"we be thy servants"* - as they bow down to the stone and shepherd (Gen 49:24)
- h. *"am I in the place of God"* - Just like Peter in Acts 10:26, and Israel in Mk 2:7, Lk 5:21
- i. *"ye thought evil against me"* - Israel killed their Messiah, but... Acts 2:23-24, 1 Pet 1:3
- j. God is not ordaining evil, God is making things good for his purpose - Rom 8:28

4. Gen 50:22-26 - Joseph Dies in Faith

- a. Joseph dies at 110 (a lot younger than his fathers)
- b. 24 - The promise and hope Joseph believed even as he died - Rom 15:8
- c. We covered a lot more than just Genesis (5% of the Bible) - Hebrews 11:13
- d. Joseph's commandments concerning his bones - Heb 11:22, Exo 13:19, Josh 24:32
- e. Like Jesus you can't find Joseph's bones where he died today.
- f. Genesis begins with God's perfect creation, and ends with a coffin and a promise.
- g. This is only the beginning of Israel, prophecy, God's revealed purpose