

Genesis 50

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50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

²And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. (They embalmed him because he had asked to be carried away, back to Canaan; to be buried with Abraham. Normally, Israelites did not embalm their dead)

³And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. (They mourned 70 days for Jacob because of their love for Joseph)

⁴And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

⁵My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. (He promised Jacob that he would bury him with Abraham)

⁶And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. (Pharaoh trusted Joseph)

⁷And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, (This was like an honor guard. Joseph was a national hero in Egypt)

⁸And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. (In southern Egypt, where the shepherd kings lived; where Jacob and his family lived)

NOTE: (These were Hebrews who had migrated to southern Egypt centuries before. The Egyptians did not tend cattle and sheep. They thought that it was beneath them, so they relied on these shepherd kings <hicksos> to do it for them. Joseph's wife was one of these Hicksos)

⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. (For protection on the road; Joseph was just beneath Pharaoh in rank)

¹⁰ And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. (Atad = a thorn)

¹¹ And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan. (Abelmizraim= the mourning of the Egyptians)

¹² And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

¹³ For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. (This is why Abraham wanted the deed, officially, as proof of ownership. Generations later, it still belonged to his family)

¹⁴ And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

¹⁵ And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. (Their guilty conscience is getting to them. Joseph already told them not to worry; because he knew that all of this was God's plan to save Israel & Egypt)

NOTE: (This is typical for corrupt or criminal people. They spend the rest of their lives looking over their shoulder; waiting for justice to catch up with them)

¹⁶ And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

¹⁷ So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. (He had already forgiven them. He probably knew that Jacob hadn't said that. He was

sad because he realized that his brothers still didn't trust him, after all that he had done for them)

NOTE: (This is also a good example for people who continually ask God, over and over, for forgiveness for the same sin. It is offensive to God. God forgives us when we repent. Move on with your life and do better. You have been forgiven)

¹⁸ And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. (This was Joseph's dream, when he was 17 years old, coming to fruition. His sheave would stand straight, while all of their sheaves would bow down to his)

¹⁹ And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? (Vengeance belongs to God, not to men. Joseph was a wise man. He understood that all of this was God's plan to save Israel and Egypt)

²⁰ But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (It was all a part of God's plan; to result in the saving of Jacob's family, as well as Egypt and the surrounding nations)

²¹ Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. (They have nothing to fear from Joseph. They will live peacefully in Egypt)

²² And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

²³ And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. (He saw his grandchildren)

²⁴ And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (This would happen through Moses, almost 400 years after they had entered Egypt)

²⁵ And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. (When God led them out of Egypt, through Moses, they carried Joseph's bones to the Promised Land)

²⁶ So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. (Like Jacob, he was embalmed by the Egyptians so that his bones could be carried out of Egypt. 400 years later, God would free Israel from Egypt through Moses. They carried the bones of Joseph with them, out of Egypt, when they left) see Exodus

NOTES: (This Book of Genesis, as with the next 4 Books of the Pentateuch, was penned by Moses with inspiration from God)

(The Bible is the story of one man and his family. This is where our word "history" < his story > comes from. The family started with Adam and Eve, and ends with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Adam and Eve were not the first people on earth. They were the first people of this family)