

Genesis 50

Questions from Chapter 49

1. Which son was "unstable as water?"
2. Which two brothers were joined together because of their anger?
3. Which brother was the "scepter" never to depart from?
4. Which brother were the others going to praise?
5. Why was Judah's eyes going to be red with wine, and his teeth white like milk?
6. Where was Zebulun going to dwell?
7. Who was going to be the judge of his people?
8. Who was the strong but lazy brother?
9. What did it mean that Gad would be over come?
10. What brother was the baker?
11. Which son was the most encouraging?
12. Which son had the most prophesy spoken over him?
13. Which son was the baby wolf who would always be at war?

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.¹

² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

³ And 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.²

⁴ And 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,

⁵ My 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 me³. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

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

⁷ And 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,

⁸ And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house:⁴ only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

¹ If there is a epilogue to Genesis, this is it. The previous chapter is the climax with all of the prophesy of Israel being professed, and now The final two living patriarchs of God's people die.

² It is amazing how the Egyptian people mourned for Israel, a Jew, for 70 days. In the time he was there he must have made a very significant impression on them.

³ Israel did not want to be buried in Egypt. Joseph has to carefully explain respectfully that his father wanted to be buried in his families burial place in Canaan.

⁴ The funeral procession from Egypt to Canaan is very large. Only the children, and the flocks were left behind.

¹⁰ And they came to the threshing floor of Atad⁵, 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.

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.

¹² And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:⁶

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 buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

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 us⁷, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

¹⁶ And they sent a messenger unto Joseph⁸, 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.⁹

¹⁸ And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants¹⁰.

⁵ Atad was a place of "great" mourning, and was renamed Abelmizraim which means place of great sorrow.

⁶ All Jacob's sons are obedient and lay him to rest in his desired place.

⁷ The guilt of what they had done to Joseph comes out again. Guilt is a very difficult feeling to overcome. We who plan to live holy and fearless, must live guilt free.

⁸ Joseph's brothers are afraid to see him for fear that he will do them harm for their trespass. So they sent this message to him by proxy.

⁹ Even after all the things that Joseph had done for them, they were still afraid of his wrath, and their mistrust of him caused him to weep.

¹⁰ Again Joseph's dream of prophesy comes to pass as his brethren bow before him and claim to be his servants.

¹⁹ And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

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.

²¹ Now therefore fear ye not: **I will nourish you, and your little ones¹¹**. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

²² And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and **Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.¹²**

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.

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 sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.¹³

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.¹⁴**

²⁶ So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: **and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.¹⁵**

¹¹ Joseph promises to take care of his brothers and their families.

¹² Joseph who honored his father lives a long life full of prosperity. He lives to see his great grand children.

¹³ Joseph gives his own prophesy unto his brothers, and unto Canaan.

¹⁴ Joseph was also buried in Canaan with his father and ancestors in their burial ground.

¹⁵ Joseph is also embalmed like Jacob, and he was put into a coffin.