

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JANUARY 17, 2023
GENESIS 50:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. The blessings given by Jacob remind us that God will always keep His promises.
 - a) The promises and God are specific. (Matt. 2.5,6; Acts 17.1-3)
 - b) Therefore we must pay close attention to the word of God and not make assumptions. Otherwise, our faith may waver. (Isa. 51.1-3; 49.14,15; Heb. 2.1)
2. At the end of chapter 49, Jacob stepped into eternity and joined those who have gone on before him. (Gen. 49.33).
3. Genesis 50 records the account of Joseph and his brother burying their father.

I. THE MOURNING OF JACOB

- A. **GENESIS 50.1:** *“Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him...”*
 1. Fell (napal): Carried the idea of collapsing. Jacob collapsed around his father’s neck.
 2. Knowing his father was about to die did not make his passing easier to handle.
 - a) Jacob knew that he would die in Joseph’s presence. (Gen. 46.3,4)
 - b) **GENESIS 48.1,21:** *“Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘Behold, I am dying’”*
 3. We mourn over our loss, but it is not a weeping without hope. (1 Thess. 4.13,14)
- B. **GENESIS 50.3:** *“the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.”*
 1. There was a burial process. (Gen. 59.2)
 - a) Ancient Egyptian embalming process took forty days for dehydration and an additional thirty days for the preservation of the outer body.
 - b) During this process, the Egyptians would mourn for the dead. (v. 3)
 2. **GENESIS 50.3:** Joseph and his family did not mourn alone.
 - a) **EZEKIEL 24.15-24:** Ezekiel was to show no indication of grief.
 - b) **JOHN 11.33-38:** Mary wept, her friends wept, and Jesus wept.
 - c) **PSALM 35.11-14:** David wept and mourned even for his enemies.

II. THE BURIAL OF JACOB

- A. Joseph asks Pharaoh permission to leave.
 1. **GENESIS 50.4:** *“Now when the days of his mourning were past”* They mourned him for seventy days, but then the time of mourning passed.
 2. **GENESIS 50.4-6:** *“If I have found favor in your eyes”*
 - a) Joseph requests permission because his father made him swear. (Gen. 47.29-31)
 - b) **GENESIS 50.6:** *“Go and bury your father, as he made you swear”*
- B. Joseph goes to bury his father.
 1. Joseph had a large company join him in his travels.
 - a) **GENESIS 50.7-9:** Who went with Joseph?
 - b) We should never have to bury our loved ones alone.
 2. **GENESIS 50.10:** *“When they came to the threshing floor of Atad”* Atad was about halfway between Jericho and the Jordan River.
 3. **GENESIS 50.10:** *“they mourned him there with a great and very solemn lamentation”*
 - a) The lamentation lasted seven days. (v. 10)
 - b) The inhabitants of the land was moved when they saw it. (v. 11)