

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
GENESIS 50:22-26

INTRODUCTION:

1. His brothers came to him asking for forgiveness.
 - a) **GENESIS 50.21:** *“Do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones”*
 - b) **GENESIS 50.21:** *“And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them”* The word “kindly” is translated from the Hebrew word meaning “to the heart.” It was a heart-to-heart talk.
2. The book of Genesis closes with the end of the life of Joseph.
 - a) Joseph was the transition which transformed the children of Israel into the nation of Israel.
 - b) Everything that happened to Joseph was God ordained. (Ps. 105.16-22; Gen. 45.5)

I. THE DEATH OF JOSEPH

- A. **GENESIS 50.22:** *“And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.”*
 1. Fifty-four years passed from the time that Jacob died at the end of Genesis 49 and the time that Joseph died at the end of Genesis 50.
 - a) Joseph was thirty-nine when Jacob arrived in Egypt. (Gen. 41.46,47; 45.6)
 - b) How long was Jacob in Egypt? (Gen. 47.28)
 - c) Joseph was fifty-six when his father died.
 2. **GENESIS 50.23:** *“Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third generation.”*
 - a) The genealogies of Manasseh and Ephraim. (Num. 26.28-37)
 - b) **GENESIS 50.23:** *“The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph’s knees.”* They were raised by Joseph. (Gen. 30.3)
- B. **GENESIS 50.24:** *“And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying...”*
 1. Before his death, Joseph made a prediction.
 - a) **GENESIS 50.24:** *“But God will surely visit you.”* To come to them. (cf. Gen. 21.1)
 - b) **GENESIS 50.24:** *“and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”* Compare to Jacob’s last words. (Gen. 48.21).
 2. Before his death, Joseph requested a promise.
 - a) **GENESIS 50.25:** *“Then Joseph took an oath...”* (cf. Gen. 47.29-31)
 - b) When was Joseph carried to Egypt? (Gen. 50.25; Ex. 13.19; Josh. 24.32)
 - c) Who else was buried in Shechem? (Acts 17.15,16)
 3. **GENESIS 50.26:** *“So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old...”*

II. A MEMORIAL FOR JOSEPH

- A. Joseph was a man of frustration. (cf. Gen. 41.51)
 1. **PSALM 105.16,17:** *“He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave.”*
 - a) Though the brothers sold Joseph into slavery, God was ultimately responsible.
 - b) **GENESIS 45.5-8:** Three times, Joseph told his brother that God sent him to Egypt.
 2. **PSALM 105.18,19:** *“The word of the Lord tested him”* (Gen. 39.9; Ps. 105.20-22)
- B. Joseph was a man of fear.
 1. Joseph told his brother, *“I fear God”* (Gen. 42.18)
 2. Joseph respected God over his own wellbeing. (Gen. 39.9; 41.13)
- C. Joseph was a man of faith.
 1. Joseph always gave God credit. (Gen. 41.51,52)
 2. Joseph believed that God would keep his promise. (Gen. 50.25; Heb. 11.22)