

THE END OF AN ERA

(Genesis 50)

XV. JACOB'S REQUEST TO JOSEPH (Gen. 47:27-31)

XVI. JACOB BLESSES TWO OF HIS GRANDSONS (Gen. 48:1-22)

XVII. JACOB BLESSES HIS TWELVE SONS IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS (Gen. 49:1-33)

XVIII. JACOB DIES AND THERE IS A GRAND FUNERAL FOR HIM (Gen. 50:1-26)

A. The MOURNING of Jacob's passing and his BURIAL (49:33-50:1-14)

1. When Jacob died he was _____ to his _____ before he was actually buried.
 - a. In the oldest book of the Bible Job not only believed in a _____ but he truly believed in an _____. (Job 19:25-26)
 - b. The Sadducees of Jesus' day did _____ believe in the resurrection of the dead, but the Lord told them boldly that they were in _____. (Matt. 22:23-33)
2. Joseph communicated to Pharaoh that he would like to be able to _____ his father back in _____ just as he desired. (50:4-6)

B. The FEAR of Joseph's brothers (50:15-18)

1. After all this time Joseph's brothers still hadn't accepted his _____ offered _____ years earlier. (50:15-17-18)
2. Joseph actually wept at their _____ of heart and _____. (50:17b)

C. The FORGIVENESS of Joseph (50:19-21)

1. The _____ to success in Joseph's life was his ability to be able to always put _____ first in spite of the circumstances. (50:19)

2. Joseph truly understood (first hand) the _____ of his _____ in his life. (50:20)

D. The FAITH of Joseph (50:22-26)

1. Joseph once again encouraged his brothers that he had no intentions of harming them, but instead only _____ and _____ them. (50:21)
2. Joseph's dying oath was a statement of _____ in God's revealed Word, "*God will _____ visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land which He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*" (Gen. 15:13-15; 46:4; 48:21, 50:24; Josh. 24:32; Heb. 11:22)

E. Reviewing some PRINCIPLES learned from Joseph's life

1. Though children generally repeat the sins of their parents, by God's grace you are not a _____, but a _____ in Christ and the cycle of sin can be broken.
2. Though your _____ may approve of your sins, _____ does not.
3. In _____ God, you may have to suffer _____ by other people.
4. Holding _____ and _____ will only hurt your spiritual growth in the long run, and it will adversely affect others.
5. Those in chronic, long-term trials must guard against being _____ instead of _____ focused.
6. God may appear to be moving slow, but He is most likely seeking to use the apparent delay to _____ you and _____ you spiritually.
7. In light of the Abrahamic Covenant, God will fulfill His plan and promises to Israel regarding a _____, _____, and _____.
8. The *Major principle* to learn in the life of Joseph: As a believer in Christ, you are under God's unfailing _____ care; therefore, _____ the Lord and His promises, and be _____ to Him regardless of your circumstances.