

# **Genesis 50**

## **Genesis 50.1-3**

**V1 – What did Joseph first do concerning his dead father?** Cried over him (Joseph was very tender-hearted)

**-Why cry if we know a person was faithful and was saved?** Because of years of separation until we also leave this life and see that person again

**V2 – What else did Joseph do?** Had Jacob embalmed

**-Note:** He was not cremated – cremation is not the way God’s people deal with the dead (Jesus was not cremated)

**V3 – How long did the embalming procedure take?** Forty days

**-How long was Egyptian mourning for Jacob?** Seventy days

## **Genesis 50.4-11**

**V4 –** Joseph wanted to speak to Pharaoh

**V5 – What was Joseph’s request?** To bury Jacob in the land of Canaan

**-Why did he want to bury Jacob there?** Jacob had made him promise (and the promise of God was that his descendants would inherit Canaan)

**V6 – Pharaoh’s answer?** Go and bury your father

**V7 – Who went with Joseph?** Servants of Pharaoh and elders of Egypt (quite an official procession)

**V8 – Who else went?** Family of Jacob (except the little children)

**V9 –** Chariots and horsemen also went

**V10 –** Seven more days of mourning at the burial site

**V11 – What did the local people think about all of this?** Impressed; renamed the sight

## **Genesis 50.12-14**

**V12 –** Jacob’s sons fulfilled his wish

**V13 – Technical name for burial site?** Cave of Machpelah

**-Who had originally bought this burial site?** Abraham (*Genesis 23.16-20*)

**V14 –** They all returned to Egypt

## **Genesis 50.15-21**

**V 15 – What did Joseph’s brothers worry about?** With Jacob dead, Joseph now might try to get even

-They still could not understand the concept of forgiveness

**V 16**– So they sent a message to Joseph

**V 17 – What did the message say?** They asked for forgiveness

-**Joseph’s reactions?** Cried when he got the message

-**Why did he cry?** Sorrow over their lack of understanding of forgiveness

-This is the first verse in the entire Bible that uses the word *forgive* – God is slowly revealing his plan for mankind!

**V 18 – How did they act when they came to see Joseph?** Bowed down (remember the two dreams)

**V 19 – Joseph’s statement?** Only God carries out vengeance

**V 20**– Very, very important verse

-**What had God done in Joseph’s life?** Had taken an evil event and had turned it around so that good had resulted

**Read Romans 8.28**

-Joseph had always been faithful to God

**V 21 – Joseph’s answer to his brothers?** Don’t worry – I will take care of you all

## **Genesis 50.22-26**

**V 22** – Now the fourth patriarch in this family was approaching death (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

-**How old was Joseph?** 110 years old

-Abraham – 175 years (*Genesis 25.7*)

-Isaac – 180 years (*Genesis 35.28*)

-Jacob – 147 years (*Genesis 47.28*)

-Joseph – 110 years (*Genesis 50.22*)

**V 23** – Joseph was able to see his grandchildren and his great grandchildren

**V 24** – Joseph restated the promise

-**What was God’s promise?** To return His people to Canaan

**V 25 – What did Joseph make his brothers and children promise?** To take his body with them when they left Egypt

**V 26** – Joseph died and was embalmed

-**Why was he not buried?** So that they could take his body to Canaan

**Read Exodus 13.19, Joshua 24.32, Acts 7.15-16**

See also *Psalm 105.8-24* for more background

Think about the journey we have taken in studying the book of *Genesis*: from the creation of the universe down to one person (who was not even in the genealogy of the Messiah)

Message: Everyone is important in the eyes of God, and each person has a responsibility to remain faithful to the will of God.

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