

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

"DON'T BURY ME IN EGYPT"
Genesis 49:1 – 50:26

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Genesis 49:1-15

2. What was Jacob's reason for summoning his sons together?
3. Israel first addressed his six sons by Leah.
 - a. Although the firstborn, why would Reuben no longer have preeminence?
 - b. Condemned for their violence at Shechem, Simeon and Levi were to be "disbursed in Jacob and scattered in Israel." What is learned in Joshua 19:9 about Simeon?
 - c. . . . Joshua 21:41 about Levi?
 - d. What geographical location was given Zebulun?
 - e. Issachar would submit to/become _____.

DAY 2 – READ Genesis 49:16-28

4. The sons of handmaids Bilhah and Zilpah were next.
 - a. Dan "will _____ people." How else would his tribe be described?
 - b. When attacked, how would Gad react?
 - c. What would Asher do?
 - d. Describe Naphtali.
5. Israel pronounced his blessing on Rachel's sons.
 - a. Joseph would continue to enjoy God's blessings and be what (vs. 22)?
 - b. Benjamin's descendants were to be fighters. What interesting fact do we learn about them in Judges 20:15-17?

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Genesis 49:16-28

6. a. What does verse 28 indicate about Jacob's blessings for his sons?
- b. Have you ever thought about what blessing you might make for your children, or even for a parent or friend? Write a short blessing (or prayer) that is "appropriate" to the first person God brings to mind.

DAY 3 – READ Genesis 49:29-50:14

7. a. Where did Israel want to be buried?
- b. With whom?
8. What happened during the 70 days after Israel's death?
9. a. Who accompanied Joseph as he went to bury his father?
- b. What comfort is there to the surviving family in observing a formal funeral service?
- c. Do you have a favorite Scripture of comfort to use in time of death? Share if you will.
10. Who was living in the land?

DAY 4 – READ Genesis 50:15-21

11. What did Joseph's brothers fear?
12. a. What action did they take?
- b. How did Joseph respond in verses 19,20?
13. (IN-DEPTH) What parallels do you see between Joseph's life and that of Jesus?
14. Joseph reassured his brothers of his love and forgiveness. Is there someone in your life today who needs this from you? Write 1 Peter 1:22.

DAY 5 – READ Genesis 50:22-26

15. a. Of what was Joseph confident in verse 24?

b. What was his request?

c. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, when was Joseph's request honored?

16. Joseph died at the age of _____, was _____ and placed in a _____ in _____.

17. The patriarchs were dead and the promised inheritance was yet to come. You, as a Christian, have a promised inheritance. How is it described in 1 Peter 1:3-5?

Praise God for this wonderful gift!

18. Review the book of Genesis in your mind. What did you learn from each of the following that you can apply to your life as a Christian?

- a. Adam
- b. Noah
- c. Abraham
- d. Isaac
- e. Jacob/Israel
- f. Joseph
- g. God

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: