



Bible questions plan week 16 day 3

Genesis 50

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1 Joseph fell on his father's face, wept on him, and kissed him. 2 Joseph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were used for him, for that is how many days it takes to embalm. The Egyptians wept for Israel for seventy days.

What did Joseph and the Egyptians do after Jacob died?

4 When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to Pharaoh's staff, saying, "If now I have found favour in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am dying. Bury me in my grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come again.' "

What request did Joseph make to Pharaoh, and how did Pharaoh respond?

6 Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury your father, just like he made you swear."

7 Joseph went up to bury his father;* and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. 9 Both chariots and horsemen went up with him. It was a very great company.

Who went with Joseph to bury Jacob?

* See map of Joseph's travels below

10 They came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and severe lamentation. He mourned for his father seven days. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. 12 His sons did to him just as he commanded them, 13 for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, as a possession for a burial site, from Ephron the Hittite, near Mamre. 14 Joseph returned into Egypt—he, and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

What did Joseph and his family do at the threshing floor of Atad, and where was Jacob buried?

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." 16 They sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father commanded before he died, saying, 17 'You shall tell Joseph, "Now please forgive the disobedience of your brothers, and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' Now, please forgive the disobedience of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to save many people alive, as is happening today. 21 Now therefore don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones." He comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

How did Joseph respond when his brothers feared he would take revenge after Jacob's death?

22 Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's house. Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees.

How long did Joseph live, and what family

24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying, but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old, and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

What instructions did Joseph give before he died?

Map of Joseph's travels

Map of Joseph's journey when he went to his brothers in Dothan and was then taken by Midianites to Egypt (Genesis 37). Joseph is eventually joined by the rest of Jacob's family (Genesis 46 and 47). Joseph later goes to Mamre to bury Jacob (Genesis 50).

