



Introduction

Jacob is buried. Joseph and his brothers stay in Egypt and eventually Joseph dies.



Questions

1. What did Joseph's brothers think might happen now that their father was dead and what did they do about it?
2. What was Joseph's attitude about being sold and taken to Egypt and what was his attitude to his brothers?
3. What did Joseph say, when he was dying, that God would do for them?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Joseph has Jacob embalmed and the Egyptians mourn for him for 70 days
- **v 4 to 6** Pharaoh allows Joseph to go to Canaan to bury Jacob
- **v 7 to 13** Joseph goes up to bury Jacob accompanied by a large company of Egyptians. After 7 days of mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, Jacob's sons bury him in the cave of the field of Machpelah near Mamre (see map, point 4)
- **v 14 to 21** After returning to Egypt, Joseph assures his brothers that he has forgiven them for their mistreatment of him in the past and that he will continue to care for them
- **v 22 to 26** As he is dying, Joseph makes his relatives promise that they will take his coffin with them when they eventually go back to the promised land (see theme). Joseph is possibly thinking about God's promise to Abram in Genesis 15 v 13 to 16

Timeline to 2000 BC (see below)



Theme / Information

The promised land

A selection of verses showing that God makes promises about a land to Abraham, the father of the Jews.

God invites Abram (later Abraham) to leave Ur of the Chaldees to go to another land:

Genesis 12 verse 1

Abram obeys God. When he arrives in the land, God promises to give it to him and to his offspring:

Genesis 13 verses 14 and 15

The writer to the Hebrews confirms this:

Hebrews 11 verses 8 and 9

God defines the extent of the promised land, which is identifiable territory in the Middle East:

Genesis 15 verse 18



The nation of Israel takes the land after the exodus from Egypt. Their control reaches its full extent in king Solomon's reign, but is then reduced again:

2 Chronicles 9 verse 26

Abraham does not receive the promised land in his lifetime:

Acts 7 verse 5

However, God's promises are always fulfilled and he will receive it when the Kingdom of God is established on the earth. Jesus tells his enemies that they will not be there:

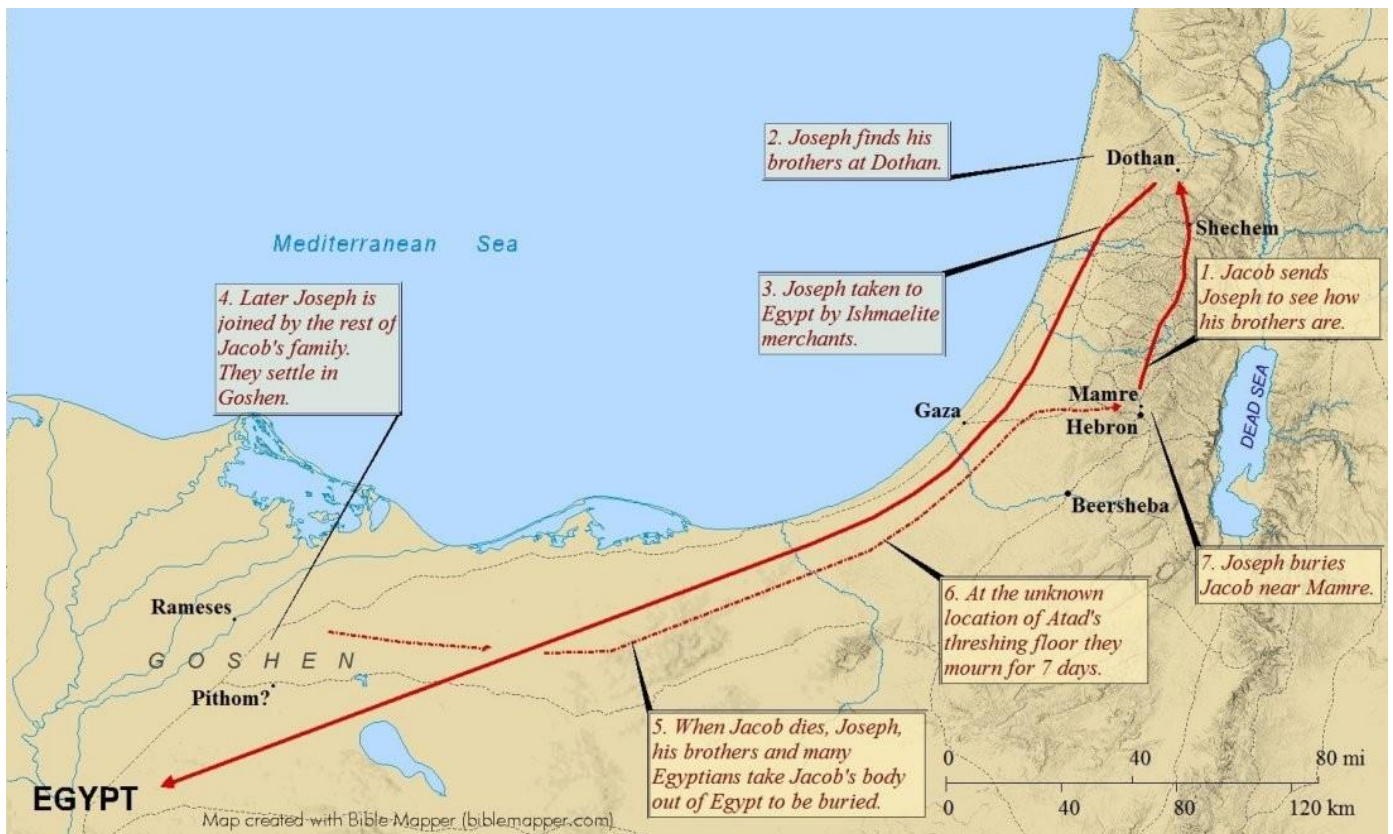
Luke 13 verse 28

The promised land, with its capital city Jerusalem, is destined to be the centre of God's Kingdom on earth:

Micah 4 verses 2 and 3

Joseph's travels

Map of Joseph's journey when he goes to Mamre to bury Jacob (Points 5 to 7).



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 15 to 17, Q 2: v 19 to 21, Q 3: v 24



Bible timeline

