

Genesis 49-50

Worldview: God is Good

Part 1: What Will Happen to You in the Days to Come (49:1-27)

1. Jacob calls his sons together to “tell you what shall happen to you in days to come”.
2. Reuben, Simeon, and Levi are displaced from places of honor.
3. Judah is given the place of prominence
4. Jacob’s comments to his other sons point to various levels of future prominence.

Part 2: The Death of Jacob (49:28-50:14)

1. Jacob commands that he be buried in the cave in the field at Machpelah – which Abraham bought.
2. Jacob dies.
3. Forty days are required to embalm Jacob, and the Egyptians weep for him for 70 days.
4. Joseph asks permission to go and bury his father, and Pharaoh grants his requests.
5. A very great company go – all the servants of Pharaoh, all the elders of the land of Egypt, and all the household of Joseph and his brothers – with chariots and horsemen.
6. After the burial, Joseph returns to Egypt.

Question: Why does Egypt make such a fuss over the death of Jacob?

Part 3: God’s Purpose Revealed (50:15-26)

1. Joseph’s brothers fear that Joseph will retaliate against them now that Jacob is dead.
2. They tell him that Jacob asked that Joseph forgive them – Joseph weeps.
3. His brothers fall down before him and say “behold, we are your servants.”
4. Joseph tells them that they meant evil against him, but God meant it for good.
5. He speaks kindly to them and promises to care for them and their families.
6. Before he dies, Joseph made the sons of Israel swear “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.”
7. Joseph dies.

Questions:

1. **Discuss the relevance of the Scripture: “Vengeance is mine, says the Lord”. (Deut 32:35; Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30)**
2. **Consider the teachings of Christ in Matthew 6. How can we apply what we have learned in the account of Joseph and his brothers to Christ’s teaching?**
3. **Verse 26 says that Joseph was embalmed and put in a coffin in Egypt. When were his bones carried up from there? (Exodus 13:19)**

Worldview Conclusions:

1. Genesis 4-5: A proper placement of God in our lives will yield sacrifice. An improper placement will bring sin. See Cain and Abel
2. Genesis 6: A biblical definition of freedom relates to man and sin. Oppression comes from sin. Freedom comes in Christ. God is a righteous judge. See the Flood.
3. Genesis 7-9: God maintains a remnant; God is faithful to his covenants. See post-flood.
4. Genesis 10-11: God's name is glorious; man's name is not. See Babel.
5. Genesis 12-13: History is the revealing of God's plan. See the promises to Abraham
6. Genesis 14-15: Battles are won by the Lord. See Abram's defeat of Shinar after their defeat of Sodom.
7. Genesis 16-17: God's ways are not our ways; See Sarai's solution to infertility versus God's.
8. Genesis 18-19: God's word is the difference between life and death. See Sodom.
9. Genesis 20-21: There is no plan "B". See Abraham's lie to Abimelech concerning Sarai.
10. Genesis 22: The Lord is our Provider. See Isaac and the ram.
11. Genesis 23-24: We plan knowing that God is our planner. See Abraham's servant selecting a wife for Isaac.
12. Genesis 25-26: God has an electing purpose. See Jacob and Esau.
13. Genesis 27-28: The wrong worldview has serious consequences. See Esau's selling of his birthright.
14. Genesis 29-30: God is the source of all that is good. See God's promises to Jacob
15. Genesis 31-32: Events are directed by God, not man. See Jacob's peace with Esau.
16. Genesis 33-34: Events may appear to be directed by man. See the account of Shechem
17. Genesis 35-37: Man cannot alter God's plan. See Joseph's brothers attempts to squash Joseph's dreams.
18. Genesis 38-39: Man's actions fulfill God's plan. See Judah and Tamar.
19. Genesis 40-41: God reveals his plan to man: See Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams.
20. Genesis 42-45: God is merciful: See the feast for Joseph's brothers...and their repentance.
21. Genesis 46-48: God is faithful. See God's provision for his people in Goshen.
22. Genesis 49-50: God is good. See the evil of Joseph's brothers become God's good plan.

Next Week: New Series – Doctrinal Distinctives