

## **Genesis 50: God Meant it For Good.**

### I. God Meant it For Good

Jacob was mourned for 70 days among the whole nation of Egypt. A royal mourning period in Egypt was 72 days. Jacob was obviously a greatly honored man. This was, no doubt, a day of rededication of the sons of Israel to the God of Israel, the God of the great covenant made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This was a dramatic burial. The entire clan gathered together to pay tribute to this

"Luther remarks that there is no burial recorded in the Scriptures quite as honorable as this or with such wealth of detail." (Leupold)

This story is probably concocted. They didn't feel they had the moral right to ask Joseph for mercy, since they sinned against him so greatly. So they put the request for mercy in the mouth of their honored and dead father.

"Every Christian should be able to see the overarching and overruling hand of God in their life, to know that no matter what evil man brings against us, God can use it for good."

"As said before, if Joseph's brothers never sell him to the Midianites, then Joseph never goes to Egypt. If Joseph never goes to Egypt, he never is sold to Potiphar. If he is never sold to Potiphar, Potiphar's wife never falsely accuses him of rape. If Potiphar's wife never falsely accuses him of rape, then he is never put in prison. If he is never put in prison, he never meets the baker and butler of Pharaoh. If he never meets the baker and butler of Pharaoh, he never interprets their dreams. If he never interprets their dreams, he never gets to interpret Pharaoh's dream. If he never gets to interpret Pharaoh's dream, he never is made prime minister. If he is never made prime minister, he never wisely administrates for the severe famine coming upon the region. If he never wisely administrates for the severe famine coming upon the region, then his family back in Canaan perishes from the famine. If his family back in Canaan perishes from the famine, then the Messiah can't come forth from a dead family. If the Messiah can't come forth, then Jesus never came. If Jesus never came, then you are dead in your sins and without hope in this world. We are grateful for God's great and wise plan." David Guzik

Joseph is still in Egypt, but his heart was in Canaan. Joseph died looking forward to God's unfolding plan of redemption, and that is where the Book of Genesis - the Book of Beginnings - ends. It concludes looking forward to the continuation of God's eternal, loving, wise plan.

**Romans 8:28-39** - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose....*

- II. So far in the Book of Genesis we've seen Scriptures progressively revealing Jesus Christ to us.
  - i. The Seed of the woman who would crush the Serpents head in Genesis 3.
  - ii. Melchzedek, the King of Salem and the Priest of the Most High God who blesses Abraham in Genesis 14.
  - iii. The Angel Of God who appeared to Abraham multiple times, making promises to him and his wife in from Genesis 12-22.
  - iv. The Angel of God who talked to Abraham about the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18.
  - v. Jacobs dream at Bethel about a ladder connecting to heaven and angels walking up and down in Genesis
  - vi. The Man who wrestles, cripples and bless Jacob in Genesis 32.
  - vii. The Life of Joseph...
    - Loved by his father.
    - Sent unto his brethren who hated him but he loved them.
    - Prophesied his coming glory through dreams.
    - Rejected and punished by his brothers.
    - Sentenced to the pit and raised out of it.
    - Sold for pieces of silver and handed over the Gentiles.
    - Went to Egypt and was made a servant.
    - Tempted severely and falsely accused but did not sin.
    - Cast into prison, and numbered with criminals.
    - Associated with two criminals; one is pardoned and one is not.
    - Showed compassion and brought a message of deliverance in prison.
    - Recognized as having the Spirit of God and glorified after his humility.
    - Given a Gentile bride and was 30 years old when he began his work.
    - Became the only source of bread for the world, Jews and Gentiles.
    - The world was instructed to go to him and do whatever he said to do.
    - He wanted all of his brethren to come to him.
    - He prepared a place for his brethren, and he received them into it.