

“HIGHLIGHTS OF TWILIGHT & MIDNIGHT”

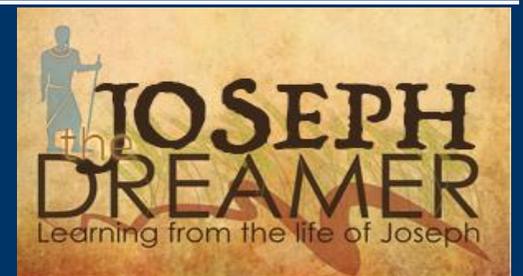
(Genesis 47:29 – 31; 50:15-21)

Life of Joseph - Sermon 12

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INTRODUCTION:



The
Lily
Yasmin
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"The
Storyteller"

INTRODUCTION:

The Eulogy



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"The
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1979-2000

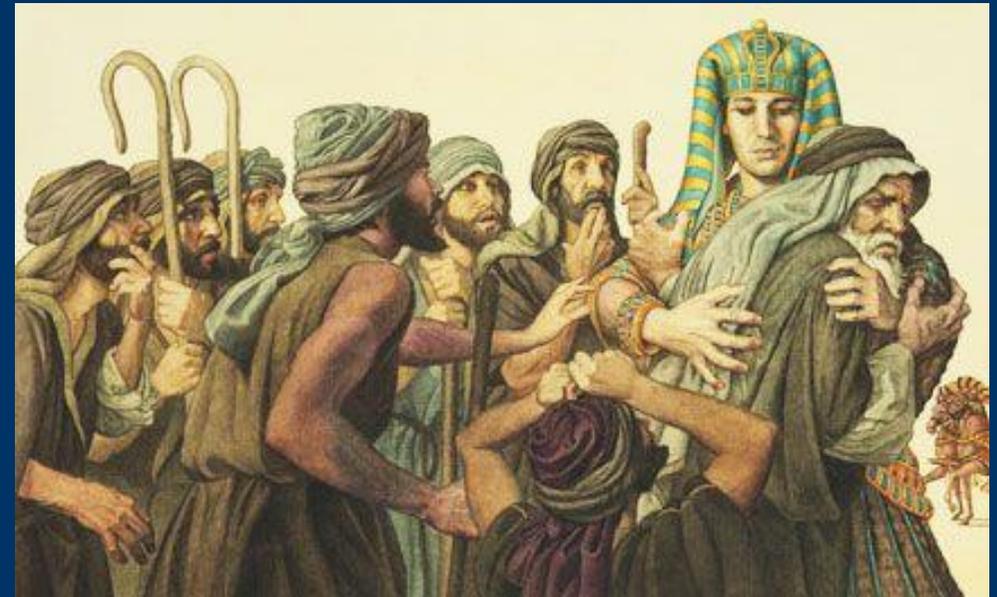


INTRODUCTION:

Dizzy



Jacob & Joseph
reunion after 17
years



INTRODUCTION:

Roller Coaster Ride



I. JACOB: SICKNESS, BLESSING, AND DEATH



Gen 47:29 When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called for his son Joseph and said to him, **"If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise that you will show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried."** **"I will do as you say,"** he said.

³¹ "Swear to me," he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.



I. JACOB: SICKNESS, BLESSING, AND DEATH

A. *Jacob with Joseph's Sons*

1. *Jacob recalls God's promise* (Gen. 48:1-5,7)

2. *Jacob bless Joseph's children* (Gen. 48:8-20)



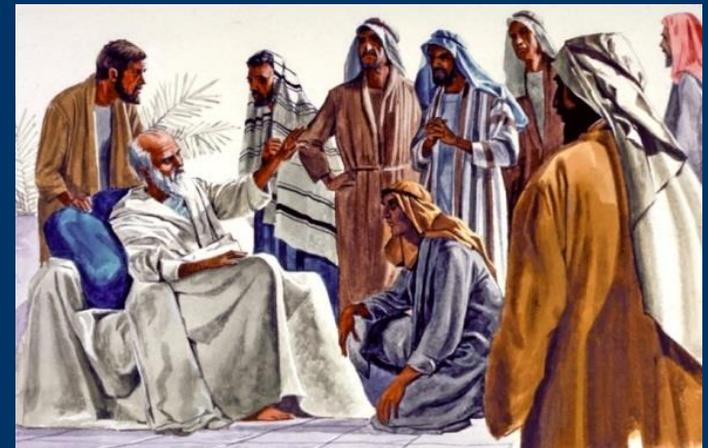
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B. Jacob with His Sons

1. Jacob specific prediction (Gen. 49:1-27)

2. Jacob specific instruction of his funeral (Gen. 49:29-32)

3. Jacob breathes his last (Gen. 49:33)



I. JACOB: SICKNESS, BLESSING, AND DEATH

C. Jacob's Death and Joseph's Mourning

Gen 50:1 *Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him.*

2 *Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, **3** taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming.*

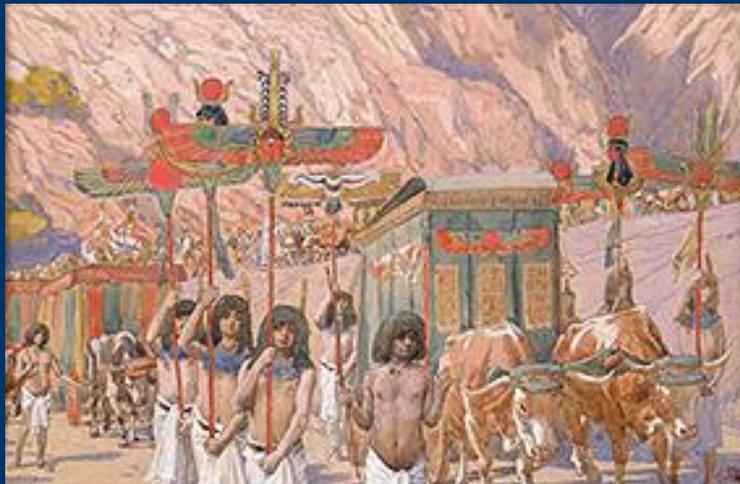
And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.



II. JOSEPH: GRIEF, GRACE, GLORY

A. Burial of His Father

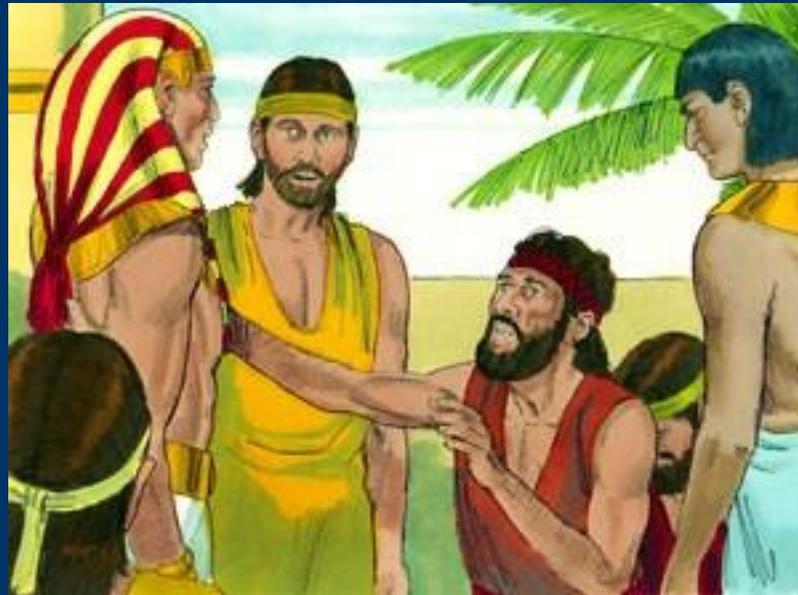
Gen. 50:12 So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them:
13 They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite.



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B. Forgiveness of His Brothers

Gen 50:15 *When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"*

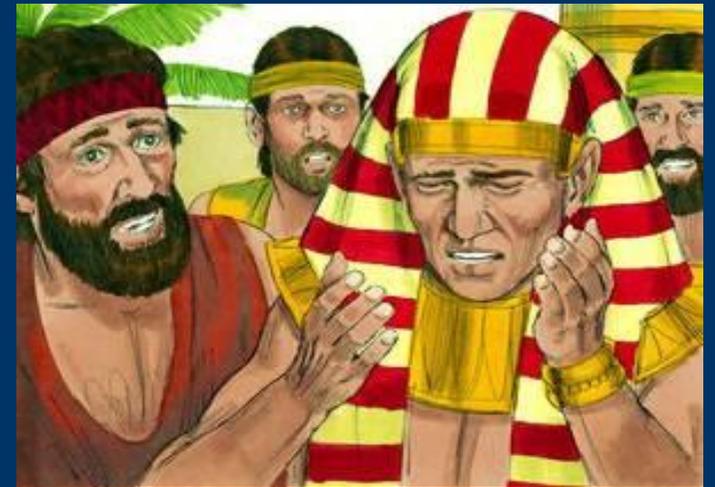


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Gen 50:16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, **"Your father left these instructions before he died:**

17 *'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father."* When their message came to him, Joseph wept.



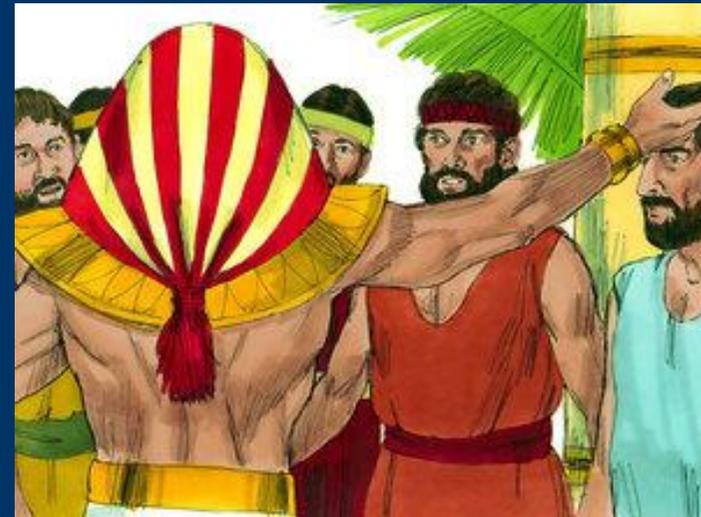
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Gen 50:19 But Joseph said to them, **"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"**

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.



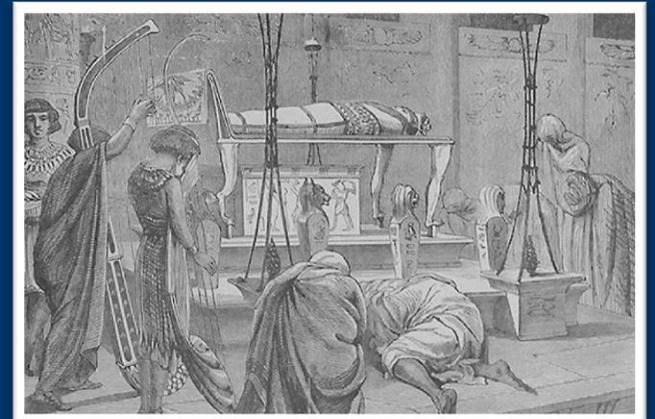
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C. Completion of His Life

Gen 50:24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, **"I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."**

25 And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, **"God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."**

26 So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.



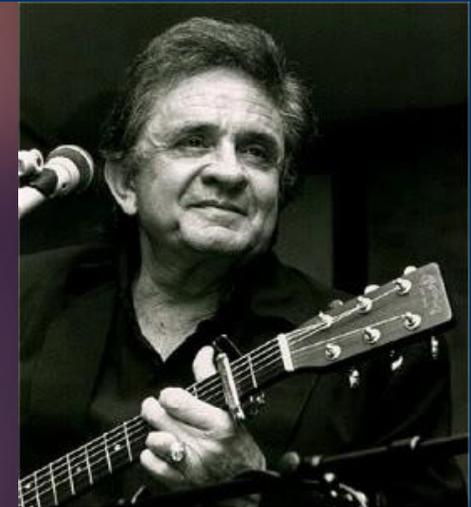
CONCLUSION: Lessons from the Story

From Joseph's life and legacy we can draw two important lessons for us to apply.

- 1. To grow old free of bitterness is one of the finest legacy we can leave behind.***

All your life, you will be faced with a choice. You can choose love or hate. I choose love.

Johnny Cash



CONCLUSION: Lessons from the Story

From Joseph's life and legacy we can draw two important lessons for us to apply.

2. *To face death, right with God and man, is the finest way we can enter eternity.*

Rest

In

Peace



Rot

In

Bitterness



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Share one eulogy you heard that was really touching. What was it that made that eulogy so special?*
- 2. Share one valuable lesson you learned from Jacob's twilight years in Egypt. Why was it so valuable?*
- 3. Share one precious lesson you learn from Joseph's twilight years. What was it that makes Joseph's life great and glorious?*
- 4. What do you think about the statement "To love or hate is a choice?" Which would you choose and why?*
- 5. At the end of our life on earth what do you like others to say about you?*



Scripture References:

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