

TIMELINE

Jacob takes Esau's blessing

1

Jacob leaves home to go stay with his uncle Laban

2

Jacob works to marry Laban's daughter Rachel

Jacob works 20 years taking care of Laban's flocks

Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah

3

Jacob marries Rachel

Jacob runs away from Laban to go back home

4

Laban chases after Jacob

5

Joseph tells two of his fellow prisoners the meanings of their dreams

11

Jacob sends messengers to Esau

6

Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to one of Pharaoh's officials

10

Esau meets and forgives Jacob
Jacob gets rid of his false gods

7

Joseph is accused of attempted rape and put in prison

Joseph's older brothers sell Joseph as a slave

9

Joseph tattles on four of his brothers and has two dreams

8

Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin

Pharaoh has two dreams and brings Joseph out of prison to explain their meaning

12

Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of all Egypt

13

Jacob and five of his sons meet Pharaoh

18

Jacob blesses his 12 sons

7 years of plenty

7 years of drought

Joseph's older brothers go to Egypt to buy food

14

Joseph's brothers return to Egypt to buy more food

15

16

Joseph tests his brothers and then tells them who he is

Jacob moves to Egypt and sees Joseph again

17

Jacob dies at age 147

19

Jacob has 11 sons

Leah:
Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah

Bilhah (Rachel's servant):
Dan
Naphtali

Zilpah (Leah's servant):
Gad
Asher

Leah:
Issachar
Zebulun

Rachel:
Joseph

Lesson 19

Isaiah 25:8a

He [the Lord] will swallow up death forever. The Lord and King will wipe away the tears from everyone's face.

Jacob Dies

Genesis 49:29–33, 50:1–14

^{49:29}Then Jacob gave directions to his sons. He said, “I’m about to join the members of my family who have already died. Bury me with them in the cave in the field of Ephron, the Hittite. ³⁰The cave is in the field of Machpelah near Mamre in Canaan. Abraham had bought it as a place where he could bury his wife’s body. He had bought the cave and the field from Ephron, the Hittite. ³¹The bodies of Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried there. So were the bodies of Isaac and his wife Rebekah. I also buried Leah’s body there. ³²Abraham bought the field and the cave from the Hittites.”

³³When Jacob had finished telling his sons what to do, he pulled his feet up into his bed. Then he took his last breath and died. He joined the members of his family who had already died.

^{50:1}Joseph threw himself on his father’s body. He wept over him and kissed him. ²Then Joseph talked to the doctors who served him. He told them to prepare the body of his father Israel to be buried. So the doctors prepared it. ³They took 40 days to do it. They needed that much time to prepare a body in the right way. The Egyptians mourned for Jacob 70 days.

⁴After the days of sadness had passed, Joseph went to Pharaoh’s officials. He said to them, “If you are pleased with me, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, ⁵‘My father made me give my word to him. He said, ‘I’m about to die. Bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.’ So let me go there and bury my father. Then I’ll come back.’”

⁶Pharaoh said, “Go there and bury your father. Do what he made you promise to do.”

⁷So Joseph went to Canaan to bury his father. All Pharaoh’s officials went with him. They were the important people of his court and all the leaders of Egypt. ⁸Joseph’s family also went. His brothers and all the rest of his father’s family went. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen.

⁹Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large group.

¹⁰They came to Atad, a place where grain was processed. It was near the Jordan River. There they sobbed loudly and bitterly. Joseph set apart seven days of sadness to honour his father’s memory. ¹¹The Canaanites living in that area saw how sad all of them were. They said, “The Egyptians are having a very special service for the dead.” That’s why that place near the Jordan River is called Abel of the Egyptians.

¹²So Jacob’s sons did exactly as he had commanded them. ¹³They carried his body to the land of Canaan. They buried it in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre. Abraham had bought the cave as a place where he could bury his wife’s body. He had bought the cave and the field from Ephron, the

Hittite. ¹⁴After Joseph buried his father, he went back to Egypt. His brothers and all the others who had gone to help him bury his father went back with him.

Questions

- 1 Where did Jacob want to be buried? Jacob wanted to be buried in the _____ that was in the field of Ephron, the Hittite, in Canaan. (Gen. 49:29)
- 2 Who was already buried in that cave? _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ were already buried there. (Gen. 49:31–32)



Rachel was not buried in the cave with her sister, Leah. Rachel was instead buried where she died giving birth to Benjamin: beside the road to Ephrath.

- 3 What did Jacob do after he had finished telling his sons what to do? Jacob pulled his _____ up into his _____, took his last _____, and died. (Gen. 49:33)
- 4 Whom did Jacob join immediately after he took his last breath? Jacob joined his family _____ who had _____ died. (Gen. 49:33)
- 5 What was Joseph's response to his father's death? Joseph _____ himself on his father's _____, _____ over him, and _____ him. (Gen. 50:1)
- 6 How many days did the Egyptian doctors take to prepare Jacob's body for burial? The Egyptian doctors took _____ days to prepare Jacob's body for burial. (Gen. 50:2–3)
- 7 How many days did the Egyptians mourn? The Egyptians mourned for _____ days. (Gen. 50:3)
- 8 Whom did the Egyptians mourn for? They mourned for _____. (Gen. 50:3)



What a support group Joseph had!

- 9 Did Pharaoh let Joseph go back to the land of Canaan so Joseph could bury his father there? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 50:6)
- 10 Who and what went with Joseph to Canaan to bury his father? All of Pharaoh's _____, all the _____ of Egypt, Joseph's _____, Joseph's _____, and all the rest of Joseph's father's _____, as well as _____ and _____, went with Joseph. (Gen. 50:7–9)
- 11 How big was the group? It was a _____ large group. (Gen. 50:9)

- 12 What did the group do when they came to Atad, near the Jordan River? They _____ loudly and bitterly. (Gen. 50:10)
- 13 How many days of sadness did Joseph set apart to honour his father's memory? Joseph set apart _____ days of sadness. (Gen. 50:10)
- 14 Did Jacob's sons do exactly what Jacob had commanded them to do? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 50:12)
- 15 Did Joseph go back to Egypt after he had buried his father? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 50:14)
- 16 Did Joseph's brothers and all the others go back to Egypt too? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 50:14)

Joseph Calms His Brothers' Fears

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵Now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers were worried. They said, "Remember all the bad things we did to Joseph? What if he decides to hold those things against us? What if he pays us back for them?"

¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph. They said, "Your father gave us directions before he died. ¹⁷He said, 'Here's what you must say to Joseph. Tell him, "I'm asking you to forgive your brothers. Forgive the terrible things they did to you. Forgive them for treating you so badly."' Now then, please forgive our sins. We serve the God of your father." When their message came to Joseph, he wept.

¹⁸Then his brothers came and threw themselves down in front of him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Do you think I'm God? ²⁰You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I'll provide for you and your children." He calmed their fears. And he spoke in a kind way to them.

Questions

- 17 Why were Joseph's brothers worried after their father's death? Joseph's brothers were worried because they thought that Joseph would finally **p**_____ them back for all the _____ things they had done to him. (Gen. 50:15)
- 18 What was the message Joseph's brothers sent to Joseph, *saying* it was from their father? The message was that their father wanted Joseph to _____ the terrible things his brothers had done to him. (Gen. 50:17)
- 19 What was the response of Joseph when he received this message? Joseph _____. (Gen. 50:17)
- 20 What did Joseph's brothers do after sending this message? They came to Joseph, _____ themselves down in front of him, and said, "We are your _____." (Gen. 50:18)
- 21 How did Joseph see his life through God's eyes? Joseph saw that what his brothers' had planned to

_____ him, God had planned for _____. (Gen. 50:20)

Romans 8:28a

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.

- 22 Why can those who love God have peace, even in difficult times? Those who love God can have peace because they know that in _____ things God _____ for the _____.
- 23 What did Joseph say to his brothers? Joseph told them not to be _____. He _____ their fears and spoke to them in a _____ way. (Gen. 50:21)
- 24 What did Joseph say he would do? Joseph said he would _____ for them and their children. (Gen. 50:21)

1 Timothy 5:8a

Everyone should provide for their own relatives. Most of all, everyone should take care of their own family.

Joseph Dies

Genesis 50:22–26

²²Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived 110 years. ²³He lived long enough to see Ephraim's children and grandchildren. When the children of Makir were born, they were placed on Joseph's knees and counted as his own children. Makir was the son of Manasseh.

²⁴Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm about to die. But God will surely come to help you. He'll take you up out of this land. He'll bring you to the land He promised to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." ²⁵Joseph made the Israelites promise him. He said, "God will surely come to help you. Then you must carry my bones up from this place."

²⁶So Joseph died at the age of 110. They prepared his body to be buried. Then he was placed in a casket in Egypt.

Questions

- 25 How long did Joseph live? Joseph lived to be _____ years old. (Gen. 50:22)
- 26 Were all of Joseph's brothers still alive when Joseph died? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 50:24)



Joseph was the first of his brothers to die, even though he was the second youngest.

- 27 What did Joseph prophesy to his brothers before he died? Joseph told his brothers that God would take them out of **E**_____ and would bring them back to **C**_____, the land God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Gen. 50:24)
- 28 Where was Joseph buried? Joseph was buried in _____. (Gen. 50:26)
- 29 When Joseph was about to die, what did he make the Israelites (the descendants of Israel) promise to do with his bones when God brought the Israelites back to Canaan? Joseph made them promise to _____ his bones with them. (Gen. 50:25)

Joshua 24:32

The Israelites had brought Joseph's bones up from Egypt. They buried his bones at Shechem in the piece of land Jacob had bought. He had bought it from the sons of Hamor. He had paid 100 pieces of silver for it. Hamor was the father of Shechem. That piece of land became the share that belonged to Joseph's children after him.



Many centuries later, the Israelites remembered their promise. When God brought them back to Canaan, they took Joseph's bones with them.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

