

HANDOUT FOR JUNE 12, 2022

Bible Baptist Church, Mt. Orab

Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
II Timothy 2:15

Subject: **Death & Hope**
Lesson Date: **June 5, 2022**
Teacher: Rev. Ted R. House

I. Review and Introduction

- Jacob knew the promise God had given to Abraham to make him a great nation, he passed it down to Isaac. Jacob's sons were "the twelve tribes of Israel" (first mention) which God would multiply and bless. Before Jacob died, he charged his sons not to bury him in Egypt. They went to take his remains to the family burial cave that Abraham had purchased near Mamre in Canaan. At this time, this field was the only land owned by Israel. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, and Leah were buried there. Jacob wanted to be buried in the land God had promised Israel. It was his hope to be resurrected in the Promised Land. Jacob had been given strength to sit and give his instructions to his sons.
 - Genesis 49:28-33; Genesis 23:9-20

II. Jacob's Death and Burial

- After his death, Jacob's body was embalmed, and the state of Egypt observed an official 70-day period of mourning. This was an extraordinary gesture toward a man unconnected to Egyptian culture. Although Joseph had been given great authority in Egypt, Pharaoh must be consulted if Joseph was to leave the country to bury Jacob in Canaan. Pharaoh not only agreed to allow Joseph and his brothers to leave for the burial, he also sent a huge delegation of Egyptians to honor Jacob. They did not travel a direct route. The massive funeral procession stopped at a field in Atad on the eastside ("beyond") of Jordan where they spent seven days in traditional mourning. Since most were Egyptians, the local Canaanites wondered what had happened and the Canaanites named the field, "Abel-mizraim" which means "meadow of the Egyptians." The Egyptians stayed there while Joseph and his brothers went further north and crossed the Jordan River at Jericho. Years later, Joshua would lead the children into the Promised Land at Jericho. Joseph and his brothers buried Jacob, and then they all returned to Egypt.
 - Genesis 50:1-14

III. Forgiveness, Grace, and Hope

- After Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers feared that Joseph would seek revenge for what they had done. Joseph had already forgiven them, but they did not believe they were forgiven. The devil likes to make us feel guilty for past sins and it is an insult to the cross. Joseph told them that what they did for evil, God used for good. It allowed Joseph to save many lives, including those of his own family. Joseph told them to fear God, not him.
- Joseph lived long enough to see his great-great-grandchildren. Before his death, Joseph made Israel's "children" swear to take his body out of Egypt someday. Joseph knew that Israel would one day come out of Egypt to the Promised Land. He also knew there would be a resurrection and wanted to be with his family when they came out of the grave. When Joseph died, his remains were kept in a coffin in the possession of Israel. Joshua would later carry Joseph's bones to Canaan. Genesis began with God speaking all things into existence, creating a perfect man and woman, free from sin. It ends with picturing the "wages of sin is death", fallen man needing a Redeemer. It points to the cross, redemption, and the resurrection.
 - Genesis 50:15-26; Exodus 13:19; Genesis 1:1; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 11:22; I Thessalonians 4:17