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BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"A PARENT'S
GREATEST LEGACY"
GENESIS 47:27-50:26

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Introduction: Today, as we conclude our study of the life of Joseph, we will discover the two greatest gifts any parent can leave his or her child.

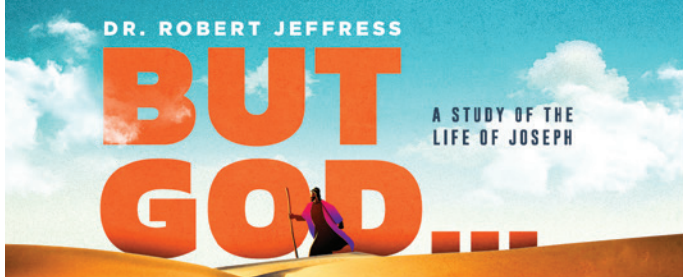
I. Jacob: A Legacy of Growth (Genesis 47:27-50:14)

A. Jacob's Request (Genesis 47:27-31)

Genesis 47:27-31 ²⁷ "Now Israel [Jacob] lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and were fruitful and became very numerous. ²⁸ Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. ²⁹ When the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, 'Please, if I have found favor in your sight, place now your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ but when I lie down with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place.' And he said, 'I will do as you have said.' ³¹ He said, 'Swear to me.' So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed."

B. Jacob's Blessing (Genesis 48:1-49:27)

Genesis 48:8-9, 11 ⁸ "When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, 'Who are these?' ⁹ Joseph said to his father, 'They are my sons, whom God has given me here.' So he said, 'Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.' ¹¹ Israel said to Joseph, 'I never expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well.'"



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Genesis 48:13-14, 17-19 ¹³ “Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel’s left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel’s right, and brought them close to him. ¹⁴ But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh’s head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn. ¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim’s head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father’s hand to remove it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. ¹⁸ Joseph said to his father, ‘Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn, place your right hand on his head.’ ¹⁹ But his father refused and said, ‘I know, my son, I know; he also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.’”

C. **Jacob’s Death** (Genesis 49:28-50:14)

Genesis 48:21 “Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers.’”

Genesis 49:33 “When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.”

Genesis 50:1 “Then Joseph fell on his father’s face, and wept over him and kissed him.”

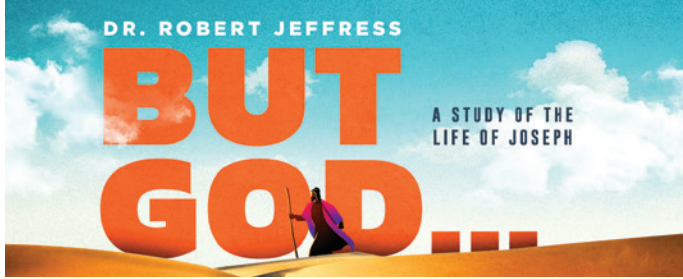
Genesis 50:14 “After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.”

Hebrews 11:21 “By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped, leaning on the top of his staff.”

Genesis 47:31 “He said, ‘Swear to me.’ So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.”

II. **Joseph: A Legacy of Faith** (Genesis 50:15-26)

A. **Faith for the Past** (Genesis 50:15-21)



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Genesis 50:15-17 ¹⁵ “When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!’ ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, ‘Your father charged before he died, saying, ¹⁷ “Thus you shall say to Joseph, Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.”’ ‘And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.’ And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.”

Genesis 50:19-20 ¹⁹ “But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in God’s place? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.’”

B. Faith for the Future (Genesis 50:24-25)

Genesis 50:24-25 ²⁴ “Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.’ ²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, ‘God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.’”

Hebrews 11:22 “By faith, Joseph, when he was dying made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel and gave orders concerning his bones.”

Exodus 13:19 “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, ‘God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you.’”

Conclusion