

The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph

Genesis 49:29-50:26

Main Point:

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1. Death is a sad reality of life.

2. But the Promised Land will still be given to you, even after you die.

3. This is ultimately because of Christ's death on your behalf.

4. Approach your death with confidence that God will keep His Word.

Genesis 47:29-30 ²⁹ When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ "but let me lie 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." (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "The procession from Egypt to Canaan was a mini rehearsal of Israel's grand exodus from Egypt."

John Currid "They expect Joseph to act in the same way that they did when outside of their father's oversight."

Genesis 45:5-8 ⁵ "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ "For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷ "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ "So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (NKJV)

Allen Ross "On the basis of his confidence in the ways of the Lord, Joseph was able to comfort his brothers and relieve their fears."

R. Kent Hughes "The God of the Bible is so great that he not only breaks into life to do miracles but is involved concurrently and confluent in all that occurs in this world – without violating the nature of things. In other words, he is involved non-miraculously in everyday life, using all events for the good of his people."

Hebrews 9:15 ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:22 ²² By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. (NKJV)

Exodus 3:16-17 ¹⁶ "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and *seen* what is done to you in Egypt; ¹⁷ "and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'" (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:13 ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them ... (NKJV)