



Jacob Blesses His Sons

LESSON 13
GENESIS 47-50

Chapter 48

- Joseph and his sons come to Jacob
- “When it was told to Jacob - Israel collected his strength”
- “Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine”
- The blessing
 - “The God before whom Abraham and Isaac walked”
 - “God who has been my shepherd”
 - “The Angel who redeemed”
- Younger blessed above the older... “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.”

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Chapter 49

- “Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; And listen to Israel your father”
- Reuben
 - Firstborn, might and strength
 - Unstable as water, stripped of preeminence
- Simeon and Levi
 - Violence and anger, senseless brutality
 - Separate and scattered
- Judah
 - Praise, strength, and honor
 - Messianic promise
- Joseph
 - Fruitful and able to endure
 - God (5 times) blessed (5 times)

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Chapter 50

- Jacob's death (49:33)
 - 147 years old; 17 years in Egypt (47:28)
 - Joseph's sorrow
 - Egyptians mourn 70 days
 - Servants and elders from Pharaoh's household
 - Elders from Egypt
 - Chariots and horsemen, a great company
 - Lament noticed by the Canaanites
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- Story of Joseph and the similarities to Christ
- Analogy not made in scripture, but worth our consideration
 - Favored Son - Matt. 3:17
 - Hated by His brethren - Jn. 15:18
 - Dominion foretold - Mk. 14:61-62
 - Trusted by the Master - Jn. 17:6ff
 - Falsely accused - Mk. 14:55-59
 - Stripped of His robe - Mk. 15:20
 - Willing to forgive - Lk. 23:34
 - Thrown into the pit/earth - Matt. 12:40
 - Tomb found empty - Lk. 24:12
 - Resurrected a Savior - Acts 2:23-24
 - Saw God's purpose in what He endured - Jn. 12:27ff; Lk. 22:42
 - God's salvation accomplished through man's wickedness - Mk. 8:27ff
 - Experience fitted Him for future role - High Priest, Intercessor, compassionate King

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- Great testament of faith in Joseph's final request

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