

Death of the Last Patriarch  
Lesson #28  
Genesis 49:29-50:26

Jacob knew that his time on earth was coming to an end. He had already asked Joseph to bury him in Canaan. It was time to call all his sons before him and give them his blessing. The last words of Jacob were not only those of blessing, but also a guide for their future. Though Israel was God's chosen nation, each son had a different personality which would result in twelve different tribes.

**Death of Jacob, the Last Patriarch – Genesis 49:29-50:14**

1. With all twelve of his sons around him, what instructions did Jacob give to them? (Genesis 49:29, 30)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who else was buried there? (Genesis 49:31)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. After these instructions, how did Jacob die? (Genesis 49:33)

The phrase "*gathered to his people*" indicates a natural death and accompanying burial.

4. Who did Jacob's death seem to have the greatest effect on? (Genesis 50:1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What did Joseph direct the physicians of Egypt to do for his father? (Genesis 50:2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How long did that process take? (Genesis 50:3a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What did the Egyptians do? (Genesis 50:3b)

8. After the time of mourning was over, to whom did Joseph speak? (Genesis 50:4a)
  
9. Joseph began, "if he had found favor in their eyes," then whom did he ask them to speak to on his behalf? (Genesis 50:4b)
  
10. What were they to tell him? (Genesis 50:5)
  
11. What did the Pharaoh say to Joseph? (Genesis 50:6)
  
12. Freed from his duties to go to Canaan, who accompanied Joseph? (Genesis 50:7-9)
  
13. Who stayed behind in Goshen? (Genesis 50:8b)
  
14. When they arrived at the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, what did they do? (Genesis 50:10)
  
15. What did the local Canaanites think of this? (Genesis 50:11)
  
16. Joseph and his brothers did as their father had instructed, burying him in Canaan. What did they do after the burial? (Genesis 50:12-14)

**Concern Among the Brothers - Genesis 50:15-21**

17. What was the first thought of the brothers after the death of their father? (Genesis 50:15)
  
18. What did they do about it? (Genesis 50:16, 17b)
  
19. What was Joseph's reaction when he got their message? (Genesis 50:17c)
  
20. Once again, we find the brothers in the presence of Joseph. How did they approach him? (Genesis 50:18)
  
21. What were Joseph's wise words of encouragement to his brothers? (Genesis 50:19, 20)
  
22. What else did he say? (Genesis 50:21)

**Death of Joseph - Genesis 50:22-26**

23. How long did Joseph live? (Genesis 50:22)
  
24. What blessings did God give to Joseph? (Genesis 50:23)
  
25. When he knew he was about to die, to whom did Joseph remind his brothers to focus on and why? (Genesis 50:24)

26. What did Joseph make his brothers promise by taking an oath? (Genesis 50:25)

27. What was done with Joseph's body after he died? (Genesis 50:26)

Joseph died at the age of 110, considered the ideal life span by the Egyptians. The family of Jacob became the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. They remained in Egypt for four hundred years, first as guests of the Pharaoh, but as time went on, the people forgot Joseph and how he had saved them. Then, the nation of Israel became Egypt's slaves. As God's story of redemption continued, God raised up another leader of Israel, a man named Moses. It was God's perfect time for the nation of Israel to take possession of the land He had promised to Abraham. That story begins in the book of Exodus.