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INTRODUCTION

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- The glory of His exaltation.

DISCUSSION

What do you hope your dad would say to you on his death bed?
What would you want to say to your kids?

EXPLANATION

If/when your parent(s) die(d) what will you (or did you) do?
Was there any cursing or blaming at the time of the death?
How do you think God feel about death?

APPLICATION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.
Why is it important that Jesus conquered death?
How does the conquering of death bring Jesus glory?
Why should it bring comfort that death has been swallowed up?

MISSION

In what ways does our culture strive to avoid death?
Can the hope of Jesus conquering death give hope to our culture?
How can we best display that hope?

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Genesis 50:15-21.
How do you treat your "enemies"?



GENESIS

— THE FINAL CHAPTERS —

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PART 70

GENESIS 49:29-50:14

1 Thessalonians 4:13
Genesis 49:1-4
Genesis 49:29-33
Jeremiah 17:9
Genesis 50:1-14

Isaiah 6:1
John 12:41
Genesis 49:10
Numbers 24:17
2 Samuel 7:12

Matthew 2:6
Number 1:8
Revelation 19:11-13
Revelation 19:15-16

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

YOUTH BONFIRE
Thursday, 5:30pm

BBQ FUNDRAISER
7/14, after services - \$8

MOE PAINTBALL
July 7th, 2p \$30

ARROW FOSTER INFO MTG
7/17, 6p at Element

GOSPEL CLASS
July 7th, 9:30a in Classroom

ELEMENT MOMS
6/27, 10a @ Rice Ranch
7/2, 2p @ Rice Ranch



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1 Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

Over half of the final chapter of Genesis is occupied with a description of the mourning and burial of Jacob. Joseph himself mourned and then the Egyptians. Great preparations were made both by Joseph and the Egyptians that resulted in a large entourage being provided by the Pharaoh as a burial procession to carry Jacob's body back to Canaan. Moses himself seems to go out of his way to emphasize in detail the magnitude of the ceremony of mourning.

The question naturally arises why such detail over the burial of Jacob is given when, in the death of the other patriarchs, we are simply given the bare facts that they died and were buried. Even the account of the death of Joseph, which is also recorded in this chapter, consists only of the brief notice that he died and was embalmed and entombed in Egypt. Most likely it is to show God's faithfulness to His promise.

In the later prophetic literature, a recurring image of the fulfillment of the promise to return to the land pictures Israel returning to the land accompanied by many from among the nations. The prophets of Israel saw the return as a time when "all the nations will stream to" Jerusalem, and "many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob"" (Isa 2:2-3); or, as Zechariah saw it, "In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, "Let us go with you"" (Zech 8:23).

In tying up Jacob's life we must remember one of the most important prophecies Jacob uttered in his life. It was on his deathbed and it is in regard to Judah, because, when speaking about his son, he also tells us about Jesus. There is one important fact that we cannot miss in Genesis, and that is Jesus!

Jesus is a king and ruler; He possesses might, strength, and authority. Jesus constantly shows up and runs Jacob's family through the ringer to get them to the place where they finish well.

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We should remember His humility, but we should even more see His exaltation! *Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple.* In John 12:41, John says that was Jesus.

Jesus comes as a man, descended from Jacob and Judah, and grew up in Nazareth. He teaches and preaches for 3 years, then dies a terrible death in a humble way. He rose on Sunday, demonstrates to crowds that He is alive, and lives forever in exaltation.

Jesus today is King of kings, Lord of lords, and ruler of all. The prophecies of Jesus coming run throughout the book of Genesis, *Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

Matt 2:6 `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'

In Revelation the Apostle John sees a vision *Revelation 19:11-13 I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*

His garments are dipped in His own blood because, before He judges us, He dies for us. Jesus is the word of God, the written word is there to reveal the INCARNATE word; everything is about Jesus.

When we pray, we pray to Jesus. When we serve, we are serving Jesus. We must love Him because He first loved us, no longer needing to fear death because even death is conquered in Him.