

(Genesis 48 - 50)  
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NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **"The Time Is At Hand"**
  - (Genesis 48 - 50) NKJV

**~ INTRO ~**

OK...

- We made it!!!
  - The final study in our Genesis Series.

AS WE LOOK BACK...

- The time has gone so fast!

BUT... TONIGHT...

- We conclude the final three-chapters in Genesis...
  - By looking at the truths woven into these chapters.

WHEN WE **LIVE OUT** BIBLICAL TRUTH...

- Church doctrines should impact our nations values.

WHEN WE **REJECT / NEGLECT** THE TRUTHS OF GOD...

- Each person conducts their lives with a subjective right & wrong.
  - As followers of Jesus we're to instill faith into our children.

GENESIS CLOSES...

- With the death of two key patriarchs...
  - The father of the 12-tribes (Jacob)...
    - And Joseph who carried the promises of God forward.

HERE'S A FEW THINGS WE CAN LEARN...

**IDEA #1 – UNDERSTAND THE LINEAGE** (Gen. 48)

OK... FOLLOW ALONG (vv.1-4)

- Jacob (Israel) is sick...
  - And he's dying at 147-yrs old (Gen 47:28).

SO... THE RECORD OF EVENTS... IN THIS CHAPTER...

- Are more powerful than what we may catch with a casual reading.

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**CHECK THIS OUT:**

1<sup>st</sup> – At Jacobs death he does NOT rehash the problems of the past...

➤ Rather he focuses on the things God has done for him.

- (v.3-4) The promises God gave
- (v.11) God restoring Joseph & his kids to Jacob
- (v.15) God has taken care of me
- (v.21) Giving a proper perspective of the future

2<sup>nd</sup> – For the fifth time in (Genesis)...

➤ We see the birth order blessing reversed... READ (vv.17-20)

- With a younger child being placed over the oldest child.

1. Abel over Cain
2. Isaac over Ishmael
3. Jacob over Esau
4. Joseph over Ruben
5. Ephraim over Manasseh

**POINT BEING...**

- The plan of God is always higher & greater than we understand!  
➤ (Isa. 55:8-9) NLT

**ONE MORE THING... (v.5)**

- The consequences of actions in the past come to surface in the end...  
➤ (Gal. 6:7-9) NLT

(v.5-c) Ruben suffered loss (1 Chron. 5:1) NLT

- Catch what's happening here...  
➤ Jacob claims Josephs sons & lays the blessing on them...
  - As it's removed from Ruben.

**WHY?**

- (Gen. 35:22) NKJV + (Gen. 49:4)
- This is why later readings of the birth order (OR) the tribes of Israel...  
➤ Can be confusing if we forget these verses (vv.5-6).

**IDEA #2 – MY BOYS** (Gen. 49)

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THIS CHAPTER IS THE FINAL SCENE OF JACOB'S LIFE...

- And what's important to him was to gather his children around him...
  - AND speak to them about the future.

(Gen 49:1-27)... Jacob addresses each of his 12-sons.

- Now we already saw **Ruben** suffer loss...
  - With **Joseph** taking his birthright.

BUT NOW...

- **Levi & Simeon** ... suffer loss too.
  - For how they avenged their sister Dinah...
    - By killing Shechem & all the men in his city.
      - (Gen. 49:5-7) NLT

HERE'S HOW THESE SON'S (Tribes) WERE STRIPPED OF BLESSINGS:

- The **Tribe of Levi** was NOT given an inheritance of the land...
  - (Joshua 14:4) NLT
- The **Tribe of Simeon** was later absorbed into the Tribe of Judah...
  - (Joshua 19:1-9)

HERE'S THE POINT...

- (Proverbs 14:12) NKJV
  - (Proverbs 14:17) NLT

NOW... THE CHAPTER ENDS LIKE THIS – read (vv.28-33)

**IDEA #3 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (Gen. 50)

OK...

- The narrative finishes in this final chapter...
  - With Jacob death at 147-yrs old.

HIS FINAL WISHES...

- Was to be buried back in Canaan (v.13).

TODAY...

- It's better known as the area of Hebron...

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- And the site is called Tomb of the Patriarchs.
- It's a divided site... half for the Jews (synagogue)...
  - And half for the Muslims (mosque).

THE TOMBS ARE LITERALLY...

- Under the foundation of the building...
  - (Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob & Leah).
  - BUT... their memorial monuments are on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME...

- We do NOT visit here on our Israel Tours.



~ IN CLOSING ~

(Mark 12:24-27) NKJV

WE CLOSE THE BOOK OF (Genesis)...

- Understanding that these men lived looking forward...
  - To the promises of God!

AND... AS IT'S BEEN SAID...

- Today as Christians we remember their faith NOT their tombs.