

(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:

1st – 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

2nd – 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 CHAPER 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 1st 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.