

Genesis 50:1-14 **Jacob is embalmed and buried in Canaan**

¹ Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him. ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

⁴ And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵ 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am dying; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come back.' " ⁶ And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen. ⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great gathering. ¹⁰ Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. He observed seven days of mourning for his father. ¹¹ And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a deep mourning of the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

¹² So his sons did for him just as he had commanded them. ¹³ For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite as property for a burial place. ¹⁴ And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Jacob was embalmed in Egypt at the command of Joseph. It took 40 days to embalm him.
- ✧ The Egyptians mourned for Jacob 70 days.
- ✧ At the end of the 70 days of mourning, Joseph asked permission of Pharaoh to honor his father's request to be buried in the land of Canaan and to allow Joseph to go to Canaan to bury his father. Pharaoh granted Joseph's request.
- ✧ The servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of Egypt went with Joseph to the land of Canaan to bury Jacob as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only the little ones were left in Goshen with the flocks and herds. It was a very great entourage with chariots and horsemen who went with Joseph.
- ✧ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, they observed 7 more days of mourning, and the Canaanites who saw the mourning said, "This is a grievous mourning of the Egyptians." So they named the place Abel Mizraim (mourning of Egypt) which is beyond the Jordan.
- ✧ The Children of Israel did as their father had requested, and Jacob was buried in the cave of Machpelah before Mamre which is the site Abraham had purchased as a burial place.
- ✧ After the burial, Joseph and all who went with him returned to Egypt.