

BSF Scripture for Lesson #29

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Genesis 49:1-28

Jacob Blesses His Sons

[49:1] Then Jacob called for his sons and said:
“Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come.

[2] “Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob;
listen to your father Israel.

[3] “Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, the first sign of my strength,
excelling in honor, excelling in power.

[4] Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel,
for you went up onto your father's bed,
onto my couch and defiled it.

[5] “Simeon and Levi are brothers—
their swords are weapons of violence.

[6] Let me not enter their council,
let me not join their assembly,
for they have killed men in their anger
and hamstring oxen as they pleased.

[7] Cursed be their anger, so fierce,
and their fury, so cruel!

I will scatter them in Jacob
and disperse them in Israel.

[8] “Judah, your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons will bow down to you.

[9] You are a lion's cub, O Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.

Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

[10] The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,

until he comes to whom it belongs
and the obedience of the nations is his.

[11] He will tether his donkey to a vine,
his colt to the choicest branch;

he will wash his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.

[12] His eyes will be darker than wine,
his teeth whiter than milk.

[13] “Zebulun will live by the seashore
and become a haven for ships;

his border will extend toward Sidon.

[14] “Issachar is a rawboned donkey
lying down between two saddlebags.

[15] When he sees how good is his resting place
and how pleasant is his land,

he will bend his shoulder to the burden
and submit to forced labor.

[16] “Dan will provide justice for his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.

[17] Dan will be a serpent by the roadside,
a viper along the path,

that bites the horse's heels
so that its rider tumbles backward.

[18] “I look for your deliverance, O LORD.

[19] “Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders,
but he will attack them at their heels.

[20] “Asher's food will be rich;
he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

[21] “Naphtali is a doe set free
that bears beautiful fawns.

[22] “Joseph is a fruitful vine,
a fruitful vine near a spring,
whose branches climb over a wall.

[23] With bitterness archers attacked him;
they shot at him with hostility.

[24] But his bow remained steady,
his strong arms stayed limber,
because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob,
because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,

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[25] because of your father's God, who helps you,
because of the Almighty, who blesses you
with blessings of the heavens above,
blessings of the deep that lies below,
blessings of the breast and womb.

[26] Your father's blessings are greater
than the blessings of the ancient mountains,
than the bounty of the age-old hills.

Let all these rest on the head of Joseph,
on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

[27] "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf;
in the morning he devours the prey,
in the evening he divides the plunder."

[28] All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this
is what their father said to them when he blessed
them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

THIRD DAY

Read Genesis 49:29-50:14

The Death of Jacob

[29] Then he gave them these instructions: "I am
about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my
fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
[30] the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre
in Canaan, which Abraham bought as a burial place
from Ephron the Hittite, along with the field.
[31] There Abraham and his wife Sarah were
buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were
buried, and there I buried Leah. [32] The field and
the cave in it were bought from the Hittites. "

[33] When Jacob had finished giving instructions to
his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed
his last and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 50

[50:1] Joseph threw himself upon his father and wept
over him and kissed him. [2] Then Joseph directed
the physicians in his service to embalm his father
Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, [3] taking a

full forty days, for that was the time required for
embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him
seventy days.

[4] When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph
said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in
your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him,
[5] 'My father made me swear an oath and said, "I
am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for
myself in the land of Canaan.'" Now let me go up
and bury my father; then I will return."

[6] Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he
made you swear to do."

[7] So Joseph went up to bury his father. All
Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—the
dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of
Egypt— [8] besides all the members of Joseph's
household and his brothers and those belonging to his
father's household. Only their children and their
flocks and herds were left in Goshen. [9] Chariots
and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very
large company.

[10] When they reached the threshing floor of Atad,
near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly;
and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of
mourning for his father. [11] When the Canaanites
who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing
floor of Atad, they said, "The Egyptians are holding a
solemn ceremony of mourning." That is why that
place near the Jordan is called Abel Mizraim.

[12] So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them:
[13] They carried him to the land of Canaan and
buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah,
near Mamre, which Abraham had bought as a burial
place from Ephron the Hittite, along with the field.
[14] After burying his father, Joseph returned to
Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others
who had gone with him to bury his father.

Question 1

Genesis 12:5-7; 23:8-20; [5] He took his
wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they
had accumulated and the people they had acquired
in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan,
and they arrived there.

[6] Abram traveled through the land as far as the site
of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time

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the Canaanites were in the land. [7] The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

[8] He said to them, "If you are willing to let me bury my dead, then listen to me and intercede with Ephron son of Zohar on my behalf [9] so he will sell me the cave of Machpelah, which belongs to him and is at the end of his field. Ask him to sell it to me for the full price as a burial site among you."

[10] Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city.

[11] "No, my lord," he said. "Listen to me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead."

[12] Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land [13] and he said to Ephron in their hearing, "Listen to me, if you will. I will pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so I can bury my dead there."

[14] Ephron answered Abraham, [15] "Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between me and you? Bury your dead."

[16] Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants.

[17] So Ephron's field in Machpelah near Mamre — both the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the borders of the field—was deeded [18] to Abraham as his property in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of the city.

[19] Afterward Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre (which is at Hebron) in the land of Canaan. [20] So the field and the cave in it were deeded to Abraham by the Hittites as a burial site.

Exodus 6:8; [8] And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD."

Question 1a

John 5:24; 8:24; [24] "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

[24] I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

Romans 6:23; [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; [13] Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. [14] We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. [15] According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Hebrews 9:27; [27] Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

FOURTH DAY

Read Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

[15] When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" [16] So they sent word to Joseph, saying,

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“Your father left these instructions before he died:
[17] ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

[18] His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

[19] But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? [20] You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. [21] So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Question 14

Romans 8:28; [28] And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

FIFTH DAY

Read Genesis 50:22-26

The Death of Joseph

[22] Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father’s family. He lived a hundred and ten years [23] and saw the third generation of Ephraim’s children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph’s knees.

[24] Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” [25] And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.”

[26] So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Question 17

Hebrews 11:22; [22] By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

SIXTH DAY

Review Genesis 49-50

See above verses: days 2-5