

STARTING AGAIN AT 130! {Genesis 47:1-27}

A biblical perspective on the brevity of life and the certainty of death:

- 1) God is ultimately _____ over life & death, though there are human factors that God permits. {Ps. 31:15; Ecc. 3:1-2}
- 2) The living _____ they will _____ one day and many are _____ to die {and they should be if they are without Christ as Savior}. {Ecc. 9:5; Heb. 2:14-15}
- 3) After physical death, each person will ultimately face _____. {Heb. 9:27-28}
- 4) The Bible likens the _____ of life to many things to remind us to _____.
- 5) There will be _____ of believers in Christ that will escape physical death due to the _____ of the Church. {1 Thess. 4:13-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52}
- 6) God wants to _____ believers and give them true _____ by them _____ His truths & _____ in His promises such as Phil. 1:23, 2 Cor. 5:8, Rev. 14:13, Ps. 116:15, Rom. 8:38-39, 1 John 5:11-13, Rev. 21:3-4, etc.
- 7) While old age has many challenges {Ecc. 12}, God's grace is still sufficient for every believer to live with _____ toward God, a _____ to the lost, and opportunities for _____ to the saved.

Some opening observations on Genesis 37:

- 1) The key word in this chapter is _____ found some _____ times. This is in reference to the land of Canaan, Egypt, Goshen, and Rameses.
- 2) Like so much of the story of Joseph, we see the balance of _____ and _____ in the accomplishments of God's will.
- 3) While this chapter continues to explain God's _____ of His Messianic line through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by using Joseph as His human instrument, there are many _____ for us to be learned along the way.

A. The FAMILY of ISRAEL / JACOB ... {46:1-47:12}

1. TRAVELS to BEERSHEBA. {46:1-4}
2. TRAVELS to EGYPT. {46:5-27}
3. ARRIVES in EGYPT. {46:28-30}
4. SETTLES in GOSHEN. {46:31-47:12}
 - a. The *plan and instructions* of Joseph to his family. {46:31-34} What can we learn from his human planning & faith-resting when seeking God's direction in life?

- b. **The *presentation and introduction of Joseph's brothers to Pharaoh.* {47:1-6}** What can we learn here about honesty, integrity & following directions?
- c. **The *presentation and introduction of Jacob to Pharaoh.* {47:7-10}** What is the significance of Jacob blessing Pharaoh?
 - What can we learn here about getting older?
 - What can we learn about recognizing & respecting civil authorities?
- d. **The *possession of the land of Rameses to Joseph's family.* {47:11-12}** What can we learn about God's grace & faithfulness to His people? What must we not wrongly conclude from this?

B. The FAMINE CONDITIONS & JOSEPH'S WISE PLANNING & PROVISIONS. {47:13-27}

1. **STAGE #1 of addressing the famine conditions involved the _____ to buy grain from Pharaoh. {vs. 13-14}** Why is the condition of the land due to the famine repeated 3x in this section?
2. **STAGE #2 involved the _____ to buy grain from Pharaoh. {vs. 15-17}**
3. **STAGE #3 involved the _____ to buy grain from Pharaoh. {vs. 18-22}**
4. **STAGE #4 involved the _____ from Pharaoh to plant crops. {vs. 23-27}**
 - How did the Egyptians view these acts of survival and dealings with Joseph on Pharaoh's behalf?
 - Did the Israelites take advantage of these Egyptians?
 - Was it wrong for the Israelites to prosper while others were seeking to escape poverty?
 - Is socialism biblical?
 - Can God use you regardless of your age if you walk by faith in fellowship with Him - though with maturity comes greater capacity & wisdom for service?
 - What do we learn about God from this chapter?
 - How does all of this apply to you?