

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Gen. 49

Review

We began in Genesis with the beginnings of the human race.

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i. His Character – 49:27a “Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf...”

ii. His Conquests, 49:27b “...in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.”

Tonight, we conclude Gen. 49, the last days of Jacob as he finishes an evaluation of, and a prophetic picture of the future for his family. Jacob states, “...that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you **in the last days**.” (49:1b) He will give prophesy of both advents of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These prophecies may be called the “judgment seat of Jacob” and is an excellent picture of the “Judgment Seat of Christ.” Both the sons of Jacob and the children of God will learn about their inheritances or loss thereof. Join us to learn more: remember...we all have a special appointment:

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Tonight, we close out chapter 49 with the final days of Jacob.

b. Jacob's Funeral, 49:28—50:21

(1) The Pledge, 49:28-33

(a) Jacob's Last Words, 49:28

Gen. 49:28 All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

- ❖ The emphasis is not on being the “sons” but being the “tribes of Israel.”
- ❖ The Abrahamic Covenant was in view as Jacob knew that his descendants would greatly multiply throughout the earth in the future.

Gen. 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for **a father of many nations have I made thee.**

6 And **I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee,** and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen. 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*:

17 That **in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore;** and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

(b) Jacob's Last Will, 49:29-32

Gen. 49:29 And he charged them, and said unto them, **I am to be gathered unto my people**: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.

- ❖ Jacob, his faculties acute, concluded his family meeting with several points:
 - “...he charged them...” – giving specific details in his last words;
 - “...I am to be gathered unto my people...” – “I am dying and going to meet my departed loved ones.”

Gen. 25:8 Then **Abraham gave up the ghost, and died** in a good old age, an old man, and full *of years*; **and was gathered to his people.**

Gen 35:29 And **Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people**, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

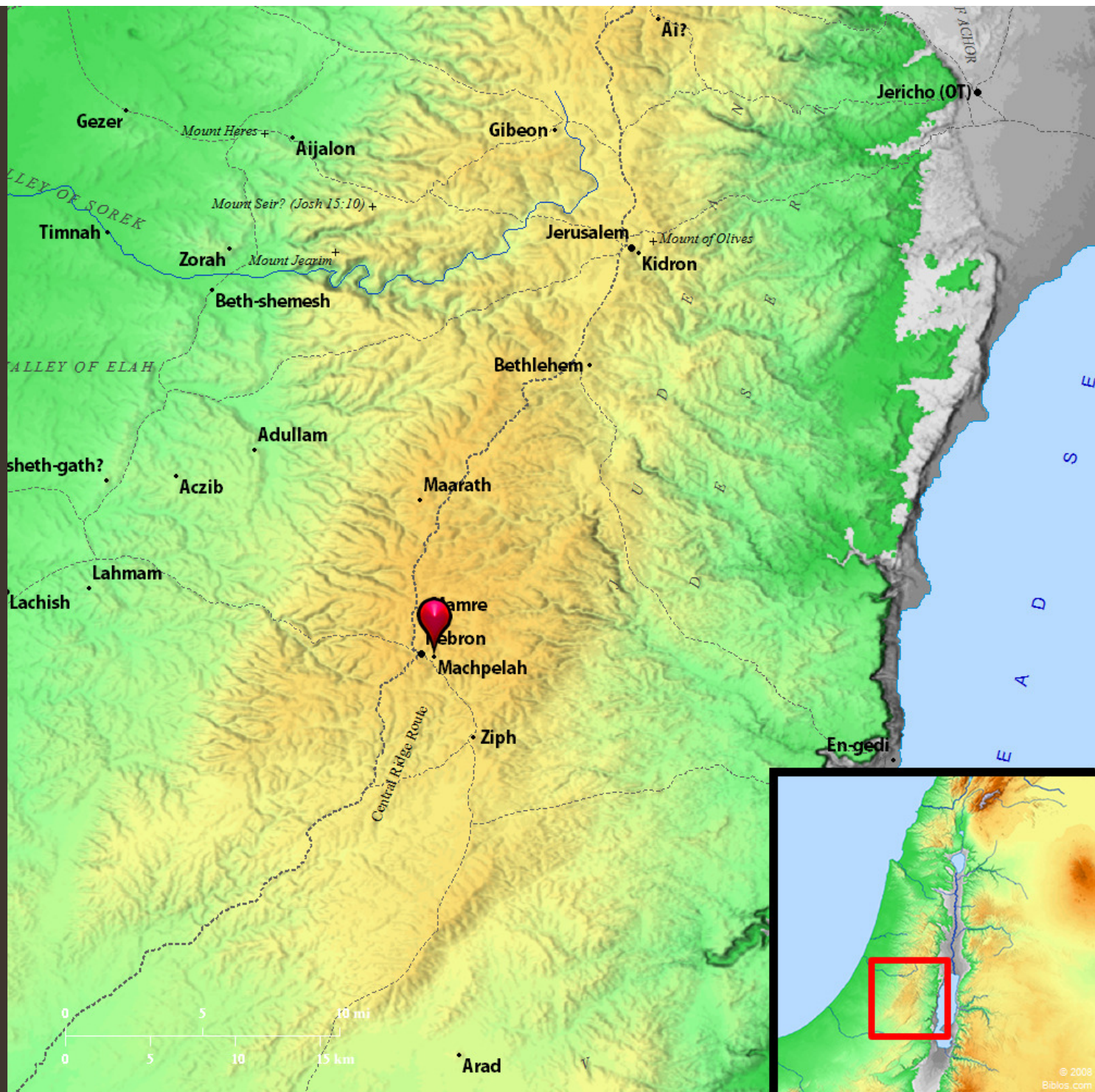
Deut. 32:50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as **Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people**:

Eccl. 12:5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: **because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets**:

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men **once to die, but after this the judgment:**

- “...bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan...”



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- ❖ Jacob gave exact details about NOT being buried in Egypt, but in the cave at Machpelah.

Gen. 33:19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, **for an hundred pieces of money.**

- ❖ Abraham bought the cave for 400 shekels of silver and Jacob bought the adjoining field for 100 pieces of money.

Gen. 23:14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, **four hundred shekels of silver**, current *money* with the merchant.

17 And the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field, and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

- Stephen's testimony included Jacob's death and burial history.

Acts 7:15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.

- Jacob followed the pattern of the patriarchs in being buried with their mates.

Gen. 49: 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

- Jacob was not buried with his beloved Rachel.

Gen. 35:19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

❖ Before Joseph died, he gave directions that his burial be with the other patriarchs.

Josh. 24:32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which **Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver**: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

(c) Jacob's Last Witness, 49:33

Gen. 49:33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

- ❖ Jacob's "commands" were finished and he was ready to go to Paradise.
- ❖ "...he gathered up his feet into the bed..." – He was calmly prepared to die.
- ❖ "...and yielded up the ghost..." – The spiritual entity of Jacob departed.
- ❖ "...and was gathered unto his people." – Jacob went to meet his departed loved ones.
- ❖ The account of Jacob's death is a refutation of the "soul-sleep" heresy by the Jehovah's Witnesses.
- ❖ He did NOT immediately go to a grave for at least 70 days.

Gen. 50:3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

❖ Jacob was 147 years old. Joseph would have been about 56, and Benjamin about 39.

Summary

❖ Jacob, by faith, believed the promises to Abraham and Isaac regarding the future.

Heb. 11:21 **By faith Jacob, when he was a dying,** blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.

❖ Jacob, at the end of his life, was walking by faith.

2 Cor. 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Conclusion

Phil. 1:21 For to me **to live is Christ**, and **to die is gain**.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, **having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:**

24 Nevertheless **to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.**