

# Exodus 13:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

## Analysis

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Moses taking Joseph's bones fulfills the oath Joseph extracted in Genesis 50:25. The phrase 'Ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you' shows Joseph's faith that God would fulfill His promise to bring Israel to Canaan. Carrying these bones throughout forty wilderness years testified to covenant faithfulness—both God's (bringing Israel out) and Joseph's (trusting God's promise despite dying in Egypt).

## Historical Context

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Joseph died in Egypt (Genesis 50:26) and was embalmed. His bones were transported through wilderness wanderings and eventually buried at Shechem (Joshua 24:32), fulfilling the oath after 400+ years.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Joseph's faith expressed through his burial request teach about confident hope in God's promises?
2. What does carrying Joseph's bones throughout the wilderness teach about honoring past saints' faith?

## Interlinear Text

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וָקַח	וְיָמֹשֶׁה	אֶת	עַצְמוֹתַי	יֹסֵף	וְעַמּוֹ	כִּי	הִשָּׁבַע יְעֹ
took	And Moses		my bones	of Joseph			sworn
H3947	H4872	H853	H6106	H3130	H5973	H3588	H7650
יְעֹ	אֶת	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵאמֹר	יָפֵקְךָ	דַּ	יָפֵקְךָ
sworn		the children	of Israel	saying	visit		visit
H7650	H853	H1121	H3478	H559	H6485		H6485
אֱלֹהִים	אֶתְּךָ	וְהַעֲלִיתָ	אֶת	עַצְמוֹתַי	מִן־הַ		אֶתְּכֶם:
God		away		my bones			
H430	H853	H5927	H853	H6106	H2088		H854

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 24:32** (References Israel): 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.

**Acts 7:16** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Genesis 48:21** (References God): And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.