

Joshua 24:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Joseph's burial fulfills patriarchal promises. The land Jacob bought (Genesis 33:19) becomes Joseph's final rest—family property uniting generations. This demonstrates covenant faithfulness across centuries. God remembers promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We likewise inherit promises extending back to Eden's first gospel (Genesis 3:15).

Historical Context

Joseph's bones traveled from Egypt through 40 wilderness years to Shechem. Jacob's land purchase (Genesis 33:18-20) provided legal ownership, preventing future disputes. Shechem became significant in Joseph's tribal inheritance

(Ephraim and Manasseh). Jesus later spoke with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well near this site (John 4:5-6).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What promises has God kept across multiple generations in your family or spiritual lineage?
2. How does Joseph's 400-year journey from death to burial illustrate faith's long-term vision?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	עַצְמוֹת	יוֹסֵף	אֲשֶׁר	הָעַל	לְבָנָיו	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H853	And the bones	of Joseph	H834	brought up	of the children	of Israel
	H6106	H3130		H5927	H1121	H3478
מִמִּצְרַיִם	קָבַר	שָׁכַם	בְּחֶלֶק	הַשָּׂדֶה	אֲשֶׁר	קָנָה
out of Egypt	buried	of Shechem	in a parcel	of ground	H834	bought
H4714	H6912	H7927	H2513	H7704		H7069
יַעֲקֹב	מֵאֵת	לְבָנָיו	חַם	אָבִי	שָׁכַם	
which Jacob	H853	of the children	of Hamor	the father	of Shechem	
H3290		H1121	H2544	H1	H7927	
בְּמֶנֶח	קֶשֶׁט	וְהִיוּ	לְבָנָיו	יוֹסֵף		
for an hundred	pieces of silver	H1961	of the children	of Joseph		
H3967	H7192		H1121	H3130		
לְנַחֲלָה:						
and it became the inheritance						
H5159						

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 13:19 (References Israel): 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.

Genesis 33:19 (Parallel theme): 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.

Genesis 50:25 (References Israel): And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

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.

Hebrews 11:22 (References Israel): By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

John 4:5 (Parallel theme): Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Genesis 48:22 (Parallel theme): Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

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