

Jacob Final Days

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²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:21, NIV

At the end of his life Jacob enjoyed a _____ relationship with God who was with him to the end.

¹³ And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. ¹⁴ But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.

Genesis 48:13-14, NIV

At the end of his life Israel not only _____ grace (undeserved love), but also trusted God to _____ it.

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 . . . 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 hamstrung 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. Genesis 49:1-2; 5-7, NIV

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. Genesis 49:28, NIV

²³ For the wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23^a

God used Jacob to _____ his sons about where their _____ behavior would ultimately lead. They were in danger of getting what they _____.

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 . . . ¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Genesis 49:8,10, NIV

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

God used Jacob to _____ all of his sons through a promised _____ who would forgive all their sins.

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 49:33, NIV

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and **into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.** This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 1 Peter 1:3-4, NIV

Jacob _____ of grace to his sons and us.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will confess my sin and thank God I don't get what I deserve, he gives me what Christ has earned for me. I will worship him by distributing grace in my life.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.