

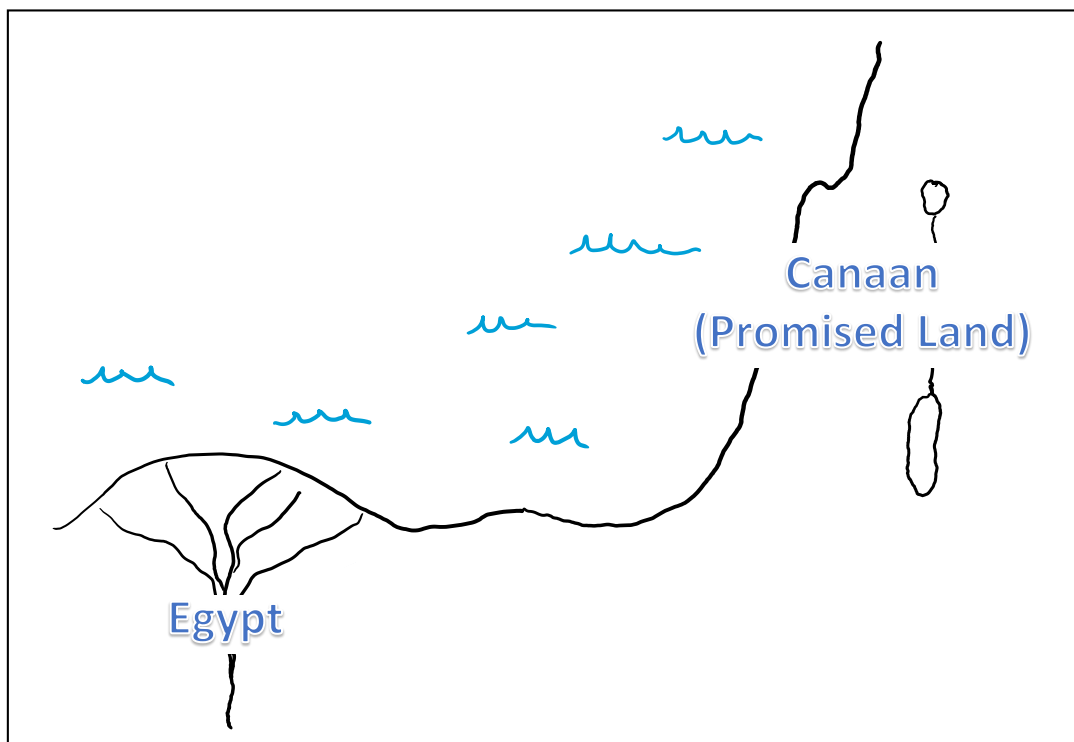
Listen carefully to the Bible reading starting from Genesis chapter 49 verse 29

Today's verses begin with someone who is very old and about to die. Who is it?

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Look at the map below.

- Where is Jacob at the moment in chapters 49 and 50? Draw a tent to show where he is.
- But Jacob knew this was not his home. He wanted to be buried somewhere else. Draw a house on the map to show where that was (see chapter 50 verse 29-30).



Jacob always remembered God's \_\_\_\_\_  
(smproie)

God had said he would bring his people out of \_\_\_\_\_  
(ytpgE)

So Jacob wanted his sons to \_\_\_\_\_ this too.  
(mmrrbeee)

This is what our verses today are all about.  
They help us to think about where our real forever home is,  
if we are God's people.

We learn from Jacob that:

God looks after his people

and **always brings them safely home**

Read chapter 50 verse 15

What were the brothers worried about?

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What was the evil that they had done to Joseph?

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What do you think Joseph should do?

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Read verses 16 to 21 again. What did Joseph do? Circle the correct answers.

sent them  
away

had them  
punished

cried

forgave  
them

told them  
off

took care  
of them

Connect the dots below to complete what Joseph said in verse 20.

You meant it for • • good  
God meant it for • • evil

Some terrible things have happened to Joseph haven't they? He had been sold as a slave, he had lies told about him, he was put in prison.

But now Joseph says **God** meant these things for **good**!

What good did God do through these things? Put a ✓ in the  for those you think are correct:

Egypt was warned about the famine

Food was provided for Jacob's family

Joseph had a holiday in Egypt

Lots of lives were saved

Read verses 25 and 26. These are the last verses of Genesis. Joseph is about to die. What did Joseph tell his bothers to do when he died?

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Did you notice - this is just what Jacob said too! Joseph also was looking forward to the home God had promised his people.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

promises	everyone	forever	home	Joseph
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Just like for Jacob and \_\_\_\_\_, God's wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ are for his people today too! For \_\_\_\_\_ who trusts in his son Jesus, God has promised he will one day bring them \_\_\_\_\_ to be with him \_\_\_\_\_!

**Read** what Jesus said about this below, then **pray** and thank God for his wonderful promise to bring his people home.

"In my Father's house are many rooms... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14v2-3