

**JACOB'S FINAL DAYS ON EARTH**  
**GENESIS 47:27-31**

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**1. JACOB'S FAMILY PROSPERS – v. 27**

*a) Good Living – 27a* - it points to “where” they lived, but it also suggests “how” they were living.

*b) Good Land – 27b* They were so blessed that they were able to purchase/own/lease property from Pharaoh and began building homes.

*c) Good Loving – 27c* There was a lot of marrying going on at this time! And a lot of physical intimacy, resulting in babies! Genesis 1:28a; 35:11

The physical intimate union between a male husband and a female wife was designed by God for two reasons: PLEASURE and PROCREATION

Because of Jesus Christ, God wants you to prosper as well, in every area of your life! *3 John 1:2; Proverbs 10:22; Psalms 107:38*

**2. JACOB'S LENGTH OF LIFE – v. 28**

On the average God desires longevity out of his people, because the longer we stay here the longer this earth is blessed by our presence, that is, if we are living quality lives.

Jacob lived in prosperity for the last 17 years of his life. God gave him back those 17 years he invested in raising and taking care of Joseph. God is the God of redemption! *Joel 2:23-27; Job 14:14b; Job 13:15; Psalms 27:13-14*

**3. JACOB'S LAST REQUEST – v. 29-31**

*a) Where Not To Bury Him – v. 29* - Jacob did not possess the power to have his deceased body buried anywhere else except in Egypt, so he appealed to Joseph to make an agreement. Not in Egypt!

*b) Where To Bury Him – v. 30-31* - Canaan. Jacob was a man of faith, who fully believed in the Promise of God to settle the entire nation back into the land of Canaan, which will eventually become their homeland, Israel. He wanted his bones buried beside those of Abraham, Isaac, Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah. The cave of Machpelah that Abraham purchased at the time of Sarah's death in Genesis 23.

Jacob believed in heaven as well as in the Resurrection. *Hebrews 11:13-16*