

And Israel worshiped

Genesis 46-49

Today we look at the end of Jacob's life, as he takes his entire family down to Egypt and is reunited with Joseph his son. We hear his final words as he blesses Joseph's sons and his twelve sons. He also speaks to us, the community of faith, through the timeless example of his faith in the God he worshiped.

Outline:

Origin story of how Israel came to be in Egypt

45:25-28 - Joseph is still alive!

God tells Jacob to go to Egypt

I will be with you

Resurrections

Jacob and Joseph reunited

47:28-31 - Israel worshiped as he leaned on his staff

What he asks of Joseph is to bury him with his fathers Abraham and Isaac...

Joseph and Judah - the family reunited

Jacob gives testimony and blesses Joseph's sons

Jacob blesses his sons

The blessing of Joseph

The blessing of Judah

Only together can these two brothers unite this family and prosper

49:18 - I look for your deliverance, LORD.

Gen 49:10 - Jesus - Israel's redeemer

Isaiah 49:5-6

"He is not the God of the dead but of the living"