

**VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:**  
**GENESIS 27-50**

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Genesis 27, The Tragedy of Short-term Thinking

On Rebekah's part (potential family and marriage rift)

Those who advise us to do wrong will often leave consequences of our actions on our shoulders

The spirit's check

God never runs out of blessings

Fresh hurt brings back old pain

Deception really does weave a tangled web

Bad starts do not necessarily mean bad endings and the opposite is also true (when God is involved)

Genesis 28, Jacob's Dream

An Act of God's Grace

Recognition of God's presence in certain "places." God's presence determines holiness

Jacob's giving pledge as a response to God's faithfulness

Second mention of tithing in the Bible, (before we get out of the bible's first book)

Genesis 29, Fruit and Root

Inescapable family dynamics

Every family has "a dark side of the force"

God's compensations to every person

Genesis 30, Blood May be Thicker Than Water but It Is Not Thicker Than...

Jealousy

Money

Competition

Genesis 31, Every Season Has an Ending

God is at work during all seasons

One has to know when one has outgrown one's background, family, culture, church, foundation

Seasons end with Mizpah (31: 40) ---borders

Genesis 32-33, Reconciliation is Never Easy When Hurt is Deep

Time is involved

Fear is involved

Giving is involved

Prayer and wrestling with God are involved

Change of heart is involved

Recognition of God's blessings and favor are involved

The altar of thanksgiving is involved

Genesis 34, What We Sow We Sometimes Reap Through our Children or the Next Generation

Two wrongs have never made a right

Genesis 35, It's Time We Return to Bethel

God holds us accountable for our responsibilities

All seasons contain pain and pleasure. We must decide which we will hold on to.

Genesis 36-37, Greatness comes in different ways

Orville Redenbacher and John H. Johnson; Eleanor Roosevelt and Madame C.J. Walker

The loneliness of being differently gifted and having great vision

Genesis 38, Miracles Can Come from Messes

The importance of out-thinking your adversary

Genesis 39-45, The Challenges of Being Faithful

Things sometimes go from bad to worse

Our faithfulness often does not seem to be getting us anywhere

Sometimes God moves at very very slow snail's speed and turtle's pace

Those whom we depend upon and look to for assistance sometimes forget us

We never know the moment when God has begun our turnaround

We must recognize that pain does not automatically disappear when breakthroughs come

The desire to put others through changes who have wronged us is human, however we must know and decide when enough is enough lest we become like the ones who wronged us

Genesis 46-50, One Word the Power and Purposes of God Does Not Know

Jacob thought he would "never" see his son Joseph again

Jacob thought he and his family would "never" leave Canaan

Jacob "never" believed he would see and experience all he saw and experienced in his latter years

God's purposes can reverse systems of elevation and promotion

We must learn how to mourn and then move on

The lesson of Genesis 50: 19

It is possible to be too blessed to be resentful

Conclusion:

The physical and geographical ending of the Bible's first book is Africa. Revelation, the Bible's last book ends with a new heaven on a new earth. However, the first book of the Bible ends in Africa, the land of Ham, and the birthing ground of those who in the course of history have been exploited and oppressed. The story of Joseph which ends the Book of Genesis continues...