Lesson Thirteen – Genesis 49:8 – 50:26 – Jacob Blesses His Twelve Sons; Jacob's Death & Burial; The Death of Joseph

Chapter 49:8-12 – Jacob's Blessing of Judah

1.	How would Judah's brothers bow down to him and praise him? What does "the scepter
	shall not depart from Judah" (v. 10a) mean? cf. Ruth 4:12-22; 2 Samuel 2:4,11; 5:1-5;
	19:11-15, 41-43; 20:1-2

2. Read 4910b. ESV – "until tribute comes to him". Also, it can be translated "until Shiloh comes" (KJV, NKJV, ASV, NASB). What does the word "Shiloh" mean? Explain how either translation can be true of Judah's future descendant. Cf. Isaiah 9:6; Romans 5:1; Eph. 2:17; Phil. 4:7; 1 Peter 5:14

Chapter 49:28 – 50:14 – The Death and Burial of Jacob

3. Read 49:28-33. What final command did Jacob give to his twelve sons?

4.	Read 50:1-14. What did Joseph command his servants to do for his father Jacob? How long was the Egyptian mourning period for Jacob?	
5.	What did Joseph request of Pharaoh regarding his father's body? What honor did Pharaoh and the Egyptian elders bestow upon Joseph and Jacob? What did Joseph and his brothers do after they buried their father in the cave of Machpelah?	
6.	Read 50:15-21 – What were Joseph's brothers concerned about after their father's death? How did Joseph reassure them?	
Chapter 50:22-26 – The Death and Burial of Joseph		
7.	Where did Joseph live out the remainder of his life? How old was he when he died? What oath did Joseph require of the "sons of Israel" (here, most likely, the grandsons, great-grandsons of Jacob, etc.)? Why does the Hebrew author cite this as Joseph's great act of faith to be included in the Hall of Faith in Hebrews chapter 11 (v.22)?	