

Ending of the Beginning Text: Genesis 48 – 50 Series: Book of Genesis, #16 Pastor Lyle L. Wahl May 2, 2021

Great Beginning And Never Ending Truths.

God Is Sovereign.

1. Over nature.

(41:25-32, 53-57; see also 6:6 - 7:24; Exodus 14:21-29; Jeremiah 10:13; Jonah 1:4)

2. Over our values, plans and actions. (50:19-21, 48:1-22; see also 11:1-9; 27:1-40)

We Are Accountable.

- 1. Seen in Reuben. (49:3-4; 35:22)
- 2. Seen in Simeon and Levi. (49:5-7; 34:1-31)

God Is Faithful.

- 1. Seen in Jacob. (48:15-16; see also 28:13-15, 35:1-10, 46:1-4)
- 2. Seen in Joseph. (50:20; see also 45:5-15)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Now that we have concluded walking through Genesis, do a brief survey of the book today — you can page through the book noting highlights and review the outline booklets. List some of the key lessons you have noted on this journey, and thank God for them.

Tuesday. One of the "great beginning and never ending truths" we looked at on Sunday was that God is sovereign. Review the outline notes and verses. Describe what God being sovereign means. Are you actively living in light of God's sovereignty today? Thank God that He is sovereign over all people, events and things, even though it may not always look that way to you.

Wednesday. A second important truth that spans the book of Genesis is that we are accountable to God. Review the examples of Reuben, Simeon and Levi. Are there areas of your life in which you are living without a strict accountability to God? If there are, confess that and ask God to help you make necessary changes.

Thursday. The third great truth we looked at on Sunday was that God is faithful. As you look back over God's faithfulness to Jacob and Joseph (see the outline), thank God that He is faithful to you as well—all of His truth, His promises are just as true for you.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day. We plan to look at *Rising to Your Challenges* from Deborah. Read Judges chapters 4 & 5 in preparation for our time of worship.

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