



Genesis

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A verse by verse study of the book of Genesis



In the beginning...

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The Death of Jacob

Chapter 50

Jacob's Final Goodbye

- Jacob's Final Blessing
 - 2 grandsons and 12 sons are called before Jacob
- He pronounces prophecies over his descendants
 - He speaks of their character and future
- Their past conduct defined their future blessings (Ref 1 Cor 3! / 2 Cor 5)

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- ¹ And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.
- ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.
- ³ And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

Genesis 50:1-3

Preservation of Jacob

- Embalming?
- Hebrew word *khawnat*
 - Not like modern Arterial or Injection Embalming
- Practiced by the Ancient Egyptians as a part of mummification
- Seen as a method of preserving the body for “spiritual passage” into the next life

Preservation of Jacob

- The body would be packed in a salt mixture to dehydrate the body
- To prepare his body to travel back to Canaan

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⁴ And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

⁵ My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

Joseph's Integrity

- He is the 2nd in Command, yet he seeks Pharaoh's permission
- Propriety (politeness) is a natural attribute of integrity
- He does not presume upon the goodwill of Pharaoh
- Humility is a precious virtue

Joseph's Integrity

4 By humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches and honor and life.

Prov 22:4

Joseph's Integrity

² Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

³ Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

⁴ And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

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6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

Genesis 50:6-8

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⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

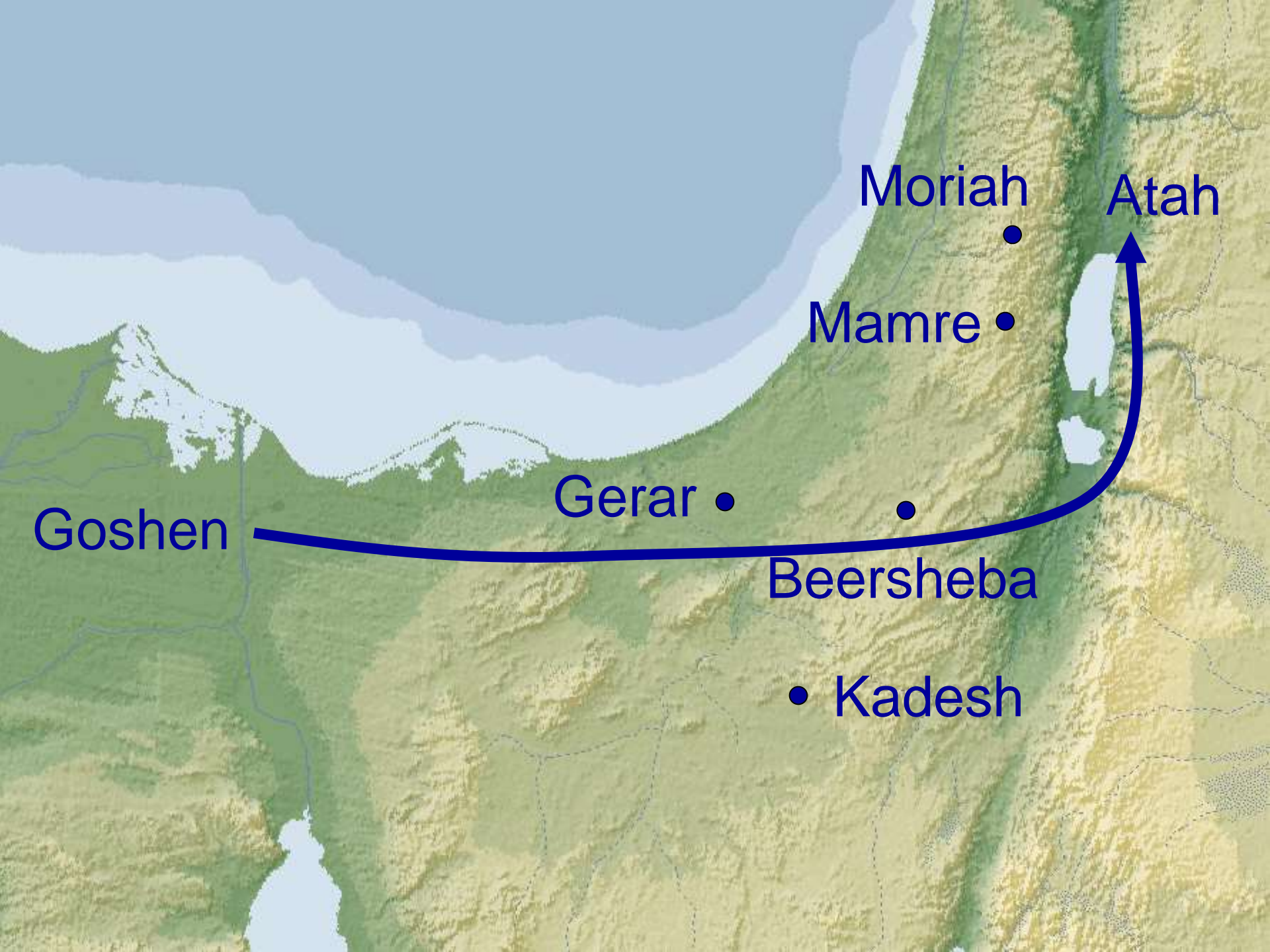
¹⁰ And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

Genesis 50:9-10

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¹¹ And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

Genesis 50:11



Goshen

Gerar

Beersheba

Mamre

Moriah

Kadesh

Atah

Mourning at Atad

- Joseph chose a southern route that would avoid the Philistines
 - Also to keep the Egyptians out the Promised Land?
- They came to Atad (meaning *thorn*)
- They observed 7 days of mourning
- The Canaanites called the place
 - Abel Mizraim = Meadow of Egypt

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¹² And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

¹³ For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

Genesis 50:12-13

Jacob's Burial

- Carried and buried by his sons
- In the Cave of Machpelah
- Obtained by Abraham (**Genesis 23:3-16**)
- Purchased for 400 shekels of silver

Jacob's Burial

- Burial place of:
 - Sarah (Genesis 23:19)
 - Abraham (Genesis 25:9)
 - Isaac, Rebekah and Jacob's wife Leah (Genesis 50:29-31)
 - Jacob (Genesis 50:13)

Jacob's Burial

- Later...Herod the Great built a wall around the site
- 8th Century Monuments were built over the site
- 13th Century the Muslim Mamelukes conquered Hebron
- They declared the structure a mosque
- They forbade entry to Jews
- Today Jews are only allowed entry 10 days per year

The Caves of Machpelah



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¹⁴ And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

¹⁵ And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

Genesis 50:14-15

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¹⁶ And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

¹⁷ So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

Genesis 50:16-17

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¹⁸ And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

¹⁹ And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

²⁰ But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Genesis 50:18-20

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²¹ Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

Genesis 50:21

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22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

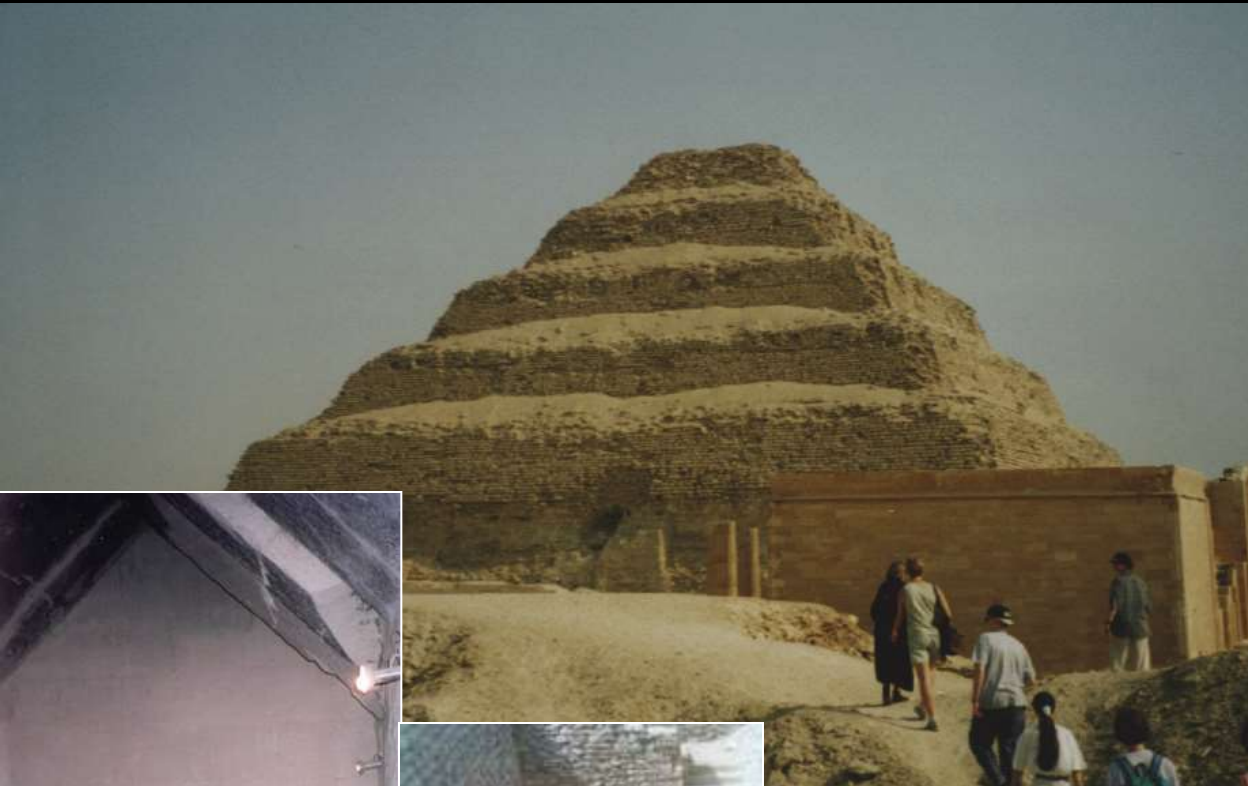
23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

Genesis 50:22-23

Sakkara - Home of Joseph?



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Secure site (high walls around city)
Room to store 40,000 cubic m of grain
Grain found in shafts – not for burial

Joseph = Imhotep?

- Minister of the king of Egypt
- Sudden rise to power (not of royal blood)
- Egyptian Priest
- Builder & Architect
- Revered as godlike
- Medical skill
- Preside over 7 yrs famine / 7 yrs plenty
- Attribute power to the great creator god
- Comforts Pharaoh when distressed
- Sets the taxes in the land
- Dies at age 110

Sakkara - Home of Joseph?



Coffin, believed to be Imhotep's, found undisturbed, but empty!

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24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

Genesis 50:24-25

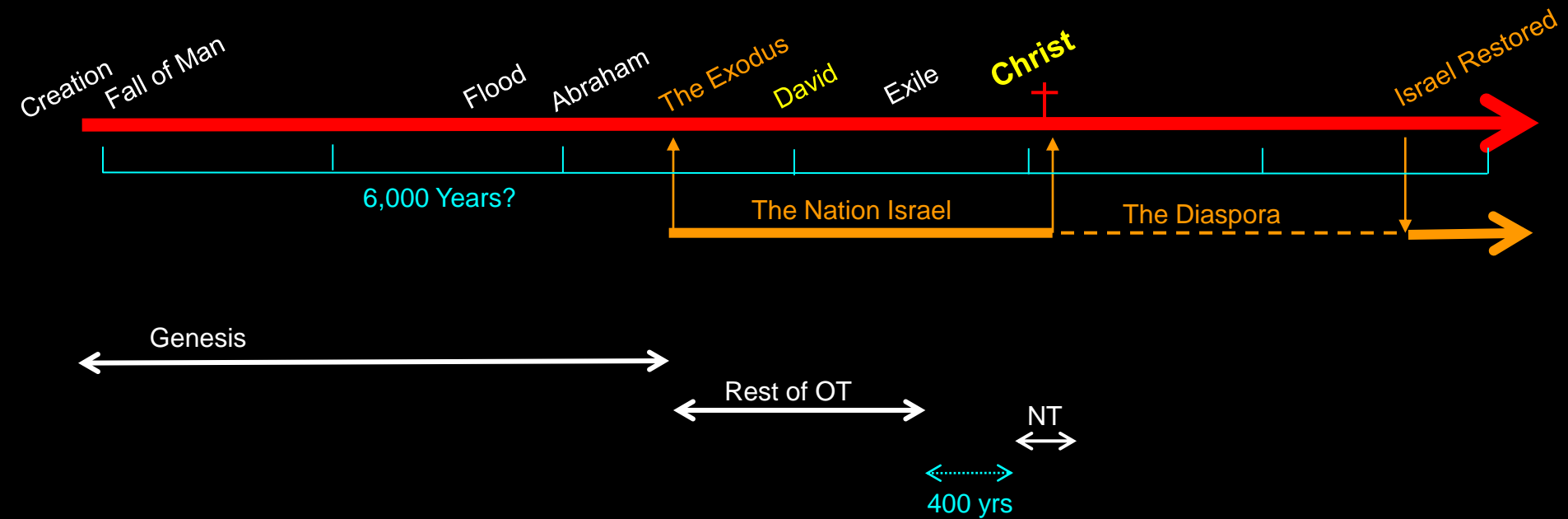
- Exodus 13:19 – Moses took Joseph's bones out of Egypt
- Joshua 24:32 – Joshua buried his bones in Shechem

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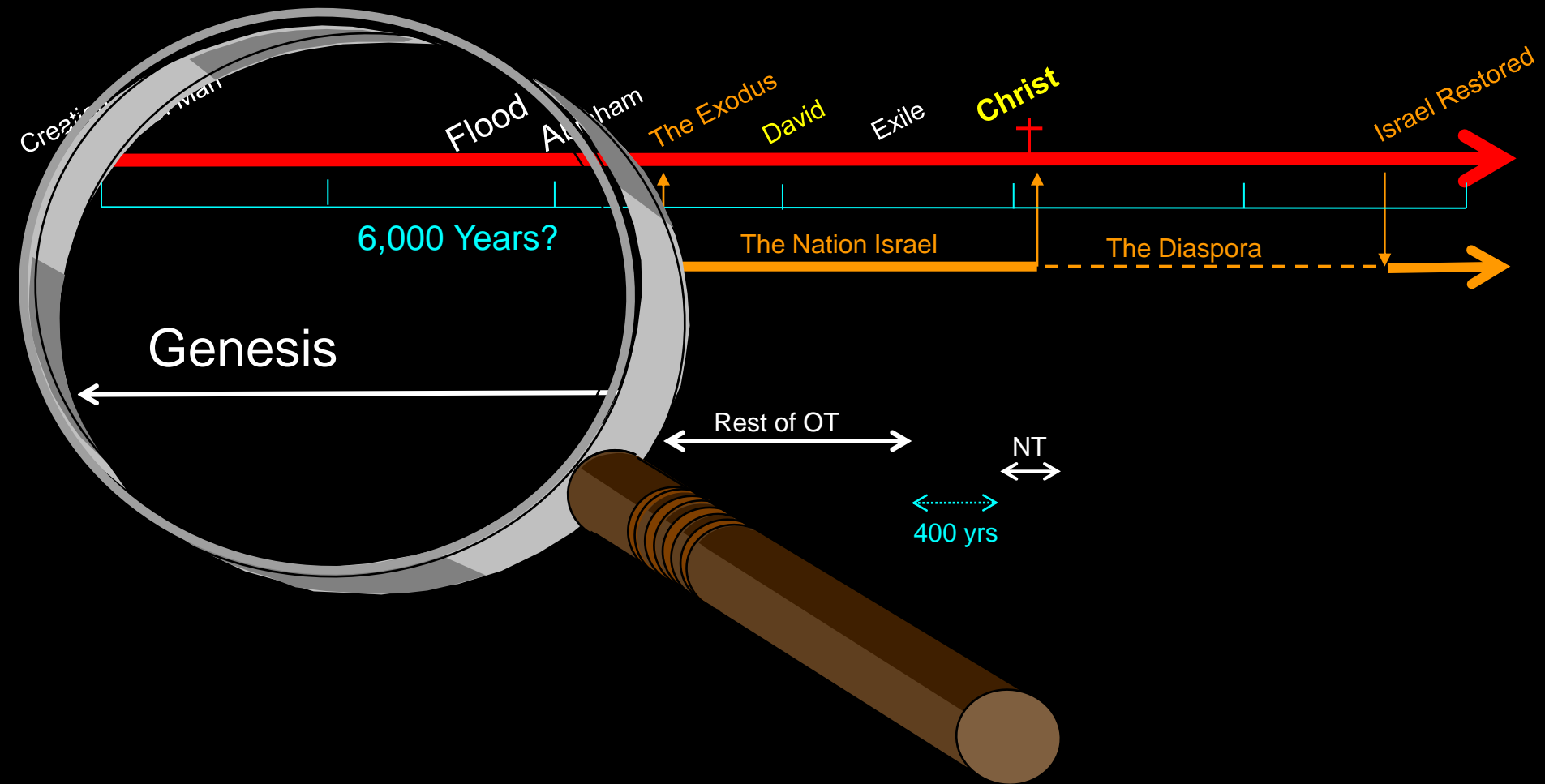
²⁶ So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:1-2

The Panorama of History



The Panorama of History



The Book of Genesis

- It begins in Divine glory
 - It ends in a coffin in Egypt
- It begins with life and a walk with God
 - It ends with two funerals and the reality of the curse
- It begins in harmony in the Garden
 - It ends as sojourners in a strange land



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