

## **PREMONITION OF DEATH**

This lesson will answer this question, “Why does God give some believers a Premonition of Death and not all of them?”

For example, **Jacob** (Gen.47:28-31) was the only Patriarch given a Premonition of Death (**NOT Abraham**) [175 years old] (Gen.25:5-10) and (**Not Isaac**) [180 years old] (Gen.35:28-29).

(Gen.48:1) “Now it came about after these things that Joseph was told, ‘**Behold, your father is sick.**’ So, he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.”

(Gen.48:21-22) “Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘**Behold, I am about to die, but God** will be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers. I give you one portion more than your brothers, which I took from the hand of Amorites with my sword and mu bow.’”

**This lesson will study four aspects of Premonition of Death to some believers.**

### **1. One reason for Jacob’s Premonition of Death was because Joseph needed a father talk about the Father from Jacob that extended to the extended family of God.**

In 1997, Jane’s father, Mr. Jones, had this talk with me on his death-bed. I think a lot about that talk. It had an impact upon my mind-set regarding relationship with God, my Father (Rom.8:15-17).

(Gal.4:6-7) “**Because you are sons** (adopted/ 4:5), God has sent forth the Spirit of **His Son** into your hearts, crying, “**Abba, Father!**” Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a **son**; and if a **son**, then an heir through God.”

### **2. Isaiah gave King Hezekiah a doctrinal principle regarding the importance of a divine Premonition of Death to a believer (2 Kings 20:1-6; 18:1-6, 13; Isa.38:9-20).**

King Hezekiah was a great spiritual reformer of Israel. When he became mortally sick, he was 39 and at war with Assyria (2 Kings 18-20).

(2 Kings 20:6) “**I will** add fifteen years to your life, and **I will** deliver you and this city from the hand of Assyria; and **I will** defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.”

**Key doctrinal principle:** “In those days **Hezekiah** became mortally ill. And **Isaiah** the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, ‘**Set your house in order**, for you shall die and not live.’” (2 Kings 20:1)

### **3. With the Premonition of Death, Jacob began “Setting his house in order” (Gen.47-49).**

- He began with instructions to Joseph regarding his burial (Gen.47:28-31).
- Next Jacob rearranged the tribes of Israel by adopting Joseph’s two sons (Gen.48:1-20).
- Then Jacob willed Joseph a special tract of land (Gen.48:21-22).

- Then Jacob willed allotments of land to the twelve tribes (Gen.49:1-27).
- Finally, Jacob gave his burial instructions (Gen.49:28-33).

(Heb.11:21) “By faith Jacob, **as he was dying**, blessed each of his sons of Joseph, and worshipped, leaning on the top of his staff.”

#### 4. We see again “setting his house in order” with Joseph’s Premonition of Death in Gen.50:24-26.

**It was given in two parts.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> part:** “Joseph said to his brothers, ‘**I am about to die**, but **God will surely** (absolutely/ 100%) **take care of you** and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.” (Gen.50:24)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Part:** “Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, ‘**God will surely** (absolutely/ 100%) **take care of you**, and you shall **carry my bones up from here.**” (Gen.50:25)

(Gen.50:26) “So Joseph died at the age of 110 years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.”

(Heb.11:22) “By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.”

God and His promises will exist long after we are dead because the plan of God continues in lives of other believers to its end (Ex.12:40) [430 years] (Ex.13:19).

Joseph’s bones in this Egypt coffins with the royal seal on it was a sign of the promises made to the patriarchs and their descendants – “**God will surely** (absolutely/ 100%) **take care of you.**”

#### **Church Age:**

(1 Cor.1:8-9) “Who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **God is faithful**, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
(1 Thess.5:24)

#### **Home Study:**

(Deut.32:48-52): Moses on Mt Nebo (32:50; Jude 9; Rev.11; Matt.17:1-3) - “**set your house in order**” (Deut.33-34).