

Read Genesis 50:7-14

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father. He was accompanied by all of Pharaoh's officials, all the senior members of Pharaoh's household, and all the senior officers of Egypt.

8 Joseph also took his entire household and his brothers and their households. But they left their little children and flocks and herds in the land of Goshen.

9 A great number of chariots and charioteers accompanied Joseph.

10 When they arrived at the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan River, they held a very great and solemn memorial service, with a seven-day period of mourning for Joseph's father.

11 The local residents, the Canaanites, watched them mourning at the threshing floor of Atad. Then they renamed that place (which is near the Jordan) Abel-mizraim, for they said, "This is a place of deep mourning for these Egyptians."

12 So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them.

13 They carried his body to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre. This is the cave that Abraham had bought as a permanent burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

14 After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial.

When Joseph went back to the Promised Land to bury His father, who went with him (vv. 7-9)? All the important Egyptians that worked for Pharaoh. Plus, all of Joseph's family including his brothers and their families.

Who did they leave behind? The small children and animals.

Why do you think they might have done that? They had a long way to travel and it would have been a lot harder if they took the small children and a lot of animals.

Who took care of the children? The Bible doesn't tell us but God took care of them for sure.

What did they do when they arrived in the Promised Land (v. 10)? They had a church service to honor Joseph's father including a seven-day time of mourning.

What did the local residents do (v. 11)? They watched all that was going on and were so impressed that they gave that place a new name to remind them of what had happened there.

What did Jacob's sons do (vv. 12-13)? They did exactly as Jacob had asked them to do. They left that place and carried his body to the family cave. And buried him there.

What did Joseph do after he had buried his father (v. 14)? He kept his promise to Pharaoh and went back to Egypt.