

# “God meant it for good”

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STUDY 22

Reading: Genesis 49:1, 8-12, 22-26



*Not the end of the story!*

## Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th October 2017

**Jacob knows his death is near. Before he dies, Jacob blesses each of his sons. This is not about a father's hope for his children. It is prophetic, and concerns the future of a nation. Here we see the sovereignty of God over the lives of His people.**

**We have already seen that Jacob is in a safe place and a comfortable place. However, he is not distracted by this. He still has his heart set on God's promises. Hebrews 11:21-22 show us that as Jacob blesses his sons, he is looking forward in faith. It points us forward to God's purposes in salvation. He will send the One who will be both Saviour and Ruler.**

**Although our series is ostensibly about the life of Joseph, it is important that we also look at Judah.**

- 1) Why is Judah's blessing so important in the ongoing story of Israel?
- 2) What have we seen happening in Judah's life?
- 3) What do verses 8-12 tell us about God's plans through Judah?
- 4) How do these verses point forward to God's redemption purposes?
- 5) What do we learn about Joseph from the blessing given by Jacob in verses 22-26?
- 6) What are the names for God that we see in verses 24-25? What do they tell us?