

## Chapter 50

*Ioseph caufeth his fathers bodie to be embawmed, 3. the dayes of mourning being expired, 6. with Pharaos leaue, Ioseph with the ancients of Ægypt, al his brethren, and elder forte of Ifraelites goe, and solemnly burie the bodie in Chanaan. 14. After their returne, his brethren fearing, left Ioseph wil now reuenge former iniuries, he freely forgeueth al. 22. At the age of 110. yeares, adiuring the pofteritie to carie his bones into Chanaan he dieth, and is put in a coffin.*

**V** Which Ioseph feeing, fel vpon his fathers face weeping and kissing him. <sup>2</sup> And he commanded his seruantes the phyfitians, that they should embawme his father with fpices. <sup>3</sup> Who fulfilling his commandements, there paffed fourtie dayes: for this was the maner of corfes embawmed, and Ægypt mourned him feuentie daies. <sup>4</sup> And the mourning time being expired, Ioseph fpake to the familie of Pharao: If I haue found grace in your fight, fpeake in the eares of Pharao: <sup>5</sup> for fo much as my father did adiure me, faing: Behold I die, in my fepulchre <sup>a)</sup>which I digged for my felfe in the land of Chanaan, thou shalt burie me. I wil goe vp therefore, and burie my father, and returne. <sup>6</sup> And Pharao faid to him: Goe vp and burie thy father as thou waft adiured. <sup>7</sup> Who going vp, there went with him al the ancients of Pharaos houfe, and al the elders of the Land of Ægypt: <sup>8</sup> the houfe of Ioseph with his brethren, fauing their litle ones, and the flockes and heards, which they had left in the Land of Geffen. <sup>9</sup> He had alfo in his traine chariotts and horfemen: and it became no fmal multitude. <sup>10</sup> And they came to the floore of Atad, which is fituat beyond Iordaine: where celebrating the exequies with great and vehement mourning, they fpent full feuen dayes. <sup>11</sup> Which when the Inhabiters of the Land

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<sup>a</sup> Iacob digged a fepulchre for himfelfe, though it be not hertofore mentioned when he did it. *S. Aug. q. 170. in Gen.*

of Chanaan had feene, they said: This is a great mourning vnto the Ægyptians. And therefore the name of that place was called, The mourning of Ægypt. <sup>12</sup> Therefore the sonnes of Iacob did as he commanded them: <sup>13</sup> and carying him into the Land of Chanaan, they buried him in the double caue, which Abraham had bought with the field for a possession to burie in of Ephron the Hethite against Mambre. <sup>14</sup> And Ioseph returned into Ægypt with his brethren, and with al the traine, his father being buried. <sup>15</sup> After whose death, his brethren fearing, and talking one with an other: Left perhaps he be mindful of the iniurie which he suffered, and requite vs al the euil that we haue done, <sup>16</sup> they aduertified him saying: Thy father commanded vs before he died, <sup>17</sup> that we should say thus much to thee in his wordes: I beseech that thou forget the wicked fact of thy brethren, and the sinne & malice which they haue exercised against thee: we also desire thee, that to the seruants of the God of thy father thou remit this iniquitie. Whom when Ioseph had heard he wept. <sup>18</sup> And his brethren came to him, and <sup>a</sup>adoring prostrate on the ground they said: We are thy seruantes. <sup>19</sup> To whom he answered: Feare not: can we resist the wil of God? <sup>20</sup> ¶ You thought euil against me: but God turned that into good, that he might exalt me, as presently you see, and might saue many peoples. <sup>21</sup> Feare not: I wil feed you & your little ones, and he comforted them, and spake gently & mildly. <sup>22</sup> And he dwelt in Ægypt, with al his fathers house: and liued an hundred and tenne yeares. And he sawe the children of Ephraim vnto the third generation. Also the children of Machir the sonne of Manasses were borne in Iosephs knees. <sup>23</sup> Which thinges being done, he spake to his brethren: After my death God wil visite you, and wil make you goe vp out of this land, to the land which he sware to Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob. <sup>24</sup> And when he had adiuised them and said: God wil visite you, ¶ carie my bones with you out of this place: <sup>25</sup> he died, being

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<sup>a</sup> This word *adoring* often in holie Scripture signifieth ciuil honour: as here it can haue no other sense.

an hundred and tenne yeares old. And being embawmed with fpices, was put in a coffin in Ægypt.

## ANNOTATIONS

20 You thought euil.) This plaine diftinction fheweth that finne is wholly of the finner; and that God hath no part therin, but turneth it to good. For thofe things which Iofeph's brethren did againft him, were occafions of his aduancement in Ægypt, through the omnipotent wifdome of God. VVhose propertie is, out of euerie euil to draw good. *S. Chrifoft. ho. 67. in Gen. S. Aug. Enchirid. c. 11. & li. 14. c. 27. de ciuit.*

Mans wil, not God  
the caufe of finne.

24 Carie my bones vvith you.) For the fame reafons Iofeph would be finally buried in Chanaan, for which Iacob defired to be there buried (*chap. 47.*) but Iofeph would not prefently be caried thither, left it might haue geuen offence to the Ægyptians, or at leaft haue diminifhed their fauoure towards his brethren: and withal he would confirme his brethren in their hope of returning, feing he was content, that his bodie fhould expect in Ægypt, til the whole Nation fhould returne into Chanaan.

Iofeph, for his  
brethrës fake, dif-  
ferred his defired  
burial in Chanaan.