

Joseph – Son Of Jacob

Genesis 30:22-24

Jacob and Laban

- Works for Laban 20 years in Haran (Genesis 31:41)
- Marries Leah and Rachel
- 12 Sons of Jacob (Genesis 35:22ff)
 - Leah - six
 - Bilhah (Rachel's handmaid) - two
 - Zilpah (Leah's handmaid) - two
 - Rachel - two, Joseph and Benjamin

The Hatred

Genesis 37:1-11

- Jacob dwelt in Canaan.
- Joseph at 17 was feeding the flock.
- Jacob favored Joseph.
 - Coat of many colors. (verse 3)
- Dreamed of sheaves, planets and stars bowing down to him.

The Sale

Genesis 37:25-28

- Brothers in Shechem, then in Dothan
- Brothers conspired to kill him
- Rueben intercedes
- Sold to Ishmaelites (verse 28) for 20 pieces of silver
- Later sold to Midianites to Potiphar in Egypt (verse 36)

The Lie

Genesis 37:29-35

- Dip coat in goats blood
- Presented to Jacob
- Joseph assumed killed
- Jacob believes a lie and mourned his son's death (verse 34; cf. Genesis 45:25ff)

Joseph in Potiphar's House

Genesis 39:1-6

- Joseph brought to Egypt (verse 1)
- Bought by Potiphar captain of the guard
- Joseph made overseer of his house (verse 4)

Joseph in Potiphar's House

Genesis 39:7-18

- Potiphar's wife tries to seduce Joseph - rejects her. (verses 7-9)
- Sanctity of marriage. Hebrews 13:4
- Potiphar's wife lies. (verses 13-18)

Joseph In Prison

Genesis 39:19-23

- Falsely accused, Joseph is thrown into prison
- The Lord was with Joseph and blessed him
- Placed in charge of other prisoners (verses 21-23)

Joseph In Prison

Genesis 40 Interprets dreams.

- Butler and baker's dreams
- Reveals the meaning of dreams
- Asked baker to remember him (verse 14)
 - Joseph forgotten. (verse 23)
- Remained in prison 2 more years. (Genesis 41:1)

From Prisoner To Ruler

Genesis 41

- Pharaoh had two dreams (verses 1-8)
- Wise counselors cannot help
- Butler remembers Joseph (verses 9-13)
- God will reveal the meaning (verses 16, 28, 32)
- Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams (verses 25-31)
- Two dreams are really one
 - 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine.

From Prisoner To Ruler

Genesis 41:37-46

- Choose a man to gather grain
- No one better suited than Joseph
- Joseph 2nd over all Egypt (verse 41)
- Now is 30 years old (verse 46)
- Grain is now feeding the world
 - All of Egypt (cf. 41:54-57)

Brothers' First Trip To Egypt

Genesis 42

- Famine in Canaan
- Jacob send sons to Egypt in the second year of the famine
 - All but Benjamin (verse 4)
- Brothers bow before Joseph (verse 6)
 - (cf. Genesis 37:5-10 as Joseph had dreamed)
- He recognizes them (verse 7)
- Accused of being spies (verses 9ff)

Brothers' First Trip To Egypt

Genesis 42

- Three days kept in prison (verse 17)
- Must bring younger brother (Benjamin – i.e. “Son of my right hand”) (verses 20, 34, 36)
- Guilt hits them (verses 21-22)
- Simeon is bound (verse 24)
- Returns their money (verse 25)

Brothers' Second Trip To Egypt

Genesis 43

- Famine continues, need more grain
- Ruben & Judah promise to bring Benjamin back (42:37; 43:8-9)
- Brothers return to Egypt and are ordered to be taken to Joseph's house (verse 16)

Brothers' Second Trip To Egypt

Genesis 43

- Brought money back and Simeon brought out of prison (verse 23)
- Asked about health of their father (verse 27)
- Joseph wept. (verse 30)
- Joseph commands a meal be served
- Brothers seated according to age (verse 33)

Brothers' Second Trip To Egypt

Genesis 44

- Silver cup placed in Benjamin's sack (verses 1-2, 12)
- Steward overtakes them (verses 4-6)
- Judah's intercession for Benjamin (verses 18-43; cf. 43:9)

Joseph Makes Himself Known

Genesis 45

- Revealed his identity to brothers (verses 1-8)
 - “God did send me.”
- Sends for his father's house (verses 9-15)
 - Pharaoh sends for Jacob's house. (verses 16-20)
- Wagons and provisions sent (verses 21-24)
- Jacob believed not until he saw the wagons and provisions (verses 25-28)
 - Jacob had trouble believing the truth

Jacob Goes To Egypt

Genesis 46

- Jacob told “*fear not to go down into Egypt ... I will there make of thee a great nation*”(verses 3-4; cf. Genesis 28:13-14)
- 70 souls come to Egypt (verse 27)
- Meets Joseph in land of Goshen (verses 28-34)
 - Jacob said, “*Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive.*” (verse 30)

Jacob In Egypt

Genesis 47

- Jacob given land of Goshen (verse 6)
- Jacob blesses Pharaoh (verse 7)
- Egypt prospers and gains more land
- Jacob lives for 17 more years (verse 28)
 - Lives to be 147 years old.
- Requests to be buried with “my fathers” (verse 30)

Jacob’s Last Days

Genesis 48

- Nation and Land promise renewed (verses 4, 21)
- Blesses Joseph’s sons (verses 8-20)
 - Ephraim (younger) to be greater than Manasseh (verse 19)

Jacob’s Last Days

Genesis 49

- Prophecy of his sons – Judah (verse 10)
- To be buried in the cave of Machpelah with Leah (verses 29-33)
- Jacob dies (verses 33)

Jacob’s Burial

Genesis 50

- Joseph carries Jacob to Canaan and buried him in the cave of Machpelah (verse 13)
- Joseph’s brothers bow before Joseph asking for forgiveness (verses 17-18)

Joseph’s Kindness To His Brothers

Genesis 50

- Joseph forgives. *“As for you, ye meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive”* (verse 20)

Joseph’s Death

Genesis 50

- Reminds his brethren of the “land promise” (verse 24)
- Requests to be buried in Canaan (verse 25)
- Died at 110 years old (verses 22, 26)
- Joseph’s request honored by Moses (Exodus 13:19)
- Buried by Joshua in Shechem (Joshua 24:32)

- *Ecclesiastes 9:1, "For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God."*
- *Ecclesiastes 3:11, "Man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end."*

We see the providence of God working throughout

- In this story Joseph had stored up grain to preserve life in a time of famine for many nations. (Genesis 45:5-8)

- Joseph appointed to gather up grain.
 - Why?
- Joseph interpreted King's dreams.
 - Why?
- Joseph in prison.
 - Why?
 - Joseph remained in prison.
 - Why?

- Joseph got out of prison.
 - Why?
- Joseph was in Egypt in Potiphar's house.
 - Why?
- His brothers sold him to a caravan of traders going to Egypt.
 - Why?
- His brothers hated him.
 - Why?
- Jacob expressed favoritism.
 - Why?

- Providence of God is seen on every page in the story of Joseph.
 - Joseph was sent by God into Egypt to preserve life.
 - To save a remnant of those descending from Abraham.
 - Without Joseph, there would be no scheme of redemption, no nation of Israel, and no Savior of the seed of Abraham.

- God's providence related to His power to use all the choices and details of our lives.
- God is not responsible for choices but used them!
- God still uses the choices of men to work out His own divine purposes.