

PATRIARCHS – FOUNDING OF ISRAEL – (JOSEPH)
(GENESIS 36-50)

INTRODUCTION:

God’s plan for the redemption of mankind is underway. He has established a covenant with Abraham to build a great nation through which the whole world will be blessed. It is through the nation of Israel that God will reveal Himself to the world and deliver the Messiah one day.

The Abrahamic Covenant was passed on to Abraham’s son Isaac and grandson Jacob. It is the sons of Jacob who become the head of the 12 tribes of Israel.

The story takes an unusual turn as we are told about young Joseph. Since Christ would come from the line of Judah, one would think that Judah would be the individual under consideration in the closing chapters of Genesis. However, God wants us to see His miraculous deliverance of His chosen people.

I. THE SON - CHAPTER 37

A. He is a _____ of Christ (type)

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| 1. Beloved of his father - 37:3 | Mark 1:11 |
| 2. Sent by his father - 37:14 | I John 4:9-10 |
| 3. Rejected by his brethren - 37:4 | John 1:10-12 |
| 4. Hated for telling the truth - 37:8 | John 8:40 |
| 5. They plotted to kill him - 37:20-28 | Matt. 26:3-4 |
| 6. His robe was taken - 37:23 | John 19:23-24 |
| 7. He was betrayed for silver - 37:28 | Matt. 26:15 |
| 8. Exalted to the throne - 41:42-45 | Eph. 1:20 |
| 9. Became the savior - 41:56-57 | John 4:42 |
| 10. Was not recognized - 42:8 | John 1:10 |
| 11. Forgave his brothers - 45:4-5 | Romans 3:24 |

B. He is favored by his _____.

1. Joseph was 1 of 12 sons given to Jacob and his 4 wives.
 2. He was the first son of Jacob's beloved _____ - 30:24
 3. He was a boy of exceptional character.
 - a. Functionality was rejected.
 - b. was recognized.
 - c. Frustration was real.
 - d. Filth was _____.
- C. He is flouted by his brothers.
1. Evil _____ - 37:2
 2. Elegant wrap - 37:3
 3. Dreams - 37:5
 - a. First dream - His brothers _____ down to him pictured by the 11 sheaves bowing. - 37:7
 - b. Second dream - Jacob, Rachel, and his 11 brothers bow down to him. - 37:10
- D. He is _____ by his own.
1. His rotten brothers, eaten up with envy, conspired together to _____ him. - 37:18
 2. Reuben, his oldest brother, encourages them to let Joseph live, but put him in a pit. - 37:21-22
 3. Judah concludes there is no profit in letting Joseph die in a hole and decides to sell him as a slave. - 37:26-27

II. THE SLAVE – CHAPTERS 37-39

- A. He is sold by the Midianites to _____ - 37:36
 1. An officer in Pharaoh's court
 2. The _____ of the guard
- B. God was with Joseph through it all. 39:2
 1. His brothers _____ Joseph.
 2. God prospered Joseph.
 3. Potiphar promoted Joseph.

4. Potiphar's wife _____ Joseph. - 39:7
 5. Integrity protected Joseph.
 6. Potiphar imprisoned Joseph. 39:20
- C. He was placed in prison for _____ he did not do.
1. On the surface it appears to be one injustice after another.
 2. Through it all, Joseph is faithful to God. _
- D. He was given power due to the _____ he had. - 39:22

III. THE SEER – CHAPTERS 40-41

- A. Although in _____, Joseph was still in God's plan.
1. He was taken in and laid in irons.
 2. Despite it seeming like one thing after the next was going wrong, God was still directing the steps of this good man.
- B. God's providence is seen.
1. The butler and the _____ were sent to prison where Joseph was.
 2. We don't know what they did to get there.
- C. God gives both the butler and the baker a _____ - 40:5
1. Joseph must interpret the dream for them.
 - a. In 3 days, the chief butler will be _____ to the palace. - 40:13
 - b. In 3 days, the baker would be _____.
 - c. Joseph is faithful to give the interpretation of both the good news and the bad.
 2. Joseph asks the butler to remember him when he is restored. - 40:14
 3. The butler forgets because the _____ is not right. - 40:23

D. God gives Pharaoh a dream. - 41:1

1. The chief butler remembered Joseph. - 41:9-12
2. Joseph is called before Pharaoh. - 41:14
3. Joseph gives _____ to God. - 41:16
4. He interprets the meaning of the dream. - 41:25-32
5. Joseph is placed over _____
- 41:39-40
6. He is now _____ years old. - 41:46
7. Joseph is given 2 sons. - 41:50-52
 - a. Manasseh means “made to _____”
 - b. Ephraim means “made fruitful”.

E. God sends _____ so they can prepare. - 41:47, 53

F. God sends _____ so they will
move. - 41:54

IV. THE SAVIOR - CHAPTERS 42-48

A. God uniquely prepared and positioned Joseph to
_____ and _____ for his
growing nation.

1. The famine drives everyone, including Joseph’s family, to Egypt. - 42:1-5
2. After reminding his brothers of the wicked thing they had done, Joseph revealed that although they meant it for evil, God meant it

_____.

a. *“God did send me before you to preserve life.”* - 45:5b. *“God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth,”* - 45:7c. *“It was not you that sent me hither, but God:”* - 45:8d. *“God hath made me lord of all Egypt:”* -
45:9B. The family, consisting of about 75 people, moves to
_____ in northern Egypt.

1. 66 given in 46:26
 2. 70 given in 46:27
 3. 75 given in Acts 7:14 - this would include all the “kindred” adding the 5 wives of his sons.
- C. Manasseh and Ephraim are _____ by Jacob. - 48:5
1. They become 2 of the 12 tribes of Israel.
 2. Ephraim takes _____ place.
 3. Manasseh takes _____ place.

V. THE SHADE TREE – CHAPTERS 49-50

- A. Jacob’s foreknowledge
1. Reuben - 49:3-4
 - a. Thought he was about to receive a double portion but did not
 - b. Their history is wrought with _____.
 2. Simeon & Levi - 49:5-7
 - a. A close brotherhood
 - b. A _____ behavior
 3. Judah - 49:8-12
 - a. Judah will be _____ by his brethren. - 49:8
 - b. Judah’s hand will be on the neck of his enemies. - 49:8
 - c. Judah is a _____ whelp. - 49:9
 - d. Judah will hold the _____ - 49:10
 - e. Judah will be the father of Shiloh. - 49:10
 4. Zebulun - 49:13
 - a. Would dwell near the _____
 - b. Would be involved in commerce
 5. Issachar - 49:14-15
 - a. Would be a source of strength
 - b. Would be concerned about _____.
 6. Dan - 49:16-18

- a. Would have a position of authority
- b. Would be a source of _____
- 7. Gad - 49:19 - Would bring victory in the end
- 8. Asher - 49:20 - Would be _____
- 9. Naphtali - 49:21- Would be swift
- 10. Joseph - 49:22-26
 - a. Would be a _____ tree
 - b. Would be greatly blessed
- 11. Benjamin - 49:27
 - a. Would bring in the spoils
 - b. Both Saul of the Old Testament and the New Testament were from the tribe of Benjamin.
- B. Jacob's _____ - 49:29-50:14
 - 1. The charge - 49:29-33
 - 2. The _____ - 50:1-13
- C. Joseph's funeral
 - 1. His _____ - 50:22-23
 - 2. His concern - 50:24-25
 - 3. His cessation - 50:26

CONCLUSION:

This brings us to the end of the beginning. Genesis is the point of beginning for all of it - the creation of the world, the establishment of the family, the intrusion of sin and all the pain it causes, and the formation of nations including the nation of Israel which will be instrumental in bringing the Messiah to earth. Genesis concludes with God's people protected and provided for in Egypt where they will grow into a powerful people, so much so that Egypt begins to fear them and puts them into slavery. God is preparing a man to deliver His people back to the land of Canaan.