

CAN GOD OVERCOME THE FAILURES OF YOUR HOME?

A. WHY Should You Study the OLD TESTAMENT?

B. WHAT is the HISTORICAL CONTEXT of the Story of 'JOSEPH'? Genesis centers around ...

1. THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE _____ and 4 _____ (Gen. 1-11) which are
- _____ (Genesis 1 & 3)
 - _____ (Genesis 3-5)
 - _____ (Genesis 6-9)
 - _____ (Genesis 10-11)

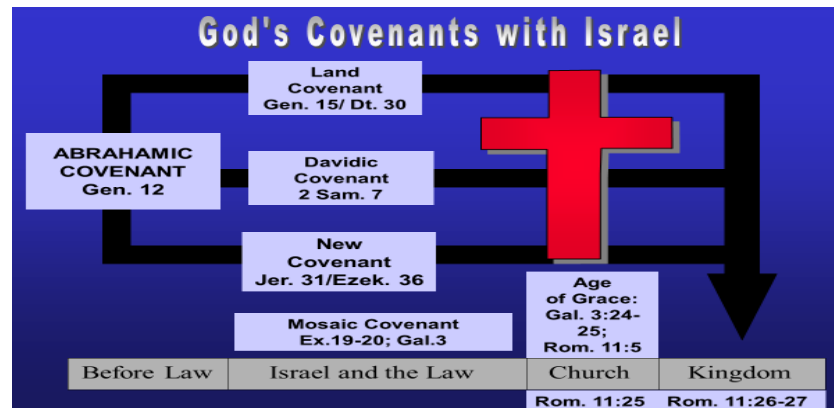
How long a period of time does Genesis 1-11 cover?

2. THE EARLY HISTORY of the FAMILY OF _____ (Genesis 12-50) and 4 _____ who are ...
- _____ (Genesis 12-20)
 - _____ (Genesis 21-26)
 - _____ (Genesis 27-36)
 - _____ (Genesis 37-50) - Comment on the "toledots"

How long a period of time does Genesis 12-50 cover?

3. Why is the LINEAGE OF ABRAHAM emphasized and explained?

- Because _____ would come through his lineage! (Matthew 1:1)
- Because the rest of human history would be affected by the _____.
What do you need to remember about the Bible?



4. Why is so much space in Genesis devoted to Joseph?

- Because it helps provide _____ an explanation of how _____ His earthly people and lineage of the Messiah!
- Because this story highlights the sovereignty, grace, mercy, and faithfulness of _____ to His plan, promises, and people which would also serve as a real encouragement to _____ and _____ - like you & me!

C. WHAT Are the CRITICAL TRUTHS to be Learned Through the Story of “JOSEPH”? {Gen. 37-50}

1. The *key truth* about GOD involves learning about His amazing sovereign and gracious _____ in preserving His _____ in keeping with His _____.
What is “providence”?
2. The *key principle* for YOU to learn involves recognizing that regardless of your _____, by God’s grace you can _____ in God’s unfailing _____ so as to be _____ to Him wherever you are. There is a mixture of divine sovereignty & human responsibility throughout this story.
3. The *key verse* for you to remember is _____ where Joseph is able to declare to his brothers: “But as for you, YOU meant _____ against ME; but _____ meant it for _____, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to _____ many people alive.”

D. WHAT Should You KNOW About JOSEPH’S FAMILY?

1. He had a very special *family tree* consisting of the PATRIARCHS who were in the bloodline of the _____ and to whom God had made many specific _____.
2. His *father* was JACOB, a very _____ and _____ dad who tended to be a CHIZELER.
3. His *polygamist family* consisted of his *mother*, _____, who was her husband’s FAVORITE along with his other “wives” _____.
4. His *birth* was _____ and was _____ {“God remembered Rachel”} and was an answer to _____. (Gen.30:22-24)
5. His *name* “Joseph” means _____, as God had taken away Rachel’s reproach and she now had hopes of adding another biological son which God provided {Benjamin - though she died in giving birth to him.}
6. His *blended family* also consisted of _____ who all had sin natures & oftentimes acted _____.
7. His *faith* in God and His plan for Joseph never seemed to _____ though he experienced many severe trials over the years.

E. WHAT Can We LEARN from all This?

1. It is possible to have a home in which the individuals know the true & living God, yet it experiences destructive dynamics due to repeated _____ against God and each other.
2. Though children generally repeat the sins of their parents, you are not a _____, and the cycle can be broken by God’s grace.
3. Though your past has influenced and affected you, you can _____ from your past while you need not _____ in it.
4. Though your CULTURE may approve of your sins, _____ does not, yet there is _____ available and _____ by His mercies and grace.