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HEROES OF THE FAITH - JOSEPH

HEBREWS 11:22

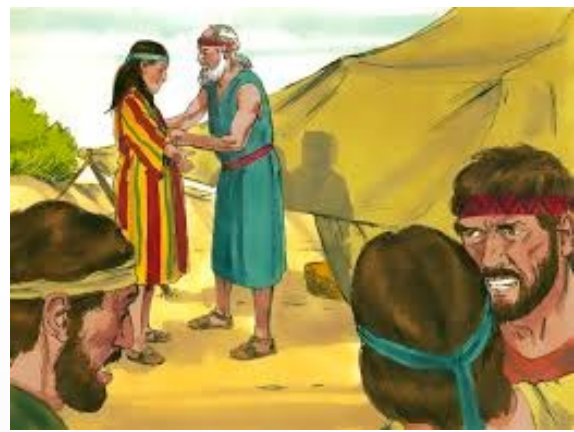
HALL OF FAITH - JOSEPH

HEBREWS 11:22 BY FAITH JOSEPH,
WHEN HIS END WAS NEAR, SPOKE
ABOUT THE EXODUS OF THE
ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT AND
GAVE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HIS
BONES.

- Is this a mistake or are we not seeing the full significance of these words just yet?
- God appreciates and focuses on things we often overlook!
- This study will be in two parts.
- We will look at what we can learn personally from what Joseph went through next time, but today is more the prophetic than the personal.
- It is a BIG picture study.
- Why is there more written about Joseph than any other in Genesis?



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JOSEPH

The Bible tells us that Joseph was Jacob's most loved son. But his brothers hated him for it. Things came to a head when Joseph revealed prophetically to both his brothers and parents that he would one day rule and they would bow down to him. So his brothers conspired against him. Wanting to kill him, they betrayed and sold him into the hands of gentiles for a few measly silver coins.

Joseph was taken as a slave into Egypt where his master's wife tried to seduce him. He was tempted by her day after day the Bible says but didn't sin. He simply replied 'how can I do this wicked thing and sin against God?' She then bore false witness against him and he was falsely judged and thrown into prison.

There, with the king's cupbearer and baker who had offended the king, Joseph declared that one of them would live and one would die. And so it was, for the king restored the cupbearer but the baker was put to death.

Joseph himself was then raised from this prison and was exalted to the right hand of Pharaoh. Everyone in the land was commanded to bow the knee to Joseph and he ruled Egypt on Pharaoh's behalf. Upon his exaltation Joseph, though Jewish, took a Gentile bride. And he ruled with great wisdom.

Eventually though, a time of great difficulty came. It was a 7 year period of tremendous famine that affected all the earth. It caused people from all lands to come to Joseph to save them because the times were so hard. Among those were Joseph's own Jewish brothers, the sons of Jacob - the very ones that had despised and rejected him all those many years before. Joseph knew them but they didn't recognise him. Their eyes were blinded as to who this great leader actually was! They didn't realise it was that brother of theirs that they had no time for. But through the great difficulty of this time and with circumstances not going well for them, an interesting thing happened in the hearts of Joseph's brothers. They started to think about what they had done to their brother Joseph 22 years before. A guilty conscience testified against them. So much so that they said *"We are truly guilty concerning our brother... Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us."* And before long Joseph could not hold himself any longer! But with great amazement and weeping he revealed his identity to his brothers as they

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE 1ST COMING OF JESUS

(FROM THE START OF JOSEPH'S STORY TILL BEING EXALTED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF PHARAOH)

EVENT

BELOVED OF HIS FATHER

JOSEPH

- Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children
- **Genesis 37:3** - Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

JESUS

- This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased
- **Matthew 3:17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

EVENT

ENVIED AND HATED WITHOUT A CAUSE

JOSEPH

- And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more they...hated him...
Genesis 37:4 - But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

JESUS

- ...the chief priests had delivered him for envy (**Mark 15:10**).
They hated me without a cause (**John 15:25**).

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EVENT

HE FORETOLD THAT ONE DAY HE
WOULD RULE

JOSEPH

- ... my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it ([Gen. 37:7](#)).

JESUS

- ...you shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven ([Matt. 26:64](#)).

EVENT

REJECTED AND CONDEMNED TO
DIE

JOSEPH

- they conspired against him to kill him ([Gen. 37:18](#)).

JESUS

- We will not have this man to reign over us ([Luke 19:14](#)).
- But they cried, saying, Crucify him! Crucify him! ([Luke 23:21](#)).

EVENT

STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHING

JOSEPH

- ...they stripped Joseph of his coat...that was on him ([Gen 37:23](#)).

JESUS

- And they stripped him ([Matt. 27:28](#))

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE 1ST COMING OF JESUS

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EVENT

THROWN INTO A PIT (ALONE AND FORSAKEN)

JOSEPH

- And they took him, and cast him into a pit ([Gen. 37:24](#)).

JESUS

- So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth ([Matt. 12:40](#)).

EVENT

SOLD FOR SILVER COINS INTO THE HANDS OF GENTILES

JOSEPH

- ...they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites twenty pieces of silver; and they brought Joseph into Egypt ([Gen. 37:28](#)).

JESUS

- and they bargained with him [Judas] for thirty pieces of silver ([Matt. 26:15](#)).

EVENT

RAISED FROM THE PIT

JOSEPH

...and they drew and lifted Joseph up out of the pit ([Gen. 37:28](#)).

JESUS

...he rose again the third day according to the scriptures ([1 Cor. 15:4](#)).

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE 1ST COMING OF JESUS

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EVENT

EVERYTHING HE DID PROSPERED

JOSEPH

- And...the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand ([Gen. 39:3](#)).

JESUS

- and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand ([Isaiah 53:10](#)).

EVENT

RESISTED TEMPTATION

JOSEPH

- He was tempted by Potiphar's wife but didn't sin ([Gen. 39:7-12](#)).

JESUS

- For such an high priest was fitting...who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...([Heb. 7:26](#)).
- ...He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin ([Heb. 4:15](#)).

EVENT

FALSELY ACCUSED

JOSEPH

- 'That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me' ([Gen. 39:17](#)).

JESUS

- At the last came two false witnesses, And said... ([Matt. 26:60](#)).

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE 1ST COMING OF JESUS

(FROM THE START OF JOSEPH'S STORY TILL BEING EXALTED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF PHARAOH)

EVENT

NUMBERED WITH
TRANSGRESSORS

JOSEPH

- And Joseph's master...put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound ([Gen. 39:20](#)).

JESUS

- When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. ([Luke 23:33](#))

EVENT

PROMISED DELIVERANCE TO A
CONDEMNED MAN

JOSEPH

- Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up your head, and restore you... ([Gen. 40:13](#)).

JESUS

- Today you shall be with me in paradise ([Luke 23:43](#)).

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE CURRENT CHURCH AGE

(FROM THE EXALTATION OF JOSEPH TO THE START OF THE 7 YEAR FAMINE TRIBULATION)

EVENT

EXALTED TO HONOR AND GLORY
OVER THE WHOLE LAND

JOSEPH

- And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See I have set you over all the land of Egypt ([Gen. 41:41](#))

JESUS

- All authority has been given to Me ([Matt 28:18](#))
- God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name ([Phil. 2:9](#)).

EVENT

ALL PEOPLE COMMANDED TO
BOW TO HIM

JOSEPH

- They proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt. ([Gen. 41:43](#)).

JESUS

- That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ([Phil. 2:10](#)).

EVENT

PROVED TO BE A GREAT
COUNSELLOR

JOSEPH

- Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you are. ([Gen. 41:39](#)).

JESUS

- and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor... ([Isa. 9:6](#)).

EVENTS FULFILLED IN THE CURRENT CHURCH AGE

(FROM THE EXALTATION OF JOSEPH TO THE START OF THE 7 YEAR FAMINE TRIBULATION)

EVENT

UPON HIS EXALTATION HE TOOK A
GENTILE BRIDE

JOSEPH

- Pharaoh gave Joseph... Asenath... to be his wife. ([Genesis 41:45](#))

JESUS

- I promised you to one husband, to Christ ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#))

EVENT

PROVIDED BREAD TO SAVE ALL IN
NEED

JOSEPH

- And all the countries came...to Joseph to buy grain ([Gen. 41:57](#)).

JESUS

- ...I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall never hunger ([John 6:35](#)).

EVENTS STILL TO COME AND FULFILLED LEADING UP TO THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

(FROM THE SEVEN YEAR FAMINE TRIBULATION TO THE RECONCILIATION OF JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS)

EVENT

SEVEN YEAR FAMINE AND
HARDSHI

JOSEPH

- ...seven years of famine will follow them... The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. ([Genesis 41:30-31](#))

JESUS

- He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' ([Dan 9:27](#))
For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now ([Mat 24:21](#))

EVENT

HARDSHIP CAUSES PEOPLE FROM
ALL COUNTRIES TO COME TO
JOSEPH

JOSEPH

- And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in the entire world. ([Genesis 41:57](#))

JESUS

- After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language... ([Rev 7:9](#))

EVENTS STILL TO COME AND FULFILLED LEADING UP TO THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

(FROM THE SEVEN YEAR FAMINE TRIBULATION TO THE RECONCILIATION OF JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS)

EVENT

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS FORCED TO
SEEK HELP

JOSEPH

- Jacob said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy some for us from that place, so that we may live and not die." ([Genesis 42:2](#))

JESUS

- I will go away and return to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me. ([Hosea 5:15](#))

EVENT

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS DID NOT
INITIALLY RECOGNIZE HIM

JOSEPH

- And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him ([Gen. 42:8](#))

JESUS

- But their minds were blinded... Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ([2 Corinthians 3:14-16](#))

EVENT

DIFFICULT TIMES LEAD JOSEPH'S
BROTHERS TO THINK OF WHAT
THEY DID TO JOSEPH

JOSEPH

- Then they said to one another, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother... Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us." ([Genesis 42:21-22](#))

JESUS

- He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ([Isaiah 53:3](#))

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EVENT

REVELATION AND
RECOGNITION

JOSEPH

I am Joseph...whom you sold...God has made me lord of all...come...unto me... ([Gen. 45:3-9](#)).

JESUS

They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child... ([Zech 12:10](#))

EVENT

WEEPING AND
RECONCILIATION

JOSEPH

hen he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. ([Genesis 45:14-15](#))

JESUS

On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great...The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves. ([Zech 12:11-12](#))

EVENT

FULL SALVATION AND
PROTECTION

JOSEPH

Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives... I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

([Genesis 50:19-21](#))

JESUS

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

([Romans 11:26-27](#))

THINGS STILL TO COME

(JOSEPH'S BROTHERS THINK OF WHAT THEY DID TO JOSEPH (IN DIFFICULT TIMES!))

READ GENESIS 42:8-22 BUT JOSEPH HAD RECOGNIZED HIS BROTHERS, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM. (9) JOSEPH REMEMBERED THE DREAMS WHICH HE HAD ABOUT THEM, AND SAID TO THEM, "YOU ARE SPIES; YOU HAVE COME TO LOOK AT THE UNDEFENDED PARTS OF OUR LAND."... (17) SO HE PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PRISON FOR THREE DAYS. (18) NOW JOSEPH SAID TO THEM ON THE THIRD DAY, "DO THIS AND LIVE, FOR I FEAR GOD: (19) IF YOU ARE HONEST MEN, LET ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS BE CONFINED IN YOUR PRISON; BUT AS FOR THE REST OF YOU, GO, CARRY GRAIN FOR THE FAMINE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLDS, (20) AND BRING YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER TO ME, SO YOUR WORDS MAY BE VERIFIED, AND YOU WILL NOT DIE." AND THEY DID SO. (21) THEN THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "TRULY WE ARE GUILTY CONCERNING OUR BROTHER, BECAUSE WE SAW THE DISTRESS OF HIS SOUL WHEN HE PLEADED WITH US, YET WE WOULD NOT LISTEN; THEREFORE THIS DISTRESS HAS COME UPON US." (22) REUBEN ANSWERED THEM, SAYING, "DID I NOT TELL YOU, 'DO NOT SIN AGAINST THE BOY'; AND YOU WOULD NOT LISTEN? NOW COMES THE RECKONING FOR HIS BLOOD."

- What an amazing story this is and what great prophetic insights it gives us.
- This passage teaches us about part of the process that the Jewish people, the nation of Israel, have to go through to be reconciled to their Messiah Jesus.
- We see here that Joseph knew them but they didn't know him.
- And yet during this 7 year period of great difficulty an amazing thing starts to take place – the trials of that time lead them to think of what they did to their brother over 20 years before.
- They start to think that their current hardship is a result of their actions in rejecting and wanting to kill their brother Joseph.
- 'Therefore' they conclude, that's why this distress has come upon us.
- Reuben even remembers the words he spoke on that day and the warning he gave.
- All of this speaks of the coming 7 year tribulation period, Daniel's 70th 'seven' which will be a time of great hardship but will cause the nation of Israel to turn again to their rejected Messiah Jesus.

CONCLUSION - OH THE PLAN OF GOD!

GENESIS 50:15-21 WHEN JOSEPH'S BROTHERS SAW THAT THEIR FATHER WAS DEAD, THEY SAID, "WHAT IF JOSEPH HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST US AND PAYS US BACK FOR ALL THE WRONGS WE DID TO HIM?" (16) SO THEY SENT WORD TO JOSEPH, SAYING, "YOUR FATHER LEFT THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE HE DIED: (17) 'THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY TO JOSEPH: I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE YOUR BROTHERS THE SINS AND THE WRONGS THEY COMMITTED IN TREATING YOU SO BADLY.' NOW PLEASE FORGIVE THE SINS OF THE SERVANTS OF THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER." WHEN THEIR MESSAGE CAME TO HIM, JOSEPH WEPT. (18) HIS BROTHERS THEN CAME AND THREW THEMSELVES DOWN BEFORE HIM. "WE ARE YOUR SLAVES," THEY SAID. (19) BUT JOSEPH SAID TO THEM, "DON'T BE AFRAID. AM I IN THE PLACE OF GOD? (20) **YOU INTENDED TO HARM ME, BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS NOW BEING DONE, THE SAVING OF MANY LIVES.** (21) SO THEN, DON'T BE AFRAID. I WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN." AND HE REASSURED THEM AND SPOKE KINDLY TO THEM.

1. Concerning Joseph's personal life

2. Concerning Lord Jesus

3. Concerning the nation of Israel

4. For our own individual Christian lives

Romans 8:28 sums up the thought given here: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Who is this God that works out His plan and ways with such depth, amazement and wonder? Contemplating these things, the Apostle Paul concluded with thoughts on the great plan of God to first save Gentiles and then the nation of Israel in **Romans 11:33-36**