

Old Testament Survey #6 – Genesis 37-50

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I. Gen. 37-50 Life of Joseph

A. Gen. 37 The envy & hatred of Joseph's brothers

1. Vss. 1-4 Jacob favors Joseph, coat of many colors, brothers envy & hate him
2. Vss. 5-11 Joseph relays his 2 divine dreams
 - a. The brother's sheaves bow to Joseph's sheaf (fulfilled Gen. 42:6).
 - b. The sun, moon, and 11 stars bow to Joseph
 - c. Jacob rebukes Joseph: *"Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"* (v. 10)
 1. Joseph's mother Rachael was already dead!
3. Vss. 12-36 Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery and fake his death.
 - a. The brothers plot to kill Joseph, but Reuben stopped them.
 - b. Judah suggests selling Joseph to Ishmaelites traders.
 - c. The brothers sell Joseph to the Midianite traders passing by (descendants of Midian, son of Abraham's second wife, Keturah).
 - d. The brothers fake Joseph's death, return the bloody coat to Jacob.
 - e. The Midianites sell Joseph to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard.

B. Gen. 38 Judah's transgressions:

1. Vss. 1-5 Judah takes a Canaanite wife (contrary to the Patriarchs's wishes), and has 3 sons.
2. Vss. 6-11 Heirs by proxy was a law predating Moses
 - a. Deut. 25:5-10 The Law of Moses
 - a. Matt. 22:23-33 Sadducees attempt to trip Jesus using this principle.

C. Gen. 39 Joseph's integrity, resists temptation, falsely accused and imprisoned.

D. Gen. 40 Joseph in prison, interprets the dreams of the Pharaoh's servants

E. Gen. 41 Pharaoh's dreams

1. Vss. 1-4 The 7 fat cows eaten by the 7 gaunt cows
2. Vss. 5-7 The 7 good heads of grain devoured by the 7 thin heads
3. Vss. 8-38 Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams
 - a. vs. 16 Joseph's humility
4. Vss. 39-45 Pharaoh appoints Joseph second ruler, in charge of grain.
5. Vss. 46-57 Joseph stores grain for 7 abundant years.

F. Gen. 42 Jacob sends his remaining (10) sons to buy grain in Egypt.

1. Vss. 1-6 The fulfillment of Joseph's 1st dream of the sheaves (Gen. 37:5-8)
2. Vss. 7-28 Joseph deceives his brothers, they return to Jacob without Simeon
3. Vss. 29-38 They relay to their father what occurred in Egypt, Jacob grieves.

G. Gen. 43 The second trip to buy grain, bringing Benjamin

1. Vss. 1-15 The brothers arrive and stand before Joseph with Benjamin
2. Vss. 16-17 Joseph sees his younger brother Benjamin, orders all to his house.
3. Vss. 18-34 The feast at Joseph's house

H. Gen. 44 Joseph sends the brothers away, but deceives them again.

1. Vss. 1-3 All of the brothers sent away, silver cup placed in Benjamin's sack
2. Vss. 4-13 Joseph's silver cup found in Benjamin's sack
3. Vss. 14-34 **Repentant** Judah pleads with Joseph for Benjamin

I. Gen. 45

1. Vss. 1-15 Joseph reveals himself to his brothers & **forgives** them.
2. Vss. 16-24 Pharaoh sends for all of Joseph's family and possessions.
3. Vss. 25-28 The brothers return to their father and inform him about Joseph

J. Gen. 46 Jacob goes to Egypt eager to see Joseph again

1. Vss. 1-4 Jacob travels to Beersheba where his grandfather Abraham made a peace treaty with Abimelech (The Well of the Oath – Gen. 21:22-34), and sacrifices to God.
 - a. "God" spoke to Jacob (the one at the top of Jacob's ladder, who accompanied and prospered Jacob – the "Messenger" {Angel} of God)
 - b. He affirmed the Abrahamic Covenant & promised to accompany Jacob in Egypt, and bring him and his descendants back to the Promised Land.
2. Vss. 5-28 Jacob and all of his extended family arrive in Egypt
3. Vss. 29-34 Joseph goes out to meet his father.

K. Gen. 47

1. Vss. 1-6 Joseph requests Goshen for his family and flocks, Pharaoh agrees.
2. Vss. 7-10 Joseph introduces his father to Pharaoh.
3. Vss. 11-12 Joseph's family situated in Goshen
4. Vss. 13-26 Joseph acquires great wealth for Pharaoh
5. Vss. 27-31 Jacob made Joseph promise to bury him in the Promised Land

L. Gen. 48 Jacob blesses Joseph's 2 sons

1. Vss. 1-7 Jacob recounts his encounter with the "Messenger" of God and claims Joseph's 2 sons as his own sons. (Joseph's double portion among the 12 tribes)
2. Vss. 8-20 Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh
 - a. Jacob reverses the blessing, making the younger (Ephraim) first.
 - b. Vs. 15-16 Jacob identifies the "God" of Abraham and Isaac, who appeared to Jacob at the top of the ladder, and who continually accompanied him: It was the "Messenger" (Angel) of Yahweh.

M. Gen. 49 Jacob prophesied over each of his sons in birth order.

1. Vss. 3-4 Reuben condemned for his incest (Gen. 35:22).
2. Vss. 5-7 Simeon and Levi (tribe of Moses and Israel's priesthood) condemned for their murder in defense of their sister Dinah (Gen. 34).
3. Vss. 8-12 Judah (who first repented) praised, tribe of the Davidic kings
 - a. The scepter of Judah, the arrival of "Shiloh" (Peace, tranquility – the Messiah's 1000-year Kingdom).
 - b. Judah's donkey bound to the grape vine
 1. Jesus' 1st coming (triumphal entry - Zech. 9:9)
 2. Jesus' 2nd coming (winepress of wrath - Joel 3:8-17; Rev. 19:15)
 - c. v. 12 First description of Jesus appearance (cf. Isa. 53:2).

4. Vs. 13 Zebulun's land inheritance prophesied on the Mediterranean coast
5. Vss. 14-15 Issachar carries a burden like a donkey
6. Vss. 16-18 Dan as a serpent, causing Israel to fall (After inheriting the Land under Joshua, Dan's tribe immediately became pagan and continued so)
7. Vs. 19 Gad – a warrior
8. Vs. 20 Asher – a farmer
9. Vs. 21 Naphtali – well spoken
10. Vss. 22-26 Joseph – the double blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh.
11. Vs. 27 Benjamin – a wolf
12. Vss. 28 Jacob charges his sons to bury him beside Abraham and Isaac & dies

N. Gen. 50

1. Vss. 1-14 Joseph & brothers carry Jacob back to the Promised Land for burial.
2. Vss. 15-21 Joseph's brothers plead for forgiveness & Joseph forgives them all and promises to provide for them in Egypt.
3. Vss. 22-26 Joseph lived to see his grandchildren (3rd generation).
 - a. He reminds the Israelites of God's promise to Abraham that they will return in the 4th generation (Gen. 15:13-16), which was Moses' generation.
 - b. He commanded the Israelites to bring his bones to the Promised Land when God brings them back from Egypt.
 - c. Joseph dies at 110, embalmed, and put in a coffin.

F. Genesis Chronology: (AM Anno Mundi – Year from Creation)

- 1AM Creation week
- 129AM Seth born
- 234AM Seth begets Enos, then begins to call himself by God's name
- 619AM Enoch born,
- 930AM Adam dies
- 983AM Enoch removed by God, (Seth's sons begin taking foreign wives)
- 1051AM Noah born
- 1551AM Noah begins building the ark
- 1651AM Noah's flood
- 1751AM God confounds the languages at the Tower of Babel
- 2000AM Birth of Abraham, death of Noah
- 2070AM Christ first appears to Abraham in Ur, Abraham leaves Ur.
- 2075AM Abraham leaves Haran and goes to Promised Land
- 2100AM Birth of Isaac
- 2160AM Birth of Esau and Jacob
- 2174AM Death of Abraham
- 2237AM Jacob's Ladder dream
- 2250AM Birth of Joseph
- 2266AM Joseph sold into slavery
- 2279AM Joseph becomes ruler in Egypt
- 2289AM Jacob & family move to Egypt
- 2360AM Joseph dies in Egypt at age 110