

Bondage in Egypt – Lesson 6

Joseph

Bondage in Egypt was foretold to Abraham. See Gen 15:13 and Act 7:6. The four hundred years began with Abraham going into Egypt due to a famine in the land. It ended with the Exodus.

At seventeen Joseph was sold to Ishmaelite traders and carried into Egypt. His coat of many colors that his Jacob made for him was covered with animal blood and shown to Jacob. He mourned the rest of his life over the death of Joseph until the fantastic news came that he was yet alive.

Meanwhile, God blessed Joseph in his bondage.

He rose from being a slave in Potiphar's house to being in charge.

He was then falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and put in prison.

The keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge after observing his wisdom and skill.

The gift of interpreting dreams got him out of prison to become second in command of all Egypt. Only Pharaoh was of greater prominence.

Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream of cattle and corn to indicate the coming seven years of plenty followed by seven years of extreme famine.

Joseph prepared during the good years and was able to preserve life in Egypt and bring his family to dwell with him.

The dreams of Joseph's youth came true, and his family did bow down before him. He held no grudge, knowing that God meant his trouble to work for good. ***Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.***

After Jacob and Joseph died another Pharaoh arose, not knowing great salvation that God wrought through Joseph. As God prospered the Jews, the Egyptians began to persecute, enslave, and force them to work under hard bondage. The situation became intolerable, and they cried to God for help.

Moses was born during the time when all Jewish male children were ordered to be killed. He survived and was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. He became the deliverer of Israel – a picture of Christ.

Joseph was a type of Christ.

The son of old age vs. only begotten Son	Gen 37:3	Joh 3:16
Stripped of coat vs. cast lots for coat	Gen 37:23	Mat 27:35
Hated by his brethren	Gen 37:4	John 15:18, 25
Went on a mission for his father	Gen 37:13-14	Mar 12:6, 1Jo 4:9-10
Sold for pieces of silver	Gen 37:28	Zech 11:13
Came out of Egypt	Gen 50:25	Mat 2:15
Robes dipped in blood	Gen 37:31	Rev 19:13
Tempted without sin	Gen 39:7	Heb 4:15
In favor with God and man	Gen 39:21	Luk 2:52
Slandered	Gen 39:14	Mat 26:60
Foretold 7 year famine vs. 7 year tribulation	Gen 41:15,26-27	Mat 24:21
Had the Spirit of God	Gen 41:38	John 3:34
Dressed in royal apparel	Gen 41:42	Mat 27:28
People bowed the knee	Gen 42:6	Mat 27:29

Sold by Judah vs. Judas	Gen 37:26	Mat 26:15
Fed the multitude	Gen 41:55	Mat 15:36 Joh 2:5; 6:35-41
Ruler of a kingdom	Gen 41:41	Rev 11:15
Took a Gentile Bride	Gen 41:45	Rev 21:9
Thirty years old when he started his ministry	Gen 41:46	Luk 3:23
Saved his brethren	Gen 50:20	Rom 11:26
Surrounded by 2 prisoners - one was saved and one hung on a tree	Gen 40:1	Luk 23:39
Spoke through an interpreter (the Spirit)	Gen 42:23	Rom 8:26
Brothers ate at his table - marriage supper of lamb	Gen 43:33	Luk 22:30
He tested his brethren	Gen 44:2	1 Co 10:13
He revealed himself	Gen 45:3	Act 9:5
God meant it for good	Gen 50:20	Luk 23:34, Rom 8:28
In a "pit" and came out - death, burial and resurrection of Christ	Gen 37:28	Jonah 1:17, Mat 12:40, Mark 10:34
Forgave those who hurt him	Gen 50:21	Luk 23:34

Review Questions on Bondage in Egypt

1. Abraham was told that his seed would be a stranger and serve under affliction for _____ years.
2. Joseph was hated by his brothers because he was Jacob's _____.
3. Jacob made Joseph a _____.
4. Joseph told his dreams to his family. The dreams meant they would _____ to him.
5. Ten of his brothers had a different _____.
6. Joseph and Daniel were both interpreters of dreams and _____ in the land of their captivity.
7. The brothers sold Joseph for _____ pieces of silver. Jesus was sold for _____ pieces of silver.
8. The brothers meant it for _____ but God meant it for good to save Jacob and his seed.
9. Joseph was a _____ of Christ.
10. Joseph was put in jail because of the lies of _____.
11. Joseph told the baker his dream meant in 3 days he would be _____.
12. Joseph told the butler his dream meant in 3 days he would be _____.
13. Pharaoh's dream was doubled because it was _____.
14. Joseph's good advice to Pharaoh was to _____ for the 7 lean years during the 7 good years.
15. Joseph's wife was a gentile like the _____ will be to Jesus.
16. The _____ of Joseph's children was blessed.
17. In Genesis 49, Jacob prophesies of the _____ days. The tribe of _____ is mentioned in connection with a lion, a scepter, a vine, garments washed in blood of grapes, eyes red (like a flame of fire) pointing to the coming Messiah.
18. A new _____ arose who didn't recognize Joseph.
19. The children of Israel were put to hard _____ and told to kill their _____.
20. _____ had a persecuted birth similar to _____.
21. Moses lived in Pharaoh's household for _____ years.
22. He fled to _____ because he killed an _____.
23. He married _____, the daughter of Jethro, the _____ of Midian.
24. God appears to Moses in a burning _____ that was not _____.