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Genesis 45-47

Knowing that the Israelites will be slaves in Egypt and treated harshly. How do these details foreshadow that ultimate fate?

Fri

Genesis 48-50

How do each of the character's endings demonstrate their personalities and ethics? Do you find the story's ending satisfying? What questions do you have?

Sat

Hebrews 11:1-3, 22

How does the author of Hebrews use Joseph's story as an example of faith? What other parts of the story could he have used?

Prayers/Notes

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Summer in the Scriptures **Week of: 5/24**

Pray

Center your mind and heart into the moment.

Read

Look with curiosity and openness to hear from God

Observe

What you notice and what the Spirit points out

Discover

Look at footnotes, commentaries, or the tools in this handout.

Pray

Transformative God, with your creative love you formed me in the womb and through your Son Jesus have called me into a relationship with you. Through the presence of your Holy Spirit, saturate this time and my attention so that I might hear your prompting, discern your meaning, and change my habits accordingly. In the name of Christ I pray, Amen.

Read/Observe

Mon

Genesis 37, 39

How does this establish Joseph's character? Who do you relate to more in the story?

Tue

Genesis 40-41

What does Joseph's ability to interpret dreams say about Joseph's character? What does it say about God's nature?

Wed

Genesis 42-44

What do you notice about the family dynamics in these chapters? What does this say about Joseph? What would you have done in his position?

Discover

John Wesley's Notes on the Bible

Chapter 37: At this chapter begins the story of Joseph, Jacob's eldest son, by his beloved wife Rachel. It is so remarkably divided between his humiliation and his exaltation, that we cannot avoid seeing something of Christ in it, who was first humbled and then exalted; it also shews the lot of Christians, who must through many tribulations enter into the kingdom... And all this was working together for good.

Chapter 39: [1] The Jews have a proverb, If the world did but know the worth of good men, they would hedge them about with pearls. Joseph was sold to an officer of Pharaoh, with whom he might get acquainted with public persons, and public business, and so be fitted for the preferment he was afterwards designed for. What God intends men for, he will be sure, some way or other, to qualify them for.

Chapter 40: [1] Note, High places are slippery places; nothing more uncertain than the favour of princes. Those that make God's favour their happiness, and his service their business, will find him a better master than Pharaoh was, and not so extreme to mark what they do amiss. [14] Let us be content to prove ourselves innocent, and not fond of upbraiding others with their guilt.

Chapter 41: [30] See the perishing nature of our worldly enjoyments. The great increase of the years of plenty was quite lost and swallowed up in the years of famine; and the overplus of it, which seemed very much, yet did but just serve to keep men alive.

Read the full commentary here:



Chapter 44: Joseph having entertained his brethren, dismissed them: but here we have them brought back in a greater fright than any they had been in yet. Observe. What method he took, both to humble them farther, and to try their affections to his brother Benjamin, by which he would be able to judge the sincerity of their repentance for what they had done against him. This he contrived to do by bringing Benjamin into distress,

Chapter 46: [1] And Israel came to Beer - sheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac - He chose that place in remembrance of the communion which his father and grandfather had with God in that place. In his devotion he had an eye to God as the God of his father Isaac

Chapter 47: [8] How old art thou - A question usually put to old men, for it is natural to us to admire old age, and to reverence it. Jacob's countenance no doubt shewed him to be old, for he had been a man of labour and sorrow. In Egypt people were not so long - lived as in Canaan, and therefore Pharaoh looks upon Jacob with wonder. [9] Observe Jacob calls his life a pilgrimage, looking upon himself as a stranger in this world, and a traveller towards another. He reckoned himself not only a pilgrim now he was in Egypt, a strange country in which he never was before, but his life even in the land of his nativity was a pilgrimage. He reckoned his life by days; for even so it is soon reckoned, and we are not sure of the continuance of it for a day to an end, but may be turned out of this tabernacle at less than an hours warning. [10] And Jacob blessed Pharaoh - Which was not only an act of civility but an act of piety; he prayed for him, as one having the authority of a prophet and a patriarch: and a patriarch's blessing was not a thing to be despised, no not by a potent prince.