

JOSEPH AND THE DREAMS

“JACOB MEETS PHARAOH”

Genesis 47:1-31

Lesson #11

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REVIEW:

A. Pharaoh's Meeting Genesis 47:1-12

- 1) The brothers before Pharaoh
- 2) “If you know of any competent men among them...”
- 3) Blesses and then testifies of great hardship in life.
- 4) There was a great difference in the suffering of Jacob and that of Joseph.
 - a) Jacob brings on his own suffering by his selfish and foolish choices.
 - b) Jacob reacts to adversity by becoming more **FEARFUL** and **PROTECTIVE**.
 - c) Joseph remains **FORGIVING** and **SERVING**.
- 5) Jacob allowed selfishness and fear to govern his expectations of what others should do for him.
- 6) Joseph allowed forgiveness and servanthood to govern his expectations of what he would do for others.
- 7) The home environment of Jacob was depleted his energy, kept him on guard, and gave him no rest.
- 8) That of Joseph restored his energy, his safety didn't depend on others, and he had rest.
- 9) We can go Jacob's way and blame others for lack, or go Joseph's way and act to protect our home.

B. Joseph's Management. Genesis 47:13-26

- 1) Tithe fertile e severe famine in Egypt
- 2) Bahr Yusen - This translates into English as **THE WATERWAY OF JOSEPH**.
- 3) Joseph gets all their money, then their livestock, then their labor and lands. Why do this?
- 4) If slavery is bad, why would Joseph lead the way?
- 5) Does Joseph act in this way because he **KNOWS WHAT'S COMING**, or does it help **PAVE THE WAY**?
- 6) Overall, is the situation the Egyptians are in Joseph's doing?
- 7) (25) We may look at this one way, but the people of the day were **GRATEFUL**.

C. Jacob's Request. Genesis 46:27-31

- 1) The prosperity they have come to in Egypt has not changed Jacob's vision of the promised land.
- 2) Jacob wants his death to be a testimony of what is to come of the promise of God. This is not our home.
- 3) Joseph will have his be a memorial.
- 4) The first points the way to where we are going; the second that this is not our home.

APPLICATION: What are we making out of life

Are we planning and preparing for what God says is coming?

Isn't getting what you need before it's needed one of the main points of the **10 VIRGINS PARABLE**