

THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

Sojourners: Identity, Direction, & Purpose.

Genesis 47

SEED Hunt - Where Is This Overcomer?

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15;
12:1-3 (There is one Hero... Jesus)
- Past promises point to future
faithfulness, different times - same
Lord
- Protoevangelium - “The First Gospel”.

Protoevangelium - The Seed Promise

- God is in the business of forgiving, saving, redeeming, and adopting, and from the beginning had a plan to do so.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise; in Him, we have abundant life! (Jh 10:10)

Genesis - God is Faithful

In the book of Genesis, we see:

- Man's weakness and failure.
- Man's deep corruption.
- Man's scheming.
- God's loving-kindness to bear with us.
- God's sovereign plan to save.
- God's faithfulness to keep His word.

v.1-6 God's Favor Through Unlikely Source

The Egyptians despised nomadic shepherds for two reasons:

- 1. They were enemies, oftentimes who would raid and attack.**
- 2. They would kill and eat animals that the Egyptians revered.**

v.1-6 God's Favor Through Unlikely Source

Pharaoh blesses those who would normally be his enemies, disregarded and mistrusted. **Why?**

-Joseph's God

-Who Joseph is because of his God.

v.4-6 SOJOURN - guwr: To sojourn, dwell, reside, live as a foreigner

Original Word: גֹּוֹר

Part of Speech: Verb

Pronunciation: goor

1. (properly) to turn aside from the road (for a lodging or any other purpose)
2. to sojourn (as a guest)

v.4-6 SOJOURNERS - This is not our home.

Sojourners have:

- An Identity: Who are you?
- A Direction: Where are you going?
- A Purpose: Why are you here?

v.7-9 JACOB'S LIFE, SHORT AND HARD

Jacob describes the days of his life as:

“evil and short.” The word evil means “with difficulty” in this context.

-Difficulty comes from within and from without in regards to Jacob's life.

v.7-9 JACOB'S LIFE, SHORT AND HARD

What makes life good?

Where is the good life found?

v.10 JACOB BLESSES PHARAOH

-Pharaoh submits to Jacob by receiving a blessing from him. Only the greater in authority can bless the lesser. By this, the God of Jacob is seen as the most powerful.

-Faith is exercised in submission to Jesus. He is Lord, will you obey Him as such? Will you bow your head and receive His blessing?

v.13-26 THE EGYPTIANS & THE FAMINE

- Joseph rules with compassion and integrity.
- The Egyptian people are spared from the famine, and Pharaoh is enriched even more.
- God uses Joseph to be a blessing and blesses the Egyptians for blessing the Israelites. “In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen 12/Gal. 3:8)

TAKEAWAYS

1. **Identity:** Know who you are and Who God is, and why that changes your life.
2. **Direction:** Know where you are headed and how to get there.
3. **Purpose:** Know what you are living for, and why you are doing it.
(Spoiler: How to find them? God's word!)

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Joseph as a Typology of Jesus

1. Beloved Son = Matt. 3:17
2. Sent by the Father = John 6:38
3. Rejected by His Own = John 1:11
4. Betrayed for Silver = Matt. 26:14–15
5. Delivered to the Gentiles = Matt.
20:18–19
6. Stripped = Matt. 27:28, 35

7. Falsely Accused = Matt. 26:59–60
8. Numbered with Transgressors = Isa. 53:12;
Luke 23:32–33
9. One Saved, One Condemned = Luke
23:39–43
10. Exalted to the Right Hand of God = Acts
2:33; Heb. 1:3
11. Bread for the Nations = John 6:35
12. Forgave His Betrayers = Luke 23:34