



<u>You Meant It For Evil,</u> <u>But God Used It For Good!</u>



And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Genesis 45:4

But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves

*because you sold me here; for

*God sent me before you to preserve life.

Genesis 45:5

Why was Joseph in Egypt?

- A. Because of the sin of his brothers!
- B. Because it was God's plan!
- C. Both

Joseph realized that God had worked through his brother's evil actions and hateful attitudes to preserve, not only Jacob's family, but also to preserve, to save, the lives of many others.

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And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:7

Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

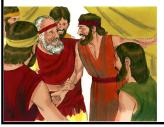
Genesis 15:13-4



Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Gen 45:14-15

Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."



Genesis 45:28

do not fear to go down to Egypt,
(God tells Israel His purpose/plan)
*for I will make of you a great nation there.

(God also provided Israel great assurances)

- *I will go down with you to Egypt, and
- *I will also surely bring you up again; and
- *Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

Genesis 46:2-4

His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

Genesis 46:5-7



Now these were the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt:

Genesis 46:8

The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, Shelah, *Perez*, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were *Hezron* and Hamul.

Genesis 46:12

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

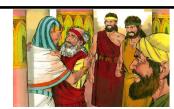
Matthew 1:1-3

JACOB'		L) DESCEN s 46:1-27 /	\	
Leah 33	Zilphah 16	Rachel 14	Bilhah 7	Zilpah - 16
Reuben Hanoch, Pallu,	Gad Zighino, Haggi,	Joseph Manasseh, Ephraim	Dan Hushim	Rachel - 14
Hezron, Carmi Simeon Jemuel, Jamin,	Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, Areli Asher	Benjamin Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi,	Naphtali Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, Shillem	Bilhah - 7
Had, Jachin, Zohar, Shaul	Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah (Heber, Malchiel),	Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, Ard		70
Levi Gershon, Kohath, Merry	Serah		Genesis 46:26	Leah - 32
Judah ER, Onan, Shelah,		A S	sepii, iiis two	Zilpah - 16
Perez (Hezron, Hamul), Zerah Issachar		Di	ons, but includes inah.	Rachel - 11
Tola, Puvvah, Iob, Shimron	E	70	Genesis 46:27) includes Joseph, s two sons and	Bilhah - 7
Zebulun Sered, Elon, Jahleen	Eg	VI)L Ja	cob himself 6+4=70).	66

And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy (70).

Genesis 46:27

66+Jacob+Joseph+Ephraim+Manassah



And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive."

Genesis 46:28-30

and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.' So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' that you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,'

that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

Genesis 46:31-34

And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, according to the number in their families.

Genesis 47:11-12 (NKJV)