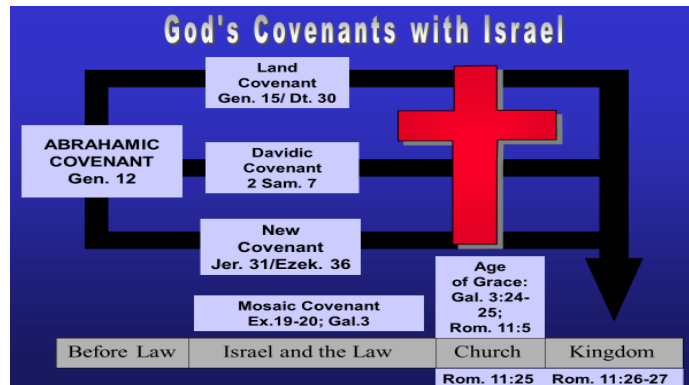


## THE FAITH-REST LIFE IN THE STORY OF JOSEPH Pt. 1

### A. WHAT is the HISTORICAL CONTEXT of the Story of 'JOSEPH'?

#### 1. Why is the LINEAGE OF ABRAHAM emphasized and explained?

- Because \_\_\_\_\_ would come through his lineage! (Matthew 1:1)
- Because the rest of human history would be affected by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
What do you need to remember about the Bible?



#### 2. Why is so much space in Genesis devoted to JOSEPH?

- Because it helps provide \_\_\_\_\_ an explanation of how \_\_\_\_\_  
His earthly people and lineage of the Messiah!
- Because this story highlights the sovereignty, grace, mercy, and faithfulness of \_\_\_\_\_ to His plan, promises, and people which would also serve as a real encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - like you & me!

#### 3. What are the CRITICAL TRUTHS to be learned thru the story of "JOSEPH"? {Gen. 37-50}

- The *key truth* about GOD involves learning about His amazing sovereign and gracious \_\_\_\_\_ in preserving His \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping with His \_\_\_\_\_. What is "providence"?
- The *key principle* for YOU to learn involves recognizing that regardless of your \_\_\_\_\_, by God's grace you can \_\_\_\_\_ in God's unfailing \_\_\_\_\_ so as to be \_\_\_\_\_ to Him wherever you are.
- The *key verse* for you to remember is \_\_\_\_\_ where Joseph is able to declare to his brothers: "But as for you, YOU meant \_\_\_\_\_ against ME; but \_\_\_\_\_ meant it for \_\_\_\_\_, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to \_\_\_\_\_ many people alive."

### B. WHAT Should You KNOW About JOSEPH'S FAMILY?

1. He had a very special *family tree* consisting of the PATRIARCHS who were in the bloodline of the \_\_\_\_\_ and to whom God had made many specific \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His *father* was JACOB, a very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ dad who tended to be a CHIZELER.

3. His *polygamist family* consisted of his *mother*, \_\_\_\_\_, who was her husband's FAVORITE along with his other "wives" \_\_\_\_\_.
4. His *birth* was \_\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ {"God remembered Rachel"} and was an answer to \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen.30:22-24)
5. His *name* "Joseph" means \_\_\_\_\_, as God had taken away Rachel's reproach and she now had hopes of adding another biological son which God provided {Benjamin - though she died in giving birth to him.}
6. His *blended family* also consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ who all had sin natures & oftentimes acted \_\_\_\_\_.
7. His *faith* in God and His plan for Joseph never seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ though he experienced many severe trials over the years.
8. His *responsibility & report*: Joseph brought a \_\_\_\_\_ {defamatory; damaging; morally evil - it must have been quite grievous; signs of things to come} report of them {his brothers} to his father. (37:2e) Why should this bad report not surprise us? Was Joseph being a tattletale and snitch or a responsible son in this matter? At 17 years old, what would you do under these circumstances if you were Joseph? Some principles / proverbs to remember and apply:
  - Proverbs 22:6: {what? \_\_\_\_\_} {who?} a \_\_\_\_\_ {for who? - Eph. 6:4} *in the way he* \_\_\_\_\_, *And* {what is the proverb?} *when he is* \_\_\_\_\_ *from it*.
  - Proverbs 29:15: *The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child* \_\_\_\_\_ *brings* \_\_\_\_\_ *to his mother*.
  - Ephesians 6:1-3: \_\_\_\_\_ {the recipients of this instruction}, \_\_\_\_\_ {this is their primary responsibility - it means to listen attentively to some authority in order to do what is commanded - who are they to obey?} *your* \_\_\_\_\_ {why?} *in the* \_\_\_\_\_, *for this is* \_\_\_\_\_. {It's the right thing to do. It is what God wants? What else?} 2 "\_\_\_\_\_ *your father and mother, " which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*
  - How does this parental respect and honor show itself? By one's ...
  - How is this parental respect developed in the child? By ...

### C. WHAT Can We LEARN from all this?

1. It is possible to have a home in which the individuals know the true & living God, yet it experiences destructive dynamics due to repeated \_\_\_\_\_ against God and each other.
2. Though children generally repeat the sins of their parents, we are not a \_\_\_\_\_, and the cycle can be broken by God's grace.
3. Though our past has influenced and affected us, we can \_\_\_\_\_ from our past while we need not \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
4. Though your CULTURE may approve of our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ does not, yet there is \_\_\_\_\_ available and \_\_\_\_\_ by His mercies and grace.