

God Meant It

Genesis 50:12-21

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Genesis 50:15-18 [Legacy Standard Bible]

¹⁵Then Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, and they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and returns back to us all the evil which we dealt against him!"

¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father commanded before he died, saying,

¹⁷'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they dealt evil against you." ' So now, please forgive the transgression of the slaves of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your slaves."

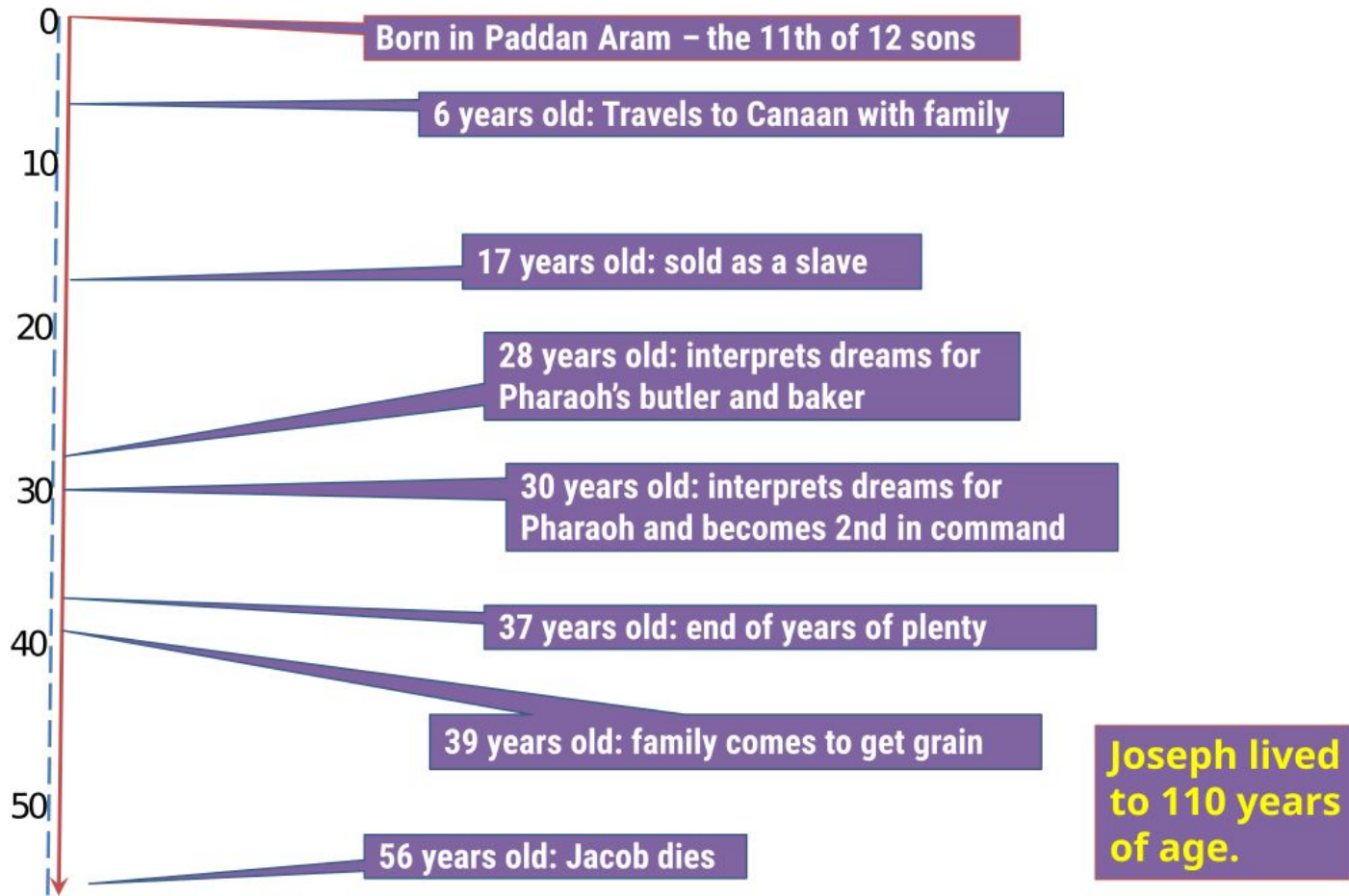
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Timeline of Joseph's life



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Genesis 37:31-35 (LSB)

³¹So they took Joseph's tunic and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the tunic in the blood;

³²and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "**We found this; please recognize it—whether it is your son's tunic or not.**"

³³And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!"

³⁴So Jacob tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

³⁵Then **all his sons** and all his daughters **arose to comfort him**, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

Paradox Tensions

Did God create Adam good? Did God give Adam free will?
Did God foreknow Adam would sin? Did God set Adam up or
cause him to sin?

Did God harden Pharaoh's heart? Did Pharaoh harden his
own heart?

Why did the Hebrews wander in the wilderness for 40 years?

Joseph's Forgiveness...

1) ... demonstrated absolute trust in God's goodness and sovereignty

2) ...put on display God's faithfulness to His covenant promises

Genesis 12:2–3 (LSB)

²And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Joseph's Forgiveness...

Genesis 15:13–14 (LSB)

¹³Then God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

¹⁴"But I will also judge the nation to whom they are enslaved, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

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- 2) ...put on display God's faithfulness to His covenant promises
- 3) ... gave testimony to the benevolent character of the Messiah to come

Parallels between Joseph and Jesus the Messiah

1) He was the sovereign – all authority was given to Him.

Genesis 41:41–43 (LSB)

⁴¹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

⁴²Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck.

⁴³And he had him ride in his second chariot; and they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Parallels between Joseph and Jesus the Messiah

2) He learned humility through hardship and suffering.

Hebrews 5:8 (LSB)

⁸Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Parallels between Joseph and Jesus the Messiah

3) He was betrayed by his brothers, by his kinsmen, but he did not cast them, and he was not ashamed to call them "brothers."

Hebrews 2:11–12 (LSB)

¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

¹²saying, "I will recount Your name to My brothers, In the midst of the assembly I will sing Your praise."

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4) He suffered as a criminal, though he was innocent (Isaiah 53:9,12)

5) He was wronged, but he repaid the wrong with kindness, provision and protection.

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- 2) ...put on display God's faithfulness to His covenant promises [God will bless in and through our suffering]
- 3) ... gave testimony to the benevolent character of the Messiah to come [forgiveness lends itself to the sharing of the Gospel of Christ]

Genesis 45:5,7,8,20 (LSB)

⁵"So now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁷"So God sent me before you to establish for you a remnant in the earth and to keep you alive for a great remnant of survivors.

⁸"So now, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has set me as a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

²⁰'Now do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

Genesis 50:22-26 (LSB)

²²Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived 110 years.

²³And Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees.

²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here."

²⁶So Joseph died at the age of 110 years; and they embalmed him, and he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:24-25 (LSB)

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Hebrews 11:22 (LSB)

²²By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave commands concerning his bones.

Joseph's Bones

Exodus 13:19 (LSB)

¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall bring up my bones from here with you."

Joshua 24:32 (LSB)

³²Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the portion of the field which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred qesitah; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

Colossians 3:12-13 (LSB)

¹²So, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience;
¹³bearing with one another, and graciously forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord graciously forgave you, so also should you.