

Give Me a Lifetime

THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH

GENESIS 39:1-2



POTIPHAR:

A Prominent Court Official

High ranking officer in Egypt, perhaps Captain of the Royal Bodyguard (cf. 40:3-4)

His name a most unusual grammatical form for that period meaning "The one who is placed on earth by RA" making it a descriptive epithet more than a personal name

Man – Successful Man

Gen. 39:2

All that he did prospered

Gen. 39:3

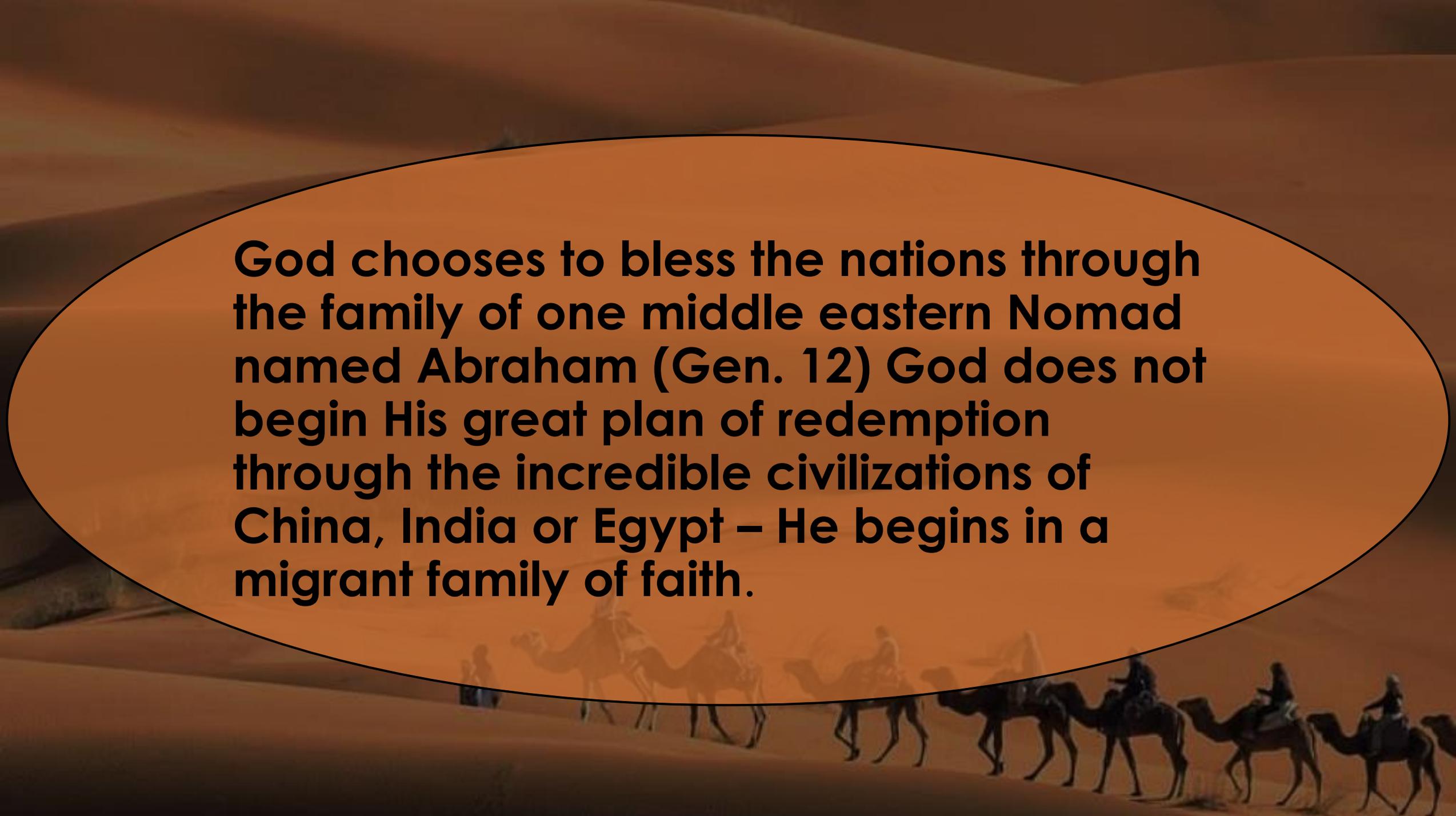
Gave him favour Gen.39:4

Blessed him and made him
a blessing Gen.39:5

Joseph fulfills in Potiphar's house the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant with the interactions with the nations

God uses weak things to confound the strength and wisdom of this world. (1 Cor. 1)

Into this Egyptian captain's house comes a slave boy who is carrying the covenant contract between the creator of the world and the nations of the earth.

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God chooses to bless the nations through the family of one middle eastern Nomad named Abraham (Gen. 12) God does not begin His great plan of redemption through the incredible civilizations of China, India or Egypt – He begins in a migrant family of faith.

Contrast & Tension Text

**Home in a Hebron viewed
as a troublemaker by his
brethren.**

**In Egypt he is viewed by
strangers as a source of
blessing (Psalms 1; Josh. 1:8)**

Setup for the second time but this time it was an outside job as before it was an inside job.

When the initial request was made Joseph laid out a threefold reason he would not do this. (Gen. 39:8-9)

1. She was another mans wife

2. He was trusted by his master and didn't want to violate his trust

3. Even if no one else found out about it – God would know how could he do this great wickedness against God (Gen. 39:9)

Self – control is an important factor in the development of a man's spirit



“He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (Prov. 25:28)



Again in Joseph's life his garment or coat becomes central in the scheme of the setup (Gen. 39:12-18)

Placed in prison

1. Falsely accused

2. Wrongly imprisoned

3. Loss of face and trust
in the eyes of his master
(Gen.39:19)

4. Evil outcome rewarded
for his righteousness
(Gen.39:8-9,19)

Six times it states the Lord was with him

Gen.39:21 But the Lord was with him!

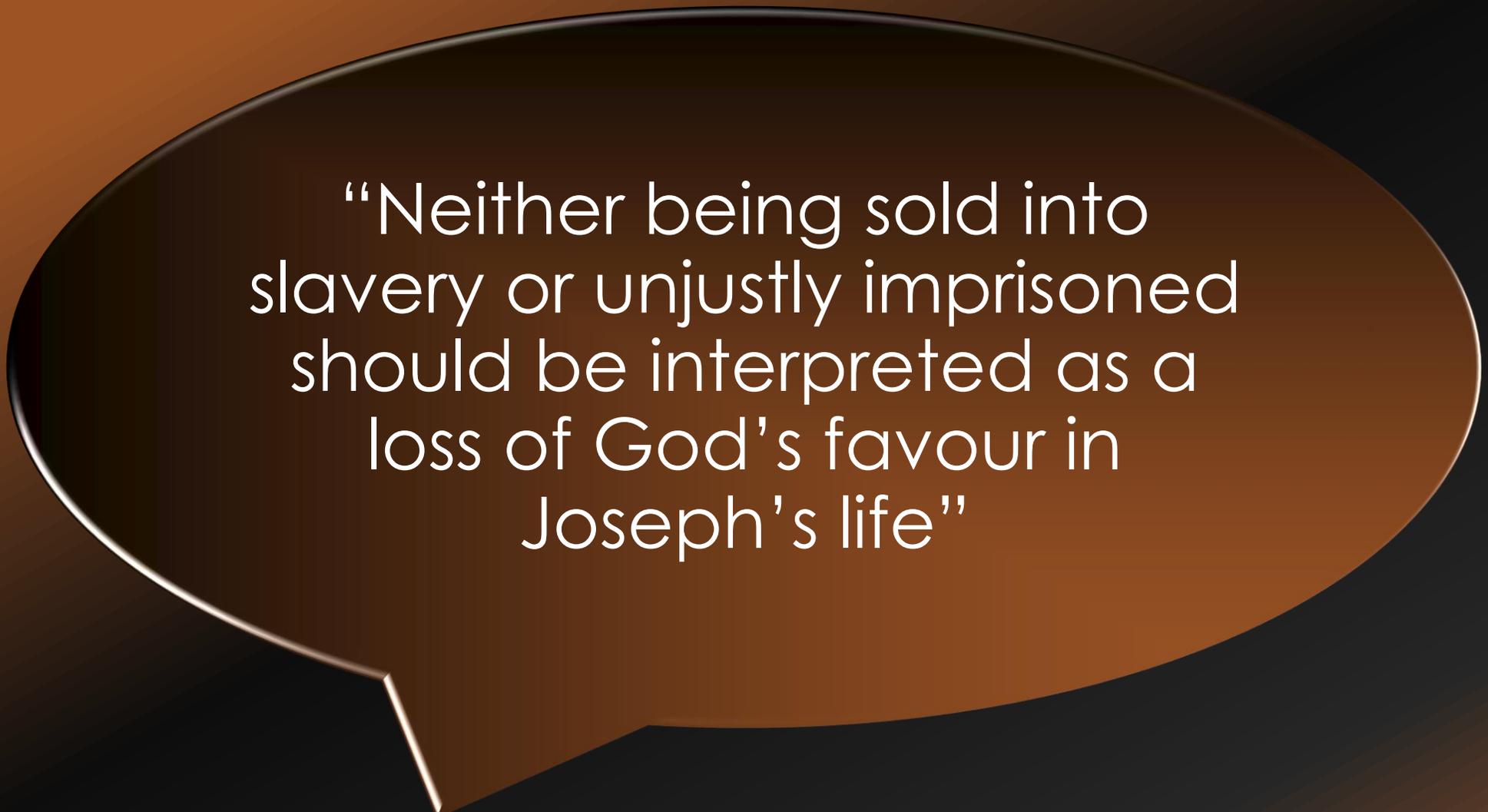
In prison he again
rises to the top

“With him”
(Gen.39:21)

Made him
succeed
(prosper)
(Gen.39:23)

Gave him favour
(Gen.39:4,21)

Showed him
mercy
(Gen.39:21)



“Neither being sold into slavery or unjustly imprisoned should be interpreted as a loss of God’s favour in Joseph’s life”

The Prison:

Hebrew: Ha Sohar

(Rick Treece)

הַסֹּהַר

This word is only found in Gen. 39 & 40

□ Psalms 105:18

Records that Joseph suffered greatly in this period of his life – but these walls could not keep out God's mercy



In a world in which God is silent,
in a world in which God appears absent,
Joseph sees God everywhere.

- Ian Pear

