

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night (January 26th, 2010) – Study Notes

for SERIES: Seeing Jesus Typified In Old Testament Characters

Tonight's Message: Seeing Jesus Typified In JOSEPH

TEXT: Genesis Chapters 37-40

PART I: BOTH Suffered In The Flesh

- I. 25 % of the Book of Genesis is devoted to Joseph – a man who is not even in the messianic line! This is more than any of the Patriarchs who had come before him.
- II. There is literally NOWHERE in all of the Bible where we can find a life that more beautifully portrays the life of Jesus than the life of Joseph!
- III. Joseph's great-grandmother, Sara, had been barren until she was 90; his grandmother, Rebecca, for 20 years; and his mother, Rachel, for 6 years. And though Joseph's mother was barren for the shortest period of time between these women, her desire for a child was perhaps the Greatest! (see Genesis 30:1)
- IV. Joseph's mother conceived one more time after she gave birth to him and birthed "another son" (Genesis 30:24) whom she named Benjamin – but she died during delivery.
- V. So it was that Joseph was left motherless at a very young age. This is likely the reason for his father, Jacob's, favoritism which he showed towards Joseph – a reality which bred competition and envy between Joseph and his brothers. But out of this storm God raised up an individual in Joseph who typified Jesus in more ways than ANY OTHER BIBLICAL CHARACTER! In fact, Joseph leads the list of the "Generations of Jacob". (Genesis 37:2-4)

- VI. But what Jacob meant for Joseph's benefit ended up being the source of some of his greatest tests as they only fueled the hatred that his brothers had towards him.
- VII. The coat, the dreams, the faddling - it all proved to be more than Joseph's older brothers could bear. So after seriously considering killing him, they chose rather to sell him into slavery to a band of Midianites heading towards Egypt for 20 pieces of silver. (see parallel in John 1:11)
- VIII. Jacob's deceitfulness came back as a mighty "whirlwind" into his life as his sons deceived him with the blood stained coat of Joseph. In turn these sons suffered a guilty conscience for 20 years which tormented them day and night for selling their brother and deceiving their father. But God was with Joseph and Blessed everything he did!
- IX. While serving as a "bond servant" to the Captain of Pharaoh's guard, Joseph proved himself faithful and trustworthy in every possible way. Even the Egyptian household was blessed for Joseph's sake! (In this, Joseph typified Jesus whose very presence is an innate blessing to everyone with whom He abides.)
- X. Friction that would frazzle the toughest fabric ONLY polishes a diamond! Each test for Joseph brought out a new luster in his character - and it ALL was working together in order to prepare Joseph for higher service.
- XI. While in prison, the Pharaoh's chief butler and baker were incarcerated. After some time had passed, Joseph interpreted a troubling dream for them..but the butler forgot to give Joseph the credit for his interpretation - a picture of how so many people forget Jesus as long as things go well for them. Then when trouble strikes, they call on Him for help. But we must never forget the LORD. Our very eternal destiny depends on remembering Jesus as our hope of salvation!