

Good Morning & Welcome!

Lets Begin By Dismissing Our Kids To Their Kids Quest Areas Of Ministry!



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This Morning We Continue Our Journey In The Life Of Joseph!

Text:

Genesis 47:11-27!

Title:

Portrait of a Proven Provider!



Let's Get Into The Inspired Text!



Pulling it All Together!

I. (46:31-34) Joseph's **Preparation!**

It was in this section that Joseph arranges for his family to settle in Egypt. This matter was of great importance to Joseph because he knew that where they settled would have a lasting influence on them. So, Joseph places his family in the land of Goshen – the most fertile land in all Egypt. There they would prosper until a Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph.



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II. (47:1-10) Joseph's **Presentation!**

It is here that Moses reminds us that Joseph's ministry to his family was successful. After selecting five of his brothers, the most suitable to stand before mighty Pharaoh, they were asked "what is your occupation" by the king. And they answered "we and our fathers are keepers of cattle." The result? They were given land in Goshen and some of Joseph's brothers were hired to tend Pharaoh's cattle.



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III. (47:11-27) Joseph's **Provision!**

Upon receiving Pharaoh's approval, Joseph deeded a portion of the land in Goshen (to draw near) to his family. He placed them in the very best part of the land as commanded by Pharaoh – the region known as Rameses (the thunder that destroys).



An Overview of Our Sermon Outline!

I. (47:11-27) *The BOUNTY of Joseph!*

(Joseph's generosity towards his family)

A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.

B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

C. (47:23-27) Joseph's **GOODNESS**.



Lets Get Started!

I. (47:11-27) *The BOUNTY of Joseph!*

A. (47:11-12) Joseph's GRACE.

Moses begins this section by pointing to the grace of Joseph when dealing with his brothers. (Dr. Massinger)

There is great application in these verse:

1. Just as we, being sinners and deserving God's wrath, have been given grace, so too Joseph extends grace to the brothers who sinned against him.
2. Even in the Old Testament the principles of Eph. 2:8-9, apply.
3. Joseph's understanding of the sovereign hand of God in his life will enable him to replace evil with good. (Genesis 50:20)

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I. (47:11-27) ***The BOUNTY of Joseph!***

A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.

1. (v.11a) The **Position** given to his brothers.

Here Joseph's father and brothers are extended the privilege of settling on land close to where Joseph lives. Being in Goshen, they would rub shoulders with some of the most powerful men on earth. Moses is pointing out that Joseph extended grace to the very brothers who robbed him of his father's blessing (the colorful coat) and sold him into slavery (a life of suffering or possibly death).

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A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.

1. (v.11a) The **Position** given to his brothers.
2. (v.11b) The **Possessions** given to them.

Here we are told that Joseph's brothers and father received the best of the land. Not only were they allowed to settle in the land of Rameses, they received some of the very best of the treasures of Egypt – gold, silver, spices, animals, slaves, jewels, education, and methods in agriculture (etc.).

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A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.

2. (v.11b) The **Possessions** given to brothers.

3. (v.12) The **Portions** given to his brothers.

Here Joseph is found extending his grace by making sure that his entire family is cared for. He will meet their every need, from his aging father down to the youngest child. Not a single need is overlooked by their brother Joseph.

Some Application from the Story!

Throughout Joseph's story we have seen parallels between him and Christ. Here we see another. Just as Joseph's love and provision for his family helped them escape the physical pains of death caused by the famine, so too, Christ's love snatches the believer from the eternal death caused by the pain of sin. The story of salvation is sprinkled throughout the pages of Scripture. And we find it again, tucked away in the story of Joseph's love for his family.

Lets Continue!

I. (47:11-27) *The BOUNTY of Joseph!*

A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.

B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

Once Joseph's family is cared for, his attention will turn back to the problem at hand – the effects of the famine on the people of Egypt. The famine has reached its height. Drastic measures must take place now. The nation has come to realize that there was no hope apart from Joseph. Egypt is now bankrupt and starving. All men, both rich and poor alike, have been reduced to the same monetary level – broke! Thus, Joseph must act quickly to save the people of Egypt.

Some insight into the future!

In the days prior to Christ's setting up His kingdom, the world will be exhausted, impoverished, and bankrupt. It will be a time of natural disasters of global magnitude, a time of wars, wars, and rumors of war. It will be a time of famine, pestilence, and disease. A time when all men will be reduced to one common denominator – like Egypt, all men will be bankrupt and broken!

Here we are given a glimpse of how Jesus will rule with a rod of iron. Here we are given insight into how Christ will bring all things back under the authority of the throne of God. Even at the end of time, drastic conditions call for drastic measures! And like Joseph, only Christ will be the answer!

Lets Continue!

B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

1. (vs.13-14) Egypt's **Purses**.

The famine is now so severe that those still alive in the lands of Canaan and Egypt are bankrupt. As the cost of bread continues to rise, the money runs out. So Joseph will serve Pharaoh by collecting the money used to buy bread and place it in the banks belonging to the king. It will later be used as loans for the people.

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B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

1. (vs.13-14) Egypt's **Purses**.

2. (vs.15-17) Egypt's **Possessions**.

Once the money is gone, the people are forced to barter for food with their possessions. As a result, all personal treasures and items of value are depleted. Again Joseph will place the wealth of the nation in the store houses of the king.

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B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

3. (vs.18-20) Egypt's **Property**.

Realizing that the people could no longer meet the mortgage payment or pay the taxes on their property, Joseph purchases the property from the people (it would be hard to sell at this time) so that they can buy bread. The land purchased would now be placed under Joseph's care and protection.

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B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

4. (vs.21-22) Egypt's **People**.

Because of the many deaths, Joseph is forced to exercise his right to redistribute the population of Egypt. By doing this he is able to open up more land for planting and cattle grazing. By gathering the people together he also is able to control rioting and theft. And once this is accomplished, he will be free to turn his attention toward building a possible future for the struggling people of Egypt. (next slide / exception)

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B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.

4. (vs.21-22) Egypt's **People**. (Continued)

In verse 22, Moses points out that there was one group of people in which his power was limited. And that group was the Egyptian priests. He was unable to take away their land because Pharaoh had issued a decree some time before – and once decreed, it could not be broken.

In the days of Christ's return, the Lord will not be limited by the laws, power, or position of men. With the power of the Deity behind Him, He will smash the power of the false religions of this world.

Including the false claim made by antichrist – that he himself is the one and only God.

Lets Continue!

- A. (47:11-12) Joseph's **GRACE**.
- B. (47:13-22) Joseph's **GOVERNING**.
- C. (47:23-26) Joseph's **GOODNESS**.

Today we find ourselves living in an entitlement society. In a world where people believe that it's the government's responsibility to take care of those who claim to not be able to care for themselves. As a result, the governments of the world are about to collapse. And the United States is no exception. Today we have programs for everyone and for everything – Medicare, Medicaid, SS, Unemployment, Welfare, Debt Relief Programs, Loan Forgiveness Programs, Low Income Assistance Programs, Low Income Auto Insurance Programs, FDA, Financial Assistance for Finances and Utilities, as well as Food Assistance Programs, just to name a few.

And as a result our nation is now over \$14 trillion dollars in debt. And it is climbing. By the way, the portion owed by each individual is \$122,303.00.

In this section Joseph introduces a program designed to help the poor in Egypt while, at the same time, allow them to keep their dignity and respect!

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C. (47:23-26) Joseph's **GOODNESS**.

1. (vs.23-26) The **Program** is explained.

a. (vs.23-24) Wording is very **simple**.

1.) Joseph will put them to work.

2.) You will pay Pharaoh 1/5 of the profit to rent the land to farm.

3.) You will keep 4/5 of the profit to help you and your family get started again.

Lets Continue!

C. (47:23-26) Joseph's **GOODNESS**.

1. (vs.23-26) The **Program** is explained.

a. (vs.23-24) Wording is very **simple**.

b. (vs.25-26) Wording is very **sincere**.

Seeing the love and grace of Joseph for the starving and hopeless people of Egypt, they express their gratitude to him. And Joseph makes the agreement law to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Lets Continue!

C. (47:23-27) Joseph's **GOODNESS**.

1. (vs.23-26) The **Program** is explained.
2. (vs.27) The **Principle** is established.

Here the lesson is simple. Even during the time of world-wide famine, God (whom Joseph will mirror), continues to keep His promised covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his desendents.

The reason? Our God is a God who can be trusted to keep His promises.

Today's Application!

In the story of Joseph we are reminded that God is faithful to always keep His promises – **faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass (I Thess. 5:24)**. This truth is clearly revealed in the many glimpses of the Abrahamic Covenant given through out the story.



Today's Application!

It is during the hard times that we best discover the abundance of God's grace and mercy. Once we have penetrated the darkness of this world with the truth of God's light, we can proclaim along with the psalmist, "The Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness is passed on to all generations." (Psalm 100:5)



Today's Application!

*Just as the Egyptians trusted in the wisdom and leadership of Joseph, so too, we as believers are called to place our faith and trust in the wisdom of Christ. We, like the Egyptians, must come to the place where we **“hunger and thirst for righteousness sake.”** (Matthew 5:6)*



***Next Week
Jacob's Blessing of His Sons!***

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