

**THE
TRUE STORY
OF THE
OLD
TESTAMENT**

Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption

Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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1. Value a study of the Old Testament. 8.
2. Respond to God as your creator. 9.
3. **Live in light of God's judgment and mercy.** 10.
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I. God Deals with Abraham and Sarah

- A. God's call of Abraham (Gen. 11:27-31)
- B. God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
- C. Abraham's faith in God (Gen.15:1-6)
- D. God's unconditional covenant with Abraham (15:7-21)

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II. God's Visitation With:

Lesson 4b

New
addition

- A. Hagar: Birth of Ishmael & Problems (Gen. 16)
- B. Abraham: Changes (Gen. 17)
- C. Abraham: Judgements & Blessings (Gen. 18-20)
- D. Sarah: Birth of Isaac & Problems (Gen. 21)
- E. Abraham: The Test (Gen. 22)



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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac (Gen. 21 – 27)

Last Week's: Lesson 4c

B. With Jacob (Gen. 27 – 36)

C. With Joseph (Gen. 37 – 50)

Today's Lesson 4d

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God's Visitation

“The Old Testament explains

- (1) How God made Abraham's descendants into a great nation**
- (2) How He blessed Abraham's descendants**
- (3) How He blessed those who blessed Israel and cursed those who cursed Israel”**

“The True Story of the Old Testament”, Adult Bible Study Leader's Guide, 2014, Regular Baptist Press, p.38

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(Short review)

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

A. With Isaac:

- Coming Bride (Gen. 24)
- Birth of Twins (Gen. 25)
- The Promise – Again (Gen. 26)



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B. With Jacob:

- Division & Favorites (Gen. 27)
- The Birthright (Gen. 27)
- The Deception (Gen. 27:1-33)



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B. With Jacob: The Flight & the Dream (Gen. 28)



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"The flight from Esau gained a new incentive when Jacob was commissioned by his parents to find himself a wife in Padan-aram.

Jacob's journey was indeed a memorable one."

"The Pentateuch", L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, pg. 36

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“At Bethel he experienced his first recorded divine revelation in the remarkable vision of the ladder and the ascending and descending angels.

The Lord, Who stood above the ladder, confirmed to Jacob the promises made to Abraham and divinely assured him that he had been granted the birthright and established as a member of the chosen line.”



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SEE John 1:51

“*The Pentateuch*”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, pg. 36

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B. With Jacob: In Haran (Gen. 29 – 30)

“The 20 years of difficult experiences in Haran (Gen. 31:38) were for at least three purposes:

- ❑ Jacob was receiving retribution for his own deceit (Gal. 6:7-8)....
- ❑ God was working in Jacob's life to mold him spiritually. God had promised to bless Jacob (Gen. 28:15)
- ❑ God was working out His eternal plan by creating the nation of Israel through which to bring the law, the Scriptures, and Christ, the Last Adam.



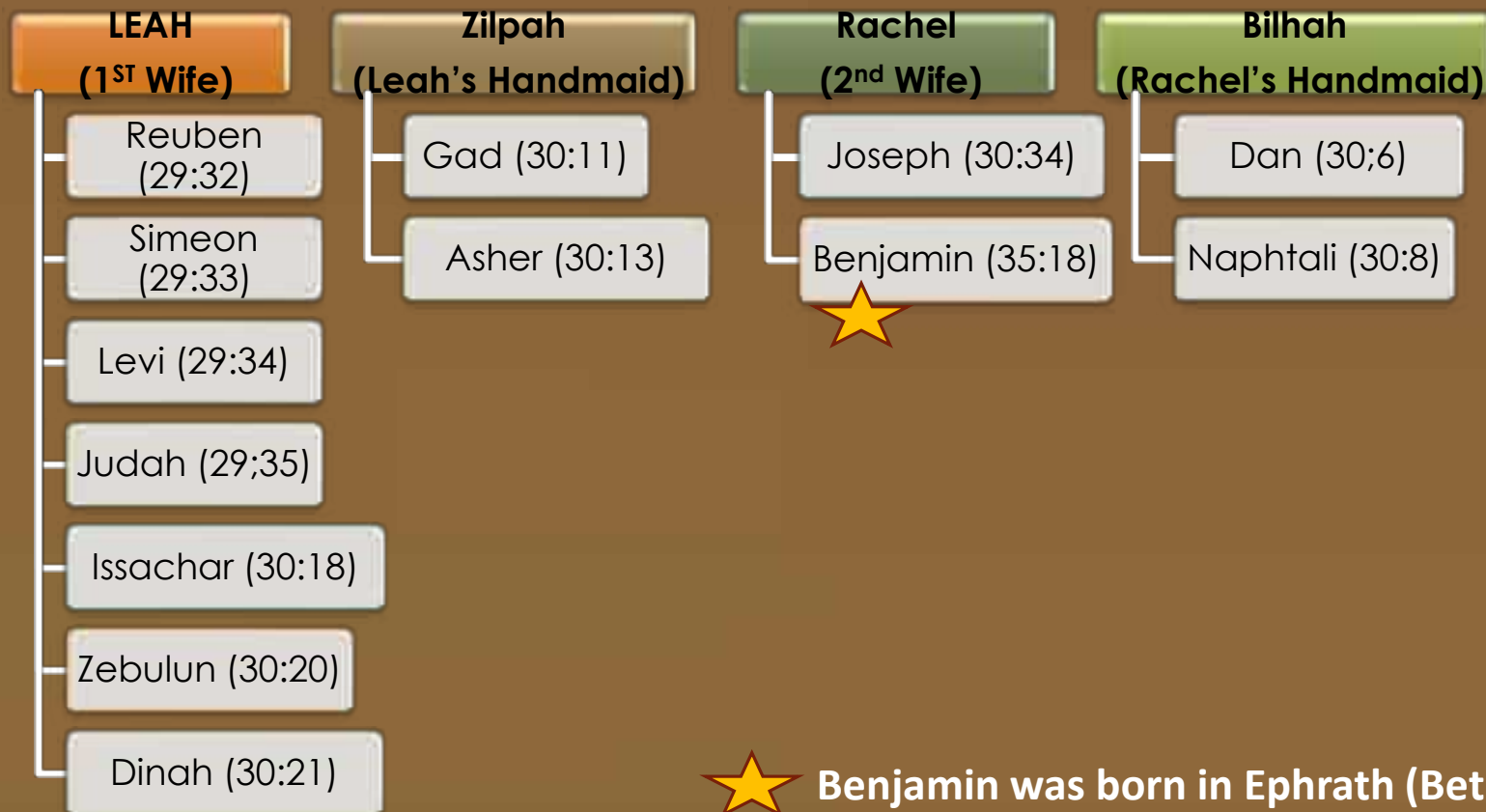
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B. With Jacob: In Haran (Gen. 29 – 30, 35)

JACOB'S CHILDREN



★ Benjamin was born in Ephrath (Bethlehem)

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B. With Jacob: Return (Gen. 31 - 36)

When Jacob fled Haran with his family and possessions to return to the promised land he had these encounters with:

- Laban resulting in a peace covenant (31:23-55),
- A host of angels (32:1-2) – “...for the purpose of confirming God’s covenant and encouraging Jacob of God’s presence and protection.”
- By wrestling with the Angel of the Lord (32:24-30) whereas his name was changed to “Israel”
- His brother Esau (33:1-17) having peace between them

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.126

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B. With Jacob: Return (Gen. 31 - 36)

With Jacob's return he experienced these sorrows and blessings:

- The assault of his daughter Dinah by a prince of Shechem (34:1-5)
- The revenge on the men of Shechem by his sons Simeon and Levi (34:6-31)
- The death of Deborah, Rachel's nurse at Bethel (35:8)
- The Lord's reassurance of His blessings on Jacob with His covenant (35:9-15)
- The birth of Benjamin and the death of Rachel (35:16-20)
- Meeting with his father Isaac after 20 years away before Isaac's death (35:27-29)

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C. With Joseph (Gen. 37 – 50)

“Though the Book of Genesis records the lives of several great men, none is described more completely than Joseph.

Because he was one of the youngest sons of Jacob, the firstborn by Rachel, he was the favorite of his father. But favoritism creates unique problems. Joseph had ten older brothers who resented the special relationship that existed between Jacob and Joseph, and resulted in their selling him into slavery.

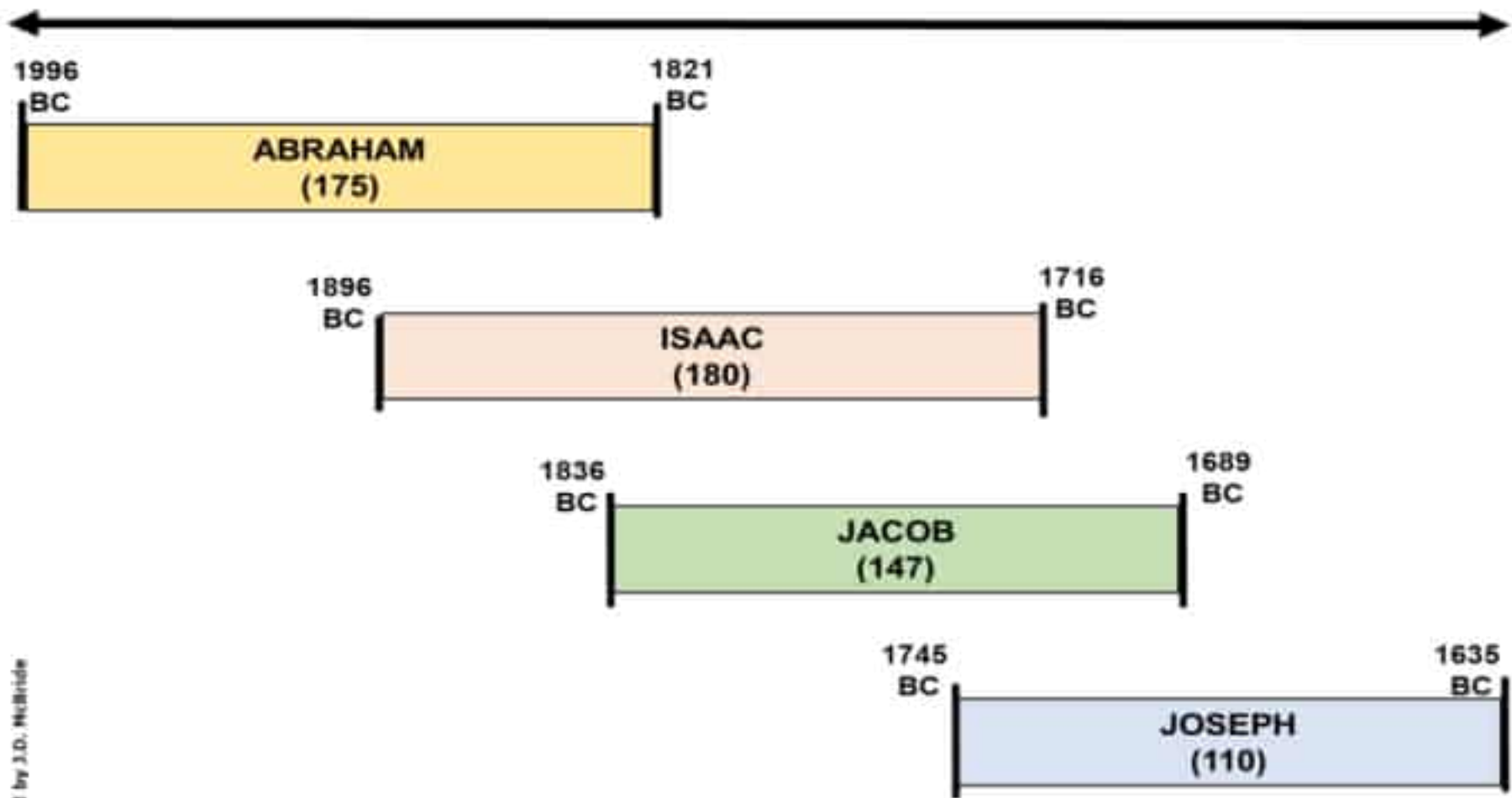
In the course of his life, Joseph was an honored son, a common slave, a trusted prisoner, and a leading minister in the government of the Egyptian Pharaoh.”

“History Makers of the Old Testament”, Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg.182

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Life of Joseph: Ancestors

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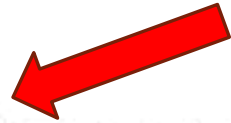
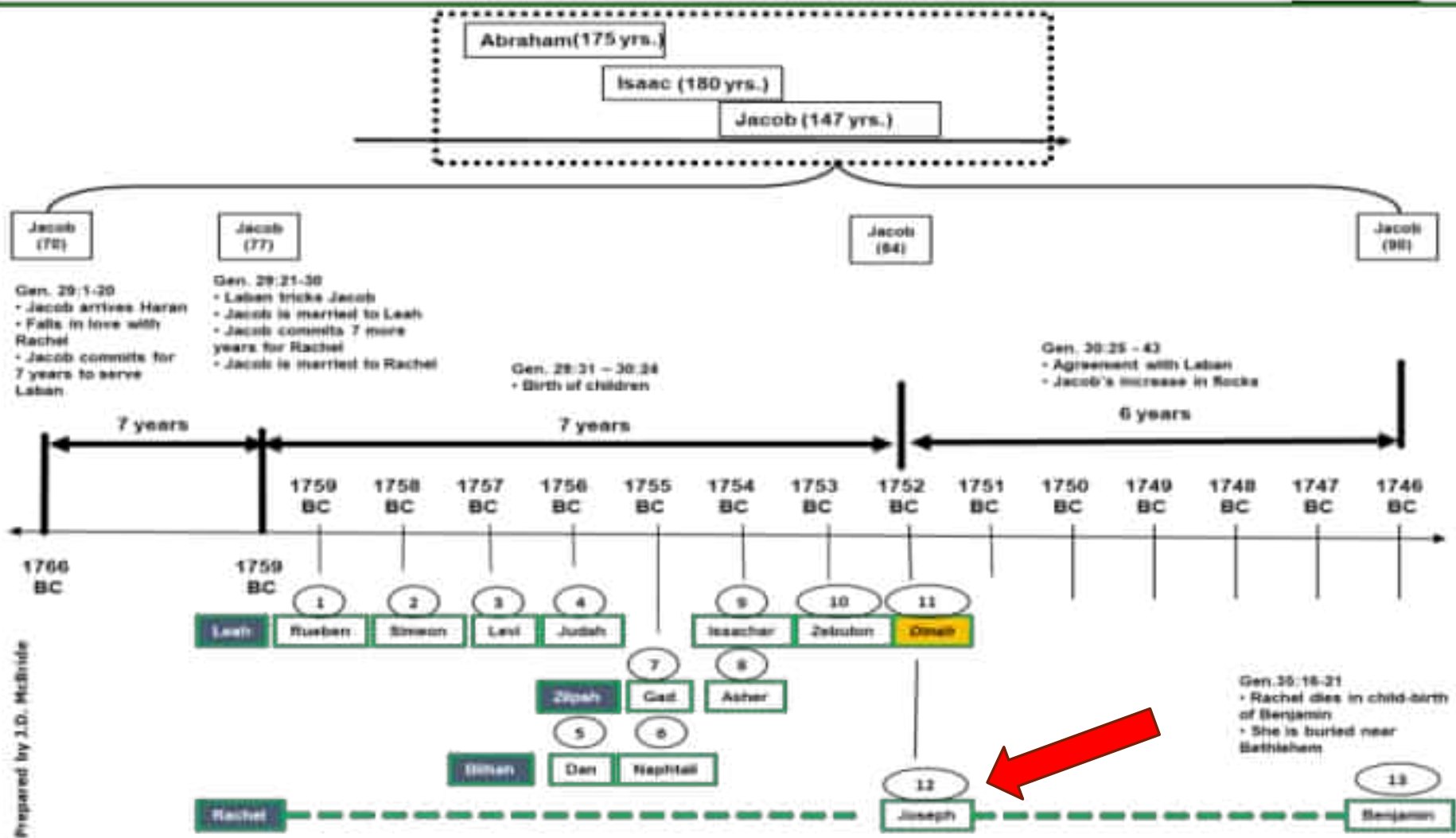
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"Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years", David Cloud, p.120-121

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Life of Joseph: Siblings' Births

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C. With Joseph: The Dreamer (Gen. 37)



“Joseph added to his unpopularity by telling both his father and brothers two dreams given him by God.

In one, a sheaf of grain belonging to him remained in an upright position while sheaves belong to his brothers all bowed before his.



In the other, the sun, moon, and eleven stars all made obeisance to him. Both dreams symbolized his own future preeminence over his brothers (which came true later in Egypt), and the second dream showed this preeminence to include even his father and deceased mother (in the figure of the sun and moon, the stars representing the brothers).”

“Bible Study Commentary: Genesis”, Leon J. Wood, 1981, Zondervan Publishing House, pg.122-123

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“Cause and effect are clearly seen in the story of Joseph. The fact that Joseph was the favored son quite understandably made his brethren jealous. The jealousy reached a climax when they determined to murder him and then, through the counsel of Judah, sold him into slavery instead. From the human point of view, Joseph went to Egypt because of the jealousy of his brothers and their sinful determination to get rid of him.

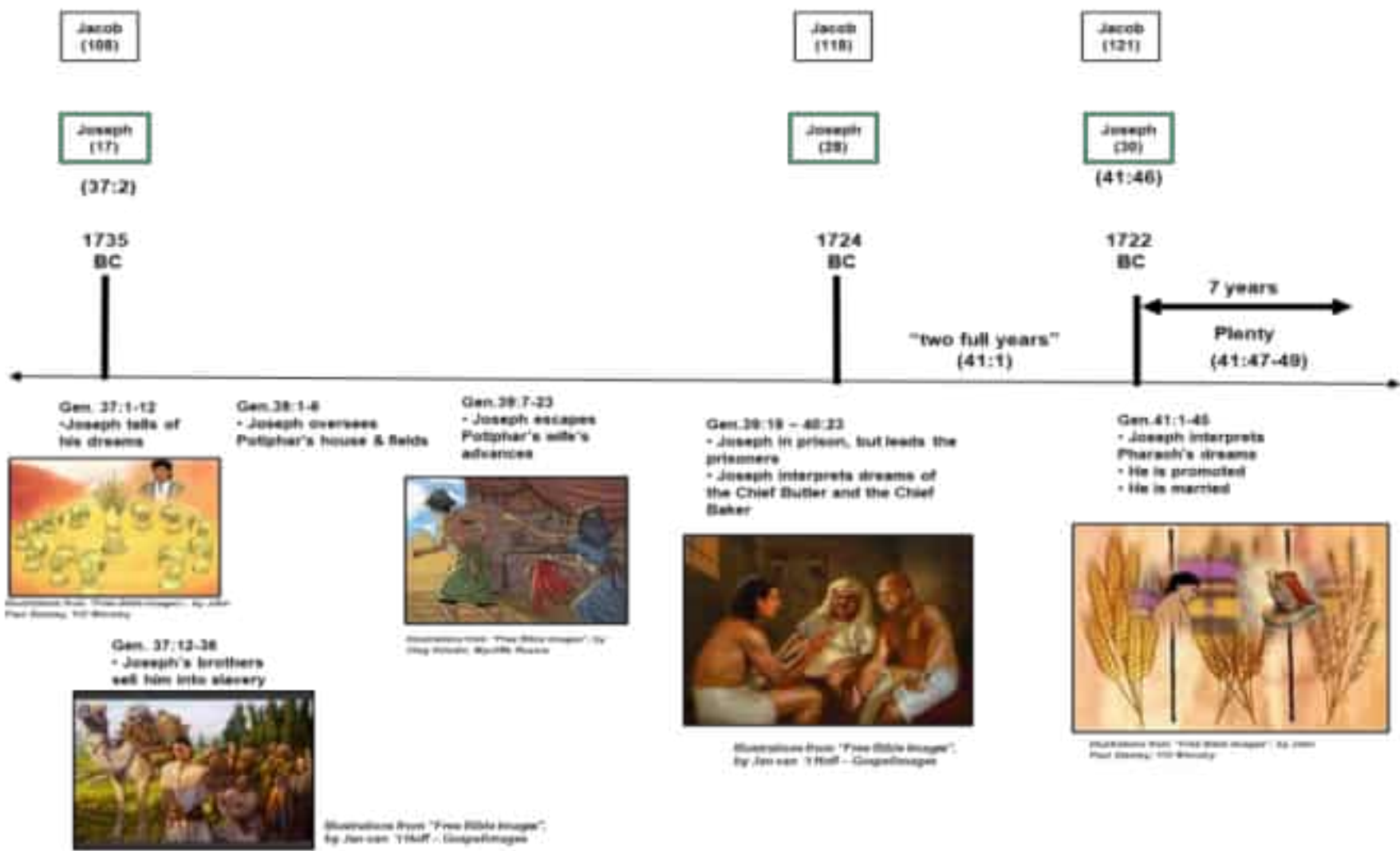
Parallel to the story of the sinful purposes of the brethren is the story of the gracious purposes of God: *‘And the Lord was with Joseph and he was a prosperous man...’* (Gen. 39:2) [KJV].”

“Old Testament History”, Charles Pfeiffer, Baker Book House, 1987, pg.101-102

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Life of Joseph: From Honored Son to Slavery to Honored Head of State

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III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

C. With Joseph: The Trusted Prisoner (Gen. 39 – 40)

“Joseph, though only seventeen when sold as a slave, was evidently a man of remarkable ability. On arrival in Egypt he was sold by the Midianite traders to an important person named Potiphar. He quickly showed his ability in the man's house, for soon Potiphar left *‘all that he had...into Joseph's hand’* (39:4).”

“Bible Study Commentary: Genesis”, Leon J. Wood, 1981, Zondervan Publishing House, pg.125



This incident of Potiphar's wife perusing Joseph and his refusal, caused him to be wrongly accused and thrown into prison. His path to leadership in Egypt was through the prison gates for something he did not do. The Lord used this event to His purpose and glory.

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“Altogether, Joseph was in captivity for 13 years. He was 17 when he was sold into slavery (Ge.37:2) and he was 30 when he was made the ruler over Egypt (Gen. 41:46). He was in prison at least two of the 13 years (Ge. 41:1)...”



Indeed, we have need of patience as we wait upon the fulfillment of God's promises.

See Hebrews 10:36, *‘For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.’*“

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.133

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While in prison he is able to interpret two dreams – one for Pharaoh's chief butler and one for his chief baker.



This is another event in his life that lead him to advance in his career as per God's design.

Though there was further delay in his release from prison (Gen. 41:), when he was released to stand before Pharaoh, he still spoke highly of the Lord (Gen. 41:16).

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C. With Joseph

Teacher's Note (2024-03-17):

Since today's lesson (Lesson 4d) was not completed, will continue next week about Joseph in Lesson 4e.

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