

# THE TRUE STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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**Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption**

# Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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# I. God Deals with Abraham and Sarah

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- 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)**

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**B. With Jacob (Gen. 27 – 36)**

**Last Week's: Lesson 4d**

**C. With Joseph (Gen. 37 – 50)**

**Today's Lesson 4e**

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Lesson 4d

## **OPENING**

### **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:

#### B. With Jacob:

- ☐ Division & Favorites (Gen. 27)
- ☐ The Birthright (Gen. 27)
- ☐ The Deception (Gen. 27:1-33)
- ☐ The Flight & the Dream (Gen. 28)
- ☐ In Haran (Gen. 29 – 30)
- ☐ The Return (Gen. 31 – 36)

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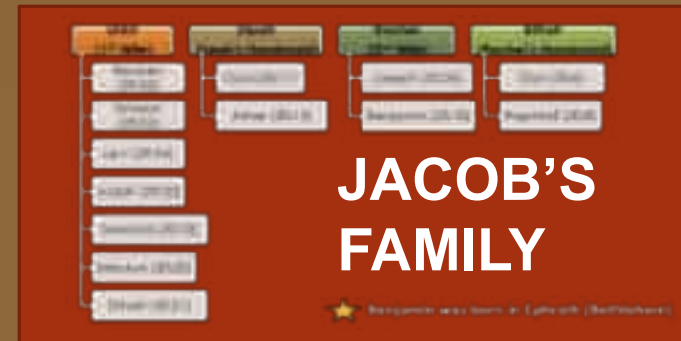


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#### C. With Joseph:

- ❑ The Dreamer (Gen. 37)
- ❑ The Trusted Prisoner (Gen. 39-40)

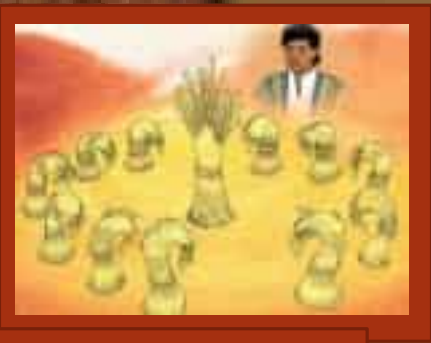
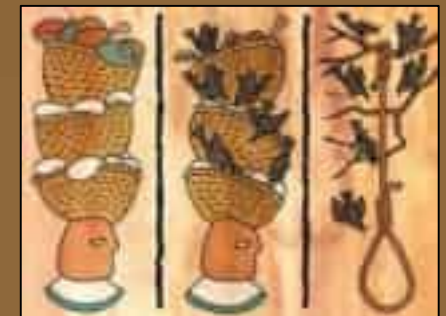


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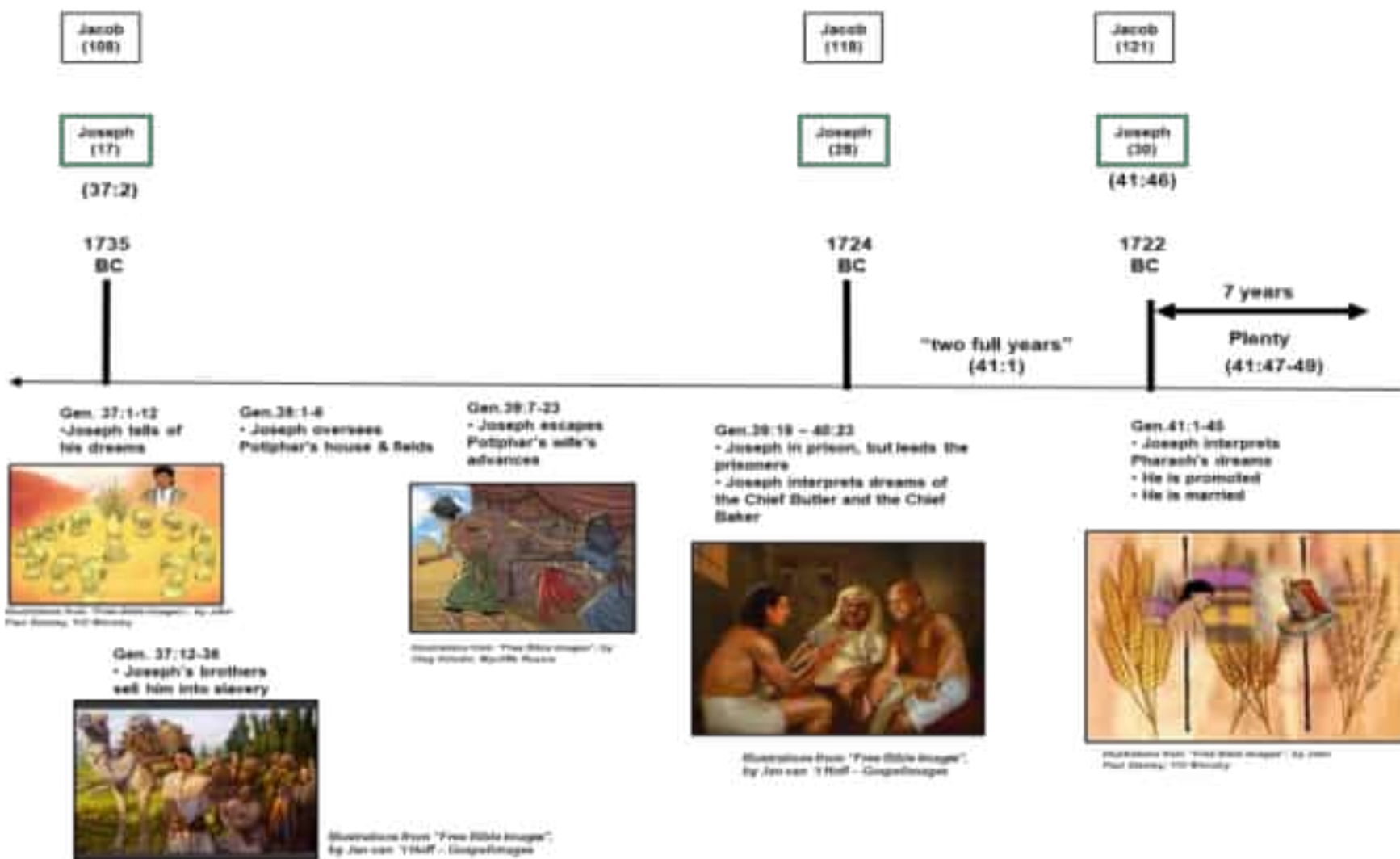


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# Life of Joseph: From Honored Son to Slavery to Honored Head of State

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#### C. With Joseph: The Prime Minister (Gen. 41)

“God often takes His children through a dark night before bringing them to a golden sunrise. He did with Joseph. The young man's night surely had been dark, since being sold as a slave by his brothers, but at last the sunrise came. And what a sunrise it was, as he rose to be exalted to the actual premiership of all Egypt.”



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#### C. With Joseph: The Family Reunion (Gen. 42 – 47)

The seven years of plenty came to an end with the beginning of the seven year period of famine (41:53-57).



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This new stage of events involved the visit of Joseph's brothers (42:1 – 45:28), the fulfillment of a prophecy regarding Joseph's family (37:5-10; 42:6), and the arrival of his father and the rest of the family into Egypt (46:1-34).



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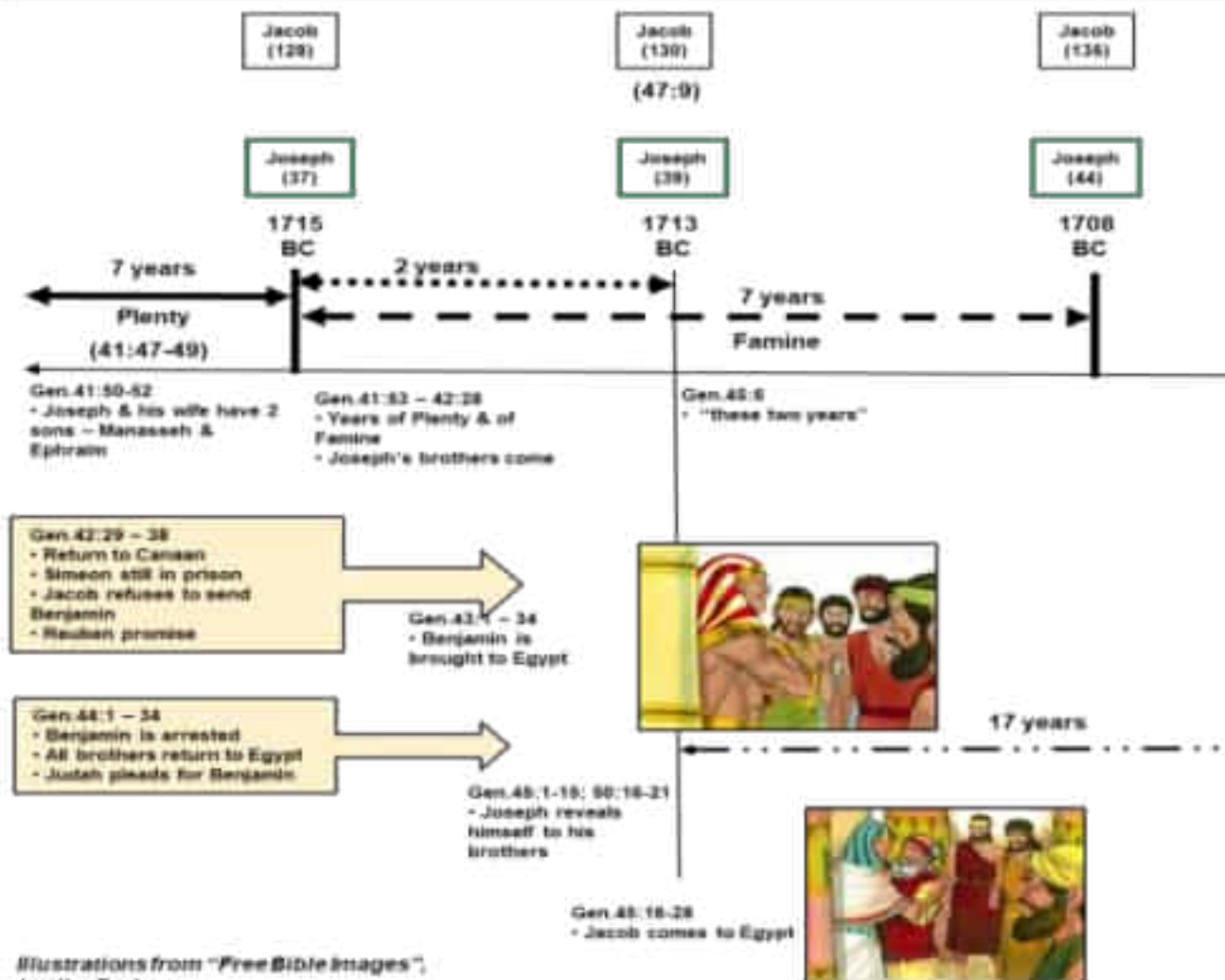


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### III. God Deals with Abraham's Descendants

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“The Scriptures frequently indicate that God effects His program in ways man little understands or recognizes at the time.

Joseph's being sold into Egypt, the following distressing years of famine, and the resulting visits by his brothers in search of food, which we now consider, all served to bring about the descent of Jacob's family to Egypt and the consequent sojourn there where its number would increase to the size of a nation.

It was no doubt difficult at the time to see the good in these respective developments, but God saw them working together to bring about His plan for Israel (Gen. 45:7-8).”

*“A Survey of Israel's History”, Leon J. Wood, 1980, Zondervan Publishing House, pg.79*

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#### C. With Joseph: The Blessings (Gen. 48 – 49)

Nearing the end of Jacob's life, he bestows his blessings on two of his grandsons – Ephraim and Manasseh – Joseph's son, as recorded in chapter 48.

"The two were later to become heads of two of Israel's tribes. Joseph did not become a head, but these two sons did.



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There was need for this, if the total number of tribes was to be twelve, because God had in mind to employ the descendants of Levi as priests for the tribes. This chapter shows that Jacob now formally adopted Ephraim and Manasseh as two more sons, thus to have parallel rights of inheritance along with his direct sons."

(See Hebrews 11:21)

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#### C. With Joseph: The Blessings (Gen. 48 – 49)

In chapter 49, Jacob bestows his prophetic blessings on each of his sons.

**Ge 49:1** And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

**Ge 49:2** Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

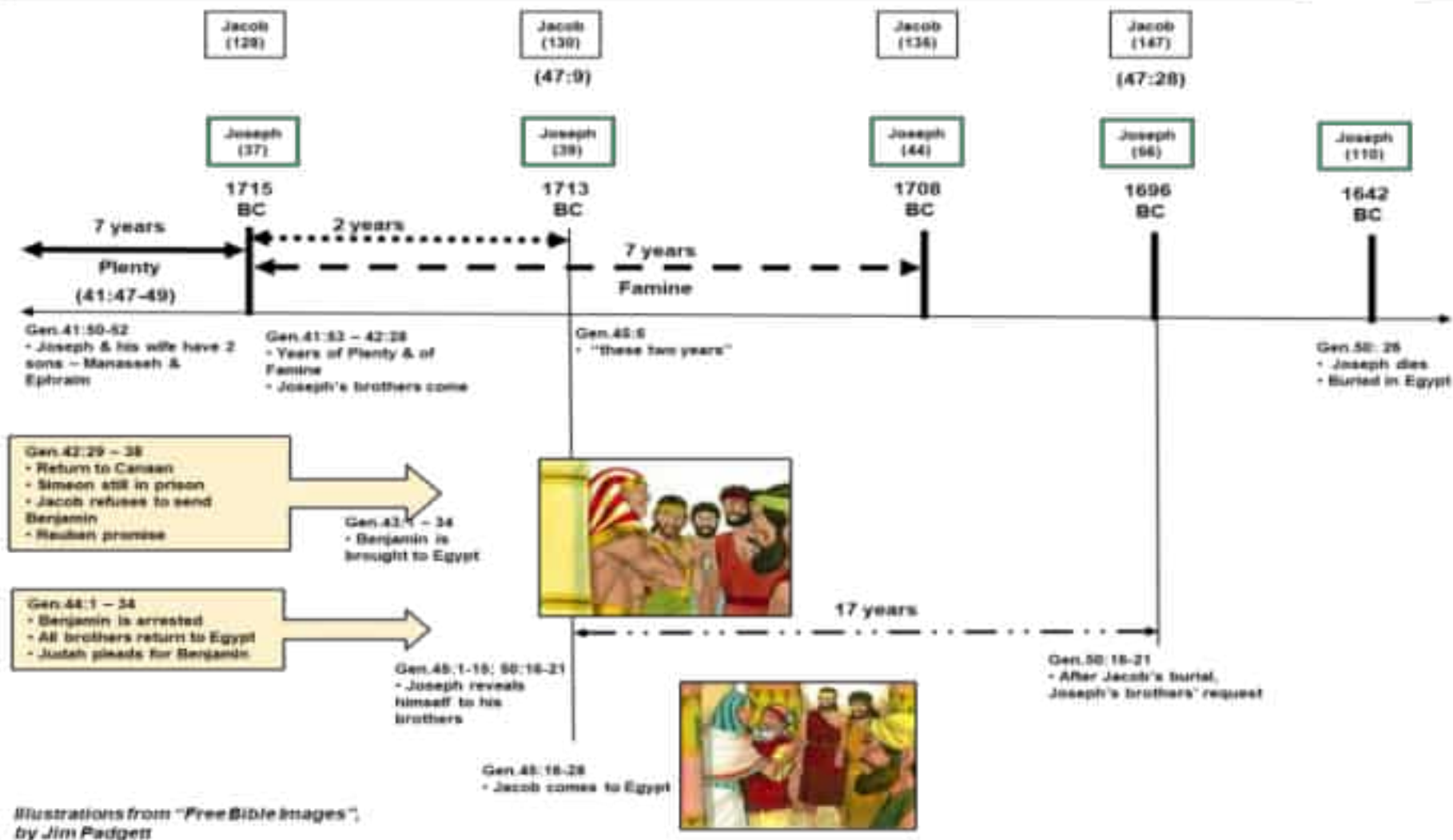


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## CONCLUSION

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### *Different Men of Faith – Isaac, Jacob, & Joseph*

“Often the children of a great man are not recognized for their own greatness because they are so easily compared to the strength of their father. Perhaps that is one of the reason few Christians seem to recognize the true greatness of Isaac.

The high character of this man is hinted at in the New Testament when Isaac is not only identified by name as a patriarch of faith but also as a type of Christ (Heb. 11:17-20)...But because Isaac was only a man and Scriptures records his life accurately, we know also that as great as Isaac was, he too stumbled at times in his pilgrimage of faith.”

*“History Makers of the Old Testament”, Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg.163*

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## *Different Men of Faith – Isaac, Jacob, & Joseph*

**Jacob** experiences were significantly different than his father Isaac. Bethel became important in his life – as he fled to Haran and on his return. It was there the Lord met with him, confirming the Abrahamic Covenant with him. Jacob's problem with deception impacted his life to cause him to flee and be gone for twenty years and himself also experience deception from his father-in-law. The Lord used the events in his life to expand the nation as He had promised.



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The life of Joseph was instrumental in the growth of the nation of Israel.

“The divine wisdom in Jacob’s family moving into Egypt is apparent. Egypt was a country in which his descendants would have to remain a separate, distinct people, for Jacob and his sons were shepherds, and shepherds were an abomination to Egyptians (Gen. 43:32; 46:34). That fact would remain a natural barrier to intermarriage...Further, Egypt afforded excellent living conditions for necessary rapid growth in numbers.”

*“A Survey of Israel’s History”, Leon J. Wood, 1980, Zondervan Publishing House, pg.80-81*

### **Heb 11:22**

By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

**(See Genesis 50:24-25)**

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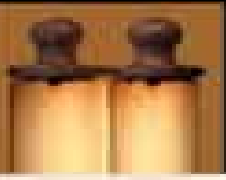
## Closing Note: *“for our learning”*

“The opening books of the Bible contain very much more than an inspired history of events that happened thousand of years ago; they are filled with adumbrations (foreshadows) and illustrations of the great doctrines of our faith which are set forth categorically in the New Testament epistles.

Thus *‘whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning’* (Rom. 15:4), and we lose much if we neglect to study the historical portions of the Old Testament with this fact before us.”

*“Gleanings in Exodus”*, Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952), Moody Press, 1975, pg.9

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