

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

STUDY PACKS 3A

MEMORIZE: 1 Peter 2:19-20 ¹⁹For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

Memorize and recite vocabulary to the Supervisor before proceeding to the study pack material.

Vocabulary Words

- **Ephraim** –Youngest son of Joseph whose name means *fruitful*. Later had a tribe named after him.
- **Famine** – General scarcity of food cause brought on by drought, disease, or insects.
- **Manasseh** – Oldest son of Joseph whose name means *making to forget*. Later had a tribe named after him.
- **Type** – from the Greek word *tupoi*. Certain persons, events, and things in the Old Testament identified as symbols in the New Testament.
- **Pharaoh** – Great house.

Certain people, events and things are considered _____ or _____ in the New Testament.

He was loved by his father.

He rebuked his brothers' sin.

He was hated by his brothers.

He was sold into the hand of his enemies.

He was punished unjustly.

He was exalted and became the savior of the world.

The world had to come to him for bread.

Joseph received a _____ while rejected by his brethren.

_____ sins of character, such as the sin of envy, are often passed down from generation to generation. The harvest of envy comes during the third generation, when Joseph is envied by his brothers. Attitudes are not taught, but caught.

Reuben spared Joseph's life. He had him cast into a pit instead, hoping to deliver Joseph back to his father later. While he was gone, a caravan of Ishmaelites, also called Midianites appeared on

the horizon. At Judah's suggestion, the brothers sold Joseph into _____. To explain Joseph's disappearance, they dipped his coat into the blood of a goat and returned it to Jacob. Jacob naturally assumed that Joseph had been killed. God certainly uses man's foolishness to bring Him praise in the end.

Joseph's character stands out in contrast to his brothers. Judah allowed his son, Er, married Tamar, a Canaanite woman. Er died. His second son, Onan refused to raise up children with Tamar because they would be considered the seed of Er. Judah promised Tamar his third son, Shelah, if she would wait for him to come of age. Time passed. Judah failed to keep his promise. Judah was an immoral man. Tamar tricked him by _____ to be a prostitute on the road to Timnah. Judah, on his way to sheep-shearers, sees Tamar. Her face is covered so he assumes she is a prostitute and goes into her. Contrast that with Joseph response to Potiphar's wife. Joseph was moral in character was and Judah was not.

Tamar wasn't a prostitute, so when she knew she pregnant she knew Judah was the father. When Tamar was accused of playing the harlot, she presented the pledges given to her by Judah. The truth became obvious to everyone and Tamar was spared. Tamar gave birth to twins, the oldest of which is in the genealogy of the Lord Jesus. Thus, with Judah's marriage to the Canaanite woman, Israel already becomes _____ by the lewd nature of the nation surrounding them. God's grace to man is evident in the fact that Tamar is one of five women found in the lineage of Christ.

Joseph was purchased from the Ishmaelite by Potiphar, a captain of Pharaoh's guard. Because God made Joseph to prosper in everything he did, Potiphar made Joseph the overseer of all that he had, putting everything he had into Joseph's hands. While Joseph was working in Potiphar's house, Potiphar's wife tried repeatedly to seduce him. Joseph fled temptation, leaving his garment behind in her hand. Joseph's willingness to stand for what was right caused immediate problems for him, but in the end gained him a crown as the second most powerful man in Egypt. The lesson in Joseph is that it is better to _____ than to _____.

There is never a _____ that Joseph ever became bitter because the circumstances of his life turned against him. Instead, He was faithful to God, trusting Him to direct his life. What man often means for evil God turns to their profit. Once again, while in prison, Joseph was given favor by the keeper of the prison, who made Joseph the overseer of everyone who was in the prison.

You never know who you will meet in prison. One day the Pharaoh's butler and baker join Joseph in prison. We are not told why Pharaoh sent there, but it becomes obvious God had a plan. The butler (cupbearer) and the baker each had a dream. Joseph interpreted the _____: Pharaoh would lift up the butler and restore his position in three days, Pharaoh would execute the baker in three days.

Unfortunately, the butler forgot to mention Joseph to Pharaoh and Joseph lingered in prison for another two full years. Through all the circumstances of life Joseph was faithful where God put him. By learning the lessons God had for him, Joseph was prepared for all God had in store for

him. Joseph, a minority slave, rose to a position of _____ and _____ because of his pursuit of excellence in all that he did in spite of all obstacles.

The qualifications for the Pharaohs came from their religious tradition, in which they were considered gods among men. No one could interpret Pharaoh's dream of the seven fat cows and the seven ugly and skinny cows that ate them, or the dream of the seven good heads of grain, and the seven thin heads of grain which devoured the seven good heads. Finally, the butler remembered Joseph. Joseph began by explaining that God was using the two dreams, which were really one to show Pharaoh the _____. With the wisdom of God at his disposal, Joseph counseled Pharaoh on his need to set aside grain from the years of plenty so there would be enough during the years of famine. Since God alone can tell the future, Joseph helped Pharaoh realize that the ability to predict the future comes only from the Spirit of God.

God's providence removed Joseph from the wickedness of Canaan to Egypt, where he became the ruler who would give the blessings of God to the hungry people of the world. God's providence not only separated Joseph from the moral pollution of Canaan, but also brought Joseph to Egypt to save his people. God also used _____ to remove Israel to Egypt, where they would be separated from the heathen surrounding them for 400 years.

While his brothers went to Egypt, the only son remaining at home was Benjamin, whom Jacob believed was the only surviving son of his beloved wife Rachel (there was still some favoritism being shown). When the brothers came before him, Joseph immediately recognized them. HE recalled the dreams of them bowing down to him. Joseph did not make himself known to them. He accused them of being spies and cast them into prison.

After three days, Joseph released them, but demanded that one of them remain in prison as surety while the others returned to Canaan to bring back Benjamin. The brothers could not hide their feelings of guilt concerning Joseph. Judah offered to Jacob to serve as _____ for Benjamin. (Gen 43:8-9 and Gen 44:32)

When Joseph saw his brothers again (chapter 43), he did not reveal himself to them, but ordered his servants to prepare a _____. When his brothers came to Joseph's house, they feared they were in trouble because of the money in their sacks and talked to Joseph's steward about it. Joseph had them seated the brothers. They were surprised at being seated from the eldest to the youngest.

The brothers left to go home but Joseph a cup in Benjamin's sack. Joseph's steward pursued the brothers to arrest them and bring them back. They protested their _____ offering the life of any of the brothers found with the cup. Imagine their horror when the cup was discovered in Benjamin's sack.

Joseph's actions were designed to bring the sin of the brothers to remembrance and to make them confess it with their own lips. He wanted to see if they were still indifferent to the cries of a captive brother and to the tears of a grieving father.

t becomes evident that God had been working in Judah's heart during this time. Now the brother who sold his own brother into slavery offered to serve as a slave in the place of Benjamin. Joseph comforts his brothers. Telling them to _____ come near him, and not be angry at themselves for, "God did send me before you to _____ life." God not only used Joseph to preserve Israel, but to separate Israel from the Canaanite nations among whom they lived. Joseph as a type here gives a preview of the joy that awaits Israel when Christ reveals Himself to them as their Messiah.

Pharaoh also instructs Joseph to bring their father and their families to Egypt, saying that he would provide whatever they needed. They then went back to Canaan with wagons filled with the good things of Egypt as well as food for the trip back. Joseph's Christlikeness includes the _____, which he extended to his brothers, and his _____ for the father. It was Christ's love for the Father and His desire to do the Father's will that brought him into the world as the Savior.

At Beersheba, God appears for the last time to Jacob, encouraging him and promising him that in Egypt he would become a great nation. The meeting between Jacob and Joseph took place in Goshen, which was the most fertile part of Egypt, near the Nile delta. This would provide the best pasture for Jacob and his sons' flocks. Joseph instructed his family to tell Pharaoh that they were shepherds (an occupation despised by the Egyptians), and request to live in Goshen. This would give them an excuse to live far from the palace and to be isolated because of their occupation as shepherds as well as their nationality. God's plans for Israel included _____ from not only Canaan, but also from Egypt, a type of the world.

When he met Pharaoh, Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Jacob also pointed out that his days had been few and evil. In reality, much of the evil that Jacob had experienced in his lifetime was the result of his own sinfulness.

When the people of Egypt and Canaan had spent all their money for food, Joseph accepted livestock. Later he bought all the land, except that which belonged to the priests. He then gave the people seed to plant, and charged them one fifth of the crop as rent.

Joseph maintained his integrity by refusing to _____ his morals. Joseph kept doing his best instead of getting discouraged and asking, "What's the use?" Joseph carried out the task he was given to do. Joseph was compassionate in the use of his power and influence.

Israel made Joseph promise that after his death, his body would be buried back in Hebron, the burying place of his forefathers. By God's grace, Jacob, the supplanter, turned into Israel a prince with God.

When Joseph heard his father was sick, he quickly brought his sons, Manasseh and Ephraim to Jacob's bedside for a blessing. Jacob adopted Joseph's sons as his own. This gave Joseph a double portion of the inheritance. As far as territory in the new land was concerned, Joseph received the _____. Joseph had arranged that Manasseh, the oldest son, would be on Jacob's right, expecting him to receive the greater blessing. To Joseph's dismay, Jacob crossed

his arms, putting his right hand on the head of Ephraim, the younger son. When Joseph protested, Jacob explained that Ephraim would be the greater of the two.

Reuben, who was Jacob's firstborn son, was the one who had the right to the birthright. Although he held the place of power and dignity, it was forfeited because of his instability and sexual sin. Simeon and Levi, cruel and heartless men who killed the men of Shechem, were cursed because of their anger. The tribe of Simeon was _____ by the tribe of Judah. The tribe of Levi had _____ in the land, but was dispersed to 48 cities throughout the land. Judah, the first son about whom something positive was said, would be praised and respected by his brothers.

While Joseph received the birthright through a double inheritance in the land, Judah inherited the right to govern the nation. The word "Shiloh" is not clearly defined, but many Bible scholars believe it means Prince of peace or tranquil. The _____ would remain in Judah through Shiloh, the Messiah, forever.

Jacob prophesied that Zebulun would have prosperity through maritime _____. Although Zebulun was landlocked, much of the region of Galilee belonged to it, and it was enriched by the trade on the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee. Issachar is like a strong donkey that can bear a heavy load. Issachar was willing just to continue on in peace, even if it meant the tribe had to pay tribute. The tribe of Dan would judge the people of Israel. Verse 17 refers to Dan as a "serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall _____." This probably refers to Dan taking the lead in establishing idol worship in Israel. Some people believe this verse is also referring to the Antichrist coming from the tribe of Dan, which is why Dan is not mentioned in Revelation 7:3-8.

Gad, because of its location east of the Jordan River, was subject to raids by its enemies, but would ultimately overcome. Asher would be an agriculture tribe that would prosper and bring royal _____ to the king. Naphtali, the tribe from which all the disciples except Judah were from, is like a deer that has been confined, and now let loose, running to bring a good message.

Joseph, who had experienced great adversity, would be a fruitful bough, with his territory including both the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. _____ would prove to be the most warlike of all the tribes, and would "ravin as a wolf," devouring the prey in the morning and dividing the spoil of his enemies at night.

Jacob asks his sons to bury him at Hebron in the cave of Machpelah where Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and his wife Leah were buried.

After his father's death, Joseph reassured his brothers that he was not going to take the place of God in judging them. He further assured them, as in the past, what they had intended for harm, God meant for good and for the saving of many lives. Joseph had an expectation that God would come to the aid of His people. Even so, we wait in _____ of the Messiah's return when all things will be made right.

In conclusion, it is interesting that in this book of beginnings, God spectacularly creates the world, giving us two chapters to describe the wonder of his creation. The final forty-eight chapters deal with the lives of men, primarily with God unfolding His plan of salvation, and the beginnings of the nation of Israel, which was to bring the Messiah into the world. What a comfort to see that God's concern is primarily with _____.