

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE ORIGIN STORY OF JESUS

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PART 12: FINDING FAVOR WITH GOD

RESTORATION

The Godhead kept Joseph two more years in the prison and until they moved upon Pharaoh and gave him a dream that none of the soothsayers could interpret. **Genesis 41:1-8**

The butler remembered Joseph and recounted his experience in prison. **verses 9-13**

The time had come for Joseph to finally stand before the Hittite Pharaoh. Thirteen years in Egypt had taught Joseph patience, how to converse with people, how to make people to like him, and how to guide people. It did not take long for Pharaoh to realize that bad times were coming and Joseph was the only man who could successfully handle the situation. **verses 15-37**

It is a wonder to behold when God elevates a person! Joseph became a free man and was given a ring, fine clothing, a gold necklace, and made to ride in a chariot while everyone bowed to him. With the exception of Pharaoh, all of Egypt was put under Joseph's dominion. **verses 38-44**

Joseph was also provided with a wife. **verse 45-46**

THE FAMINE

The Godhead ordered the angels in charge of the weather to make sure there were seven years of plenty in Egypt and then they turned off the water and it stopped raining in that geographical area.

Israel and his family in Canaan were affected by the draught and looked toward Egypt for relief. Israel kept back Benjamin, but sent the other ten sons to Egypt.

They failed to recognize Joseph in his Egyptian garb and he played games with them. **Genesis 42:6-20**

The ten older brothers realized that judgment had come upon them. **verses 21-38**

The Godhead increased the pressure of the famine, forcing the brothers to return to Egypt with their little brother so that Simeon could be freed. **Genesis 43:11-15**

RECONCILIATION

When Joseph saw that they had brought Benjamin, he invited them to his house for supper and set up a confrontation. **Genesis 44:1-13**

Judah's speech started defensively and ended with a confession. **verses 18-34**

Joseph broke down and revealed his identity. **Genesis 45:1-21**



MOVING TO EGYPT

It was necessary for the Godhead to intervene again to make sure that Jacob understood that it was God's will for him to move to Egypt. **Genesis 46:1-4**

At 130 years old, Jacob was too old to walk a long distance or even to ride a horse or camel. God moved upon Pharaoh to send wagons to carry Jacob, the women and children to Egypt. **Genesis 45:16-21; 46:5-6**

It is interesting that Jacob and his sons did not bring any servants and slaves to Egypt. They were all left behind. The 66 persons that made the journey were family, and with Joseph, his wife, and their two sons, the extended family now consisted of 70 people. **Genesis 46:26-27**

Israel and his family settled in Goshen, the most fertile area of Egypt, because a Hittite sat upon the throne. **Genesis 47:1-6**

Jacob wanted his final resting spot to be the Promised Land. **Genesis 47:28-31**

Joseph knew that he too would die in Egypt, but God would return them one day to the land of Canaan. He made sure that his bones would be taken to the Promised Land and buried there as well. **Genesis 50:19-26**

The ten older brothers thought that Joseph had been cordial with them for the sake of their father and feared for their lives when Jacob passed away. **Genesis 50:15-18**

Joseph showed his true character and full understanding of God's will concerning him and his family. **verses 19-22**

SUMMARY

God used one man (Joseph) to move the bloodline to Egypt.

God used one man (Moses) to remove the bloodline from Egypt.

The Godhead is in total control of this creation. Our lives have already been seen by the Godhead in the virtual time run that occurred before anything was created in eternity past.

As young men, neither Joseph nor Moses were given foreknowledge about their lives. They were to heed the voice of the Lord, follow through with obedience, and live out their lives.

God opens doors and He closes them. He supplies us with what we need in return for our obedience. He just wants you to say, "Yes Lord, I will obey!"

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?