

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 4 –Jacob’s Flight From Laban to the Famine Over All the Earth (Genesis 31-41).

1. What did Laban’s sons say about Jacob?
 - *“...Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory” (Genesis 31:1).*
2. Where did the Lord tell Jacob to flee to?
 - **The land of his father’s and kindred then the Lord would be with him (Genesis 31:3).**
3. Did God ignore the wrongs that Laban did unto Jacob?
 - **No (Genesis 31:11-13).**
4. What did Rachel steal from Laban?
 - **His images [idols] (Genesis 31:19).**
5. What did Jacob tell Laban to do about his stolen “gods” and what then of Rachel?
 - *“With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them” (Genesis 31:32).*
 - *“Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images” (Genesis 31:34-35).*
6. Did Laban want any harm to come to his daughters in his absence?
 - **No (Genesis 31:50; 55).**
7. Was Jacob excited to see Esau?
 - **You could say he was excited, but fear would be the better term (Genesis 32:7).**
 - **We must remember that Jacob wronged Esau by getting his birthright (Genesis 25:29-34) and by stealing his blessing by tricking Isaac (Genesis 27:1-35).**
8. Did Jacob wrestle with an angel?
 - **It would certainly appear so, as it was no earthly man (Genesis 32:24-30 and Hosea 12:2-4).**
9. How did Esau treat Jacob when they finally met each other?
 - *“And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept” (Genesis 33:4).*
10. Who did Jacob give credit to for his family and prosperity?
 - **God (Genesis 33:5; 11).**

11. What did Jacob erect in the field he purchased at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father?
- An altar, and called it EleloheIsrael which means “the mighty God of Israel” [BDB Hebrew Lexicon] (**Genesis 33:20**).
12. Were Dinah’s brothers content to allow Shechem to defile her?
- No, Hamar (Shechem’s father) requested that Dinah be given to Shechem to be his wife and to allow intermarriages between the people of his land and those of Jacob’s descent (**Genesis 34:8-9**).
 - The sons of Jacob deceived Hamar by convincing him to have all the males circumcised and then the marriages to occur (**Genesis 34:13-18**).
 - *“And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister”* (**Genesis 34:25-27**).
13. What did Jacob tell his household to part with as they went to Bethel?
- *“...Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments”* (**Genesis 35:2**).
14. When do we see Jacob named Israel for the second time?
- **Genesis 35:10**
 - The first time was in **Genesis 32:28**.
15. Who was Rachel giving birth to at the time she died?
- Benjamin (**Genesis 35:18**).
16. Who were Jacob’s sons?
- Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad, and Asher (**Genesis 35:22-26**).
17. How old was Isaac when he died and who buried him?
- And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years [180]. And Isaac gave up the Ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him (**Genesis 35:28-29**).
18. Esau is the father of the Edomites in mount Seir (**Genesis 36:9**)?
19. Who smote Midian in the field of Moab?
- Hadad the son of Bedad (**Genesis 36:35**).
20. Who did Israel give a coat of many colors to?

- Joseph because he was loved the most of all his children (**Genesis 37:3**).

21. Why was Joseph hated of all his brothers?

- *“And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they **hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him**. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they **hated him yet the more**. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? **And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words**. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? **And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.**” (**Genesis 37:4-11**).*

22. What was Judah’s bright idea for getting rid of Joseph?

- *“Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content”* (**Genesis 37:26-27**).

23. What did the brother’s do when Reuben found Joseph missing from the pit?

- *“And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces”* (**Genesis 37:31-33**).

24. Who did the Midianites sell Joseph to?

- *“Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the **Ishmeelites** for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt”* (**Genesis 37:28**).

25. Who slew Er and why was he killed?

- The Lord killed him because he was wicked in the sight of the Lord (**Genesis 38:7**).

26. Why was Onan killed?

- *“And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the Lord: wherefore he slew him also”* (**Genesis 38:8-10**).

27. Did Judah know that Tamar was his daughter in law when he laid with her?

- No (**Genesis 38:13-17**).
28. What saved Tamar from being put to death for playing the harlot?
- *“And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more”* (**Genesis 38:24-26**).
29. When Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph what did he do?
- *“And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand”* (**Genesis 39:3-4**).
30. What did Potiphar’s wife want from Joseph?
- She wanted Joseph to lay with her (**Genesis 39:7**).
31. Why did Joseph refuse the desire of Potiphar’s wife?
- *“But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; **neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God”*** (**Genesis 39:8-9**)?
32. What did Potiphar’s wife charge Joseph with since he would not fulfill her request and what happened to Joseph because of her charge against him?
- *“And she spake unto him [Potiphar] according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison”* (**Genesis 39:17-20**).
33. Why were the butler and baker of the king of Egypt cast into prison?
- They had offended their lord the king of Egypt (**Genesis 40:1**).
34. What did Joseph do for the chief butler and chief baker while they were imprisoned?
- He interpreted their dreams since such is a work of God asking each of them to remember him when they were brought unto Pharaoh (**Genesis 40:8-20**).
35. Who had the worst dream based upon the interpretation of that dream?
- The chief baker for his dream showed he would be hung, and so he was (**Genesis 40:22**).

36. Who was responsible for Pharaoh summoning Joseph to interpret his dream?

- **The chief butler (Genesis 41:9-14).**

37. Would Joseph take credit for interpreting dreams?

- **No: “And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace” (Genesis 41:16; cf. I Peter 4:11 and John 7:18).**

38. What did Pharaoh’s dream show would occur and what would Pharaoh appoint Joseph to because of this dream?

- **The dream showed: “Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants” (Genesis 41:29-37).**
- **Pharaoh would realize the value of Joseph and thus: “And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 41:38-41).**

39. What were the names of Joseph’s two sons?

- **Manasseh and Ephraim (Genesis 41:51-52).**

40. How many countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands?

- **All countries (Genesis 41:57).**