

# The Life of Joseph

## The Overall Theme of the Joseph Saga in Genesis 37-50

The Redeeming Power of Perseverance and Forgiveness in Believers  
Who Fully Live Out Their Faith Under the Sovereignty of God

### Today: Genesis 45:16-28

#### The End of Phase 1/the Beginning of Phase 2 of the Joseph Saga

Last Sunday Genesis 45 Part 1: The Joy of Reconciliation Can Only Be Enjoyed By People  
Who Are Gracious/Forgiving.....If and When God Allows/The Time is Right v1-15

This Sunday-Genesis 45 Part 2: The Joy of Reunion and Renewed Fellowship After God-  
Given Reconciliation is a Great Blessing That Should Be Celebrated v16-28

### The Context Up to and Including Genesis 45

**Genesis 37:** From Favorite Son to Foreign Slave

**Genesis 38:** Joseph's +R Character Contrasted with Judah's Sinful Character

**Genesis 39:** From Slave to Household Supervisor/Accused Sex Criminal to Prison Sup

**Genesis 40:** New Friends with Big Dreams...and the Same Old (Faithful) Joseph

**Genesis 41:** From Prisoner to Prime Minister of Egypt

**Genesis 42:** Joseph Begins to Test the Character of His Ten Older Brothers

**Genesis 43:** The Brothers Return to Egypt with Benjamin and Face a Final Test

**Genesis 44:** The Brothers (with Judah in the Lead) "Ace" Their Final Character Test

**Genesis 45:** Joseph Who Had Forgiven/Rejoices in the Opportunity to Reconcile w/HBBs

### The Pharaoh Delights in Joseph's Reconciliation with His Older Brothers and Invites the Entire Family to An All-Expenses Paid Move to Egypt v16-20

v16 back in v2 we were told that the household of Pharaoh had heard of Joseph's  
emotional reconciliation with his older brothers

v17-18 great minds think alike (Pharaoh here // Joseph v9-11)

v19-20 what a way to move-don't bring any of your stuff, everything you will need and  
more will be provided free of charge (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

## **Joseph Sends His Older Brothers Off With Generous Provisions, But Gives Special Gifts to the Youngest Brother and to Their Father Jacob v21-24**

v21-22 all of the brothers were sons of their father and all of them received gracious gifts/blessings, but certain ones-actually the youngest one-Benjamin received extra blessing this //s the distinction between believer's future residence and rewards

v23 Jacob as the father is in an entirely different category/receives superlative honor

v24 Many years ago, "Bo Knows..." was a Nike advertising slogan referring to insights of Bo Jackson, but Genesis had that line first! "Jo Knows....his brothers' tendency to argue" so he told them not to bicker on the trip about "small stuff" in light of the big picture. In a fallen world, we can always find something to complain about, but wise/+R believers make it a point to avoid that mindset (Prov 14:4; Phil 2:12-16; Revelation 21:6).

## **When Jacob Hears of Joseph's Existence and Excellence in Egypt, He is Stunned But Fairly Quickly Resolves to Move to Egypt v25-28**

Don Anderson breaks these verses into "Three Stages of a Believer's Submission to God's Providential Working"

1: Stubbornness (v25-26)

2: Surrender (v27)

3: Satisfaction (v28)

"Word of Faith" teaching (Joel Osteen is the most visible member of this movement it is also known as the "Name It...and Claim It" movement) insists Christian Life faith is a force to which God responds (and must respond!). "Faith" (by which they mean believing what we pray for WILL happen) must be exercised in order for our petitions to come to pass. Yet here in Genesis 45, Jacob did not believe he would see Joseph again in this world. Even when his sons told him they had seen Joseph/showed him evidence that Joseph was alive and (more than) well in Egypt, Jacob simply could not believe it (at first-// sounds like the Apostle Thomas after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ). Bottom Line: Christian Life faith is not presumption that forces God to do our will...AND: we must remember God can and often does work/answer our prayers above anything we could ask or think or believe!

**Faith in Prayer** is trusting God to answer us according to HIS will not ours, in His time not necessarily on "our schedule" and in His way. This is why I define prayer as a grace channel of communication whereby believers seek and submit to God's will, trusting that God uses our prayers as part of the process by which He works out His will in time. I believe that Joseph had been praying for reconciliation with his older brothers and reunion with his family including his father for 22 years before it happened, but he prayed not thinking it would force God's hand, but trusting that God's hand would work in these matters if and when He so desired....and boy was it sweet when it happened!!!



6/16/19 Genesis 45

# STORY OF JOSEPH

# Genesis 45

Last Week

The Joy of Reconciliation v1-15

This Week

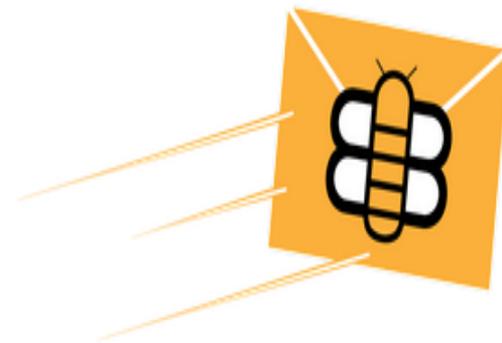
The Joy of Reunion v16-28

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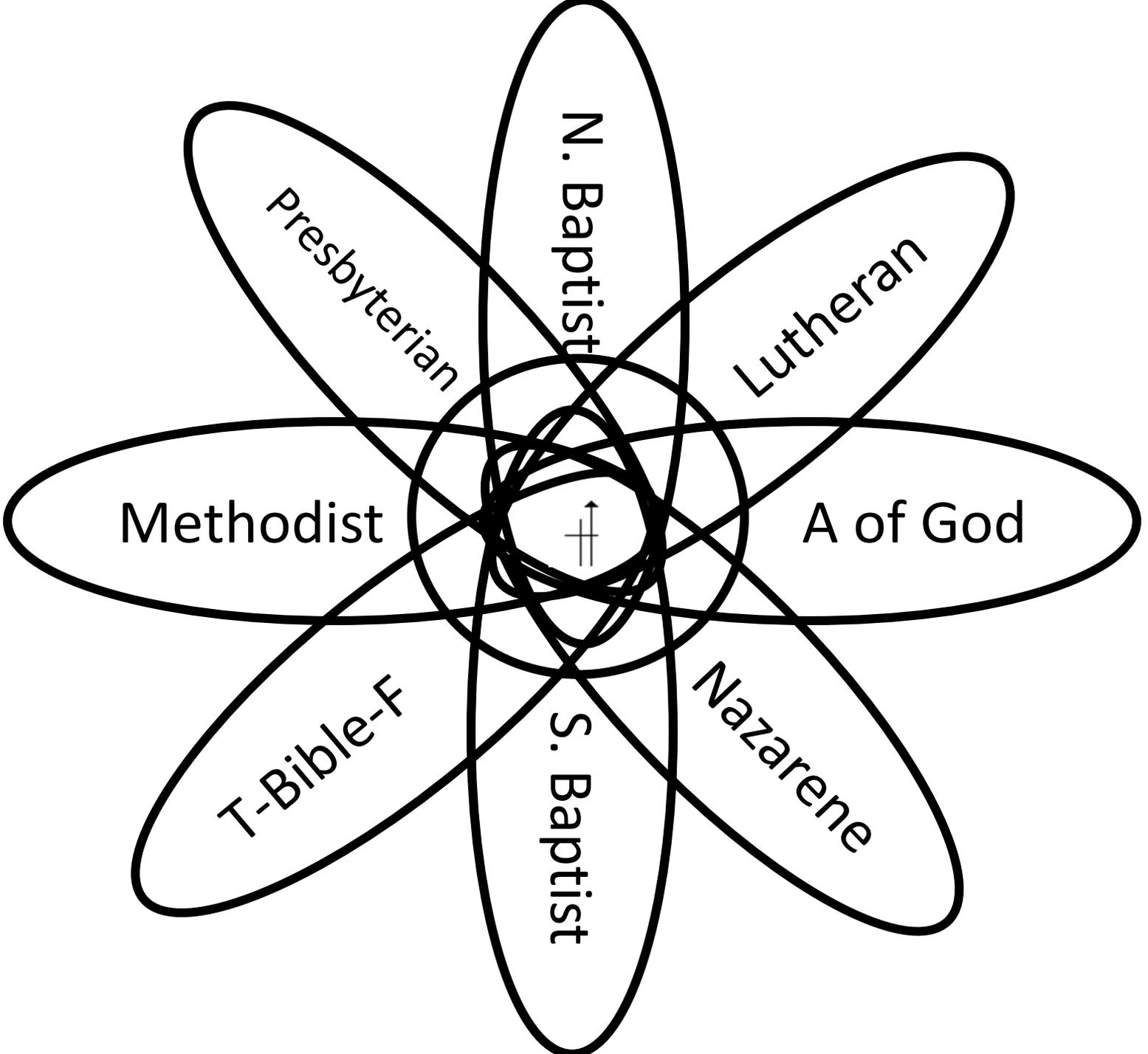
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# Trump Selects





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Lutheran

A of God

Nazarene

S. Baptist

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Methodist



CH37: From Favorite Son to Foreign Slave

[CH38: Joseph's +R/Faithfulness > Judas' -R/Faithlessness]

CH39: From Slave to Supervisor over Potiphar House...  
...From Sex Criminal to Supervisor over Jail House

CH 40: From Fellow Inmate/Friend to Forgotten Memory

CH 41: From Prisoner to Prime Minister

CH 42: The 10 Bros-See Joseph in Egypt Only 9 Return Home

CH 43: The 9 + Benjamin Back to Egypt-Feast at Joseph's

CH 44: Final Test: The Big Bros & Their Relationship w/Benjamin

CH 45: Joseph Rejoices in the Opportunity for Reunion w/Family

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To Move to Egypt v16-20

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Real Places  
Real People  
Real Events



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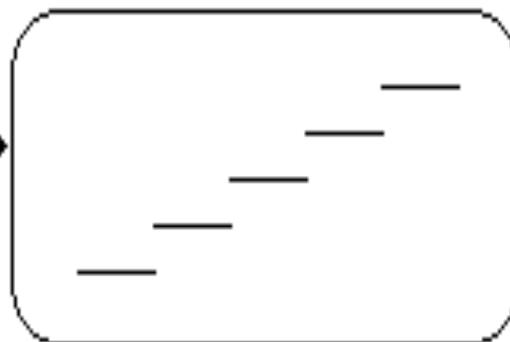
# SALVATION

# EVALUATION

Eternal Destiny

Eternal Rewards

All Believers



Heaven: New Heaven/New Earth

**Revelation 22:12**

Judgment According to Works

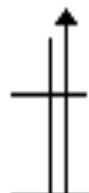
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of Commendation/Reward

I Corinthians 3:11-15

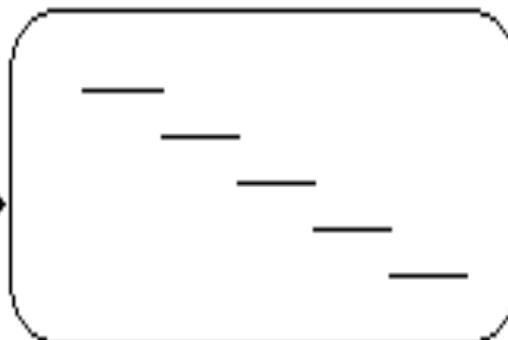
II Corinthians 5:9-10

Salvation

ALWAYS by  
Grace Through  
Faith in the Work  
of Christ/Cross



All Unbelievers



Hell: The Lake of Fire

**Matthew 23:14**

Judgment According to Works

Resulting in Various Levels  
of Condemnation/Reproach

Mark 12:40/Lk 20:47

Revelation 20:11-15

**Abraham, Isaac, Jacob  
(and Jacob's 12 Sons)**



2000 BC

430 BC



45 AD

96 AD

Genesis - Malachi

Matthew - Revelation

**Gen 37-50**

**ONE MAJOR PREMISE:**

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

**ONE MAJOR PREMISE:**

Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

**ONE MAJOR PROMISE:**

...the Savior is Coming!

**ONE MAJOR PROMISE:**

...the Savior is Coming Back!

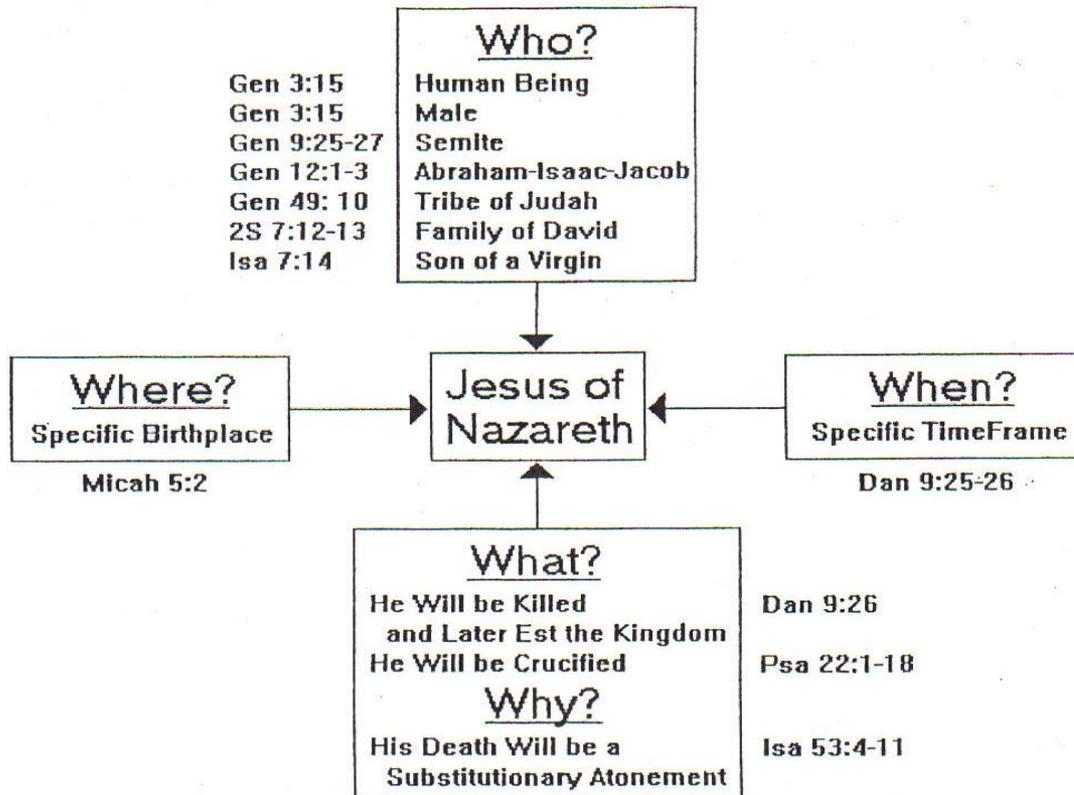
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The Promised Savior



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Matthew - Revelation



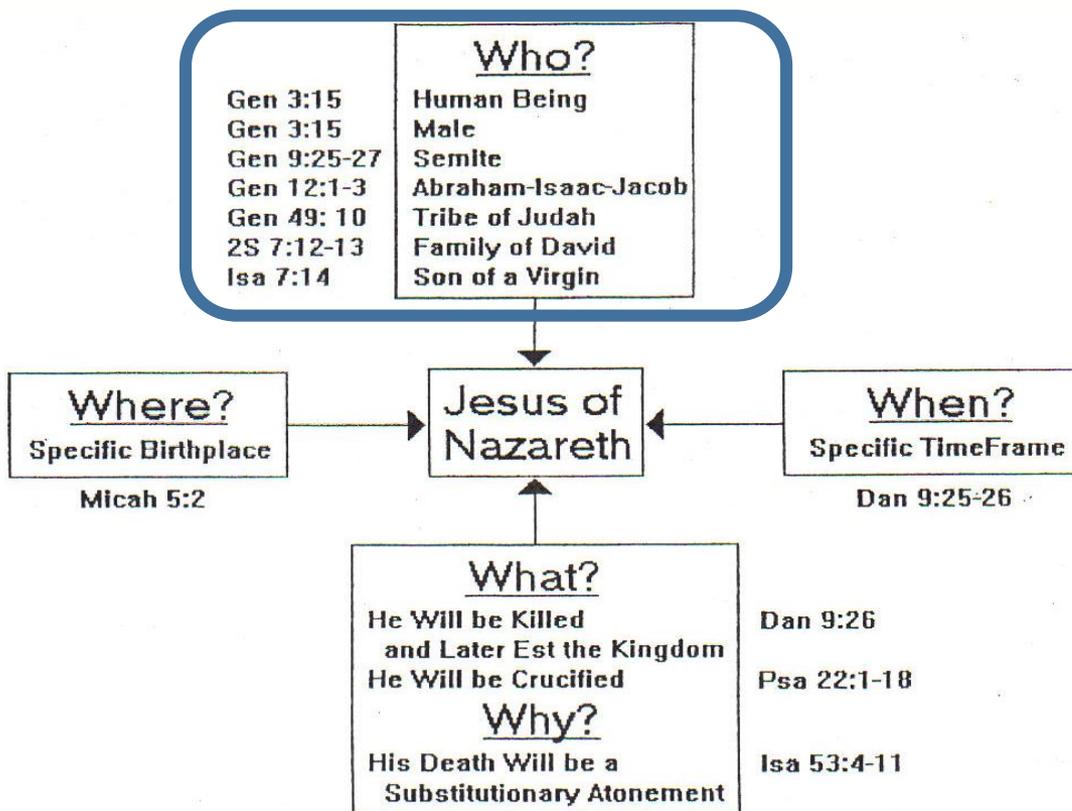
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# *Our Father,*

Who art in Heaven.

hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

*Amen.*

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