

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 17

TODAY'S READING: Genesis 37-41

OVERVIEW: Joseph's dreams; Joseph sold into slavery; the enticement and lies of Potiphar's wife; the imprisonment of Joseph; Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams; Joseph is made a ruler of Egypt.

HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS: The narrative in this section dealing with the life of Joseph is very interesting reading, completely self-explanatory, and the applications to the believer's life are abundantly clear.

However, by “comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Corinthians 2:10, 13), this section reveals that Joseph is the most comprehensive type of Christ in the entire Bible! Consider these amazing “coincidences” (similarities) in the life of Joseph and Jesus:

1. Both were beloved by their fathers (Genesis 37:3; Matthew 3:17).
2. Both regarded themselves as shepherds (Genesis 37:2; John 10:11-14).
3. Both were sent to their brethren by their fathers (Genesis 37:13-14; Luke 20:13; John 3:17; Hebrews 10:7).
4. Both were hated by their brethren without cause (Genesis 37:4-5; John 1:11; 7:5; 15:25).
5. Both were plotted against by their brethren (Genesis 37:20; John 11:53).
6. Both were severely tempted (Genesis 39:7; Matthew 4:1).
7. Both were taken to Egypt (Genesis 37:36; Matthew 2:14-15).
8. Both were stripped of their robes (Genesis 37:23; John 19:23-24).
9. Both were sold for the price of a slave (Genesis 37:28; Matthew 26:15).
10. Both were falsely accused (Genesis 39:16-18; Matthew 26:59-60).

11. Both were bound (Genesis 39:20; Matthew 27:2).
12. Both remained silent and offered no defense (Genesis 39:20; Isaiah 53:7).
13. Both experienced God's presence through everything (Genesis 39:2, 21, 23; John 16:32).
14. Both were respected by their jailors (Genesis 39:21; Luke 23:47).
15. Both were placed with two prisoners, one of which was later lost, and the other saved (Genesis 40:2-3, 21-22; Luke 23:32, 39-43).
16. Both were around thirty when their ministry began (Genesis 41:46; Luke 3:23).
17. Both were highly exalted after their sufferings (Genesis 41:41; Philippians 2:9-11).
18. Both took Gentile brides (Genesis 41:45; Ephesians 3:1-12).
19. Both were lost to their brothers for a while (Genesis 42:7-8; Romans 10:1-3; 11:7- 8).
20. Both forgave and restored their repentant brothers (Genesis 45:1-15; Micah 7:18-19; Zechariah 12:10-12; Revelation 1:7).
21. Both were visited and honored by all earthly nations (Genesis 41:57; Isaiah 2:2, 3; 49:6).

CHRIST IS REVEALED:

- In JOSEPH – (see the connections made under HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS)
- By the WISDOM OF JOSEPH – Genesis 41:39 (Colossians 2:2-3)