

Jesus in the Old Testament

Protecting the Lineage

Gen 37:2-4 *Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.*

Joseph was Jacobs' favorite child because he was the son of his old age. He was also the oldest son from his favorite wife, _____.
Jacob showed this favoritism by giving Joseph a _____ of many colors.
As a result of being the favorite child, all the other children, save Benjamin, _____
Joseph.

Gen 37:26-28 *So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. 28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.*

Judah convinces his brothers not to kill Joseph, but to sell him into _____.
Reuben returned to the horror of an _____ pit.
They take Joseph's colorful coat and dip it into some animal _____ and take it to their father. They simply ask, "Is this your son's coat?"
Jacob mourns his son for _____ days.

Gen 39:1-4 *Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. 2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.*

The Ishmaelites sold Joseph to _____.
Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph, so he put Joseph in _____ of his entire house.
Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph, and Potiphar had him thrown into _____.

Gen 40:12-15 *And Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. 13 Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. 14 But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. 15 For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."*

Joseph interpreted dreams for two other prisoners. Joseph asked the cupbearer to intercede on his behalf to Pharaoh.

Gen 41:37-41 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

Pharaoh put Joseph over _____ the land of Egypt. Joseph was put in charge wherever he lived.

Gen 42:1-2 When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" 2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."

As a result of the famine, Jacob tells ten of his sons to travel to _____ to buy grain.

Gen 42:8-13 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!" 10 And they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all one man's sons; we are honest men; your servants are not spies." 12 But he said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land." 13 And they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no more."

When his brothers bowed to him, Joseph remembered his _____.
He accuses his brothers of being spies.

Joseph puts _____ in prison until they return with Benjamin.

Joseph also had every man's _____ put back in his sack.

When the remaining brothers returned home and told Jacob what happened, he _____ to send Benjamin to Egypt.

Gen 43:1 Now the famine was severe in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food." 3 But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' 4 If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. 5 But if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'"

Once the food ran out, Jacob agreed to let them take Benjamin to Egypt.

Gen 44:10-13 And he said, "Now also let it be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and you shall be blameless." 11 Then each man speedily let down his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. 12 So he searched. He began with the oldest and left off with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.

Joseph had everyone's _____ put in their sack. He also had his silver cup put in Benjamin's bag.

Joseph's steward found the cup and they returned to Egypt to face Joseph's wrath.

Joseph ordered Benjamin to be his _____ and agreed to let the others go.

Gen 44:30-34 "Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life, 31 it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. So your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. 32 For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father forever.' 33 Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34 For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?"

Judah _____ for Benjamin and agrees to be Joseph's slave.
Judah wanted to save his _____ from more grief.

Gen 45:3-8 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

When Joseph revealed himself to his brothers he told them _____ to be angry with themselves.

Joseph attributes his being in Egypt to _____.
God sent him to Egypt to _____ the family.

Gen 46:1-4 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am." 3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. 4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

God reaffirms the promise of a _____ nation to Jacob.

Lessons to Learn

1. God uses _____ people to accomplish His purpose. God could have sent any of the twelve to Egypt, but He chose Joseph because he knew Joseph's character.
2. God is _____ working. We might not see Him or know what he is doing, but He is always doing the right thing.
3. The devil cannot stop God's plan!
4. God is always honest and keeps His word.
5. God sent Jesus to save the people who _____ Him. God sent Joseph to Egypt to save the very ones who sold him into slavery.