

The Study of Genesis

Lesson #24: "The Beginning Of Israel's Journey to Egypt"

Genesis 37:1 - 38:30



Introduction

1 Samuel 8:6-7 (NIV) But when [Israel's elders] said, "Give us a king to lead us" . . . Samuel . . . prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you . . . they have rejected Me as their king.

Mark 10:6-9 (NIV) [Jesus proclaimed,] "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female. For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Genesis 16 [Abraham and his wife Sarah, and Sarah's maidservant Hagar, who gives birth to Ishmael.]

Genesis 21 [Hagar and her teenage son Ishmael were eventually driven away from Abraham's encampment.]

Genesis 17:18 (NIV) And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

Genesis 24 & 25 [Isaac and his wife Rebekah, who gives birth to fraternal twin boys Esau and Jacob.]

Genesis 25:28 (NIV) Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 33:2 [Rachel's servant Bilhah and Leah's servant Zilpah were called "maidservants"]

Genesis 35:18 [Joseph's mother Rachel died giving birth to a second son Named Benjamin]

Genesis 35:22 [Relationship changes from maidservant to Leah and Rachel. Bilhah and Zilpah are now referred to as Isaac's "concubines"]

Genesis 49:31 [Isaac buried Leah in the Cave at Machpelah]

Genesis 37.2 [Bilhah and Zilpah are now described as Isaac's "wives"]

Division 1: Jacob's favorite son Joseph is sold into slavery by Joseph's jealous brothers.

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Genesis 34 [Dinah raped; Shechemites slaughtered in revenge]

Principle #1: This family's dysfunction leads to unimaginable cruelty.

Exodus 12:37 (ESV) And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

Exodus 10:3 (ESV) So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.' "

Exodus 14:16 (ESV) Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.

Judges 7:2 (NIV-1984) "The LORD said to Gideon, 'You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her'"

Matthew 26:15 (ESV) [Judas negotiating with the religious leaders] and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Division 2: Judah's lineage, through his daughter-in-law Tamar, includes our Lord Jesus.

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Genesis 24:3-4 (NIV-1984) I want you to swear by the Lord , the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, ⁴ but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Matthew 5:28 (ESV) But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Proverbs 5:3 & 8 (ESV) "For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil . . . Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house".

¹ Corinthians 6:16 (NIV-1984) Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

Ruth 4:12 (NIV-1984) Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

Matthew 1:2-3 (NIV-1984) Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. . .

² Timothy 1:8-9 (NIV-1984) So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life -- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time

Principle #2: The just and loving LORD is sovereign and His plans will be done.

¹ Corinthians 1:25 (NIV-1984) For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

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Joseph Betrayed into Egypt

