“Joseph Transmits Abraham’s Promise”

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Bible Study Nuggets

Monday- “A Divine Confirmation”

(Genesis 46:1-7)-Confirmation is a divine action, the work of the spirit empowering a person to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ -Confirmation is a means of grace. It involves trusting in the recognition of previous unknown paths that lead to our fulfilling a goal, wis or idea. Jacob moves his entire family to Egypt. During this time, Jacob was 130 years old. Drastic changes require support. There is a famine in Canaan and Joseph his son promised them the best of Egypt. Jacob had some doubt since he knew that his grandfather Abraham had gotten into some trouble in Egypt. God had forbidden his father Isaac to go to Egypt during another famine. Jacob also knew that God’s promise involved Canaan not Egypt. God provided divine charge when he said, “I am God, The God of your father, do not be afraid to go down to Egypt.” God tells Jacob that he will be with him and that he will make his family a great nation. God tells Jacob that I was with you in Mesopotamia, as I was with you Canaan and I will be with you in Egypt. God promises Jacob that he will bring him up again and that when he dies Joseph will close his eyes.

Tuesday- “Settled in a New Land”

(Genesis 46:28; 47:6)-Joseph’s family arrive to Egypt, but not only did they arrive, but they arrive as landowners. The land that they own is fertile. Joseph advises his brothers that when they meet the Pharoah to let him know what their occupation is. When they do Pharoah gives them a job. From the Promise Land of Canaan to Egypt, they stop and began to pray. Jacob sends his son Judah ahead so that he can get things ready upon their arrival in Egypt. They need a land that is isolated from the Egyptians. The Lord worked it out that the Pharoah granted them the land in Goshen. There were many advantages for them in the land of Egypt. They would be able to hold onto their own culture as well as learn new ways of living. Joseph turned bad into good. Everywhere Joseph went, he found favor. Forgiveness is the key.

Wednesday- “A father’s Heritage”

(Genesis 48:8-16)- People have started bartering since they no longer have any money. Joseph was advised that Jacob was sick, So Joseph took his children to Jacob. Jacob advised that Joseph’s children would be treated as his children and promised inheritance. Jacob spent several decades tending to sheep. Jacob bestowed two blessings to his grandchildren. Material blessings come and go but to be included in an internal blessing they bear fruit. We see a reversal in their blessings. The reversal that God continued from generation to generation.

Thursday- “A Father’s Blessing”

(Genesis 49:22-26)- Jacob calls his sons to advise of prophecy. He tells Reuban that he should not excel. He advises Judah that he would be blessed. Judah was known as the lion to this prey. The oldest son was supposed to receive a double inheritance, but Reuban lost his special honor. Joseph was very faithful. Jacob spoke a blessing over his life.

Friday- “A Father’s Final Wish”

(Genesis 49:29-50:6)- Jacob calls his son’s prophecy as to what was to become of them. Two of them has blood on their hands. He provided his blessings and advised that he wanted to be buried in Canaan. He wanted to be buried in the cave where his fathers were. After their father died, they went through a mourning period. As God advised him (Jacob) that Joseph would be the one to close his eyes when he died. Joseph’s father was embalmed in order to preserve the body as they returned him back to Canaan.

Saturday- “A Child’s Final Duty

(Genesis 50:7-14)- Jacob’s sons did just as he requested. After the funeral, they returned to Egypt. When we associate with specific individuals, we receive blessings from those that we do not know. God promised Jacob that he would go back home.