

## **Major Event: PATRIARCHS**

### **Lesson 7: God Preserved Israel Through Joseph**

**Scriptures: Genesis Chapters 41 – 46, 50:18-21**

#### **Central Text: Genesis 45:4-8**

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 "For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 "God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. 8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

#### **Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:**

1. God gave Joseph the interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams and Joseph told Pharaoh that God was the Source of the interpretations (Gen. 41:1-36).
2. Through Pharaoh, God appointed Joseph over the land of Egypt so that He might preserve the future tribes of Israel in fulfillment of the descendants portion of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 41:37-46:34).
3. **Gen. 50:18-21**- note Joseph's mercy to brothers after Jacob's death. He reflects character of God. (you intended for evil...God intended for good passage)

#### **Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:**

1. Of God: God ALWAYS keeps His word
2. Of man: Joseph's humility and obedience to God

#### **Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:**

Genesis Chapters 41-46

**Notes:** Review Abrahamic Covenant that God gave to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3, 7-8), to Isaac (Gen. 26:3-5), and to Jacob (Gen. 28:12-15). Study the Scriptures of this lesson with a focus on God's provision for future Israel and Joseph's humility to God.

Review/read that God revealed the Abrahamic covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see preparation). Note the different parts of the Abrahamic Covenant: Promised Land, Personal Blessing, uncountable descendants, and Blessing to all people in Abraham's seed (Jesus Christ). Next, tell/read how God gave Joseph the interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams. Finally, tell how God preserved the future tribes of Israel through Joseph's position in Egypt. (The Israelites would remain in Egypt for more than 400 years from that time.)