

Through the Bible

Lesson 3

Old
Testament

Genesis 36-50

Key Verse:
Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

1. How did Rachel die? Who are Jacob's two favorite boys? Does favoritism cause problems?
2. Who is the mother of Judah? Why is the genealogy of Judah so important?
3. Notice that the descendants of Essau are the Edomites. (you will hear more about them later).
4. What is Jacob's other name?
5. Why did Joseph's brothers dislike him? How did Joseph end up in Egypt?
6. What shortfalls do we see in the life of Judah (Chapter 38)?
7. What kind of person is Joseph? What keeps happening to him even in the midst of the bad times and how does he react to his challenges?
8. What special gifts does Joseph have that gets him out of prison?
9. Why did Joseph ultimately end up in Egypt and what does this tell us about God and how he works?
10. How did Joseph treat his brothers once he comes in contact with them. If they were your brothers, how would you treat them?
11. What lessons do we learn from the life of Joseph that could be applied to our lives?
12. Read Romans 8:28. How does this apply to the life of Joseph and us?
13. What type of governing system did Joseph establish in Egypt (47:26)? Why did he have to do this? Would such a system work in our society today? Why or why not?
14. Read Genesis 49:9-10. Who will descend from the line of Judah?
- 15.. What new burial practice did Joseph initiate into his family in 50:1-3?
16. How did Joseph treat his brothers after his father's death?

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Lesson 2

New
Testament

Matthew
12-15:20

Key Verse:
Matthew 14:27

But immediately
Jesus spoke to
them, saying,
"Take heart; it is I.
Do not be afraid."

1. What does Jesus say about the Sabbath day (12:1-13)?
2. What is the unforgivable sin (12:32)?
3. What does Jesus say about Jonah in 12:39-42? Is Jonah an actual historical account or a fish tale?
4. Where do we fit into the family of Jesus (12:48-49)?
5. How does the parable of the sower apply to our world? To your life? What does it tell us about the Word of God?
6. Explain the parable of the weeds?
7. Why did Jesus speak in parable (13:34-35)?
8. How was Jesus treated in his hometown? Notice how Jesus responds in 13:57-58.
9. How did Jesus react to the death of John the Baptist? What does that tell us about Jesus?
10. Did Jesus only care about the spiritual needs for the people? What else did he do?
11. Why could Peter not walk on water? Who saved him? What symbolism do we see in this?
12. How does Jesus treat the Pharisees? Why does he treat them that way?