

GENESIS 44



- Joseph as a “type” of Yeshua
- Type means “Pattern”, not a pre-incarnation
- Brothers dine with Joseph, Benjamin gets 5 times as much (the royal portion)
- Again, the bags of silver are placed into the grain sacks

JOSEPH'S DIVINING BOWL

- The “cup” was really a bowl
- Seer's used the bowl for “divining”
- Unlikely Joseph employed the bowl for divining, but he kept up appearances
- Joseph looked Semitic, but dressed in the Egyptian fashion
- It was common knowledge that Semites were ruling over Egypt



DEATH IS THE WAY OF THE BROTHERS



- The one who has Joseph's divining bowl in his sack should die!
- Bowl found in Benjamin's sack
- Killed all the males of Shechem for the rape of Dinah
- Tried to kill Joseph
- Judah ordered Tamar killed

A TURNING POINT

- Brothers decide to stay with Benjamin
- Judah acts as spokesman
- Judah confesses: they are innocent of stealing the cup or money
- BUT...they are guilty of their many wrong doings



JOSEPH: A TYPE OF MESSIAH

- **Salvation Principle #1:** YOU and only you are responsible for your sins. You are NOT responsible for the sins of others.
- **Salvation Principle #2:** It is useless to plead innocence to the Lord. All the hidden things are known to God. All are infested with sin.
- **Divination:** Means a human attempting to use the power of gods to discern hidden things.
- Often it is but a hoax.
- Sometimes Satan will supply the power.
- At times, God provided the power to see things (the Prophets)

“...you who are the EQUAL of the Pharaoh...”



- Joseph appointed to power by Pharaoh
- Has power equal to the Pharaoh
- But Joseph is NOT Pharaoh!
- Good picture of relationship between Father and Son (Yeshua)
- Yeshua wields full power and authority of the Father
- But, Yeshua is NOT the Father, He is “the Word”
- There is one-ness and equality, yet there is a subservience of Yeshua to Yehoveh

MESSIANIC FORESHADOW



- Matt.5:17 “..do not think I have come to abolish....”
- Jews study the Tanach just as Jesus studied the Tanach
- Rabbis saw the Messianic element of Joseph
- Lord’s Prayer is part of Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6)
- We do not pray TO Jesus but to the FATHER
- Jesus didn’t pray to Himself
- Judah’s “prayer” of confession to Joseph is perhaps 2nd only to Lord’s Prayer as good example of praying to “Our Father”

GENESIS 45: FORGIVENESS

- Judah confessed his guilt and pled for mercy
- He offered his life in place of Benjamin
- Joseph could not contain himself and wept tears of joy and pain
- What must Jesus have felt hanging on that Cross?
- “Eloi, Eloi, L'mah sh'vaktani?”



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

- Joseph saved Israel's *physical* life
- Yeshua saved Israel's *eternal* life
- All who are joined to Israel's covenants by faith in Yeshua are saved!
- Joseph ordered that his clan be brought to Egypt to care for them
- Jesus told his disciples to "feed my sheep"



A PLACE PREPARED FOR ISRAEL

The Land Of Goshen



- Pharaoh gave Israel the “best” of the land to live in
- Joseph suggested Goshen to Pharaoh
- Goshen had wonderful pasture land, perfect for grazing sheep
- Was away from the bulk of Egyptian population
- Egyptians considered shepherds to be of low-class
- Goshen allowed Israel a place to grow and prosper

DO NOT QUARREL ON YOUR JOURNEY

- Joseph sends gifts to his father, and asks him to come to Egypt
- Joseph tells his brothers “do not quarrel”
- WE are expected to avoid quarreling on our journey with God
- Unity is NOT “a million bodies and one MIND”
- Unity is “a million bodies and one HEART”
- Unity is NOT consensus
- It is union in Christ
- Jacob finds out Joseph is alive and well, and he is filled with peace

