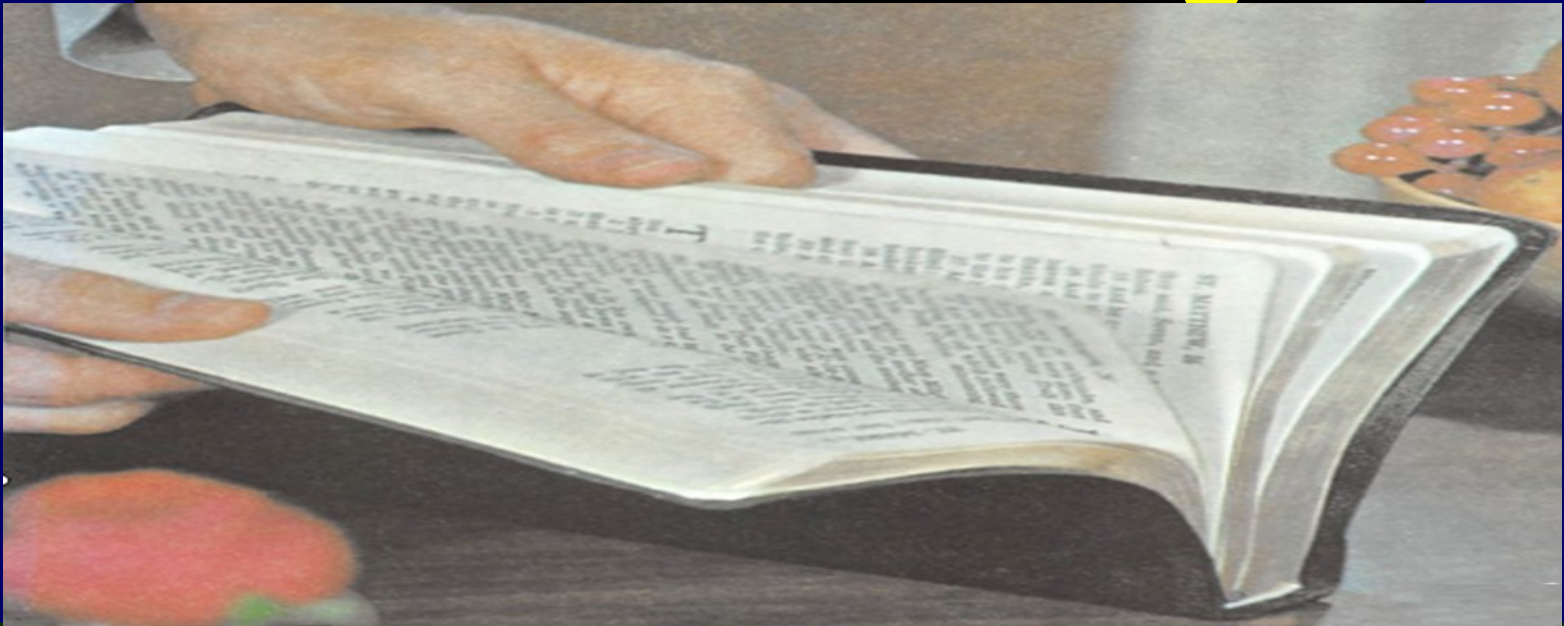


Visualized Bible Study Series Part 1-b The Patriarchal Age.



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JACOB & JOSEPH next Bible characters.

Jacob, one of **Isaac's** twin sons,
eventually **became the father of twelve sons.**

Among these twelve was Joseph,
one of the best known men of the Bible.

Genesis 35:22-26;

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JOSEPH WAS THE FIRSTBORN SON
of Jacob's beloved wife.

Rachel, and was born after his father was old.

Therefore, **Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph** more
than all his children & made a coat of many colours.

**Because of this partiality
the older brothers resented Joseph.**

Despite his troubled life, Joseph found happiness
because of his deep faith in the Heavenly Father.

Genesis 37:3-4;



Joseph's dream Gen 37:3-4;

“WHILE STILL A BOY Joseph dreamed that sheaves and planets bowed down to him, predicting that his brothers and parents were some day to bow before him. These dreams increased his brothers' envy, but later events fulfilled these predictions. God was speaking to Joseph through these dreams.”



WHEN JOSEPH WAS ABOUT 17 YEARS OLD

his father, Jacob, sent him
to see about the welfare of his brothers
who were herding sheep some 70 miles away.

This was a dangerous errand
since Joseph's brothers hated him.

He departed, little knowing that
he would not see his father again
for 22 years.

“JOSEPH IN EGYPT” is an accurate title
for the remainder of Joseph's life.

We shall see how **Joseph was sold into Egypt**
and eventually how **he was exalted**
to **second highest position overall Egypt.**

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Genesis 37:17-35;

WHEN JOSEPH ARRIVED at his brothers camp, they took him prisoner, **stripped him of his beautiful coat and cast him into the pit.**

In spite of Joseph's pitiful pleas for mercy, **his brothers ruthlessly sold him as a slave** to a caravan of traders heading for Egypt.



Genesis 37:17-35;

**They dipped his many coloured coat
in goat's blood and returned it
to the father to deceive him
into concluding that his favourite son
had been killed by a wild beast.**



IN EGYPT Joseph was sold to **Potiphar**, captain of the guard.

Potiphar soon placed **Joseph** over all his financial affairs, a position which carried with it much prestige.



Things went well
Until **Potiphar's wife**
fell in love with Joseph.

When he did not respond to her,
she falsely accused Joseph
of making advances.



**Potiphar, Her husband
sentenced Joseph to prison.**
Genesis 37:36; 39:1; Genesis 39:2-20;



SO EVEN IN PRISON Joseph continued to **experience God's protection and care.** Joseph was soon placed in charge of all the other prisoners.

God also **empowered Joseph** to **interpret the dreams** of Pharaoh's butler and baker, who were in prison.

The butler dreamed that he again served wine to the king.

The baker dreamed that his bread was eaten by birds.

Joseph told **the butler** that his dream meant that **he would be restored**. He told **the baker** that his dream meant **he would be hanged**. **Both predictions came true.** Genesis 39:21-40:23;



ABOUT TWO YEARS LATER
Pharaoh had a dream.

He saw seven fat cows
come up out of the Nile River.

The fat cows were eaten by seven lean cows,
but the lean cows grew no fatter.

Genesis 41:1-4.



IN A SIMILAR DREAM the king saw **seven full ears of grain** swallowed up by **seven lean ears**, but the lean ears grew no larger.

**None of the king's wise men.
magicians or servants
were able to interpret the dreams.**

Genesis 41:5-8;



FINALLY, THE KING'S BUTLER remembered how Joseph had interpreted his dream in prison two years previously.

Immediately Pharaoh summoned Joseph from prison **to interpret his dreams.**



After stating that
only God could interpret dreams,
Joseph revealed that
the fat cows and fat ears of grain
meant **seven years of plenty.**

But the lean cows and lean ears meant
that a **seven year famine** would follow.
Genesis 41:9-37;

THE KING WAS SO IMPRESSED
that he placed Joseph
in charge of gathering grain
for the coming famine.

Joseph was exalted to be the ruler of all
Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself.



In recent years great **underground bins** have been discovered in Egypt resembling huge cisterns, with hundreds of tons capacity.

Scholars believe that these bins are **the ruins of ancient granaries.**

Genesis 41:38-45.

AFTER SEVEN PROSPEROUS YEARS,
the world, including the land of Canaan,
was struck by a general famine.

Joseph's brothers were forced
to come from Canaan to Egypt
and stand before Joseph to obtain food.

But after 21 years they did not recognize him.



Now we see the **brothers**
Bowing before Joseph
just as his childhood dreams
had predicted.
Genesis 41:53-42:8;



LATER, JOSEPH IDENTIFIED HIMSELF
to his brothers and told them
that **he forgave them**
for having sold him into slavery.



He then introduced his brothers to Pharaoh who welcomed them to Egypt.

At Pharaoh's invitation their father Jacob, and all of his descendants moved to Egypt and settled in Goshen, one of Egypt's choicest areas.'



**There they dwelled for several generations,
growing into a mighty people
who came to be known as
the children of Israel or Israelites.
Gen 45:1; 46:28; Exodus 1:7;**

JOSEPH DIED when he was 110 years old. Just before his death, knowing that his people would some day return to the promised land,

Joseph directed that his body be preserved and carried back with them **to be buried in the land of Canaan.**



**This last wish was carried out
under the leadership
of Moses and Joshua
many years later.**

**Genesis 50:22-26; Hebrews 11:22;
Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32;.**

MOSES BIRTH – Exodus 2;

MOSES BIRTH occurred
many years after Joseph died.

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**A new ruler came to the Egyptian throne
who began to persecute Joseph's people
in spite of all that Joseph had done for Egypt.**

**He made their lives unbearable
through merciless slavery
and other inhuman treatment.**

Moses was born during his reign.

Acts 7:17-20;

THE LIFE OF MOSES:- Exodus 1:8-11;

TO REDUCE THE NUMBER of Israelites in Egypt, the wicked king had ordered that all male children should be thrown into the Nile River at birth.

In order to save her son's life, **Moses' mother** prepared a special basket and **set baby Moses afloat** on the Nile River in the reeds just off shore.
Exodus 2:1-4;



THE LIFE OF MOSES:- Exodus 2:7-10;

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER FOUND THE BABY

Moses and loved him immediately.

She decided to rear him in the royal palace as her own son. In the providence of God, the princess allowed **Miriam, Moses' sister, to select a Hebrew nurse for the child.**

In this way **Moses' own mother Jochebed was employed to take care of him.**



THE LIFE OF MOSES:- Exodus 2:11-14;

WITH HIS OWN MOTHER for his nurse,
Moses learned that he was one
of God's chosen people, a Hebrew or Israelite.

As Moses grew older he became more and more
unhappy at the cruel treatment his people received
at the hands of the merciless Egyptians.



THE LIFE OF MOSES:- Exodus 2:11-15;
MOSES RESENTMENT FOR THE EGYPTIANS
continued to intensify until **at the age of 40**
he **killed an Egyptian slave-driver** whom
he **saw beating** one of his fellow Hebrews.



THE LIFE OF MOSES:- Exodus 2:11-15;

Moses had **made his choice** to **defend God's people** rather than to enjoy the opportunities of the king's palace.

Fearing for his life Moses fled into the land of Midian where he served as a shepherd in the wilderness for 40 years.

Acts 7:23-30;



MOSES FREED ISRAEL after God
had made him ready for the task.

The many challenges of the wilderness
helped to prepare Moses for the greatest work
of his life, **leading God's people
out of Egyptian slavery**

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GOD`S CALL CAME to Moses in a very unusual way. He spoke to Moses from **a bush that was on fire** but did not burn up.

"Moses, Moses, put off your shoes from off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Come now, therefore, and I will send you unto Pharaoh, **that you may bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.**"

(Exodus 3:4, 10;) Exodus 3:1-2; Acts 7:30-34;



MOSES RETURNED TO EGYPT

and was welcomed by the enslaved Israelites.

Working with his brother, **Aaron**,
as his spokesman,
Moses set out to free his people.

Exodus 4:27-31;



MOSES AND AARON had been allowed to appear before Pharaoh to make known their mission.

During their first interview Pharaoh had replied with contempt,
**"Who is the Lord
that I should obey His voice?"**

During a later visit, in order to prove God's power, **Aaron threw down his rod before the king and it became a snake.**

Exodus 5:1, 2; Exodus 7:8-10;.

AT FIRST PHARAOH was not impressed
because his court magicians
also produced snakes.

**But then Aaron's snake
swallowed all the other snakes!**



This demonstrated
that no other power could cope
with **the power of Almighty God.**

But Pharaoh was stubborn
and denied the Israelites their freedom.
Exodus 7:11-13;



MOSES IMMEDIATELY DEMANDED
that Pharaoh release the Israelites.
Again Pharaoh refused.

**As a result, he and his people suffered
many plagues at the hand of God.**

God cursed the Egyptians with **ten great plagues** including lice, frogs, water turning to blood, thick darkness, and other calamities.

Each plague showed God's power over one of the many gods worshipped by the Egyptians.

Exodus 7:14-10:29;



INSTEAD OF RELEASING the Israelites,
Pharaoh increased their burdens.

As the Israelites continued to call upon God
for deliverance, He heard their cry.



**Having already cursed the land of Egypt
with nine of the plagues, God said to Moses.**

**“Yet will I bring one plague more
upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt;
afterwards he will let you go.”
(Exodus 11:1;)**

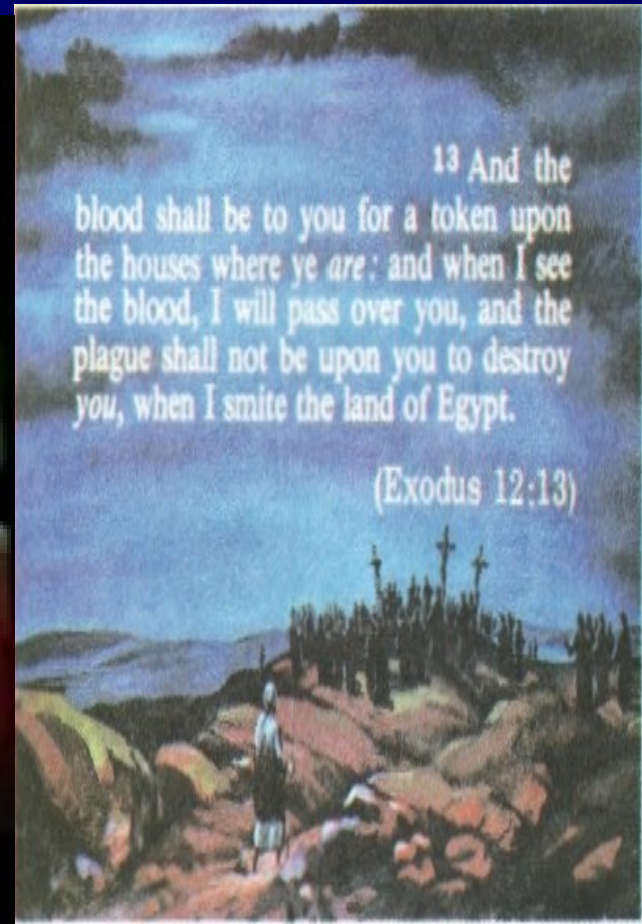
TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE against the last plague.

**God instructed each family to kill a lamb
and sprinkle the blood on the top and side
of the door opening.**



The last plague was to be the death of the firstborn male of man and beast in all Egypt except among the Israelites where the blood was on the doors.

Exodus 12:1-7; Exodus 11:4-7;



GOD SAID "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and **when I see the blood**, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."
(Exodus 12:13;)

The blood of a lamb saved the Israelites from death. Later we will learn how the **blood of Jesus saves us** from past sins when we obey Him in becoming Christians.
1 Peter 1:18-19, 22.

IN KEEPING WITH HIS PROMISE
the Lord came at midnight
and **death entered** every house in Egypt,
where the blood was not found.

Even the king's palace did not escape.
His eldest son was found dead after midnight.



Following this calamity, **Pharaoh** ordered the Israelites to leave Egypt immediately.

But after they were well on their way out of Egypt, **the king changed his mind** and led the Egyptian army to overtake them.
Exodus 14:5-9;



1. The Patriarchal age

WE HAVE STUDIED the historical account
of **the Patriarchal Age:**

**The Garden of Eden, Sacrifice for Sin,
Wickedness, the Flood,
Abraham and Isaac,
Jacob and Joseph, Joseph in Egypt,
Moses' Birth, and Moses Frees Israel.**

**Our next study will deal
with the
MOSAIC AGE Of Bible History.**

**Wilderness Journey
Mount Sinai**

Tabernacle Canaan

Judges Kings

Divided Kingdom Judah Israel

Prophets

Jesus Birth

Jesus Ministry

AS THE ISRAELITES LEFT Egypt by the order of Pharaoh, they were experiencing freedom for the first time after generations of slavery.

But they soon learned that other crises had to be faced and that they were continually in need of God's care and protection.



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