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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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God's Prerogative in Election

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 25

Scripture: Genesis 27:1–28:9

Memory Verse: “For the nation and kingdom which will serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.” (Isaiah 60:12)

Lesson Truth: God elected Jacob to carry the covenant promise. God elects because He is God.

Lesson

We serve a wonderful Lord. He worked out His plan to save mankind. He did this even though the people He worked with were sinful. God did not allow Isaac to give Esau the blessing of Abraham. God elected Jacob to be the son of promise.

Isaac was old and he could no longer see. He called his oldest son, Esau. He asked Esau to hunt some game and prepare a tasty meal for him. Isaac promised Esau he would give him the blessing of Abraham when Esau came back with the game. This was not right for Isaac to do. He knew that Jacob should have the blessing, but he preferred Esau.

Rebekah heard Isaac ask Esau to hunt some game. Rebekah knew that Jacob should have the blessing. God told her so before the twins were born. God told Rebekah the older would serve the younger. Rebekah did not wait for the Lord to work things out. She decided to help Jacob trick Isaac. She told Jacob to hurry and get a lamb. She said she would prepare the lamb the way Esau prepared his game. She told Jacob to take the lamb she prepared and go in to Isaac. Rebekah wanted Jacob to pretend he was Esau. She wanted to trick Isaac into giving the blessing to Jacob.

Jacob was afraid the trick of pretending to be Esau would not work. He was afraid Isaac would know he was Jacob and not Esau. He was afraid because he had smooth skin and Esau was hairy. Rebekah told Jacob not to be afraid. She had Jacob dress in Esau's clothes. She then put the skins of the animals on Jacob's hands and on his neck. In this way they would trick Jacob's blind father. Jacob was also willing to lie to his father. When Isaac asked him, “Are you really my son Esau?” He said, “I am.”

Isaac then gave the blessing of Abraham to his son Jacob. When Esau came with his game Isaac knew he had been tricked. Esau cried out and begged Isaac for a blessing. Isaac could only tell him he would live by the sword. Esau then hated his brother. He said he would kill Jacob after Isaac died.

Because Esau hated Jacob and said he would kill him Jacob had to run away. He had to go to Padan Aram. Isaac then began to understand that Jacob was the promised son. He was the son who was to receive the promise of Abraham. In faith Isaac told him not to take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. Jacob had to marry a daughter of God's people. Jacob was the one elected to carry the promise. The Redeemer would come from Jacob's children. What a wonder to see how God works. In spite of sinful people doing sinful things the promise of Abraham was given to the right person.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. Isaac said to Esau, "Make me savory food—that my soul may _____ you before I _____." (Gen. 27:4)
2. Now _____ was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. (Gen. 27:5)
3. Jacob said to his father, "I am _____ your firstborn." (Gen. 27:19)
4. He blessed him and said: "Surely the _____ of my son is like the _____ of a field." (Gen. 27:27)
5. "Therefore, may God give you of the _____ of _____." (Gen. 27:28)
6. "Let peoples serve you, and _____ bow down to you?" (Gen. 27:29)

God's Primacy in the Covenant

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 26

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

Memory Verse: “And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.” (Genesis 35:7)

Lesson Truth: The Lord talked with Jacob in a dream and gave him the promises of the covenant.

Lesson

Jacob left home to get away from Esau. He had to leave because Esau planned to kill him. Jacob got the blessing from Isaac by pretending to be Esau. The blessing was his, but he did not understand it was God who gave it to him. After God talked to him at Bethel, Jacob knew it was the Lord who chose him.

God helped Jacob understand the covenant in a wonderful way. Jacob left home and felt all alone. As he traveled to Haran night came. He had to sleep outdoors. Jacob found a stone to use for a pillow. As he slept, he had a wonderful dream. He dreamed he saw a ladder that reached to heaven. There were angels going up and down on the ladder. Above the ladder he saw the Lord.

The Lord told Jacob some wonderful things. He told Jacob that He was the God of Abraham and of Isaac. He gave Jacob the same promises He had given to Abraham and to Isaac. These were the promises of the covenant. There was one great promise of the covenant. God promised that in Jacob's seed all the families of the earth would be blessed. This meant the Redeemer would come from Jacob's children.

Jacob was changed when he awoke. Now he knew that the Lord made the covenant. Jacob was surprised that the Lord would speak to him in a dream. He said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” He was also afraid. He was afraid because God's grace is so great. God's grace could reach a sinful man like Jacob. He exclaimed, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” (Gen. 28:17). Jacob could not imagine he could be where God was. He could not imagine that God would talk to him. He wanted to remember this place

forever. He took the stone he used for a pillow and set up a pillar. He called the place, Bethel. It would remind him that God would always be with him.

Jacob then made vow to the Lord. A vow is a sure promise. He promised he would remember to serve the Lord when he came back to Bethel. He also promised he would give the Lord a tenth of everything the Lord gave him. Jacob would always remember Bethel. Bethel is a place where the Lord is present. He wanted the whole country to be a Bethel. Because the Redeemer has come, the whole world should be our Bethel.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. And he took one of the _____ of that place and put it at his head.
(Gen. 28:11)
2. Then he dreamed and behold a _____ was set up—its top reached to heaven. (Gen. 28:12)
3. The Lord said, “I am the Lord God of _____ your father.
(Gen. 28:13)
4. The Lord said, “In your seed all the _____ of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 28:14)
5. Jacob said, “Surely the _____ is in this place and I did not know it.”
(Gen. 28:16)
6. And he called the name of that place _____ . (Gen. 28:19)

The Word Becomes Flesh

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 27

Scripture: Genesis 29–30

Memory Verse: “And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, ‘I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you, I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.’” (Genesis 26:24)

Lesson Truth: God’s promise to Abraham began to be fulfilled when He gave Jacob children.

Lesson

Our story today is a wonderful story. It is a story about how God keeps a promise. God began to fulfill His promise to Abraham by giving sons to Jacob. God did this even though Jacob and his family did sinful things.

Jacob had talked with the Lord at Bethel. Now he journeyed alone to Haran. He came to a place where there was a well. He saw three flocks of sheep by the well. The sheep would be watered from the well. Jacob asked the shepherds if they knew Laban, his uncle. They said they knew Laban, and they said, “Look his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep.”

Jacob greeted Rachel and told her he was the son of Rebekah, her father’s sister. Rachel hurried to tell her father that Jacob had come. When Laban heard that Jacob had come, he ran to meet him. He treated Jacob as a relative and invited him to his house. After a time Laban saw that Jacob was a good shepherd. He asked Jacob to work for him. He asked Jacob what he should be paid.

Jacob saw this as a way to get what he wanted. He wanted Laban’s beautiful daughter, Rachel, for a wife. He told Laban he would work for seven years for Rachel. The Bible tells us that Jacob loved Rachel, so the seven years seemed like only a few days. Imagine Jacob’s surprise when he was given Leah instead of Rachel. He asked Laban why he chose to deceive him. As an excuse Laban said it was the custom to have the oldest marry first. Then greedy Laban asked Jacob to agree to work another seven years for Rachel. All of this made Jacob feel like a stranger in Laban’s home. This was the Lord’s way of making sure Jacob would return to Canaan the Land of Promise.

Because Jacob had a number of wives there was a lot of jealousy in his family. God saw that Jacob loved Rachel, so He made it that Leah could have children. Leah had four sons. Her son's names show that she sought the Lord. Each of the names showed that she was aware of God's covenant. She named her fourth son Judah. This was the son from whose line the Redeemer would come. God finally made it possible for Rachel to also have a son. In spite of the jealousy, God chose Jacob's family. God allowed Jacob's sons to become the heads of the tribes of His chosen nation. The covenant promise made to Abraham was being fulfilled in Jacob's sons.

Before Jacob fled from Laban with his family and his flocks, God made him very wealthy. God's grace overcame Jacob's deceit for the sake of his promise to Abraham.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. The shepherds said, "And look his daughter _____ is coming with the sheep." (Gen. 29:6)
2. "Then Jacob _____ Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept." (Gen. 29:11)
3. Jacob said, "I will serve you _____ years for Rachel your younger daughter." (Gen. 29:18)
4. "Then _____ remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb." (Gen. 30:22)
5. "So she called his name _____ and said, 'the Lord shall add to me another son.'" (Gen. 30:24)
6. Laban said, "I have learned by experience that the _____ has blessed me for your sake." (Gen. 30:27b)

Separation by the Word

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 28

Scripture: Genesis 31

Memory Verse: “But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, ‘Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.’” (Genesis 31:24)

Lesson Truth: God told Jacob to leave Laban and to return to the land of his fathers.

Lesson

Jacob worked for twenty years for Laban. Fourteen of those years he worked for his two wives, Rachel and Leah. In all those years Laban was jealous of the way Jacob was blessed. The Bible tells us that Laban did not look at Jacob with approval. It seemed that the differences between Jacob and Laban caused them to separate. But that is not true. They separated because God told Jacob to go back to his father’s house. They separated because of the Word of the Lord.

Laban showed that he did not like Jacob. Laban’s sons also thought Jacob had cheated them. They thought this because Jacob had so very much livestock. The truth was that Jacob had a lot of livestock because God had blessed him. Just when Jacob felt that Laban no longer liked him, God spoke to him. God told Jacob to return to Canaan.

Jacob called his wives, Rachel and Leah, and told them it was time to leave. They had to leave their father’s house. Jacob’s wives agreed with him. They understood that God had taken the livestock from their father and given it to Jacob. So they helped Jacob sneak away from their father’s house when Laban was away.

Three days after they left, Laban found out. He was very angry. He took some servants and went after Jacob. He did not want Jacob to leave with all the livestock. He wanted to take some possessions away from Jacob. God did not allow this to happen. Jacob was the promised son. The Redeemer was to come from Jacob’s children. God talked to Laban in a dream. He told Laban not to make Jacob come back to Haran. Laban finally had to understand that God blessed Jacob. He had to understand that God told Jacob to leave. He had to understand that God had chosen Jacob to be the promised son.

Laban tried to scold Jacob for leaving without telling him. He pretended that he was angry because he wanted to make a feast for Jacob. Jacob was finally able to tell Laban that he had not cheated him. He was able to tell Laban that it was the God of Abraham and Isaac who watched over him. Then Laban felt ashamed and asked Jacob if they could make an agreement.

Jacob was ready to make a covenant with Laban. He took a stone and set it up for a pillar. This pillar would be a reminder that they made an agreement. They agreed that they would not pass this pillar to do each other harm. They called this pillar Mizpah. It meant, "May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "The Lord said to _____ return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you." (Gen. 31:3)
2. "So Jacob sent and called _____ and _____ to the field, to his flock." (Gen. 31:4)
3. "So God has taken away the _____ of your father and given them to me." (Gen. 31:9)
4. "But God had come to _____ the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.'" (Gen. 31:24)
5. "Now therefore, come, let us make a _____, between you and I and let it be a witness between you and me." (Gen. 31:44)
6. "Therefore its name was called Galeed, also _____ because he said, 'May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another.'" (Gen. 31:48-49)

Lesson 5
Israel's God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 29

Scripture: Genesis 32–33

Memory Verse: “So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.’” (Genesis 32:30)

Lesson Truth: The Lord showed Jacob at Peniel, that his wrestling for the blessing of Abraham had to be with God and not with men.

Lesson

In our lesson today we will learn about Jacob’s journey to Canaan. On that journey he was afraid to meet his brother Esau. He wrestled with the Lord at Peniel. And he was able to make peace with Esau. All this happened before he arrived in Canaan.

Jacob and Laban separated at Mizpah. Now Jacob thought about Esau. Esau had been angry with him, because he got the blessing by deceit. He thought about the Lord. Was the Lord really his God? Just then the angels of God met him. God opened Jacob's eyes so he could see them. Jacob said this was God’s camp. The Lord helped him see that he was with him.

Jacob sent messengers to find Esau. The messengers said Esau was coming with four hundred men. This made Jacob very afraid. He thought Esau would attack him. Jacob divided his family and flocks into two companies. He thought if Esau attacks one company, the other one can get away. Then he prayed to God.

Jacob knew that God was the God of his fathers Abraham and Isaac. He knew that God told him to return to Canaan. Jacob asked God to keep him safe from Esau. In his prayer he remembered that God promised to take care of him. Jacob then made a present for Esau. This present was a lot of flocks and herds. He arranged the flocks and herds into groups to be sent to Esau. He thought the presents would make Esau accept him. Then the Lord showed himself to Jacob in a special way.

Jacob sent his family across the brook, Jabbock. He stayed alone on the other side. While he was alone a Man wrestled with Jacob all night. When it was almost day, the Man put Jacob’s hip out of joint. Then He asked Jacob to let Him go. But Jacob said,

“I will not let You go unless You bless me!” Now Jacob knew that his blessings came from God. He knew that the blessings did not come by deceiving his brother. The Lord gave Jacob a blessing by giving him a new name. He said his new name would be Israel. It would be Israel because he struggled with God and with men and prevailed. Jacob called the name of that place Peniel. He called it that name because he saw God face to face and yet he did not die.

Jacob then met his brother, Esau. God made it that Esau accepted him. They greeted each other by kissing each other and they cried. At last Jacob was able to get to the Promised Land. He set up his tent at Shechem. God had kept His promise.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. “When Jacob saw them he said this is _____ camp.” (Gen. 32:2)
2. “So _____ was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds into two companies.” (Gen. 32:7)
3. “Then Jacob said, O God of my father _____ and God of my father Isaac...” (Gen. 32:9)
4. “For You said, I will surely treat you well, and make your _____ as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.” (Gen. 32:12)
5. “And He said your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but _____; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.” (Gen. 32:28)
6. “Then Jacob came safely to the city of _____, which is in the land of Canaan.” (Gen. 33:18)

Lesson 6

Holy is the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 30

Scripture: Genesis 34–36

Memory Verse: “Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.” (Psalm 107:6)

Lesson Truth: The Lord made His holiness known when He told Jacob to go back to Bethel.

Lesson

When Jacob came back to Canaan he lived near Shechem. It was dangerous for Jacob to stay at Shechem. It was dangerous because his family might mix with the people of Shechem. God did not want them to mix. The Redeemer was to come from Jacob’s family. God told Jacob to go back to Bethel. Jacob listened to God after some very wicked things happened in his family.

The first wicked thing happened to Dinah, Jacob’s daughter. A man named Shechem was indecent to her. After that he wanted to marry her. Jacob knew Dinah should not marry an unbeliever. He asked his sons what he should do. Jacob’s sons made a very wicked plan to keep Dinah from marrying Shechem. They said no one who did not have the sign of the covenant could marry their sister. They were right to keep separate from the people of the land. But, their plan was wicked. They planned to attack the men of the city when they were in pain because of the sign. Jacob’s sons did a wicked thing. Yet, God used their wickedness to keep Jacob’s family separate.

After these wicked things happened Jacob listened to God. He got ready to go back to Bethel. He did not want his family to take idols to Bethel. Jacob told his family to bring all their idols to him. He hid these idols under a tree. Then he took his family to Bethel. Bethel was the place where Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching to heaven. Bethel was the place where Jacob said the Lord would be his God.

At Bethel something wonderful happened. God appeared to Jacob again. God told Jacob to remember his name was changed to Israel. He promised Jacob that his family would be a great nation. God told Jacob that kings would come from his family. He told Jacob the land that once belonged to Abraham was now his.

After this Jacob knew the Lord was holy. He was now ready to go to his father, Isaac. He was ready to bring his family to his father. He wanted his family to know that they would get the blessing of Abraham and Isaac. On the way to his father Rachel died. Rachel was the wife he loved the most. She died when her son was born. Jacob named this son, Benjamin. The name Benjamin meant, "Son of my right hand." Jacob had a lot of sorrow. God used his sorrow to help him know the Lord is holy.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "Then God said to Jacob, 'Arise, go up to _____ and dwell there.'" (Gen. 35:1a)
2. "And he built an altar there and called the place _____." (Gen. 35:7a)
3. "Then _____ appeared to _____ again." (Gen. 35: 9a)
4. "And God said to him: I am _____." (Gen. 35:11a)
5. "And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him _____?" Gen. 35:15
6. "Now the days of _____ were one hundred and eighty years." (Gen. 35:28)

Sold for Twenty Pieces of Silver

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 31

Scripture: Genesis 37–38

Memory Verse: “Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.” (Genesis 37:34)

Lesson Truth: The Lord allowed Joseph to be sold into Egypt so he could be used to save the people of Israel from famine.

Lesson

The Lord worked out His plan of salvation. He used the family of Jacob for His plan. He used Judah and Joseph in very special ways. Joseph was sold for twenty pieces of silver. This was a wicked thing for his brothers to do. Yet, the Lord used Joseph to save Jacob’s family from famine. The Lord used Judah to convince the brothers to sell Joseph. He also chose Judah’s son Perez to be in the line of Christ.

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children. Because of this his brothers hated him. They also hated him because Jacob gave him a coat of many colors. But they hated him most because he brought a bad report to Jacob. He told Jacob that his brothers were doing bad things. They hated Joseph because he wanted to do what was right. Just think how much they hated him when he told them his dreams.

Joseph told his brothers that in his dream he saw sheaves of grain. Then his sheaf stood up and all his brothers’ sheaves bowed to his sheaf. He also told them a dream about the sun, moon and stars. The sun and moon and eleven stars bowed to his star. This made the brothers angry. After Joseph told these dreams the brothers hated him even more. They never thought that the Lord sent the dreams. They not only rejected Joseph, but also God’s revelation to Joseph.

The brothers’ hatred for Joseph made them think of murder. One day Joseph was sent to find out how his brothers were doing. When they saw him coming, they planned to kill him. His oldest brother, Reuben, convinced them to put him in a pit. He wanted to find a way to bring Joseph back to his father. How sad, that the brothers never thought about what the Lord wanted. When they saw a band of Midianites coming, Judah suggested they sell Joseph. The brothers agreed, and sold him for twenty pieces of silver.

Think how evil the brothers were when they went to their father. They gave him Joseph's beautiful coat dipped in blood. They asked Jacob if it was Joseph's coat. They pretended they found what wild beasts had left. This made Jacob very sad. His evil sons tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted.

Joseph's brothers were very wicked to hate him and sell him. But we must remember that the Lord planned to use Joseph to save the family of Israel. God would save the family of Jacob so the Redeemer could come. God chose Perez the son of Judah as the father of the line of Christ.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "Now Israel loved _____ more than all his children." (Gen. 37:3a)
2. "Also, he made him a _____ of many colors." (Gen. 37:3b)
3. "Now Joseph had a _____ and he told it to his brothers." (Gen. 37:5)
4. "Then behold my _____ arose and stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood around and bowed down to my sheaf." (Gen. 37:7b)
5. "And they sold him to the Ishmaelites for _____ ." (Gen. 37:28b)
6. "Then Jacob tore his _____ and put _____ on his waist and mourned for his son many days." (Gen. 37:34)

God's Word in Egypt

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 32

Scripture: Genesis 39–41

Memory Verse: “But as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” (Genesis 50:20)

Lesson Truth: The Lord used Joseph to bring the Word of God, so Egypt would be ready to have Israel live in their land.

Lesson

God works in wonderful ways. He sent Joseph to Egypt to bring His Word. Joseph was sold as a slave. He was falsely accused and sent to prison. From prison he became a ruler in Egypt. All these things happened so God's people could be saved from famine. God needed to prepare His people to return to Canaan.

Joseph's brothers sold him to some traders. These traders took him to Egypt. They sold him to Potiphar an officer of Pharaoh. God was with Joseph and blessed whatever he did. Potiphar saw that Joseph was blessed. He put Joseph in charge of everything he had. The Lord blessed Potiphar's house because of Joseph. Being in charge was a blessing, but it was also a danger.

The danger for Joseph was that Potiphar's wife loved him. She tempted him to do wicked things. Do you know what Joseph did when she tempted him? He brought God's Word to her. He said to her: “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” Potiphar's wife did not like this. She decided to trap Joseph and lie about him. She told her husband that Joseph tried to tempt her. This made Potiphar angry. He put Joseph in prison.

The Lord was also with Joseph in prison. He made it so the prison keeper liked Joseph. The prison keeper put Joseph in charge of the prison. Because he was in charge of the prison Joseph met the king's butler and the king's baker. They were in prison because they offended the king. They each had a dream. They were sad because they did not know what their dream meant. Joseph told them that God interprets dreams. He told them what their dreams meant. He told the butler he would serve the king again. He

told the baker he would be hanged. It happened just like Joseph said. The butler served the king again but he forgot Joseph.

One day the king had some dreams. He dreamed that seven lean cows ate seven fat cows. He also dreamed that seven lean ears ate seven fat ears. The king's magicians could not tell him what they meant. Then the butler remembered Joseph. He told the king that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams. The king sent for Joseph. He asked if Joseph could tell the meaning of his dreams? Once again Joseph brought God's Word. He told Pharaoh his two dreams had the same meaning. He said, "God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do." The seven fat cows meant there would be seven years of plenty. The seven lean cows meant there would be seven years of famine. Joseph told the king he should find a wise man to store grain in the good years. Then in the years of famine they would have food.

The King thought there was no one as wise as Joseph. He made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. God used Joseph to bring His Word to Egypt. Now Egypt would be ready to have God's people live in their land.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "The _____ was with Joseph, and he was a successful man." (Gen. 39:2)
2. Joseph said, "How can I do this great _____ and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9b)
3. "But the Lord was with _____ and showed him mercy." (Gen. 39:21a)
4. Joseph said, "Do not interpretations belong to _____?" (Gen. 40:8b)
5. "This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. _____ has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do?" (Gen. 41:28)
6. "Can we find such a one as this man in whom is _____?" (Gen. 41:38b)

Lesson 9
Restored Unity

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 33

Scripture: Genesis 42–45

Memory Verse: “But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.” (Genesis 45:5)

Lesson Truth: God allowed unity to be restored to the house of Jacob after they dealt with their personal sins.

Lesson

God wanted the family of Jacob to live in unity. This had to be done so the Redeemer could come from this family. God sent Joseph to lead the family. He led them to repentance.

The famine of Pharaoh’s dreams had come. Joseph had stored grain in Egypt in the seven good years. Now the people came to buy food. Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph knew them but he was not angry. He wanted to know if they were sorry for their sin. He wanted to know if they also hated his brother Benjamin. Joseph said they were spies. He put them in prison. In prison they thought about the bad things they did to Joseph. They were sorry for what they did.

Joseph said they could bring food to their father. He kept their brother Simeon. He told them they must bring their youngest brother to Egypt. If they did not bring their youngest brother they could not buy food. Jacob’s family ate all the food they brought from Egypt. Jacob told his sons to go back to Egypt for more food. They told their father they could not go back without Benjamin. Jacob felt very bad. This was the son of Rachel the wife he loved the most.

Jacob finally let them go with Benjamin. He could not cling to Rachel. He had to cling to God. Joseph wept when he saw his brother Benjamin. He wanted to know if his brothers hated Benjamin. He told his servants to hide his cup in Benjamin’s sack. He then sent his servants to pretend that Benjamin stole his cup. Then Joseph knew his brothers loved Benjamin and their father. They would not leave without their younger brother. They pleaded for Benjamin. Judah offered to stay as a slave if Benjamin could go.

Joseph knew his brothers had changed. Now he wanted to tell them who he was. He sent out all his servants. He told his brothers he was Joseph. He was the brother they had sold. They were so afraid they could not speak. Then Joseph told not to be afraid. He told them not to be angry with themselves. Joseph said it was God who sent him to Egypt. God wanted him to save people from famine.

Now Jacob's family could live in unity. They had each been sorry for their sins. They were ready to bring their father to Egypt. Jacob had let Benjamin go and trusted God. This was the way God used Joseph to bring unity to Jacob's family.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother _____ with his brothers." (Gen. 42:4)
2. "So _____ recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him?" (Gen. 42:8)
3. "Then they said one to another, we are truly _____ concerning our brother." (Gen. 42:21)
4. Jacob said, "You have bereaved me: _____ is no more . . . and you want to take Benjamin." (Gen. 42:36)
5. "Also put my _____ the silver _____ in the mouth of the sack of the youngest." (Gen. 44:2)
6. "So now it was not you who sent me here but _____." (Gen. 45:8)

The Preserver of Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 34

Scripture: Genesis 46–47

Memory Verse: “I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes.” (Genesis 46:4)

Lesson Truth: God allowed Joseph to preserve the lives of both Israel and Egypt.

Lesson

The lives of both Israel and Egypt needed to be kept. God chose Joseph to do this. God made Joseph the leader of his family. He also made him a ruler in Egypt. Joseph brought his family to Egypt. This way they would be kept from the people of Canaan. In Egypt Joseph would keep them from the famine.

Pharaoh sent wagons to carry Joseph’s family to Egypt. Jacob wanted to see his son, Joseph. But Jacob was afraid to leave Canaan. God promised that Jacob’s children would own Canaan. So Jacob stopped on the way. He stopped at Beersheba. He offered sacrifices to God at Beersheba. God talked to Jacob in a vision. He told Jacob not to be afraid to go to Egypt. He told Jacob He would go with him. God said, “I will make of you a great nation.” This would happen when Jacob’s family lived in Egypt.

Jacob and his family then traveled to Egypt. He sent Judah ahead to find where they had to go. Judah found the way to Goshen in Egypt. Joseph then went to see his father. When he saw his father after all these years he cried. He hugged his father. His father was so happy. Jacob said all he ever wanted was to see Joseph’s face. Now he said, “I am ready to die. I have seen Joseph’s face; he is still alive.”

Joseph brought five brothers to see Pharaoh. They told Pharaoh they were shepherds. Pharaoh then said they could live in Goshen. Egyptians did not live in Goshen. Egyptians did not live where shepherds lived. This way Joseph kept his family from the people of Egypt. Jacob’s family would be separate. The Redeemer would come from God’s separate people.

Joseph brought his father to Pharaoh. Jacob went to Pharaoh’s court. God had given Jacob his covenant. Because Jacob was the leader of the covenant he blessed Pharaoh.

Pharaoh asked Jacob how old he was. Jacob said he was one hundred thirty years old. He said his life was hard. He was ready to die.

Joseph took care of his family in Goshen. He knew they were God's chosen people. He knew the Redeemer would come from his family. He also took care of the people of Egypt. They traded all their land for food. They even made themselves slaves for food.

Jacob knew his family would go back to Canaan. This was God's promise. God always keeps His promises. He asked Joseph not to bury him in Egypt. He made Joseph promise to bury his body in Canaan. He wanted to be in the same grave as Abraham and Isaac. Jacob's family would go back to Canaan. They were God's chosen people.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "Then God spoke to _____ in a vision of the night." (Gen. 46:2a)
2. "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to _____." (Gen. 46:3b)
3. "Now let me die, since I have seen your _____ because you are still alive." (Gen. 46:30b)
4. "Then Joseph brought in his father _____ and set him before Pharaoh." (Gen. 47:7a)
5. "So Jacob blessed _____ and went out from before Pharaoh." (Gen. 47:10)
6. "Please do not _____ me in Egypt." (Gen. 47:29b)

The Bringer of Peace

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 35

Scripture: Genesis 48–50

Memory Verse: “And Joseph said to his brethren, I am dying; God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” (Genesis 50:24)

Lesson Truth: Jacob told his sons that Judah would rule until Shiloh comes. Shiloh is the one who brings peace.

Lesson

God made a promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He promised that in their children all the nations would be blessed. On his deathbed Jacob spoke of this promise to his sons. He spoke of the coming of Shiloh. Shiloh is the one who brings peace.

Jacob left Canaan to live in Egypt. He did this because there was food in Egypt. Now he felt he was dying. Joseph was told that his father was dying. This ruler in Egypt went to see his dying father. He knew he was an Israelite. He belonged to the house of Jacob. He wanted to receive the promise of the covenant. Joseph took his two sons with him. He wanted them to also be part of the covenant.

Joseph came to the bed of his father. Jacob with a burst of strength sat up. He then told Joseph about God’s blessing. He told him God gave him a blessing at Luz. Now he would pass that blessing to Joseph. He told Joseph that his two sons would each be part of the blessing. Joseph’s sons would receive an equal part with Joseph’s brothers. In this way Joseph received a double portion. A double portion was usually given to the first-born. Joseph would have two tribes in Israel. Joseph was blessed as the first-born of Rachel. In this way Rachel was honored.

Joseph’s sons accepted the blessing of Jacob. They wanted to be Israelites rather than Egyptians. They wanted to be part of the promise of the covenant. Jacob crossed his hands so that his right hand rested on Ephraim. His left hand rested on Manasseh. Jacob knew the younger son would be greater than the older. As Joseph’s sons were blessed, he was again assured of God’s covenant.

Joseph did receive the blessing of the first-born. But he was not chosen as the head of the line of the Redeemer. Judah was chosen to rule the family. He would rule until the Christ would come. Jacob said, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes.” Shiloh is the one who brings peace.

Jacob was sure of God’s promise. He was certain his children would return to Canaan. He asked his sons to bury him in Canaan. He wanted to be buried at Machpelah. This was the cave where Jacob’s fathers and his wife Leah were buried. He knew that his children would live in the Promised Land. He knew that in his children all the nations would be blessed.

Joseph showed he too believed God’s promises. He was sure Jacob’s family would go back to Canaan. He asked his family to promise to bring his bones to Canaan. Both Jacob and Joseph bound the Children of Israel to Canaan. It was in the Promised Land that Shiloh would come.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. Jacob said, “_____ appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me.” (Gen. 48:3)
2. “The _____ who has redeemed me from all evil bless the lads.” (Gen. 48:16)
3. “Gather together and hear you sons of _____.” (Gen. 49:2)
4. “_____, you are he whom your brothers shall praise.” (Gen. 49:8)
5. “I have waited for your _____ O Lord!” (Gen. 49:18)
6. “Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of _____?’” (Gen. 50:19)

I Am Who I Am

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 36

Scripture: Exodus 1–4

Memory Verse: “Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.” (Psalm 30:4)

Lesson Truth: The Lord reached out to His people by calling Moses to be a mediator.

Lesson

The Lord did not forget His people in Egypt. They grew from one family to a great nation. The Lord was going to bring that nation out of Egypt. He was going to renew the covenant with them. He needed a leader to lead His people. The Lord chose Moses to be that leader. Moses would be trained in the palace of Egypt. The Lord would deliver His people from Egypt for the sake of His Holy Name.

God’s people grew to be a great nation. The Egyptians were afraid of them. They were afraid because there were so many Israelites. They decided to hurt God’s people. They made evil taskmasters harm them. The more bad things they did the more Israel grew. This was because God blessed Israel. Pharaoh then made a law that all the baby boys had to be drowned. They had to throw them into the Nile River. Pharaoh thought if there were no Israelite boys, the girls would marry boys from Egypt. God was getting His people ready to meet Him. They had to learn to look to God for help.

God also wanted to get Moses ready to lead His people. God worked in the heart of Moses’ parents. He had them hide Moses for three months. God also led them to put Moses in a basket so Pharaoh’s daughter would find him. Because Pharaoh’s daughter found him he was brought to the king’s court. At the king’s court he learned all the wisdom of Egypt. But Moses did not want to be an Egyptian. He wanted to be with God’s people. When he grew up he visited the people of Israel. He saw an Egyptian hurt an Israelite. He killed the Egyptian. This made the king angry. He wanted to kill Moses. Moses ran away to Midian. Here the Lord taught him to wait for God.

Moses tended sheep in Midian. One day he was watching the sheep. He saw a strange thing. He saw a bush burning with fire. But the bush did not burn up. God talked to Moses from the bush. God told Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses did not

think he could lead God's people. He did not think he was good enough for this important work. God promised to go with him. Moses learned to trust God. He asked God this question: What shall I tell the people when they ask who sent you to lead us? God told Moses to tell them His name. His name is: "I Am Who I Am." He said tell them, "I Am sent me to you." Now Moses knew that God would free His people. He knew God did this for His Holy name. Moses became the person between God's people and Pharaoh.

Moses was now ready to lead God's people. God told Moses his brother Aaron would go with him. Aaron would speak for him. God would bring His people out of Egypt. Moses would be their leader. God would bring them to Mt. Sinai. At Mt. Sinai God would give them His promise again. This promise is called His covenant.

Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know _____."
(Exodus 1:8)
2. "So she had compassion on him, and said, 'this is one of the _____ children.'" (Exodus 2:6b)
3. "And the child grew, and she brought him to _____ and he became her son." (Exodus 2:10)
4. "Come now therefore, I will send you to _____ that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10)
5. "But Moses said to _____, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?'"
(Exodus 3:11)
6. "Thus shall you say to the children of Israel _____ has sent you to me."
(Exodus 3:14b)