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SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 44:18-47:27; 19:26
- Luke 9:61-62; 24:20-48
- Philippians 3:7-16; 2:9-11
- II Corinthians 5:17-19
- Ephesians 4:17-24
- Colossians 3:8-11
- Romans 6:1-7
- Luke 2:25-30

DON'T LOOK BACK!

- Sent to Preserve Life
- Y'shua / Joseph Comparison
- Leave What is Behind
- Don't Drag in Your Old Life
- A New Creature
- I Can Die Now
- Voluntary Slaves!
- The Great Harvest

THEME: DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR PAST

"When Pharaoh's household heard the message "Joseph's brothers have arrived," both Pharaoh and his servants were pleased. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Give your brothers these instructions: Load your pack animals and go back to the land of Canaan. Get your father and your households and come back to me. Let me provide you with good things from the land of Egypt so that you may eat the land's best food. Give them these instructions too: Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your children and wives, and pick up

your father and come back. **Don't worry about your possessions because you will have good things from the entire land of Egypt.**"

Genesis 45:16-20 CEB

"Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "Let me go up and inform Pharaoh and tell him, 'My brothers and my father's household who were in the land of Canaan have arrived. The men are shepherds, because they own livestock. **They've brought with them their flocks and herds and everything they own.**'" Genesis 46:31-32 CEB

OUTCOME: PURSUE THE UPWARD CALL!

"It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me **for just this purpose**. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but **I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me**. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's **upward call** in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14) "When Lot's wife **looked back**, she turned into a pillar of salt." (Genesis 19:26) "Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow **and looks back** is fit for God's kingdom.'" (Luke 9:61-62)

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The portion begins with the dramatic unveiling of Joseph's true identity and his reconciliation with his brothers. It then proceeds to tell the story of the migration of Jacob's family to Egypt and the rest of the famine years. We begin to set the stage for the Egyptian captivity of the sons of Jacob.
2. Judah appeals for Benjamin: He tells Joseph about his father's attachment and fear of letting Benjamin go to Egypt and how he absolutely cannot go back to Canaan without him.
3. Jacob had said: "If you take this one from me too, something terrible will happen to him, and you will send me—old as I am—to my grave in despair."
4. Judah emphasizes how he had guaranteed Benjamin's safety when he pleaded with Jacob to take him to Egypt, emphasizing to his father that they cannot go back without him or they would be deemed spies (Simeon would likely die).
5. Judah begs to take Benjamin's place as Joseph's slave—anything instead having to hurt his father so badly [AGAIN!] by not returning with Benjamin!
6. Judah's authentic love for Benjamin and Jacob pierces Joseph's heart (Certainly his hard-hearted brothers have changed)

7. Joseph is so moved with emotions that he clears the room and reveals his identity.
8. "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?"
9. His brother's first reaction is terror! They think they are doomed!
10. You can see the depth of emotions here by the very nature of Joseph's revelation. "Is my father really still alive?" So, curious as there have been multiple conversations about Jacob and the entire narrative has focused on how devastated he would be if something happened to Benjamin. OF COURSE HE'S ALIVE but Joseph's depth of emotion is seemingly immeasurable in the moment!
11. The timing here is that we are 2 years into the famine which means Joseph is about 39 years old. And Jacob has believed he's dead for 22 years!
12. Then the most extraordinary revelation come out of Joseph's mouth: "Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives **[deliver you, save you, be your salvation, Y'shua]**. God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt."

13. Joseph now excitedly sends his brothers back to get their dad and the whole family so that they can live near him in Goshen with all their flocks and herds **[this is a key point as it is not exactly what Pharaoh says when Joseph asks him permission to do so!]**
14. “Go tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you’ve seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.
15. This is what Pharaoh says when he hears the news: “Give your brothers these instructions: Load your pack animals and go back to the land of Canaan. Get your father and your households and come back to me. Let me provide you with good things from the land of Egypt so that you may eat the land’s best food. **Give them these instructions too:** Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your children and wives, and pick up your father and come back. **Don’t worry about your possessions because you will have good things from the entire land of Egypt.” [Leave your old stuff behind]**
16. The sons return to get the family, “Joseph’s still alive! He’s actually ruler of all the land of Egypt!”
17. Israel [Jacob] is overwhelmed. “This is too much! My son Joseph is still alive! Let me go and see him **[the salvation of Israel]** before I die.” [This seems very much like the words of Simeon in the New Testament when he says he just wants to live long

enough to see Y'shua the Messiah and then he can die in peace.]

18. It had been revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Yahweh's Messiah. So when Y'shua's parents brought Him to the temple to be dedicated according to the custom of the law, Simeon took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Yahweh, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; **For my eyes have seen Your salvation** which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."" (Luke 2:25-32)
19. Israel packs to move to Egypt and Yahweh says to him in a vision to not be afraid to go and that He will make him a great nation there.
20. "I will go down to Egypt with you, and I promise to bring you out again. Joseph will close your eyes when you die."
21. **Here is where it gets glitchy!** Israel's sons put their father Jacob, their children, and their wives on the wagons Pharaoh had sent to carry him. **And they take all their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in the land of Canaan with them.** [THIS IS NOT WHAT PHARAOH SAID TO DO. HE TOLD THEM TO LEAVE THEIR STUFF BACK IN CANAAN AND THAT THEY WOULD GET ALL NEW STUFF!] **If Joseph the image of**

Y'shua in this story (the deliverer), then Pharaoh is the image of Yahweh and ultimately we are bound to His instructions!

22. The portion goes on to name all of Jacob's household who migrate from Canaan to Egypt (Goshen)—totaling 70.
23. When Jacob arrives, he throws his arms around Joseph and weeps, Now "I can die now after seeing your face. You are really still alive!" [Like Simeon]
24. Joseph tells Pharaoh they have arrived and instructs his family to tell him they are all shepherds which Egyptian's consider second class citizens—this is so they'd be given the fertile land of Goshen to raise livestock.
25. Joseph goes in to inform Pharaoh, "**My father and brothers with their flocks, herds, and everything they own** have come from the land of Canaan and are now in the land of Goshen." [This would seem to be a complete contradiction of Pharaoh's orders.] *"Don't worry about your possessions because you will have good things from the entire land of Egypt."*
26. Pharaoh gives them Goshen and even asks them to take care if his livestock.
27. Jacob is 130 years old and he blesses Pharaoh.
28. As the famine rages on the people spend all their silver; then in the next year, all their livestock; then in the next year they give

all their land and even their very bodies to Pharaoh of food!
(except for the priest).

29. So Pharaoh owned everything, the money, the animals, the land and the people. He gives the people seed and they forever must give him back 1/5th of what they produce!

30. And the people are grateful to become slaves of the King [How prophetic is this! We are happy to become the bondservant of the King!]

31. The people said, "You've saved our lives. If you wish, we will be Pharaoh's slaves." So Joseph made a law that still exists today:

32. **This is the exact prophetic picture of these words of Y'shua in Matthew 24:** *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods."* Matthew 24:45-47

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(b) Ruler of the household = Joseph

(c) Provider of food in due season (famine) = Joseph!

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(e) Why? Because it will produce the greatest harvest in the history of the world. *"Then He said to His disciples, "The*

harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38

- (f) The people will voluntarily give over their lives to Yahweh!
- (g) “You’ve saved our lives. If you wish, we will [voluntarily] be Pharaoh’s slaves. And that is precisely what a bondservant is, a VOLUNTARY SLAVE! [See Deuteronomy 15:12-18] And also how many times the Disciples of Y’shua refer to themselves as bondservants. i.e. *“Paul, a bondservant of Y’shua Messiah, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God” (Romans 1:1)*

33. The portion ends with Israel settling in the land of Goshen and became VERY numerous.

I WAS SENT AHEAD OF YOU TO PRESERVE LIFE

1. Joseph and Y’shua, so many patterns!

A. Joseph Reveals His Identity

- (1) Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers and he shows them that all that happened to him was orchestrated by Yahweh to preserve the lives of his family and all of Israel!
 - (a) “Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for **God sent me before you to preserve life.** 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. **God sent me before you** to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. 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.” Genesis 45:5-8 NASB

- (b) Don't be upset—
- (c) Yahweh did this—
- (d) I was sent ahead to prepare a way for you to survive
- (e) It was never you who did this—it was always Yahweh
- (f) This event is 2 years into the 7 years of famine. Joseph 39 year old at the time (30 when he left prison) so (30+7+2).

(2) Now—go tell my father!

- (a) “Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here.” Genesis 45:13 NASB

B. Compare Joseph revealing his identity to his brothers with Y'shua revealing his identity on the road to Emmaus and afterwards

(1) Luke 24:13-27 THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

- (a) “and how the chief priests and our rulers **delivered Him to the sentence of death**, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was **He who was going to redeem Israel** [of course Joseph’s brothers were not hoping that **but it is what Joseph did because they delivered him over**]. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. Luke 24:20-21
- (b) And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?**” [God sent me here—it was necessary—it was not you who sent me here, but God] Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.” [Like—rememberer Joseph and can’t you see it was really about Me?] Luke 24:25-27 NASB
- (2) Luke 24:28-35 THE DISCIPLES’ EYES ARE OPENED
- (a) “When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; [I am your brother Joseph]** and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was

speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:30-35 NASB **[Very similar to how Joseph's brothers testify to their father about Joseph being alive and in charge!]**

(3) Luke 24:36-43 Y'SHUA SUDDENLY APPEARS TO THEM

(a) While they were telling these things, **He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. [Just as Joseph's brothers were dismayed]** And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Luke 24:36-38 NASB

(b) "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While they still could not believe it because of their joy and

amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; and He took it and ate it before them." **[Just like Joseph made them look closely at him and then he fed them!]** Luke 24:39-43 NASB

(4) Luke 24:44-49 REVELATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

- (a) "Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures **[Joseph's life is the pattern for my life and the end of the age]**, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."" **[Joseph sends a promise to take care of his father and the whole family.]** Luke 24:44-49 NASB

(5) Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess

- (a) “When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand **and bowed to the ground before him.**” Genesis 43:26 NASB
- (b) “Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, **he fell on his neck and wept** on his neck a long time.” Genesis 46:28-29 NASB
- (c) “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **and every tongue acknowledge** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:9-11 NIVUK

DON'T DRAG YOUR OLD LIFE INTO NEW

2. Don't Look Back

A. Do not concern your self with the past

(1) When Pharaoh finds out he wants to bless Joseph's entire family!

- (a) “Now when the news was heard in Pharaoh's house that Joseph's brothers had come, **it pleased Pharaoh** and

his servants. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan, and take your father and your households and come to me, and **I will give you the best of the land of Egypt** and you will eat the fat of the land.' **Now you are ordered**, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come. **Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.**'"

Genesis 45:16-20

- (b) You are ordered—
- (c) Do not concern yourself with your stuff—
- (d) I have new stuff for you—

(2) NEW TESTAMENT PICTURE OF THIS!

- (a) Think of what has happened to Joseph—He was sold into slavery at 17 years old, sent to prison for no reason at 18, was in prison for 12 years, was put in charge of all of Egypt at 30, prepared for 7 years for the famine, and now it is 2 years into the famine. **And Pharaoh tells Joseph's brothers to go back and get your father and all of his family and bring them back to the place of life and deliverance and when you do so—tell Jacob to leave all he has in that old life behind him and move**

onto the new life and I will give them the best that life has to offer!

- (b) Read Paul's words on this concept in the book of Philippians! The brackets are my words for clarification of the picture.
- (c) "But **whatever things were gain to me [all I've accumulated in my past life], those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ [Joseph]. More than that, I count all things to be loss [all I leave behind] in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord [compared to the blessings and prosperity of where I am going], for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish [the past does not even compare] so that I may gain Christ [what Joseph went ahead of us to apprehend for us], and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law [my own work], but that which is through faith in Christ [given freely], the righteousness **which comes from God on the basis of faith [Jacob did not believe at first but then faith arises when he sees the evidence, the substance of things hoped for (Heb. 11:1)]**, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection [to Jacob,**

Joseph is resurrected from the dead, it has been 22 years since he believed Joseph was dead! and the fellowship of His sufferings [**Joseph was Sold into slavery, Falsely accused, Imprisoned, Forgotten**], being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead [**receive all that God has for me because we thought Joseph was dead**]. Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus [**move on to the new life for which Joseph prepared**]. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead** [**Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours**], I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus [**A new life, preserved by Joseph in a new land**]. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained." Philippians 3:7-16 NASB

B. I brought all my stuff with me!

(1) “Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me; and the men are shepherds, **for they have been keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.**'” Genesis 46:31-32 NASB

(a) Warning—Israel brings all they have instead of leaving it behind! This spells ultimate trouble!

(2) You are a new creature—the old has passed away.

(a) “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling the world** to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” II Corinthians 5:17-19 NKJV **[if you substitute Pharaoh for God and Joseph for Jesus, it's the same story! Saving the world!]**

(b) “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk,

in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **and that you put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:17-24 NKJV

- (c) “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, **since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him**, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:8-11 NKJV

(d) "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin." Romans 6:1-7 NKJV

I CAN DIE NOW

3. **Jacob and Simeon**

A. **Jacob is ready to die now that he has seen HIS SON**

(1) "Then Israel said to Joseph, "**Now let me die, since I have seen your face**, that you are still alive.'" Genesis 46:30
NASB

B. **Simeon is ready to die now that he has seen THE SON**

- (1) “And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, **“Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation,”** Luke 2:25-30 NASB

THE GREAT HARVEST

4. Joseph Redeems the World

A. One Step at a Time

- (1) “Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. When the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone." Then Joseph said,

"Give up your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock, since your money is gone." So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and the flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. When that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left for my lord except our bodies and our lands. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate." So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's." Genesis 47:14-20 NASB

- (a) As the famine rages on the people spend all their silver; then in the next year, all their livestock; then in the next year they give all their land and even their very bodies to Pharaoh of food! (except for the priest).
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they forever must give him back 1/5th of what they produce!

- (2) "Then Joseph said to the people, "**Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh**; now, here is seed for you, and you may sow the land. At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones." So they said, "**You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves.**"

Genesis 47:23-25 NASB

B. The People were Grateful to become Slaves of Pharaoh

- (1) The people are grateful to become slaves of the King [How prophetic is this! We are happy to become the bondservant of the King!]
- (2) The people said, "You've saved our lives. If you wish, we will be Pharaoh's slaves." So Joseph made a law that still exists today:
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Questions & Discussion

1. Compare Joseph's revealing of his identity to his brothers with Y'shua revealing his identity to His disciples on the road to Emmaus and afterwards.

- A. Why is it important that Y'shua opened their eyes to see all that was "written about Him in the Torah and the Prophets?"
- B. Discuss Joseph revealing his identity to his brothers.

2. Pharaoh instructed Joseph to tell his family to not concern themselves with bringing all of their possession to Egypt.

- A. Why did he do so and what did Joseph's family do?
- B. What does the Bible say about the past?
- C. Relate the New Testament teaching about becoming a new man and forgetting the past with the story of Joseph.

3. Discuss the similarity between Jacob seeing Joseph alive again and Simeon living until Y'shua was dedicated in the temple.

4. How exactly did Joseph "redeem the world?"

- A. What happened when the people ran out of money and animals to trade for food?
- B. Were the people happy to become slaves to Pharaoh?
- C. What is a voluntary slave and what examples do you see of such (if any) in the New Testament?
- D. How might this relate to the ministry of Joseph and the great harvest of souls at the end of the age?