

Live in God's Prevailing Promises!

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Joseph #11

- **The Lord** made an **everlasting promise** to **Abraham** (fulfilled thru Isaac, Jacob, & Joseph)
- **Joseph** was sold as a slave by his brothers, who then lied to their father Jacob.
- **Joseph**, as a slave in Egypt, was falsely accused, jailed, & forgotten.
- **The Lord was with Joseph** in all this, helping him **thrive & bless others**.
- **The Lord gave Joseph insight to feed Egypt & others** during severe famine.
- **The Lord used the famine** to bring Jacob's/ Joseph's family **to Egypt** for healing & safety.

²⁸ *The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel (struggles with God), because you have struggled with God and humans and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel (face of God) saying, "It is because **I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.**" **Genesis 32:28-30***

²⁷ *Now the **Israelites** settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number. ²⁸ **Jacob** lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven. ²⁹ When the time drew near for **Israel to die**, he called for **his son Joseph** and said to him... **Genesis 47:27-29***

²¹ *Then **Israel** said to **Joseph**, "I am about to die, but **God will be with you** (plural) and **take you back** to the land of **your fathers**..." **Genesis 48:21***

²² *Jacob said, "**Joseph** is a **fruitful vine** near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.*

²³ *With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility.*

²⁴ *But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of **the Mighty One** of Jacob, because of **the Shepherd, the Rock** of Israel, ²⁵ because of your father's God, who helps you, because of **the Almighty**, who blesses you with **blessings** of the skies above, **blessings** of the deep springs below, **blessings** of the breast and womb. ²⁶ ...Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers. **Genesis 49:22-26***

➤ **Hold fast to God ___in times of fear, struggle, & blessing___!**

➤ **Trust God to ___fulfill his everlasting promises in & thru you___!**

¹⁵ *When **Joseph's brothers** saw that their father was dead, they said, "**What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back** for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying their father said...*

*"I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly. Now please forgive the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, **Joseph wept**.*

¹⁸ *When his brothers came to Joseph and threw themselves down before him...*

¹⁹ *He said to them, "**Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?**" ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but **God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the **saving of many lives**. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he **reassured** them and **spoke kindly** to them. ²² Joseph stayed in Egypt, **along with** all his father's family... **Genesis 50:15-22***

➤ **Let go of grudges ___letting forgiveness free you & others___!**

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