

# Joseph's Surmation

It is nearly impossible to examine the life of Joseph in the Old Testament and not see the similarities of the events in the life of Christ. There are many types and shadows in the Old Testament that prefigure Jesus Christ, and many have believed at the life of Joseph is perhaps the clearest picture of Christ in so many ways.

## Joseph - Jesus

- Joseph was Loved by His Father - Genesis 37:3      God said about Jesus "this is my beloved son" - Matthew 3:17
- Joseph's brothers did not believe him and hated him - Genesis 37:4-5 The
- Jews Did Not Believe in Christ - John 7:5 and they hated him - John 15:24
- Joseph's brothers rejected his right to rule - Genesis 37:8. The Jewish leaders said "we will not have this man to rule over us" Luke 19:14
- Joseph's brothers conspired against him - Genesis 37:23. They took counsel against Jesus Matthew 27:1
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- They stripped Joseph of his garments - Genesis 37:23      They stripped Jesus - Matthew 27:28
- Joseph was sold for silver - Genesis 37:28      Jesus was sold for silver - Matthew 26:15
- Everything Joseph put his hand to prosper - Genesis 39:3 "... And the pleasure of the Lord prospered in his hand" - Isaiah 53:10
- All things were laid into Joseph's trust - Genesis 39:4-8      God hath given all things into his hand - John 3:35

- Joseph's own brothers did not recognize him. The Jews did not recognize their Messiah
- Joseph was tempted and did not sin - Genesis 39:9. Jesus was tempted in all things yet was without sin - Hebrews 4:15
- Joseph was bound - Genesis 39:30. Jesus was bound - Matthew 27:2
- Joseph was condemned with two criminals - Genesis 40:2, 3. Jesus was crucified with two criminals - Luke 23:32
- One criminal was given life and the other was condemned - Genesis 40:21-22). Jesus told one of the criminals "Today you shall be with me in paradise" - Luke 23:43
- Joseph was trustworthy and wise - Genesis 41:39 God said about Jesus "this is my beloved son in whom I well pleased" - Mark 1:11
- Joseph's brothers bowed their knee to him - Genesis 41:43. "At the name of Jesus every knee will bow" - Philippians 2:10
- Joseph was 30 years old - Genesis 41:46. Jesus was "about 30 years old" - Luke 3:25
- God planned the suffering of Joseph in advance to save many - Genesis 50:21 Jesus said "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall be saved" - John 3:16
- Joseph was made ruler over all of Egypt - Genesis 41:42-44. Jesus said "all power has been given unto me" - 8:18
- Joseph married a foreign bride who shared his glory - Genesis 41:45. Believers in Christ are "joint heirs" with him in his glory - Romans 8:17
- Joseph was cast into a pit and then later delivered out of it - Genesis 37:24, 28. When Jesus died he descended into the lower parts of the earth, and later ascended into heaven - Ephesians 4:9

- Joseph was imprisoned based on false charges - Genesis 39:19, 20. During the trial of Jesus false witnesses were brought in testifying against him - Mark 14:56
- Joseph's brothers later repented for what they did to him - Genesis 42:7. "and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn" - Zechariah 12:10

**<sup>15</sup> And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.**

- The prime example of allowing guilt to weigh heavily upon you, though clearly forgiven by Joseph their own propensity to be impulsive and vindictive still prevails. We must meditate on the assurance of forgiveness and then practice forgiveness.

**<sup>16</sup> And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,**

- They deceptively appeal to the name of a higher authority to assure their safety. Still using the worlds devices to bring about solutions." whom the son of man sets free he is free indeed" John 8:36

**<sup>17</sup> So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.**

- So often we are approaching God asking or silently mourning over something he doesn't even choose to remember, your sin. Satan will tell you continually that the trouble or difficulty you are experiencing is because of the sin of yesteryear though you have repented from it and turned. "There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus' Romans 8:1 "And he remembers your sins no more' Hebrews 8:12.
- Joseph's response is as Christ response to us when we cannot receive what he has so freely given. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us" Romans 5:8 Jesus loves us but we grieve him when we don't understand his love for us.

**<sup>18</sup> And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.**

- They didn't have the understanding that they had attained a higher status and though they serve they were sons. John 15:15" I call You No More Servants but Friends' John 1:12 as many as receive them he gave them the power to become the sons of God'

**<sup>19</sup> And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?**

- Interesting Joseph was working for a man that considered himself God but He himself was never caught up in the "vanity fair" of his earthly status. He totally understood his "dream" was from God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob thus he embraced and understood the journey was a part of the plan.

**<sup>20</sup> But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.**

- "All things were working together for good" All things though not good within itself can be and will be worked together for a greater good no matter how tragic" Romans 8:28

**<sup>21</sup> Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.**

- One of the attributes of not walking in his forgiveness is fear of calamity.
- I have forgiven you for the sole purpose to nourish you and those joined to you.
- To comfort you "he maketh me lie down in green pastures"
- Like Joseph Jesus will sees you're in guilt and wants to speak into your life words of kindness and affirmation.