

The Israelites Journey to Egypt



CHAPTER 8 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 8**.

Joseph was Israel's favored son. Israel gave him a tunic as a sign of his love. Israel's other sons were jealous of Joseph and hated him. When they heard about Joseph's dreams, they threw him in a well and then sold him into slavery. The brothers told Israel that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

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Joseph was sold again as a slave to Potiphar. Potiphar's wife fell in love with Joseph, but Joseph would not betray Potiphar or break God's laws. She took revenge on him by convincing Potiphar to throw him in prison.

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In prison, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams. Pharaoh's dreams prophesied seven years of good crops, then seven years of famine. The prophecy allowed Egypt to store food for the coming famine. As a reward, Pharaoh made Joseph governor of Egypt.

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Hope is one of the three Theological Virtues, along with faith and charity. Hope is the confidence that God will always be with us and provide us with what we need.

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Joseph's brothers, except for Benjamin, came to Joseph to buy food, but they did not recognize him. Joseph kept Simeon as a prisoner until they returned with Benjamin.

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Joseph's brothers returned home and told Israel that Joseph was still alive. The whole family then went to Egypt to be with Joseph.

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After Israel died, Joseph's brothers were afraid that Joseph would harm them for what they had done. Joseph told them not to be afraid and said, "God meant it for good." He forgave them because he realized that God had sent him to Egypt so that he could save his family during the famine.

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Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was a descendant of Joseph's brother Judah.

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