

THE GREAT DELIVERANCE

"For God Did Send Me Before You to Preserve Life"

Genesis 42-45

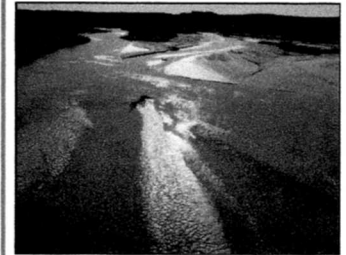
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DISCUSSION OPENERS

- Unfortunately, many church goers and leaders today look at the information in the Bible prior to the gospels as "that's just the Old Testament" and therefore disregard much of its teaching. Why? Is this a direct violation of God's command? (Rev. 22:18; II Tim. 3:16)
- Why is the Old Testament equally important to the New? What is the purpose of its contents: the law (Gal. 3:24-25); the history (I Cor. 10:11); the proverbs (I Kings 9:7; Prov. 1:1-7) and parables (Ps. 49:3-4; 78:2-3). Could the great deliverance of the remnant by Joseph be considered a parable of the great deliverance of the remnant by Christ?

"So Now It was Not You That Sent Me Hither But God"

1. Why would the Bible give us information concerning Joseph's Egyptian name (Gen. 41:46)? What is behind this meaning? (side column) Compare this to your prior understanding.
 - A) What was Joseph's understanding concerning this life he had provided? Gen. 45:5-8
 - B) Notice/discuss the significance of the definitions of "Posterity," "Deliverance" and "Preserve."
 2. Clearly, Joseph indicates a two-fold meaning for this "great deliverance." What additional comparisons can be found throughout the account?
 - A) Gen. 41:56 _____ Amos 8:11-12; Jer. 44:12-16; Matt. 24:7
 - B) Gen. 42:21; 45:1-3 _____ Luke 19:41-44; 13:34
 - C) Gen. 45:5b _____ John 6:36, 14:6
 - D) Gen. 45:7a _____ Jer. 23:2-3; Ro. 11:5
 - E) Gen. 45:7b _____ Joel 2:32
 3. Scripture amazingly parallels this historical deliverance with a spiritual deliverance. Equally amazing is the spiritual understanding of the remnant prior to the Bible being written (Gen. 48:15-16; 49:10). How did this come to be? Jer. 31:33-34.
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4. We have studied THE GREAT DELIVERANCE by Joseph of his family (historical) and THE GREAT DELIVERANCE by Christ of the remnant (spiritual). What Biblical information is there concerning the awareness of the elect (personal) about THE GREAT DELIVERANCE of God from the bondage of sin? Read and respond to the following texts.
 1. Psalm 18:50; 116:1-9
 2. Jonah 2:1-9
 3. Others:



JOSEPH'S EGYPTIAN NAME

"Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphenat-Pa'aneah..." (Gen. 41:46), he who is called LIFE or ALIVE.

- He built a labyrinth to store the grain, 3000 rooms and 2 stories high.
- He dredged part of a 200km river coming from the Nile and diverted it into a 30 X 20 mile lake during the years when the water levels rose and then released water during the time of drought.
- He reorganized the administration into 3 regional departments of state: tithing, treasury and governing.

"For God sent me before you to preserve life..."

- "Pharaohs and Kings" - A Biblical Quest by David M. Rohl

STRONG'S DEFINITIONS

- 1 **POSTERITY (H7611)**
"Sheriyth" - a remainder or residual portion - remnant
- 2 **DELIVERANCE (H6413)**
"Peletah" - an escaped portion; a remnant
- 3 **PRESERVE (H2421)**
"Cheyah" - to keep alive or to revive

TEXT OF THE WEEK

*"And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."
- Gen. 45:7*