

The New Testament Church
Revival #3: A Legacy of Influence: What Might Happen when God Moves?
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I What is Revival and when does it Come?

- A. Revival means to come alive again – meaning we have grown cold and withered
- B. God uses dry hearts and a dark culture to produce desperation – hunger and thirst
 - 1. God’s goal for revival is to restore the Great Commission to every believer/church
 - 2. This means we all learn to share the gospel as well as help disciple others
- C. The revival of Enosh – first in the Bible – *calling on the name of the Lord*
- D. The revival of Jacob – *calling on God from a place of brokenness*

II The remnant revival of Joseph – Genesis 37-50

A. Who was Joseph?

- 1. He is the great grandchild of Abraham, son of Jacob and Rachel
- 2. He has a walk with God early in life, dreaming dreams from the Lord for his future
- 3. Though he is called to rule, he is favored by his father with a coat of many colors...
- 4. Like us, Joseph doesn’t see his sin (pride), and God takes on a journey of brokenness
 - a. He flaunts his dreams before his brothers, angering them with jealousy
 - b. They throw him in a pit, sell him to Ishmaelites into slavery in Egypt
 - c. His brothers cruelly dip his coat in blood, deceiving his father of his death
 - d. At 17 the calling on his life puts him into favor and he oversees Potiphar’s house
 - e. When he resists Potiphar’s wife’s advances, he is thrown into prison on a lie
 - f. Coming into favor in prison, he interprets the Butler and Baker’s dreams
 - g. He is forgotten by the Butler until the Pharaoh has a dream no one can interpret
 - h. Joseph is promoted, interprets Pharaoh’s dream of 7 years of plenty, then famine
 - i. Joseph becomes prime minister of Egypt, overseeing the preparation for famine
 - j. Finally, he is **thankful to God** for the detour in his life – **family** and **affliction**
 - k. Joseph, testing his brothers, forgives them and restores the relationship

I am Joseph your brother, who you sold into Egypt... God sent me before you to preserve life... God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. – Genesis 45:4-8

1. **What the enemy (brothers) meant for evil, God means for good**

B. **Increased brokenness in proportion to the legacy of awakening and reformation**

- 1. Joseph realizes that God is using him to preserve the nation of Israel and life...
- 2. He is used during the time when the Hyksos (Semite descendants) ruled Egypt

C. The Legacy of Joseph – the result of true revival

- 1. The impact Joseph made in Egypt lasted generations – there is another God Jehovah
- 2. The Nile Boulder, discovered in 1890, revealed the Egyptian description of Joseph
 - a. It refers to a unique individual, Imhotep, predicting plenty and famine
 - b. Carvings reveal Joseph as Chief under Djoser
 - c. Genesis 41:45 – *And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah meaning “the God lives or speaks”*
 - d. The name Imhotep – *the voice (or mouth) of IM – Jehovah is I Am!* (Exodus 3:14)

God’s story cannot be given a conclusion in the present in spite of our afflictions