

REVIVAL #3

Legacy of Influence

What might Happen when God moves?

When does Revival Come?

When we as His people are desperate for Him



God's Purpose in Revival

- Restore the comprehensive nature of the Great Commission – evangelism & discipleship
- To bring revival to the *individual*, awakening to the *church*, and reformation in the *culture*
- Revival begins (Enos) as we call on His Name
- Revival is birthed when broken people (Jacob) recognize their frailty and walk with a limp

Believing God allows what is Best



Genesis 37-50

The Life of Joseph reveals how God prepares us for great influence and possible awakening and reformation

- We often don't recognize God's Providential plans until *we look back*
- *Hindsight is 20-20!*
- With the NT we can now see the gospel in the story of Joseph

Joseph grows up as a favored Son

- Son of Jacob/Rachel
- He walks with God
- He hears from God through dreams
- Though called to rule, he cannot see his sin of pride!



The Twelve Sons of Jacob (Israel)

- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun
- Of Rachel - Joseph, Benjamin
- The House of Joseph
 - Manasseh
 - Ephraim

Sold into slavery by his Brothers



- Jealousy
“gets even”
- The sin of
pride and
jealousy
sold Joseph
into slavery!

Joseph remains faithful to God!

- His brothers cruelly dip his coat in blood, and Jacob mourns his death
- At 17 he is made overseer of Potiphar's house
- He resists the advances of his wife...



Joseph is put in prison unjustly



- Though unjustly put in prison, his faithfulness gave him responsibility
- Joseph is training for governing and doesn't know it!

The Chief Butler forgets Joseph

- Joseph interprets the Chief Butler and Chief Baker's dreams...
- Though the Butler is restored, he forgets about Joseph...



The Chief Butler remembers Joseph

- Pharaoh dreams a mysterious dream...
- The Butler tells Pharaoh about Joseph...
- Joseph states *“it is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace...”*
- Seven years of plenty then seven of famine
- Wisdom to prepare for hard times ahead...

Joseph exercises Economic Wisdom



- Pharoah – *can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?*
- Joseph takes one-fifth of the produce and prepares for famine

Joseph thanks God for his Affliction

- Genesis 41:50 – *and to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came...*
- *...firstborn Manasseh, ‘for God has made me forget all my toil... in my father’s house’*
- *...second Ephraim, ‘for God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.’*

A greater legacy requires greater brokenness

Joseph forgives his brothers!



Joseph preserves the nation of Israel

- *I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt... for God sent me before you to preserve life.... To preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives... so it was not you who sent me here, but God... (45:4-8)*
- *You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good... to save many people alive... (50:30)*

The Legacy of Joseph in Israel

- Great grandson of Abraham – godly line
- Joseph lived (1805-1696) during the reign of the Hyksos (king-shepherds) 2000 to 1600 BC
- Hyksos were Semites, conquering Egypt yet providentially friendly to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph preserving Israel as a nation

The Legacy of Joseph in Egypt



In 1890 Charles Wilbour discovered this boulder on the island of Sahal at the Nile, telling the story of Imhotep

National Geographic, January, 1995

“Perhaps most confident was Imhotep, the architect who probably conceived of building Djoser's [pharaoh] tomb completely from stone. Known as a sculptor, a priest, and a healer, Imhotep is considered the preeminent genius of the Old Kingdom. He assembled one workforce to quarry limestone to ship the crude blocks by boat to Saqqara, and yet another to haul the stone to the site, where master carvers shaped each block and put it in place.

"On a granite boulder above the Nile's First Cataract, the formidable rapids at Aswan, a sculptor who lived much later [thus the facts are not totally accurate] chiseled out in hieroglyphs the story of how Imhotep had even saved his country from famine.

The annual Nile flood, which inundated surrounding fields every autumn before farmers sowed their seed, failed seven years in a row. Djoser asked Imhotep where the source of the river lay. The pharaoh intended to travel there to interrogate the river gods and beg them to show mercy on his people. "But Imhotep replied that sacred [God] books had given him the answer.... The floods returned, and the famine was over.... In about 1200 B.C., fully 1400 years after his death, Imhotep, the genius architect of Djoser's reign, was deified by the Egyptians, who built cult temples to honor him."

National Geographic, 1995

Evidence of Joseph in Egypt

- *Inscriptions in Horemheb have evidence of the Pharaoh inviting Jacob's family to Egypt*
- *Abraham influenced the 1st Dynasty (Sarah)*
- *In the 3rd Dynasty – an inscription of Imhotep as Chief under the King - Pharaoh Djoser*



Genesis 41:40-44

“You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

Joseph; *Zaphnah-Paaneah*

- Genesis 41:45 – *And Pharoah called Joseph's name Zaphnah-Paaneah.*
- Zaphnah-Paaneah means “*the God lives or speaks*”
- Egyptian records also record Joseph's name as Psotom Planeah; “*revealer of secrets*”

Joseph was Multi-talented



- *A Stone Vase at Saqqara with Imhoteps inscription – made by him...*
- *A statue in honor of Imhotep with a scroll*

The Name “Imhotep”

- An Egyptian name *“the voice (or mouth) of Im”*
- No Egyptian god “Im”; and no meaning for “hotep”
- Joseph’s name means, in Hebrew *“the God lives; the God speaks”*
- Probably “Im” is shortened from “I Am”, and hotep is simply Joseph’s name (*the God lives; the God speaks*)!
- *“...I am that I am”* – Exodus 3:14