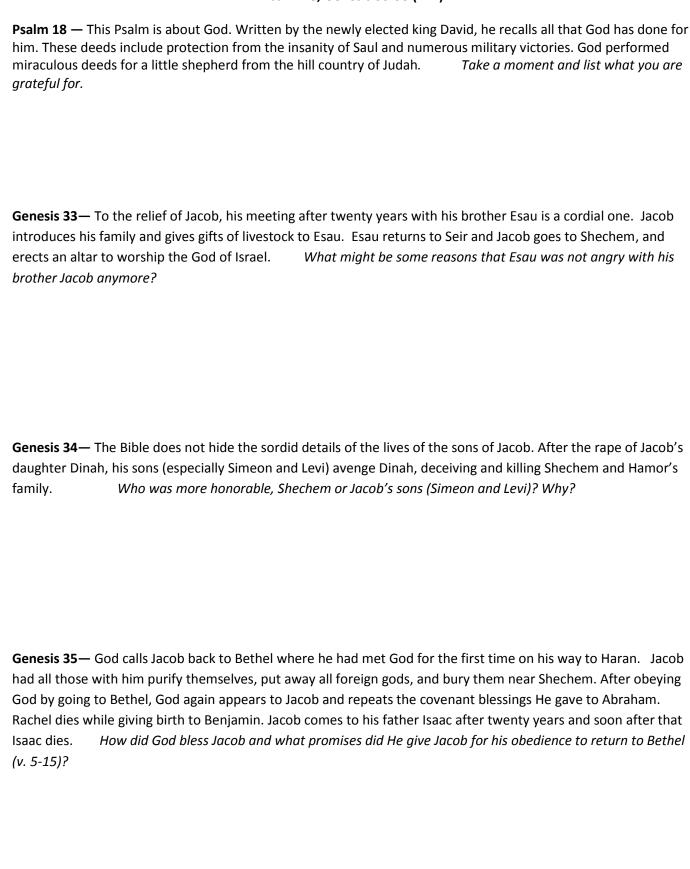
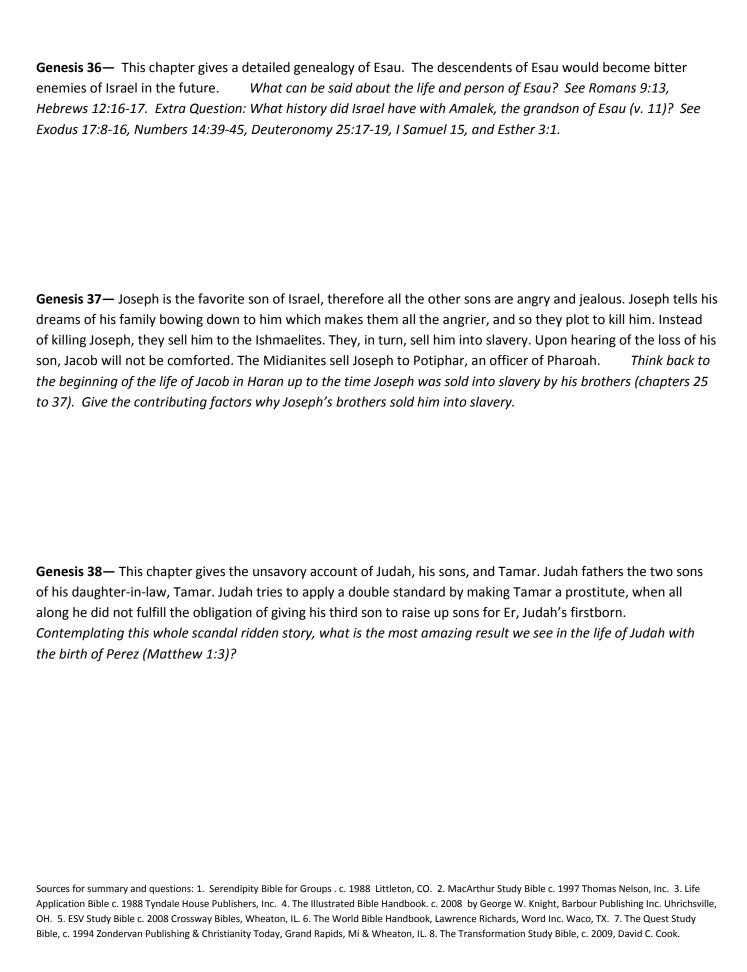
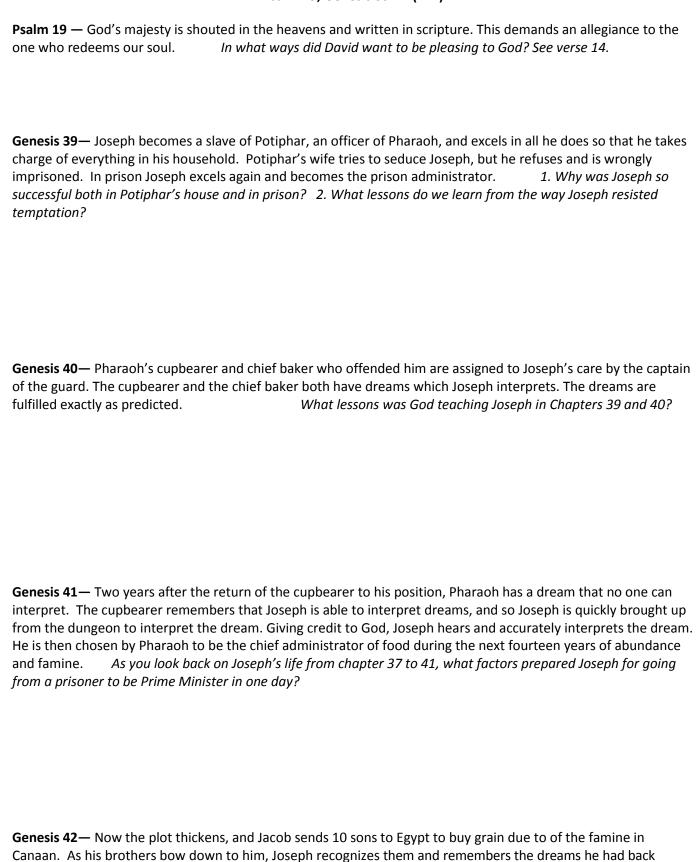
Psalm 18, Genesis 33-38 (#11)

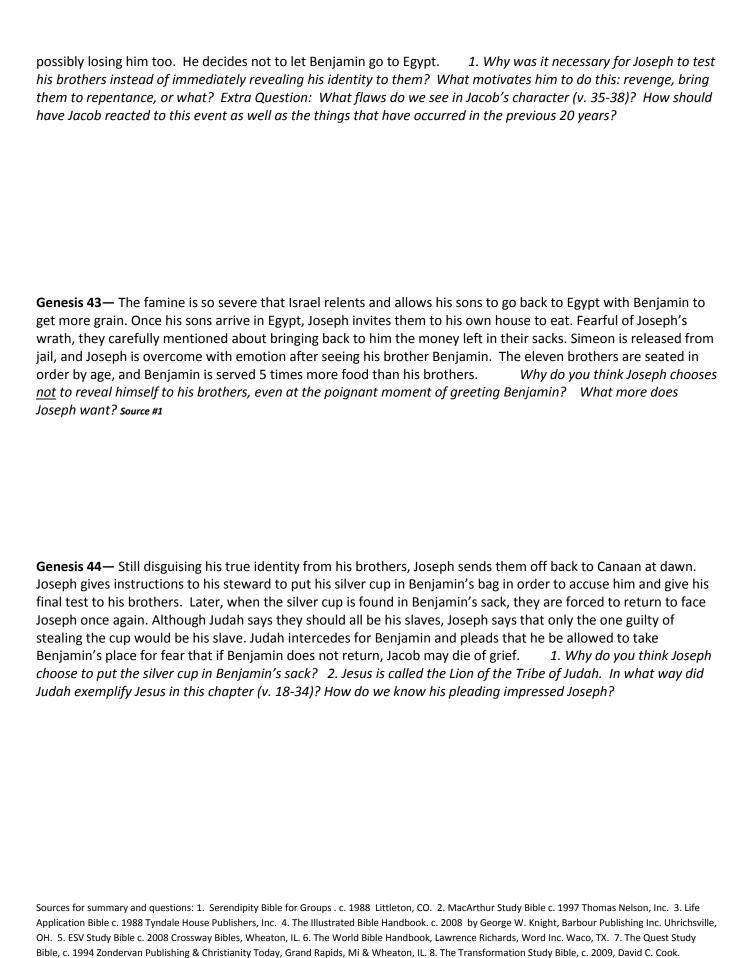




Psalm 19, Genesis 39-44 (#12)



in Canaan as a teenager. Joseph sends back 9 brothers with grain and keeps Simeon in prison until they return with Benjamin. Jacob is filled with self-pity at the thought of letting Benjamin go down to Egypt and



Psalms 20-21, Genesis 45-50 (#13)

Psalm 20— David calls upon God's protection and favor. There are two assumptions here. First that God's help is sufficient to resolve any problem we face. Second is that God will act on our behalf.

List some of the reasons David gives to assure us that God will respond to his prayer

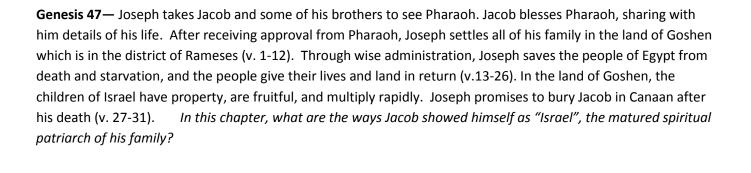
Psalm 21— It is commonplace for people to forget God when they achieve their dreams, as if these things were accomplished by our own abilities. Not so with David, for he knows the depths of despair and sorrow, and savors the sweet triumph accomplished by God.

List some of the blessings of God in this chapter.

Genesis 45— Joseph reveals himself to his brothers as they are dumbfounded and dismayed. Joseph shares with them God's purposes for his being sold by his brothers and urges them to bring his father and all their families to live with him in Egypt. Pharaoh invites all of Jacob's family to Egypt and offers them the best land and the transportation to facilitate the move. Upon hearing that Joseph is still alive, Jacob is numb and does not believe their words until he hears Joseph's words repeated to him and sees the wagons he had sent to transport them.

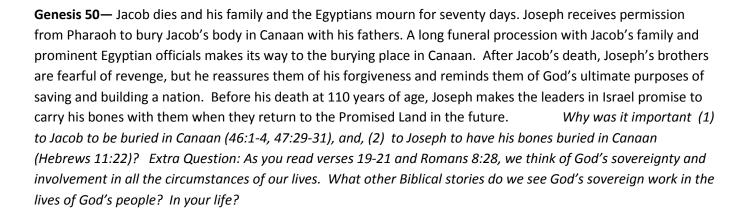
As Jacob hears the truth that his son Joseph is still living, what do you think went through Jacob's mind about the previous 22 years of grief and mourning? How does his story of wasted years of lamenting touch our lives?

Genesis 46— When Israel took his journey toward Egypt, he stopped at Beersheba and offered sacrifices to God. God appeared in a vision to Jacob and assured him that his journey to Egypt had His approval, giving him the promise that he would return to Canaan. All of Jacob's family and all their belongings are taken to Egypt in Pharaoh's wagons (v. 1-7). A record of all the names of Jacob's family who travelled to Egypt is given (v. 8-27). Jacob and Joseph finally reunite, and Joseph makes a plan so that Jacob's family can stay in Goshen (v. 28-34). What promises and assurances does God give to Jacob in his vision (v.2-4)?



Genesis 48— When Jacob was close to death, he calls for Joseph and his sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to come to receive a final blessing. Jacob elevates Manasseh and Ephraim to the status of full sons and declares the younger Ephraim to receive the blessing of the firstborn rather than Manasseh. *From Abraham through Joseph's sons, what pattern do we see in the blessing of the firstborn son with the son who actually received the blessing? What lesson does this teach us about who God chooses? Extra Question: In verses 21-22, what is the significance of the words, "I have given to you rather than your brothers one mountain slope"? See Genesis 33:18-20, Joshua 24:32, and Numbers 13:8.*

Genesis 49— As he nears death, Jacob blesses his sons by reflecting on their past actions in order to determine how their future descendents would prosper. Through these two chapters (48-49), Joseph and Judah received the greater blessings, with Judah being promised that kings would come from his lineage culminating with the promised Messiah (v. 10). At his death, Jacob gives the final instructions to be buried in Canaan with Abraham, Isaac, and their wives. *What commendations and prophecies are given to Judah? Why?*



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