

約瑟的一生乃是基督一生的翻版，
以及生活如生命的禾捆和發光的星

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- 創 37:2 雅各的記畧如下。約瑟十七歲時與他哥哥們一同牧羊。他是個少年人，與他父親的妻子辟拉、悉帕的兒子們常在一處。約瑟將他哥哥們的惡行報給他們的父親。
- 創 37:5 約瑟作了一個夢，把這夢告訴他哥哥們，他們就越發恨他。
- 創 37:6 約瑟對他們說，請聽我所作的這夢：
- 創 37:7 我們在田裏捆禾稼，忽然間我的禾捆起來站著，你們的禾捆來圍著我的禾捆下拜。
- 創 37:8 他的哥哥們對他說，難道你真要作我們的王，真要管轄我們麼？他們就因為他的夢和他的話越發恨他。
- 創 37:9 後來他又作了一個夢，也把這夢告訴他的哥哥們說，看哪，我又作了一個夢，夢見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向我下拜。
- 創 37:10 約瑟將這夢告訴他父親和他哥哥們，他父親就責備他說，你作的這是甚麼夢！難道我和你母親、你弟兄，果然要來俯伏在地，向你下拜麼？
- 創 37:11 他哥哥們都嫉妒他，他父親卻把這話存在心裏。
- 創 37:19 彼此說，你看，那作夢的來了。
- 創 41:40 你必掌管我的家，我的民都必照你的話受管理；惟獨在寶座上我比你大。
- 創 41:41 法老又對約瑟說，看哪，我派你治理埃及全地。
- 創 41:42 法老就摘下手上打印的戒指，戴在約瑟的手上，給他穿上細麻衣，把金鍊戴在他的頸項上；
- 創 41:43 又叫約瑟坐他的副車，喝道的在前呼叫說，跪下。這樣，法老派他治理埃及全地。
- 創 41:44 法老對約瑟說，我是法老，在埃及全地，若沒有你的許可，人不得擅自辦事。
- 創 41:45 法老賜名給約瑟，叫撒發那忒巴內亞，又將安城的祭司波提非拉的女兒亞西納給他為妻。約瑟就出去巡行埃及地。
- 創 41:46 約瑟開始侍立在埃及王法老面前的時候，年三十歲。他從法老面前出去，遍行埃及全地。

The Life of Joseph as a Copy of the Life of Christ
and Living as a Sheaf of Life and as a Star of Light

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Scripture Reading: Gen. 37:2, 5-11, 19; 41:40-46

- Gen 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when he was seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father.
- Gen 37:5 Then Joseph had a dream; and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.
- Gen 37:6 And he said to them, Listen to this dream which I have had:
- Gen 37:7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.
- Gen 37:8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
- Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.
- Gen 37:10 And he told it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the ground to you?
- Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in his heart.
- Gen 37:19 And they said one to another, Here comes this master of dreams.
- Gen 41:40 You shall be over my household, and according to your word all my people shall be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you.
- Gen 41:41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.
- Gen 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.
- Gen 41:43 And he made him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they cried out before him, Bow the knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt.
- Gen 41:44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, yet without your consent no man will lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.
- Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.
- Gen 41:46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and passed through all the land of Egypt.

壹 約瑟的一生，在以下各方面乃是基督一生的翻版：

一 他是牧人—創三七2，約十11～16。

創 37:2 雅各的記畧如下。約瑟十七歲時與他哥哥們一同牧羊。他是個少年人，與他父親的妻子辟拉、悉帕的兒子們常在一處。約瑟將他哥哥們的惡行報給他們的父親。

約 10:11 我是好牧人，好牧人為羊捨命。

約 10:12 那作雇工的，不是牧人，羊也不是他自己的，他看見狼來，就撇下羊逃跑了，狼抓住羊，把牠們趕散了；

約 10:13 雇工逃跑，因他是雇工，並不顧念羊。

約 10:14 我是好牧人，我認識那屬我的，那屬我的也認識我，

約 10:15 正如父認識我，我也認識父一樣；並且我為羊捨命。

約 10:16 我另外有羊，不是屬於這圈的；我必須領他們來，他們也要聽我的聲音，並且要成為一羣，歸一個牧人了。

二 為父親所愛—創三七3～4，太三17，十七5。

創 37:3 以色列原來愛約瑟過於愛他的眾子，因為約瑟是他年老生的；他給約瑟作了一件彩衣。

創 37:4 約瑟的哥哥們見父親愛約瑟過於愛他們，就恨約瑟，不與他說和睦的話。

太 3:17 看哪，又有聲音從諸天之上出來，說，這是我的愛子，我所喜悅的。

太 17:5 他還說話的時候，看哪，有一朵光明的雲彩遮蓋他們；看哪，又有聲音從雲彩裏出來，說，這是我的愛子，我所喜悅的，你們要聽祂。

三 為父親所差，照父親的意願，供應他的弟兄們—創三七12～17，約六38。

創 37:12 約瑟的哥哥們往示劍去放他們父親的羊。

創 37:13 以色列對約瑟說，你哥哥們不是正在示劍放羊麼？你來，我要打發你往他們那裏去。約瑟說，我在這裏。

創 37:14 以色列說，你去看看你哥哥們平安不平安，羣羊平安不平安，就回來報信給我；於是打發他出希伯崙谷，他就往示劍去了。

創 37:15 有人遇見他在田野走迷了路，就問他說，你找甚麼？

創 37:16 他說，我找我的哥哥們；求你告訴我，他們在那裏放羊。

I. Joseph's life was a copy of the life of Christ in the following aspects:

A. In his being a shepherd—Gen. 37:2; John 10:11-16.

Gen 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when he was seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father.

John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

John 10:12 He who is a hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

John 10:13 He flees because he is a hireling and it does not matter to him concerning the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,

John 10:15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.

B. In his being his father's beloved—Gen. 37:3-4; Matt. 3:17; 17:5.

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons because he was the son of his old age, and he had made him a coat of many colors.

Gen 37:4 And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Matt 3:17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.

Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

C. In his being sent by his father to minister to his brothers according to his father's will—Gen. 37:12-17; John 6:38.

Gen 37:12 Then his brothers went to shepherd their father's flock in Shechem.

Gen 37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, Your brothers are now shepherding the flock in Shechem. Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here I am.

Gen 37:14 And he said to him, Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flock, and bring word back to me. So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

Gen 37:15 And a man found him; and there he was, wandering in the field, and the man asked him, saying, What are you seeking?

Gen 37:16 And he said, I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are shepherding the flock.

創 37:17 那人說，他們已經離開這裏走了，我聽見他們說要往多坍去。約瑟就去追趕他哥哥們，在多坍找到他們。

約 6:38 因為我從天上降下來，不是要行我自己的意思，乃是要行那差我來者的意思。

四 為哥哥們所恨惡、逼迫並出賣—創三七5、18～36，約十五25，太二六4、14～16。

創 37:5 約瑟作了一個夢，把這夢告訴他哥哥們，他們就越發恨他。

創 37:18 他們遠遠的看見他，趁他還沒有走到跟前，大家就同謀要害死他，

創 37:19 彼此說，你看，那作夢的來了。

創 37:20 來吧，我們將他殺了，丟在一個坑裏，就說有惡獸把他喫了；我們且看他的夢將來怎麼樣。

創 37:21 流便聽見了，要救他脫離他們的手，就說，我們不可害他的性命；

創 37:22 又說，不可流他的血；可以把他丟在這野地的坑裏，只是不可下手害他。流便的意思是要救他脫離他們的手，把他歸還他的父親。

創 37:23 約瑟到了他哥哥們那裏，他們就剝了他的外衣，就是他穿的那件彩衣，

創 37:24 把他丟在坑裏；那坑是空的，裏頭沒有水。

創 37:25 於是他們坐下喫飯；他們舉目觀看，見有一夥以實瑪利人從基列來，用駱駝馱著香膠、香油、沒藥，要帶下埃及去。

創 37:26 猶大對眾弟兄說，我們殺我們的弟弟，藏了他的血，有甚麼益處呢？

創 37:27 我們不如將他賣給以實瑪利人，不可下手害他；因為他是我們的弟弟，我們的骨肉。眾弟兄就聽從了他。

創 37:28 所以當米甸的商人從那裏經過，約瑟的哥哥們就把約瑟從坑裏拉上來，講定二十錠銀子，把約瑟賣給以實瑪利人。他們就把約瑟帶到埃及去了。

創 37:29 流便回到坑邊，見約瑟不在坑裏，就撕裂衣服，

創 37:30 回到弟弟們那裏，說，童子沒有了，我怎麼辦？

創 37:31 他們宰了一隻公山羊，把約瑟的外衣蘸了血。

創 37:32 他們打發人把那件彩衣送到他們父親那裏，說，我們檢到了這個；請認一認是你兒子的外衣不是？

創 37:33 他認得，就說，這是我兒子的外衣。有惡獸把他喫了，約瑟必定被撕碎了！

創 37:34 雅各便撕裂衣服，腰間圍上麻布，為他兒子悲哀了許多日子。

創 37:35 他的兒子女兒都起來安慰他，他卻不肯受安慰，說，我必悲哀哀的下陰間，到我兒子那裏。約瑟的父親就為他哀哭。

Gen 37:17 And the man said, They have moved on from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

D. In his being hated, persecuted, and betrayed (sold) by his brothers—Gen. 37:5, 18-36; John 15:25; Matt. 26:4, 14-16.

Gen 37:5 Then Joseph had a dream; and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

Gen 37:18 And when they saw him from a distance and before he came near to them, they conspired against him to put him to death.

Gen 37:19 And they said one to another, Here comes this master of dreams.

Gen 37:20 Now then, come and let us slay him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, A wild beast has devoured him; then we will see what will become of his dreams.

Gen 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he tried to deliver him out of their hand and said, Let us not take his life.

Gen 37:22 And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood; throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him—that he might deliver him out of their hand to restore him to his father.

Gen 37:23 And when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him;

Gen 37:24 And they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Gen 37:25 Then they sat down to eat food; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and there was a caravan of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

Gen 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, What gain is there if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?

Gen 37:27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let our hand not be on him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened to him.

Gen 37:28 So when some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And these brought Joseph into Egypt.

Gen 37:29 And when Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes.

Gen 37:30 And he returned to his brothers and said, The boy is not there; so as for me, what shall I do?

Gen 37:31 Then they took Joseph's coat and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the coat in the blood.

Gen 37:32 And they sent the coat of many colors and had it brought to their father and said, We found this; please examine it, and see whether it is your son's coat or not.

Gen 37:33 And he recognized it and said, It is my son's coat. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.

Gen 37:34 And Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his loins and mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted and said, Surely I will go down to Sheol to my son, mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

創 37:36 米甸人在埃及把約瑟賣給法老的內臣，護衛長波提乏。
約 15:25 這不過是要應驗他們律法上所寫的話：『他們無故的恨我。』
太 26:4 一同商議，要用詭計拿住耶穌，把他殺了。
太 26:14 當下，十二個門徒中，有一個稱為加略人猶大的，去見祭司長，說，
太 26:15 我把他交給你們，你們願意給我甚麼？他們就稱給他三十錠銀子。
太 26:16 從那時候，他就找機會，要把耶穌交出。

五 與二罪犯一同關在死牢裏，其中之一得釋放，另一被處死—創三九 20，四十 1～23，徒二 23，路二三 32、39～43。

創 39:20 把約瑟拿住，下在監裏，就是王的囚犯被囚的地方。但是當約瑟在監裏的時候，
創 40:1 這些事以後，埃及王的司酒長和司膳長得罪了他們的主埃及王，
創 40:2 法老就惱怒司酒長和司膳長這兩個內臣，
創 40:3 把他們拘禁在護衛長府內的監裏，就是約瑟被囚的地方。
創 40:4 護衛長把他們交給約瑟，約瑟便伺候他們；他們被拘禁了一些日子。
創 40:5 被囚在監之埃及王的司酒長和司膳長，二人同夜各作了一個夢，各夢都有講解。
創 40:6 到了早晨，約瑟到他們那裏，見他們甚是愁悶。
創 40:7 他便問法老的兩個內臣，就是與他同被拘禁在他主人府裏的，說，你們今日為甚麼面帶愁容？
創 40:8 他們對他說，我們各人作了一個夢，沒有人能解。約瑟說，解夢不是神的事麼？請你們將夢告訴我。
創 40:9 司酒長便將他的夢告訴約瑟，說，我夢見在我面前有一棵葡萄樹，
創 40:10 樹上有三根枝子，一發了芽，就開花，並且上頭一挂一挂的葡萄都成熟了。
創 40:11 法老的杯在我手中，我就拿葡萄擠在法老的杯裏，將杯遞在他手中。
創 40:12 約瑟對他說，這夢的講解是這樣：三根枝子就是三天；
創 40:13 三天之內，法老必提你出監，叫你恢復原職，你就要照先前作司酒長時的慣例，遞杯在法老的手中。
創 40:14 但你得好處的時候，求你記得我，施恩慈與我，向法老提說我，救我出這府牢。

Gen 37:36 Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.
John 15:25 But it is so that the word written in their law may be fulfilled, "They hated Me without cause."
Matt 26:4 And they took counsel together to seize Jesus by craftiness and kill Him.
Matt 26:14 At that time one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
Matt 26:15 And said, What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver Him to you? And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.
Matt 26:16 And from then on he sought opportunity to deliver Him up.

E. In his being cast into the prison of death with two criminals, one of whom was restored, and the other, executed—Gen. 39:20; 40:1-23; Acts 2:23; Luke 23:32, 39-43.

Gen 39:20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while he was there in the prison,
Gen 40:1 And after these things, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.
Gen 40:2 And Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief of the cupbearers and the chief of the bakers.
Gen 40:3 And he put them in custody at the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined.
Gen 40:4 And the captain of the guard put Joseph in charge of them, and he ministered to them; and they were in custody for some time.
Gen 40:5 And the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, both of them had a dream, each man with his own dream in one night, and each dream with its own interpretation.
Gen 40:6 And Joseph came to them in the morning and looked at them, and they were troubled.
Gen 40:7 And he asked Pharaoh's officials, who were with him in custody in his master's house, saying, Why are your faces so sad today?
Gen 40:8 And they said to him, We have had a dream, and there is no one to interpret it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me.
Gen 40:9 And the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph and said to him, In my dream there was a vine before me,
Gen 40:10 And on the vine were three branches. And as soon as it budded, its blossoms came out, and its clusters ripened into grapes.
Gen 40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup in Pharaoh's hand.
Gen 40:12 And Joseph said to him, This is its interpretation: The three branches are three days.
Gen 40:13 Within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.
Gen 40:14 But remember my being with you when it is well with you, and please do me a kindness and make mention of me to Pharaoh and so have me brought out of this house.

創 40:15 我實在是從希伯來人之地被拐來的；我在這裏也沒有作過甚麼，叫他們把我下在牢坑裏。
創 40:16 司膳長見夢解得好，就對約瑟說，我也作了一個夢，見我頭上頂著三筐白餅；
創 40:17 最上面的筐子裏有為法老烤的各樣食物，有飛鳥來喫我頭上筐子裏的食物。
創 40:18 約瑟回答說，這夢的講解是這樣：三個筐子就是三天；
創 40:19 三天之內，法老必斬你的頭，把你掛在木頭上，必有飛鳥來喫你身上的肉。
創 40:20 到了第三天，是法老的生日，他為眾臣僕設擺筵席，把司酒長和司膳長提出監來，
創 40:21 使司酒長恢復司酒的職位，他就遞杯在法老手中；
創 40:22 卻把司膳長掛起來，正如約瑟向他們所講解的。
創 40:23 司酒長卻不記得約瑟，竟把他忘了。
徒 2:23 祂既按著神的定議先見被交給人，你們就藉著不法之人的手，把祂釘在十字架上殺了。
路 23:32 又有兩個犯人，和耶穌一同帶去處死。
路 23:39 懸掛著的犯人中，有一個褻瀆祂說，你不是基督麼？可以救自己和我們吧！
路 23:40 但另一個應聲責備他說，你既是一樣受刑的，還不怕神麼？
路 23:41 我們受刑是應該的，因我們所受的，與我們所作的相稱，但這個人沒有作過一件不當的事。
路 23:42 就說，耶穌啊，你來進入你國的時候，求你記念我。
路 23:43 耶穌對他說，我實在告訴你，今日你要同我在樂園裏了。

六 從死牢裏得釋放（復活）——創四一 14，徒二 24。

創 41:14 於是法老差人去召約瑟，他們便急忙帶他出牢坑，他就剃頭刮臉，換衣裳，進到法老面前。
徒 2:24 神卻將死的痛苦解除，叫祂復活了，因為祂不能被死拘禁。

七 登寶座得權柄——創四一 40～44，太二八 18，徒二 36，啓三 21。

創 41:40 你必掌管我的家，我的民都必照你的話受管理；惟獨在寶座上我比你大。
創 41:41 法老又對約瑟說，看哪，我派你治理埃及全地。
創 41:42 法老就摘下手上打印的戒指，戴在約瑟的手上，給他穿上細麻衣，把金鍊戴在他的頸項上；

Gen 40:15 For I was actually kidnapped out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have not done anything that they should put me into the dungeon.
Gen 40:16 Now when the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also saw this in my dream: There were three baskets of white bread on my head.
Gen 40:17 And in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.
Gen 40:18 And Joseph answered and said, This is its interpretation: The three baskets are three days.
Gen 40:19 Within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh from you.
Gen 40:20 And on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers among his servants.
Gen 40:21 And he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his cupbearing, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;
Gen 40:22 But the chief of the bakers he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.
Gen 40:23 Yet the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.
Acts 2:23 This man, delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to a cross and killed;
Luke 23:32 And two others also, who were criminals, were led with Him to be executed.
Luke 23:39 And one of the criminals who were hanged there blasphemed Him, saying, Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!
Luke 23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him and said, Do you not even fear God, since you are in the same judgment?
Luke 23:41 And we justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we did, but this man has done nothing amiss.
Luke 23:42 And he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Luke 23:43 And He said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

F. In his being released (resurrected) from the prison of death—Gen. 41:14; Acts 2:24.

Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; and he shaved himself and changed his garments, and he came to Pharaoh.
Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

G. In his being enthroned with authority—Gen. 41:40-44; Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; Rev. 3:21.

Gen 41:40 You shall be over my household, and according to your word all my people shall be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you.
Gen 41:41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.

創 41:43 又叫約瑟坐他的副車，喝道的在前呼叫說，跪下。這樣，
法老派他治理埃及全地。

創 41:44 法老對約瑟說，我是法老，在埃及全地，若沒有你的許可，
人不得擅自辦事。

太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。

徒 2:36 所以，以色列全家當確實的知道，你們釘在十字架上的這位
耶穌，神已經立祂為主為基督了。

啓 3:21 得勝的，我要賜他在我寶座上與我同坐，就如我得了勝，
在我父的寶座上與祂同坐一樣。

Gen 41:43 And he made him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they cried out before him, Bow the
knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, yet without your consent no man will lift up his hand or his
foot in all the land of Egypt.

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this
Jesus whom you have crucified.

Rev 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My
Father on His throne.

八 得著榮耀並領受恩賜——創四一 42，來二 9， 詩六八 18，徒二 33。

創 41:42 法老就摘下手上打印的戒指，戴在約瑟的手上，給他穿上
細麻衣，把金鍊戴在他的頸項上；

來 2:9 惟獨看見耶穌得了榮耀尊貴為冠冕，祂為著受死的苦，成為
比天使微小一點的，好叫祂因著神的恩，為樣樣嘗到死味。

詩 68:18 你已經升上高處，擄掠了那些被擄的；你在人間，甚至在
悖逆的人中間，受了恩賜，叫耶和華神可以住在他們中間。

徒 2:33 祂既被高舉在神的右邊，又從父領受了所應許的聖靈，就
把你們所看見所聽見的，澆灌下來。

H. In his receiving glory and gifts—Gen. 41:42; Heb. 2:9; Psa. 68:18; Acts 2:33.

Gen 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in
garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death,
crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

Psa 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among
men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.

Acts 2:33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy
Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.

九 成為世人的搭救者，生命的供應者（祕密的揭 示者）——創四一 45，徒五 31，約六 50～51：

創 41:45 法老賜名給約瑟，叫撒發那忒巴內亞，又將安城的祭司波
提非拉的女兒亞西納給他為妻。約瑟就出去巡行埃及地。

徒 5:31 這一位，神已將祂高舉在自己的右邊，作元首，作救主，
將悔改和赦罪賜給以色列人。

約 6:50 這是從天上降下來的糧，叫人喫了就不死。

約 6:51 我是從天上降下來的活糧，人若喫這糧，就必永遠活著。
我所要賜的糧，就是我的肉，為世人的生命所賜的。

I. In his becoming the savior of the world, the sustainer of life (the revealer of secrets)—Gen. 41:45; Acts 5:31; John 6:50-51:

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of
Potiphra priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and
forgiveness of sins.

John 6:50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever;
and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.

1 首先，約瑟是祕密的揭示者——創四十 9～19，四一 17～32。

創 40:9 司酒長便將他的夢告訴約瑟，說，我夢見在我面前有一棵
葡萄樹，

創 40:10 樹上有三根枝子，一發了芽，就開花，並且上頭一挂一挂
的葡萄都成熟了。

創 40:11 法老的杯在我手中，我就拿葡萄擠在法老的杯裏，將杯遞
在他手中。

創 40:12 約瑟對他說，這夢的講解是這樣：三根枝子就是三天；

1. First, Joseph was the revealer of secrets—Gen. 40:9-19; 41:17-32.

Gen 40:9 And the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph and said to him, In my dream there was a vine
before me,

Gen 40:10 And on the vine were three branches. And as soon as it budded, its blossoms came out, and its clusters
ripened into grapes.

Gen 40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I
put the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

Gen 40:12 And Joseph said to him, This is its interpretation: The three branches are three days.

創 40:13 三天之內，法老必捉你出監，叫你恢復原職，你就要照先前作司酒長時的慣例，遞杯在法老的手中。

創 40:14 但你得好處的時候，求你記得我，施恩慈與我，向法老提說我，救我出這府牢。

創 40:15 我實在是從希伯來人之地被拐來的；我在這裏也沒有作過甚麼，叫他們把我下在牢坑裏。

創 40:16 司膳長見夢解得好，就對約瑟說，我也作了一個夢，見我頭上頂著三筐白餅；

創 40:17 最上面的筐子裏有為法老烤的各樣食物，有飛鳥來喫我頭上筐子裏的食物。

創 40:18 約瑟回答說，這夢的講解是這樣：三個筐子就是三天；

創 40:19 三天之內，法老必斬你的頭，把你掛在木頭上，必有飛鳥來喫你身上的肉。

創 41:17 法老對約瑟說，我夢見我站在河岸上，

創 41:18 有七隻母牛從河裏上來，又肥壯又美好，在蘆葦中喫草。

創 41:19 隨後又有七隻母牛上來，又軟弱又醜陋又乾瘦，在埃及偏地，我沒有見過這樣不好的。

創 41:20 這些又乾瘦又醜陋的母牛，喫盡了那以先的七隻肥母牛，

創 41:21 吞喫了以後，卻看不出是吞喫了，牠們醜陋的樣子仍和先前一樣；我就醒了。

創 41:22 我又夢見一棵麥子，長了七個穗子，又飽滿又佳美；

創 41:23 隨後又長了七個穗子，枯槁細弱，被東風吹焦了。

創 41:24 這些細弱的穗子，吞下了那七個佳美的穗子。我將這夢告訴了術士，卻沒有人能給我解說。

創 41:25 約瑟對法老說，法老的夢乃是一個；神已將祂要作的事指示法老了。

創 41:26 七隻好母牛是七年，七個好穗子也是七年；這夢乃是一個。

創 41:27 那隨後上來的七隻又乾瘦又醜陋的母牛是七年，那七個中空、被東風吹焦的穗子也是七年，都是七個荒年。

創 41:28 這就是我對法老所說，神已將祂要作的事顯明給法老了。

創 41:29 埃及偏地必來七個大豐年；

創 41:30 隨後又來七個荒年，甚至埃及地都忘了先前的豐收，這地必被饑荒所耗盡。

創 41:31 因那後來的饑荒極重，這地便不覺得先前的豐收了。

創 41:32 至於法老兩次重複作夢，是因這事乃神所命定，而且神必速速成就。

2 然後他成了世人的搭救者（四七 25），因他供養百姓的生活（四一 47 ~ 57，四七 12 ~ 24）。

Gen 40:13 Within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

Gen 40:14 But remember my being with you when it is well with you, and please do me a kindness and make mention of me to Pharaoh and so have me brought out of this house.

Gen 40:15 For I was actually kidnapped out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have not done anything that they should put me into the dungeon.

Gen 40:16 Now when the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also saw this in my dream: There were three baskets of white bread on my head.

Gen 40:17 And in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.

Gen 40:18 And Joseph answered and said, This is its interpretation: The three baskets are three days.

Gen 40:19 Within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh from you.

Gen 41:17 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, In my dream, there I was, standing on the bank of the River.

Gen 41:18 And there came up out of the River seven cows, fat-fleshed and fine-looking; and they grazed in the reed grass.

Gen 41:19 Then there came up after them seven other cows, poor and very ugly-looking and thin-fleshed; I had never seen such in all the land of Egypt for ugliness.

Gen 41:20 And the thin and ugly-looking cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

Gen 41:21 And when they had swallowed them, no one would have known that they had swallowed them, for they were still as ugly-looking as at the beginning. Then I awoke.

Gen 41:22 And I saw this in my dream: There were seven ears of grain, coming up on one stalk, full and good.

Gen 41:23 Then there were seven ears, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, that sprouted after them.

Gen 41:24 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.

Gen 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, Pharaoh's dream is one dream; what God is about to do He has told Pharaoh.

Gen 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream is one.

Gen 41:27 And the seven thin and ugly-looking cows that came up after them are seven years, and so are the seven empty ears scorched by the east wind; they will be seven years of famine.

Gen 41:28 This matter is just as I have spoken to Pharaoh; what God is about to do He has shown to Pharaoh.

Gen 41:29 Seven years of great abundance are now about to come throughout all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:30 Then seven years of famine will arise after them, and all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will consume the land.

Gen 41:31 And the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that famine which follows, for it will be very severe.

Gen 41:32 And as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

2. Then, because he sustained the life of the people (vv. 47-57; 47:12-24), he became the savior of the world (v. 25).

- 創 47:25 他們說，你救了我們的性命。但願我們在我主眼前蒙恩，我們就作法老的僕人。
Gen 47:25 And they said, You have saved our lives. May we find favor in the sight of my lord and be Pharaoh's servants.
- 創 41:47 七個豐年之內，地的出產極豐極盛。
Gen 41:47 And in the seven years of abundance the earth produced copiously.
- 創 41:48 約瑟聚斂埃及地那七年一切的糧食，把糧食積存在各城裏；各城周圍田地的糧食，都積存在本城裏。
Gen 41:48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which came upon the land of Egypt and put the food in the cities; he placed the food from the surrounding fields within each city.
- 創 41:49 約瑟積蓄穀物甚多，如同海沙，多到不再加以計算，因為無法計算。
Gen 41:49 And Joseph stored grain in great abundance like the sand of the sea until he stopped measuring it; for it was beyond measure.
- 創 41:50 荒年未到以前，安城的祭司波提非拉的女兒亞西納，給約瑟生了兩個兒子。
Gen 41:50 And before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.
- 創 41:51 約瑟給長子起名叫瑪拿西，因為他說，神使我忘了一切的困苦，和我父的全家。
Gen 41:51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, for, he said, God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's house.
- 創 41:52 他給次子起名叫以法蓮，因為他說，神使我在受苦之地繁衍。
Gen 41:52 And he called the name of the second Ephraim, for, he said, God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.
- 創 41:53 埃及地的七個豐年一過，
Gen 41:53 And the seven years of abundance that came upon the land of Egypt came to an end.
- 創 41:54 七個荒年就來了，正如約瑟所說的。各地都有饑荒，惟獨埃及全地有糧食。
Gen 41:54 And the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. And there was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.
- 創 41:55 等到埃及全地有了饑荒，眾民就向法老哀求糧食。法老對所有的埃及人說，你們往約瑟那裏去，凡他所說的，你們都要作。
Gen 41:55 So when all the land of Egypt became hungry, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do.
- 創 41:56 當時饑荒徧滿地面，約瑟開了各處的糧倉，賣糧給埃及人；在埃及地的饑荒逐漸加重。
Gen 41:56 And when the famine was over all the face of the earth, Joseph opened all the storehouses of grain and sold grain to the Egyptians; and the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.
- 創 41:57 全地的人都往埃及去，到約瑟那裏買糧，因為全地的饑荒甚重。
Gen 41:57 And all the earth came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.
- 創 47:12 約瑟用糧食供養他父親和他弟兄們，並他父親全家的眷屬，都是照各家的人口供養他們。
Gen 47:12 And Joseph sustained his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food according to the number of their little ones.
- 創 47:13 全地都絕了糧，因為饑荒極重，以致埃及地和迦南地因饑荒的緣故，都凋萎了。
Gen 47:13 And there was no food in all the land, for the famine was so very severe that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.
- 創 47:14 約瑟收聚了埃及地和迦南地所有的銀子，就是眾人買糧的銀子；約瑟就把那銀子帶到法老的宮裏。
Gen 47:14 And Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
- 創 47:15 埃及地和迦南地的銀子都花盡了，埃及眾人都來見約瑟，說，我們的銀子都用盡了，求你給我們糧食，我們為甚麼要死在你面前呢？
Gen 47:15 And when the money from the land of Egypt and from the land of Canaan had been spent, all the Egyptians came to Joseph saying, Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone.
- 創 47:16 約瑟說，若是銀子用盡了，可以把你們的牲畜帶來，我就給你們糧食，來換你們的牲畜。
Gen 47:16 And Joseph said, Bring your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.
- 創 47:17 於是他們把牲畜趕到約瑟那裏，約瑟就拿糧食換了他們的馬、羊羣、牛羣和驢；那一年因換他們一切的牲畜，就用糧食養活他們。
Gen 47:17 And they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and for the flocks of sheep and for the herds of cattle and for the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.
- 創 47:18 那一年過去，第二年他們又來見約瑟，說，我們不瞞我主，我們的銀子都花盡了，牲畜也都歸了我主。我們在我主眼前，除了我們的身體和田地之外，一無所剩。
Gen 47:18 And when that year had ended, they came to him the second year and said to him, We cannot hide from my lord that our money has been spent, and the herds of cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord except our bodies and our lands.
- 創 47:19 我們為甚麼要在你面前人死地荒呢？求你用糧食買我們和我們的地，我們和我們的地就要給法老効力；並且求你給我們種子，使我們得以存活，不至死亡，地土也不至荒涼。
Gen 47:19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will become servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.
- 創 47:20 於是約瑟為法老買了埃及所有的地；埃及人因被饑荒所迫，各都賣了自己的田地；那地就都歸了法老。
Gen 47:20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them; and the land became Pharaoh's.

創 47:21 至於百姓，約瑟叫他們從埃及境內的這邊直到那邊，都遷移到各城裏。
創 47:22 惟有祭司的地，約瑟沒有買，因為祭司有從法老所得的常俸。他們喫法老所給的常俸，所以他們不賣自己的地。
創 47:23 那時約瑟對百姓說，看哪，我今日為法老買了你們和你們的地；這裏有種子給你們，你們可以種地。
創 47:24 到收割的時候，你們要把五分之一納給法老，五分之四可以歸你們自己作田地裏的種子，也作你們、你們家人和孩童的食物。
創 47:25 他們說，你救了我們的性命。但願我們在我主眼前蒙恩，我們就作法老的僕人。

十 娶外邦妻子—四一 45，約三 29，弗五 23～27，啓十九 7。

創 41:45 法老賜名給約瑟，叫撒發那忒巴內亞，又將安城的祭司波提非拉的女兒亞西納給他為妻。約瑟就出去巡行埃及地。
約 3:29 娶新婦的，就是新郎；新郎的朋友站著聽祂，因著新郎的聲音就歡喜快樂；所以我這喜樂滿足了。
弗 5:23 因為丈夫是妻子的頭，如同基督是召會的頭；祂自己乃是身體的救主。
弗 5:24 召會怎樣服從基督，妻子也要照樣凡事服從丈夫。
弗 5:25 作丈夫的，要愛你們的妻子，正如基督愛召會，為召會捨了自己，
弗 5:26 好聖化召會，藉著話中之水的洗滌潔淨召會，
弗 5:27 祂好獻給自己，作榮耀的召會，沒有斑點、皺紋、或任何這類的病，好使她成為聖別、沒有瑕疵。
啓 19:7 我們要喜樂歡騰，將榮耀歸與祂；因為羔羊婚娶的時候到了，新婦也自己豫備好了。

十一 供應人糧食—創四一 56～57，約六 35。

創 41:56 當時饑荒徧滿地面，約瑟開了各處的糧倉，賣糧給埃及人；在埃及地的饑荒逐漸加重。
創 41:57 全地的人都往埃及去，到約瑟那裏買糧，因為全地的饑荒甚重。
約 6:35 耶穌對他們說，我就是生命的糧，到我這裏來的，必永遠不餓；信入我的，必永遠不渴。

十二 承認他無知的弟兄們並為他們所認—創四五 1～4，14～15，羅十一 26，亞十二 10，啓一 7。

創 45:1 約瑟在左右侍立的人面前情不自禁，大聲吩咐說，各人都要離開我出去！約瑟和他弟兄們相認的時候，並沒有一個人站在他身邊。

Gen 47:21 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end.
Gen 47:22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an assigned portion from Pharaoh, and they lived off their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.
Gen 47:23 Then Joseph said to the people, Now that I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh, here is seed for you that you may sow the land.
Gen 47:24 And when harvest comes, you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own as seed of the field and as food for you and for those of your households and as food for your little ones.
Gen 47:25 And they said, You have saved our lives. May we find favor in the sight of my lord and be Pharaoh's servants.

J. In his taking a wife from the Gentiles—41:45; John 3:29; Eph. 5:23-27; Rev. 19:7.

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.
John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.
Eph 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.
Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be subject to their husbands in everything.
Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her
Eph 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,
Eph 5:27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.
Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

K. In his supplying people with food—Gen. 41:56-57; John 6:35.

Gen 41:56 And when the famine was over all the face of the earth, Joseph opened all the storehouses of grain and sold grain to the Egyptians; and the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:57 And all the earth came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.
John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

L. In his acknowledging his ignorant brothers and being recognized by them—Gen. 45:1-4, 14-15; Rom. 11:26; Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7.

Gen 45:1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who attended him; and he cried out, Have everyone go out from me. So there was no one standing with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

創 45:2 他就放聲大哭，埃及人和法老家中的人都聽見了。
創 45:3 約瑟對他弟兄們說，我是約瑟；我的父親還健在麼？他弟兄們不能回答，因為在他面前都甚驚惶。
創 45:4 約瑟又對他弟兄們說，請你們近前到我這裏來。他們就近前來。他說，我是你們的弟兄約瑟，就是你們所賣到埃及的。
創 45:14 於是約瑟伏在他弟弟便雅憫的頸項上哭，便雅憫也在他的頸項上哭。
創 45:15 他又與眾弟兄親嘴，抱著他們哭，隨後他弟兄們就和他說話。
羅 11:26 於是以色列全家都要得救，如經上所記：『必有拯救者從錫安出來，祂要從雅各家消除不虔。
亞 12:10 我必將恩典和懇求的靈，澆灌大衛家和耶路撒冷的居民；他們必仰望我，就是他們所扎的；他們必為我哀號，如為喪獨生子哀號，又為我痛哭，如為喪長子痛哭。
啓 1:7 看哪，祂駕雲降臨，眾目要看見祂，連刺祂的人也要看見祂；地上的眾支派都要因祂捶胸哀哭。是的，阿們。

Gen 45:2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.
Gen 45:3 And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph! Is my father still alive? But his brothers could not answer him, so troubled were they at his presence.
Gen 45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, Please come closer to me. And they came closer. And he said, I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.
Gen 45:14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.
Gen 45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.
Rom 11:26 And thus all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come out of Zion; He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.
Zech 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced; and they will wail over Him with wailing as for an only son and cry bitterly over Him with bitter crying as for a firstborn son.
Rev 1:7 Behold, He comes with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the land will mourn over Him. Yes, amen.

十三 在國度裏掌權，管理全地——創四—40～五十 26，啓十一 15，但七 13～14。

創 41:40～50:26 (從畧。)
啓 11:15 第七位天使吹號，天上就有大聲音說，世上的國，成了我主和祂基督的國，祂要作王，直到永永遠遠。
但 7:13 我在夜間的異象中觀看，見有一位像人子的，駕著天雲而來；祂來到亙古常在者那裏，被領近祂面前。
但 7:14 權柄、榮耀、國度都給了祂，使各族、各國、各方言的人都事奉祂。祂的權柄是永遠的權柄，不能廢去，祂的國必不毀壞。

M. In his reigning in the kingdom over the whole earth—Gen. 41:40—50:26; Rev. 11:15; Dan. 7:13-14.

Gen 41:40-50:26 (be omitted.)
Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
Dan 7:13 I watched in the night visions, / And there with the clouds of heaven / One like a Son of Man was coming; / And He came to the Ancient of Days, / And they brought Him near before Him.
Dan 7:14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, / That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. / His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; / And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

貳 約瑟這個『作夢的』(創三七 19)，照著神的眼光，夢見祂的子民乃是滿了生命的禾捆，也是滿了光的天體(5～11)：

II. Joseph, a “master of dreams” (Gen. 37:19), dreamed that according to God’s view, His people are sheaves of wheat full of life and heavenly bodies full of light (vv. 5-11):

創 37:19 彼此說，你看，那作夢的來了。
創 37:5 約瑟作了一個夢，把這夢告訴他哥哥們，他們就越發恨他。
創 37:6 約瑟對他們說，請聽我所作的這夢：
創 37:7 我們在田裏捆禾稼，忽然間我的禾捆起來站著，你們的禾捆來圍著我的禾捆下拜。
創 37:8 他的哥哥們對他說，難道你真要作我們的王，真要管轄我們麼？他們就因為他的夢和他的話越發恨他。
創 37:9 後來他又作了一個夢，也把這夢告訴他的哥哥們說，看哪，我又作了一個夢，夢見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向我下拜。

Gen 37:19 And they said one to another, Here comes this master of dreams.
Gen 37:5 Then Joseph had a dream; and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.
Gen 37:6 And he said to them, Listen to this dream which I have had:
Gen 37:7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.
Gen 37:8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.

創 37:10 約瑟將這夢告訴他父親和他哥哥們，他父親就責備他說，你作的這是甚麼夢！難道我和你母親、你弟兄，果然要來俯伏在地，向你下拜麼？

創 37:11 他哥哥們都嫉妒他，他父親卻把這話存在心裏。

一 約瑟的兩個夢（7～9）都是出於神，向他揭示神對祂地上子民之性情、地位、功用和目標的神聖眼光：

創 37:7 我們在田裏捆禾稼，忽然間我的禾捆起來站著，你們的禾捆來圍著我的禾捆下拜。

創 37:8 他的哥哥們對他說，難道你真要作我們的王，真要管轄我們麼？他們就因為他的夢和他的話越發恨他。

創 37:9 後來他又作了一個夢，也把這夢告訴他的哥哥們說，看哪，我又作了一個夢，夢見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向我下拜。

1 約瑟在第一個夢裏，看見田裏的禾捆向他的禾捆下拜；這個夢啓示，約瑟再好，不過是禾捆，他的哥哥們再壞，也是禾捆；約瑟是禾捆，他的哥哥們也是禾捆——7～8 節：

創 37:7 我們在田裏捆禾稼，忽然間我的禾捆起來站著，你們的禾捆來圍著我的禾捆下拜。

創 37:8 他的哥哥們對他說，難道你真要作我們的王，真要管轄我們麼？他們就因為他的夢和他的話越發恨他。

a 他和他們惟一的**不同**，就是神揀選了他來掌權；但這不是說他比他們好；在基督裏，神的子民都是生命的禾捆。

b 神藉著巴蘭說話，巴蘭說，『祂未見雅各中有罪孽，也未見以色列中有禍患』——民二三 21 上：

民 23:21 上祂未見雅各中有罪孽，也未見以色列中有禍患；...

(一) 這話不是按著人的看法，乃是按著神聖的看法；在神眼中，以色列沒有過犯。

(二) 在他們自己裏面，神的子民有許多缺失，但在神的救贖裏，並在基督裏，他們沒有缺失；神看祂的子民，不是按著他們在自己裏面的所是，乃是按著他們在基督裏的所是——參林後五 16～17。

Gen 37:10 And he told it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the ground to you?

Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in his heart.

A. Joseph's two dreams (vv. 7-9), both from God, unveiled to him God's divine view concerning the nature, position, function, and goal of God's people on earth:

Gen 37:7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.

Gen 37:8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.

1. In his first dream Joseph saw sheaves in the field bowing down to his sheaf; this dream reveals that, at the most, Joseph was just a sheaf and that, at the worst, his brothers were also sheaves; Joseph was a sheaf, and his brothers were sheaves—vv. 7-8:

Gen 37:7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.

Gen 37:8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

a. The only difference between him and them was that God had chosen him to reign, but this does not mean that he was better than they were; God's people are all sheaves of life in Christ.

b. God spoke through Balaam, and Balaam said, "He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, / Nor has He seen trouble in Israel"—Num. 23:21a:

Num 23:21a He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, / Nor has He seen trouble in Israel;...

1) This word was spoken not according to the human view but according to the divine view; in the sight of God, Israel is without fault.

2) In themselves God's people have many defects, but in God's redemption and in Christ they have no defects; when God looks at His people, He does not see them according to what they are in themselves but according to what they are in Christ—cf. 2 Cor. 5:16-17.

林後 5:16 所以我們從今以後，不按著肉體認人了；雖然按著肉體認過基督，如今卻不再這樣認祂了。

林後 5:17 因此，若有人在基督裏，他就是新造；舊事已過，看哪，都變成新的了。

- c 以利亞抱怨以色列人說，『以色列人背棄了你的約，拆毀了你的壇，用刀殺了你的申言者，只剩下我一個人，他們還尋索要奪我的命』；然而耶和華回答說，『但我在以色列中為自己留下了七千人，都是未曾向巴力屈膝，未曾與巴力親嘴的』—王上十九 10、18，參羅十一 2～5。

王上 19:10 他說，我為耶和華萬軍之神大發妒忌；因為以色列人背棄了你的約，拆毀了你的壇，用刀殺了你的申言者，只剩下我一個人，他們還尋索要奪我的命。

王上 19:18 但我在以色列中為自己留下了七千人，都是未曾向巴力屈膝，未曾與巴力親嘴的。

羅 11:2 神並沒有棄絕祂豫先所知道的百姓。你們豈不曉得經上論到以利亞是怎麼說的？他怎樣向神控告以色列人說，

羅 11:3 『主啊，他們殺了你的申言者，拆了你的祭壇，只剩下我一個人，他們還要尋索我的命。』

羅 11:4 但神的回話是怎麼對他說的呢？是說，『我為自己留下七千人，是未曾向巴力屈膝的。』

羅 11:5 在現今的時候，也是這樣，照著恩典的揀選，還有剩下的餘數。

- d 我們若看見了屬天的夢，就會看見在神的眼光中，祂的子民都是滿了生命的禾捆，為要出產食物，作素祭滿足神和人—利二 4～5。

利 2:4 你若獻爐中烤的物為素祭作供物，就要用細麵，作成調油的無酵餅，或抹油的無酵薄餅。

利 2:5 你的供物若用煎盤上作的物為素祭，就要用調油的無酵細麵，

- 2 約瑟在第二個夢裏，看見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向他下拜—創三七 9：

創 37:9 後來他又作了一個夢，也把這夢告訴他的哥哥們說，看哪，我又作了一個夢，夢見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向我下拜。

- a 照著他們墮落的性情，神的子民是邪惡、不潔的；但在神永遠的眼光裏，祂的子民乃是滿了光的天體—參啓十二 1 與註。

2 Cor 5:16 So then we, from now on, know no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him so no longer.

2 Cor 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

- c. Elijah complained against Israel, saying, “The children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword; and I alone am left, and they seek to take my life”; however, Jehovah replied, “Yet I have left Myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed unto Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him”—1 Kings 19:10, 18; cf. Rom. 11:2-5.

1 Kings 19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword; and I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have left Myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed unto Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.

Rom 11:2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage concerning Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

Rom 11:3 "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars; and I am left alone, and they are seeking my life."

Rom 11:4 But what does the divine answer say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Rom 11:5 In the same way then at the present time also there has come into being a remnant according to the selection of grace.

- d. If we have seen the heavenly dream, then we have seen that in God's view all His people are sheaves full of life to produce food for the meal offering to satisfy God and man—Lev. 2:4-5.

Lev 2:4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Lev 2:5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened.

2. In his second dream Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowing down to him—Gen. 37:9:

Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.

- a. According to their fallen nature, God's people are evil and unclean, but in God's eternal view, His people are heavenly bodies full of light—cf. Rev. 12:1 and footnote.

啓 12:1 天上現出大¹異象來，有一個²婦人身披日頭，腳踏月亮，頭戴十二星的冠冕。

註 1 直譯，表號。

註 2 本書頭一段由前十一章組成，說到從基督升天直到永遠所要發生的一切事。第二段由後十一章組成，詳述從今世的末三年半，就是大災難的時期，直到新天新地的永世，所有重要關鍵的事物。本段所啓示重要關鍵事物的頭一項，就是生男孩子的婦人。

這婦人身披日頭，腳踏月亮，頭戴十二星的冠冕。創三七 9，約瑟所夢見的太陽、月亮和十一顆星，象徵他的父親、母親和十一個弟兄。太陽、月亮和十一顆星，加上約瑟自己，象徵神在地上全體子民的組合。基於那夢的原則，這裏的日頭、月亮和十二顆星，必定是象徵神在地上全體的子民，就是這婦人所象徵的。她身上大部分披著日頭，這日頭象徵新約時代神的子民。基督來到世上之前，是舊約時代的黑夜；等到基督這清晨的日光從高天臨到（路一 78），日頭的時代就來臨了。在此之前是月亮時代，月亮象徵神舊約時代的子民。月亮是在婦人的腳下，因為月亮時代是律法時代，不該像星那樣被高舉。星象徵列祖，就是神頒賜律法之前的子民，在婦人頭上為冠冕。神在這三個時代所有的子民構成了這婦人，他們都是發光者。因此，她是光明的婦人，歷代以來一直照耀著。

b 成熟生命掌權的一面，絕不會定罪神的子民，反而是牧養並珍賞他們—創三七 5～11，參林前十三 4～8、13。

創 37:5 約瑟作了一個夢，把這夢告訴他哥哥們，他們就越發恨他。

創 37:6 約瑟對他們說，請聽我所作的這夢：

創 37:7 我們在田裏捆禾稼，忽然間我的禾捆起來站著，你們的禾捆來圍著我的禾捆下拜。

創 37:8 他的哥哥們對他說，難道你真要作我們的王，真要管轄我們麼？他們就因為他的夢和他的話越發恨他。

創 37:9 後來他又作了一個夢，也把這夢告訴他的哥哥們說，看哪，我又作了一個夢，夢見太陽、月亮與十一顆星，向我下拜。

創 37:10 約瑟將這夢告訴他父親和他哥哥們，他父親就責備他說，你作的這是甚麼夢！難道我和你母親、你弟兄，果然要來俯伏在地，向你下拜麼？

創 37:11 他哥哥們都嫉妒他，他父親卻把這話存在心裏。

林前 13:4 愛是恆久忍耐，又有恩慈；愛是不嫉妒；愛是不自誇，不張狂，林前 13:5 不作不合宜的事，不求自己的益處，不輕易發怒，不計算人的惡，

林前 13:6 不因不義而歡樂，卻與真理同歡樂；

林前 13:7 凡事包容，凡事相信，凡事盼望，凡事忍耐。

林前 13:8 愛是永不敗落；但申言終必歸於無用，方言終必停止，知識也終必歸於無用。

Rev 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a ¹woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

Note 1 The first section of this book, composed of the first eleven chapters, covers all things that occur from Christ's ascension to eternity. The second section, composed of the last eleven chapters, gives details of the important things and crucial matters occurring from the last three and a half years of the present age, which will be the period of the great tribulation, to the eternal age of the new heaven and new earth. The first of the important things and crucial matters revealed in this section is a woman who brought forth a man-child.

This woman is "clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." In Gen. 37:9, Joseph in his dream saw the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars, signifying his father, his mother, and his eleven brothers. There the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars, plus Joseph himself, signified the totality of God's people on the earth. Based on the principle of that dream, the sun, the moon, and the twelve stars here must signify the totality of God's people on earth, which is symbolized here by a woman. Most of her being is clothed with the sun. The sun signifies God's people in the New Testament age. Before Christ came to the world, it was the dark night of the Old Testament age. When Christ as the rising sun came from on high (Luke 1:78), the age of the sun came. Before that, it was the age of the moon, which signifies God's people in the Old Testament time. The moon is underneath the feet of the woman, for the age of the moon was the age of the law, which should not be exalted as the stars are. The stars, which signify the patriarchs, God's people before the law was given, are on her head as a crown. All God's people in these three ages, who together constitute this woman, are light bearers. Hence, she is the bright woman shining throughout all generations.

b. The reigning aspect of the mature life never condemns God's people; rather, it shepherds and appreciates them—Gen. 37:5-11; cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13.

Gen 37:5 Then Joseph had a dream; and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

Gen 37:6 And he said to them, Listen to this dream which I have had:

Gen 37:7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.

Gen 37:8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.

Gen 37:10 And he told it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the ground to you?

Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in his heart.

1 Cor 13:4 Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up;

1 Cor 13:5 It does not behave unbecomingly and does not seek its own things; it is not provoked and does not take account of evil;

1 Cor 13:6 It does not rejoice because of unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1 Cor 13:7 It covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor 13:8 Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless.

林前 13:13 如今常存的，有信、望、愛這三樣，其中最大的是愛。

- c 有一件事是確定的：誰定罪召會或責備聖徒，誰的生命就受虧損；然而，我們若因主的聖徒滿了生命和光而讚美祂，我們就是頭一個有分於生命的人——創十二 2～3，民二四 9。

創 12:2 我必使你成為大國；我必賜福給你，使你的名為大；你也要使別人得福。

創 12:3 那為你祝福的，我必賜福與他；那咒詛你的，我必咒詛他。地上的萬族都必因你得福。

民 24:9 他蹲臥如公獅，又如母獅，誰敢惹他？凡給你祝福的，願他蒙福；凡咒詛你的，願他受咒詛。

二 雖然神的子民是位於天上的太陽、月亮與眾星，卻是活在地上的禾捆（腓三 20，二 15），因為禾捆生長在田裏；今天我們乃是活在地上的屬天子民。

腓 3:20 我們的國籍乃是在諸天之上，我們也熱切等待救主，就是主耶穌基督，從那裏降臨；

腓 2:15 使你們無可指摘、純潔無雜，在彎曲悖謬的世代中，作神無瑕疵的兒女；你們在其中好像發光之體顯在世界裏，

三 我們必須用『神聖的望遠鏡』，透過時間來看，就會看見新耶路撒冷，在那裏沒有別的，只有滿了生命的禾捆，和滿了光的眾星。

四 雖然雅各的眾子是有罪的，基督仍藉他們而來——創三八 27～30，太一 3。

創 38:27 他瑪將要生產，不料她腹裏是孿生子。

創 38:28 到生產的時候，一個孩子伸出一隻手來；接生婦拿一條朱紅線拴在他手上，說，這一個是先生出來的。

創 38:29 隨後這孩子把手收回去，他哥哥生出來了；接生婦說，你為甚麼搶著來呢？因此他名叫法勒斯。

創 38:30 後來，他那手上有朱紅線的弟弟也生出來，他就名叫謝拉。

太 1:3 猶大從他瑪氏生法勒斯和謝拉，法勒斯生希斯崙，希斯崙生亞蘭，

1 Cor 13:13 Now there abide faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- c. One thing is certain: whoever condemns the church or blames the saints will suffer the loss of life; however, if we praise the Lord for His saints being full of life and light, we will be the first to participate in life—Gen. 12:2-3; Num. 24:9.

Gen 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, / And I will bless you / And make your name great; / And you shall be a blessing.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, / And him who curses you I will curse; / And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Num 24:9 He couches; he lies down like a lion / And like a lioness; who will rouse him up? / Blessed is everyone who blesses you, / And cursed is everyone who curses you.

B. Although God's people are positioned in heaven as the sun, the moon, and the stars, they are living on earth as sheaves (Phil. 3:20; 2:15), for sheaves grow in the field; today we are the heavenly people living on earth.

Phil 3:20 For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Phil 2:15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

C. We have to use the “divine telescope” to see through time and behold the New Jerusalem, where there is nothing but sheaves full of life and stars full of light.

D. Although the sons of Jacob were sinful, Christ still came in through them—Gen. 38:27-30; Matt. 1:3.

Gen 38:27 And at the time of her delivery, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 38:28 And while she was giving birth, one put out a hand; and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, This one came out first.

Gen 38:29 But when he drew back his hand, his brother suddenly came out; and she said, What a breach you have made for yourself! Therefore his name was called Perez.

Gen 38:30 And afterward his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread on his hand; and his name was called Zerah.

Matt 1:3 And Judah begot Pharez and Zarah of Tamar, and Pharez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Aram,

五 我們越在生命裏成熟，就越不會消極的說到聖徒或召會；我們不是審判人的——七 1 ~ 5，羅十四 4。

太 7:1 不要審判，免得你們受審判；

太 7:2 因為你們用甚麼審判審判人，也必受甚麼審判；你們用甚麼量器量給人，也必用甚麼量器量給你們。

太 7:3 再者，為甚麼看見你弟兄眼中的刺，卻不想到自己眼中的梁木？

太 7:4 或者，你怎能對你弟兄說，讓我去掉你眼中的刺，而你自己眼中竟有梁木？

太 7:5 你這假冒為善的人，先從你眼中去掉梁木，然後你才看得清楚，從你弟兄眼中去掉刺。

羅 14:4 你是誰，竟審判別人的家僕？他或站住或跌倒，自有他的主人在，而且他也必要站住，因為主能使他站住。

E. The more mature in life we become, the less we will speak negatively concerning the saints or the church; we are not the ones to judge—7:1-5; Rom. 14:4.

Matt 7:1 Do not judge, that you be not judged.

Matt 7:2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you.

Matt 7:3 And why do you look at the splinter which is in your brother's eye, but the beam in your eye you do not consider?

Matt 7:4 Or how can you say to your brother, Let me remove the splinter from your eye, and behold, the beam is in your eye?

Matt 7:5 Hypocrite, first remove the beam from your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.

Rom 14:4 Who are you who judge another's household servant? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will be made to stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

叁 約瑟的夢支配他的一生，並引導他的行為——參徒二六 19：

徒 26:19 亞基帕王啊，我故此沒有違背那從天上來的異象，

一 約瑟的行事為人這樣超特美妙，乃因他受夢中所見異象的指引。

二 約瑟所過的生活，符合他在兩個夢中所見的異象；他的哥哥們發洩怒氣（創三七 18 ~ 31），並放縱情慾（三八 15 ~ 18），但約瑟制伏怒氣，並勝過情慾（三九 7 ~ 23），行事為人如同滿了生命的禾捆，也如天上的星在黑暗中照耀：

創 37:18 他們遠遠的看見他，趁他還沒有走到跟前，大家就同謀要害死他，

創 37:19 彼此說，你看，那作夢的來了。

創 37:20 來吧，我們將他殺了，丟在一個坑裏，就說有惡獸把他喫了；我們且看他的夢將來怎麼樣。

創 37:21 流便聽見了，要救他脫離他們的手，就說，我們不可害他的性命；

III. Joseph's dreams controlled his life and directed his behavior—cf. Acts 26:19:

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

A. Joseph behaved so excellently and marvelously because he was directed by the vision that he saw in his dreams.

B. Joseph lived a life that corresponded to the vision he saw in his two dreams; his brothers vented their anger (Gen. 37:18-31) and indulged in their lust (38:15-18), but Joseph subdued his anger and conquered his lust (39:7-23), behaving as a sheaf full of life and conducting himself like a heavenly star shining in the darkness:

Gen 37:18 And when they saw him from a distance and before he came near to them, they conspired against him to put him to death.

Gen 37:19 And they said one to another, Here comes this master of dreams.

Gen 37:20 Now then, come and let us slay him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, A wild beast has devoured him; then we will see what will become of his dreams.

Gen 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he tried to deliver him out of their hand and said, Let us not take his life.

- 創 37:22 又說，不可流他的血；可以把他丟在這野地的坑裏，只是不可下手害他。流便的意思是要救他脫離他們的手，把他歸還他的父親。
- 創 37:23 約瑟到了他哥哥們那裏，他們就剝了他的外衣，就是他穿的那件彩衣，
- 創 37:24 把他丟在坑裏；那坑是空的，裏頭沒有水。
- 創 37:25 於是他們坐下喫飯；他們舉目觀看，見有一夥以實瑪利人從基列來，用駱駝馱著香膠、香油、沒藥，要帶下埃及去。
- 創 37:26 猶大對眾弟兄說，我們殺我們的弟弟，藏了他的血，有甚麼益處呢？
- 創 37:27 我們不如將他賣給以實瑪利人，不可下手害他；因為他是我們的弟弟，我們的骨肉。眾弟兄就聽從了他。
- 創 37:28 所以當米甸的商人從那裏經過，約瑟的哥哥們就把約瑟從坑裏拉上來，講定二十錠銀子，把約瑟賣給以實瑪利人。他們就把約瑟帶到埃及去了。
- 創 37:29 流便回到坑邊，見約瑟不在坑裏，就撕裂衣服，
- 創 37:30 回到弟弟們那裏，說，童子沒有了，我怎麼辦？
- 創 37:31 他們宰了一隻公山羊，把約瑟的外衣蘸了血。
- 創 38:15 猶大看見她，以為是妓女，因為她蒙著臉。
- 創 38:16 猶大就轉到她那裏去，說，來吧，讓我與你同寢。他原不知道是他的兒媳。他瑪說，你要與我同寢，把甚麼給我呢？
- 創 38:17 猶大說，我從羊羣裏取一隻山羊羔，打發人送來給你。他瑪說，在未送以先，你要給我一個抵押才行。
- 創 38:18 他說，我給你甚麼作抵押呢？他瑪說，你的印、你的帶子、和你手裏的杖。猶大就給了她，與她同寢，她就從猶大懷了孕。
- 創 39:7 這事以後，約瑟主人的妻子以目送情給約瑟，說，你與我同寢吧。
- 創 39:8 約瑟不肯，對他主人的妻子說，看哪，有我在，家裏一切事務我主人都不管；他把所有的都交在我手裏。
- 創 39:9 在這家裏沒有比我大的；並且他沒有留下一樣不交給我，只留下了你，因為你是他的妻子。我怎能作這大惡，得罪神呢？
- 創 39:10 後來她天天對約瑟說話，約瑟卻不聽從，不與她同寢，也不和她在一處。
- 創 39:11 有一天，約瑟進屋裏去辦事，家中的人沒有一個在屋裏，
- 創 39:12 婦人就拉住他的衣裳，說，你與我同寢吧。約瑟把衣裳撒在婦人手裏，跑到外面去了。
- 創 39:13 婦人看見約瑟把衣裳撒在她手裏跑出去了，
- 創 39:14 就叫了家裏的人來，對他們說，你們看，他帶了一個希伯來人到我們這裏，要戲弄我們。他到我這裏來，要與我同寢，我就大聲喊叫。
- Gen 37:22 And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood; throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him-that he might deliver him out of their hand to restore him to his father.
- Gen 37:23 And when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him;
- Gen 37:24 And they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- Gen 37:25 Then they sat down to eat food; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and there was a caravan of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.
- Gen 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, What gain is there if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?
- Gen 37:27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let our hand not be on him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened to him.
- Gen 37:28 So when some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And these brought Joseph into Egypt.
- Gen 37:29 And when Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes.
- Gen 37:30 And he returned to his brothers and said, The boy is not there; so as for me, what shall I do?
- Gen 37:31 Then they took Joseph's coat and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the coat in the blood.
- Gen 38:15 And when Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.
- Gen 38:16 And he turned aside to her by the way and said, Come now, let me come in to you; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me?
- Gen 38:17 And he said, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Only if you give me a pledge until you send it.
- Gen 38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your seal and your cord and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.
- Gen 39:7 Now after these things his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and said, Lie with me.
- Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, Behold, with me here, my master is not concerned about anything in the house, and he has put everything he has in my charge.
- Gen 39:9 There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great evil, and sin against God?
- Gen 39:10 And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her.
- Gen 39:11 And one such day he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house were there in the house.
- Gen 39:12 And she grabbed him by his garment, saying, Lie with me! But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and went outside.
- Gen 39:13 And when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside,
- Gen 39:14 She called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew man to us to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I called out with a loud voice;

創 39:15 他聽見我放聲喊起來，就把衣裳撇在我身邊，跑到外面去了。

創 39:16 婦人把約瑟的衣裳放在自己身邊，等著他主人回家，

創 39:17 就對他如此說：你所帶到我們這裏的那希伯來僕人，進來要戲弄我，

創 39:18 我放聲喊起來，他就把衣裳撇在我身邊，跑出去了。

創 39:19 約瑟的主人聽見他妻子對他所說的話，說，你的僕人如此待我，他就發怒，

創 39:20 把約瑟拿住，下在監裏，就是王的囚犯被囚的地方。但是當約瑟在監裏的時候，

創 39:21 耶和華與約瑟同在，向他施恩慈，使他在獄長眼前蒙恩。

創 39:22 獄長把監裏所有的囚犯都交在約瑟手下；他們在那裏無論作甚麼事，都是經他的手作的。

創 39:23 凡在約瑟手下的事，獄長一概不察，因為耶和華與約瑟同在；耶和華使他所作的盡都順利。

1 當約瑟的哥哥們沉溺於人的怒氣之中，那代表成熟生命掌權一面的約瑟，卻如生命的禾捆活著，從人怒氣的死水中顯露出來——三七 18。

創 37:18 他們遠遠的看見他，趁他還沒有走到跟前，大家就同謀要害死他，

2 猶大盲目的行事為人，在黑暗中放縱情慾（三八 15～18）；相對的，約瑟生活如發光的星，勝過了自己的情慾（三九 7～12）。

創 38:15 猶大看見她，以為是妓女，因為她蒙著臉。

創 38:16 猶大就轉到她那裏去，說，來吧，讓我與你同寢。他原不知道是他的兒媳。他瑪說，你要與我同寢，把甚麼給我呢？

創 38:17 猶大說，我從羊羣裏取一隻山羊羔，打發人送來給你。他瑪說，在未送以先，你要給我一個抵押才行。

創 38:18 他說，我給你甚麼作抵押呢？他瑪說，你的印、你的帶子、和你手裏的杖。猶大就給了她，與她同寢，她就從猶大懷了孕。

創 39:7 這事以後，約瑟主人的妻子以目送情給約瑟，說，你與我同寢吧。

創 39:8 約瑟不肯，對他主人的妻子說，看哪，有我在，家裏一切事務我主人都不管；他把所有的都交在我手裏。

創 39:9 在這家裏沒有比我大的；並且他沒有留下一樣不交給我，只留下了你，因為你是他的妻子。我怎能作這大惡，得罪神呢？

創 39:10 後來她天天對約瑟說話，約瑟卻不聽從，不與她同寢，也不和她在一處。

Gen 39:15 And when he heard that I lifted up my voice and called out, he left his garment beside me, and fled and went outside.

Gen 39:16 And she placed his garment beside her until his master came home.

Gen 39:17 And she spoke to him with these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me.

Gen 39:18 And when I lifted up my voice and called out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.

Gen 39:19 And when his master heard the words of his wife that she had spoken to him, saying, This is the way your servant treated me; his anger burned.

Gen 39:20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while he was there in the prison,

Gen 39:21 Jehovah was with Joseph; and He extended kindness to him and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Gen 39:22 And the chief jailer put in Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the prison; and whatever was done there, he was the one to do it.

Gen 39:23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything that was in his charge, because Jehovah was with him; and whatever he did, Jehovah caused it to prosper.

1. While Joseph's brothers were drowning in the water of human anger, Joseph, representing the reigning aspect of a mature life, lived as a sheaf of life and emerged from the death water of human anger—37:18.

Gen 37:18 And when they saw him from a distance and before he came near to them, they conspired against him to put him to death.

2. Judah behaved in a blind way, indulging in his lust in darkness (38:15-18); in contrast, Joseph, living as a star of light, overcame his lust (39:7-12).

Gen 38:15 And when Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

Gen 38:16 And he turned aside to her by the way and said, Come now, let me come in to you; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me?

Gen 38:17 And he said, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Only if you give me a pledge until you send it.

Gen 38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your seal and your cord and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

Gen 39:7 Now after these things his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and said, Lie with me.

Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, Behold, with me here, my master is not concerned about anything in the house, and he has put everything he has in my charge.

Gen 39:9 There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great evil, and sin against God?

Gen 39:10 And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her.

創 39:11 有一天，約瑟進屋裏去辦事，家中的人沒有一個在屋裏，

創 39:12 婦人就拉住他的衣裳，說，你與我同寢吧。約瑟把衣裳撇在婦人手裏，跑到外面去了。

三 約瑟在屬天異象之下的生活，就是馬太五至七章所描述諸天之國的生活；他過著這樣的生活，充分豫備好作王掌權；照著馬太這幾章所啓示屬天之國的憲法，我們的怒氣必須被制伏，我們的情慾必須被征服（五 21 ~ 32）。

太 5:7 憐憫人的人有福了，因為他們必蒙憐憫。

太 5:8 清心的人有福了，因為他們必看見神。

太 5:9 製造和平的人有福了，因為他們必稱為神的兒子。

太 5:21 你們聽見有對古人說的話：『不可殺人；凡殺人的，難逃審判。』

太 5:22 但是我告訴你們，凡向弟兄動怒的，難逃審判。凡罵弟兄拉加的，難逃議會的審判；凡罵弟兄魔利的，難逃火坑的火。

太 5:23 所以你在祭壇前獻禮物，若想起你的弟兄向你懷怨，

太 5:24 就要把禮物留在壇前，先去與你的弟兄和好，然後來獻禮物。

太 5:25 你同告你的對頭還在路上，要趕緊與他和息，免得他把你交給審判官，審判官交給差役，你就下在監裏了。

太 5:26 我實在告訴你，非到你還清最後一分錢，你絕不能從那裏出來。

太 5:27 你們聽見有話說，『不可姦淫。』

太 5:28 但是我告訴你們，凡看婦女，有意貪戀她的，心裏已經與她犯姦淫了。

太 5:29 若是你的右眼叫你絆跌，就剝出來丟掉；因為你肢體中的一個喪失了，強於你全身扔在火坑裏。

太 5:30 若是你的右手叫你絆跌，就砍下來丟掉；因為你肢體中的一個喪失了，強於你全身往火坑裏去。

太 5:31 又有話說，人若休妻，就當給她休書。

太 5:32 但是我告訴你們，凡休妻的，若不是為淫亂的緣故，就是叫她犯姦淫了；無論誰娶這被休的婦人，也是犯姦淫了。

四 我們在國度生活裏的國度子民，正在受訓練，要作君王，作約瑟，顯明成熟生命掌權的一面。

Gen 39:11 And one such day he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house were there in the house.

Gen 39:12 And she grabbed him by his garment, saying, Lie with me! But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and went outside.

C. Joseph's life under the heavenly vision was the life of the kingdom of the heavens described in Matthew 5—7; by living such a life, he was fully prepared to reign as a king; according to the constitution of the heavenly kingdom revealed in these chapters in Matthew, our anger must be subdued, and our lust must be conquered (5:21-32).

Matt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Matt 5:21 You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not murder, and whoever murders shall be liable to the judgment."

Matt 5:22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the judgment of the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, Moreh, shall be liable to the Gehenna of fire.

Matt 5:23 Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you,

Matt 5:24 Leave your gift there before the altar, and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matt 5:25 Be well disposed quickly toward your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way, lest the opponent deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Matt 5:26 Truly I say to you, You shall by no means come out from there until you pay the last quadrans.

Matt 5:27 You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."

Matt 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman in order to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matt 5:29 So if your right eye stumbles you, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.

Matt 5:30 And if your right hand stumbles you, cut it off and cast it from you, for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish than for your whole body to pass away into Gehenna.

Matt 5:31 And it was said, Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.

Matt 5:32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries her who has been divorced commits adultery.

D. As the kingdom people in the kingdom life, we are being trained to be kings, to be Josephs, to manifest the reigning aspect of the mature life.