

Joseph the Overcomer

A Lecture Series by Dr. James W. Bruggeman

From a listener: “Just a quick note to say that this Joseph series has been one of your best so far because it puts you right there, just like you were there on the side lines watching everything unfold. You bring out the best in a bible story.” Using the book of Jasher as an integral part of the narrative, James’ lectures provides a new level of understanding of the life and times of Jacob, Joseph and his eleven brothers in ancient Egypt and Canaan land. Woven throughout are correlations to how the ancient prophecies have been and are being fulfilled as well as practical lessons for all Christians today. This 30-part series is now available in this multi-volume CD collection.

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Synopses of Lectures

459, 460 ***Joseph the Overcomer Series, Lectures 1 & 2: Family Values: Envy, Bitterness, Murder*** We begin by examining father Jacob’s favoritism of Joseph and his early relationships with his older brothers. We look at the youthful, but arrogant Joseph. Then, propelled into dreadful circumstances by being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph whines and cries and indulges in self-pity. But he quickly matures into an example for us all.

461, 462 ***Joseph the Overcomer Series, Lectures 3 & 4: Joseph’s Attitude and Integrity.*** Did Joseph moan and complain of his new, lowly status in life as a slave? He soon becomes “manager” of his master’s household. We discover the hidden reason why Potiphar’s wife, Zelicah, may have been so adamant to seduce Joseph. His resistance to her charms lands him in the dungeon. Lessons from Joseph abound for our everyday life.

469, 470 ***Interpreting Dreams, Lectures 5 & 6.*** In this portion of the story, Joseph in prison interprets the dreams of Pharaoh’s butler and baker, and is confident he, too, will soon be released from prison. But his “dream” of release is crushed. Later, he is suddenly released and called to interpret Pharaoh’s dream. Today, many Christians do not believe that God speaks to us through dreams, visions and other means. We find such is not the case. He *does* speak to us today in divers means!

471, 472 ***When Joseph Rules the World, Lectures 7 & 8.*** After many years in prison, Joseph is suddenly released and appointed to be second-in-command of all Egypt. His character had been purified in prison; now his great abilities are brought to the fore for the benefit of Egypt (symbolizing the world). He marries Asenath, daughter of a priest in Egypt. When the famine arrives, he sets a trap for his brothers. They meet him but do not recognize him. Therein is an astounding foreshadowing which will delight every listener.

473, 474 ***Testing the Heart, Lectures 9 & 10.*** As Joseph’s brothers appear before him, still not aware who he is, Joseph devises a number of tests of their character. His demand that they return next time with Jacob’s precious son, Benjamin, causes great consternation and angst among them.

475, 476 ***Unless Benjamin Is With You, Lectures 11 & 12.*** Judah pledges himself as surety for Benjamin as the brothers return to Egypt again for grain. Thus commences one of the most touching dramas in the entire Bible. Joseph dines with his brethren and has Benjamin seated with himself apart from the other brothers. Why? What does Benjamin signify in long-range prophecy?

477, 478 ***Jasher: Israelite Terrorists in Ancient Egypt, Lectures 13 & 14.*** According to the book of Jasher, Joseph revealed himself secretly to Benjamin and then confided his plan to him of the final test of his brethren. The final test brought out great passions of anger and violence and many Egyptians lost their lives in the process. Joseph finally reveals himself and provides the brothers with all manner of riches and with orders to return home and bring their father Jacob and the entire household to Egypt.

479, 480 ***Joseph and the Tennessee Valley Authority, Lectures 15 & 16.*** Jacob weathers the shock of learning Joseph is still alive, but has great doubts whether he should relocate to Egypt. He is welcomed like royalty and Joseph settles them all in the finest land in Egypt. Some startling speculations arise from incorporating the Jasher account. Was Joseph instructed by God to hide great wealth for the use of Israelites 100 to 1,000 years in the future? Historical evidence indicates Joseph initiated and oversaw vast water engineering projects.

481, 482 ***Awakening to Christ Consciousness, Lectures 17 & 18.*** As Jacob-Israel nears his death, he recalls his encounters with God many decades previous at the place called Luz. There he saw the angels ascending and descending on the “stairway to heaven.” Many “spiritual” non-Christians call Jesus “the Christ.” Is it proper for Christians to so speak of Him? Jacob experienced a shift in consciousness at Luz; how do we obtain the same?

483, 484 ***Who Are Ephraim and Manasseh Today? Lectures 19 & 20.*** On his deathbed, Jacob-Israel crosses his arms as he adopts Ephraim and Manasseh as his first-born. The younger is given precedence over the elder. These two young men fathered a great nation and a multitude of nations. Can we identify them in the world today? Could America and Great Britain be part of that fulfillment?

485, 486 ***The Scepter Shall Not Depart From Judah, Lectures 21 and 22.*** Having already given great blessings to the sons of Joseph, Jacob then blesses and prophesies over all twelve of his sons. We examine the prophecies over Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah. The prophecy used as this lecture's title appears to have failed, but God fulfilled it in a hidden and most marvelous way, as shown through the history of the migrations of Israel to the isles in the Northwest: to England, Scotland and Ireland.

487, 488 ***Joseph and the Stone Kingdom, Lectures 23 & 24.*** We continue our study of Jacob's deathbed prophecies over the rest of his sons, including Zebulun's connection with the Netherlands, Issachar with Finland or Switzerland, Dan with Denmark, etc. But we focus more on Joseph, looking once again at the modern national identities of Ephraim and Manasseh, offering a different perspective, and showing the connections between those nations, the coming of Shiloh and the ascendancy of His Stone Kingdom.

489, 490 ***The Tribe of Benjamin, Ancient and Modern, Lectures 25 & 26.*** Jacob's prophetic blessing on Benjamin is explored, from the Old Testament history of the tribe to the location and identity of the tribe at the time of Christ. From there we trace the Goths, the Normans, the Vikings, Scandinavians and other peoples until we discover the location of the Benjamites in the world today. Is it Iceland? Is it Norway? Sweden? Some other nations?

491, 492 ***Trouble in Dodge at the Death of King Jacob-Israel, Lectures 27 & 28.*** The title is a reference to the shootout in the old American West. The Genesis account of all the events surrounding the demise of Jacob are very skimpy, but we find a very thrilling account in the book of Jasher. Jacob was literally a king! Tying the two accounts together provides a dramatic picture of the warfare that occurred over the next number of years between the sons of Israel and the offspring of Esau. Battles raged which killed hundreds of thousands. This lecture provides a scene worthy of the biggest Hollywood epic films!

493, 494 ***Joseph and Jubilee Forgiveness. Lectures 29 & 30.*** Conclusion of the series Joseph the Overcomer. After the death of Jacob, Joseph's brothers again feared that he would then take his revenge upon them, but Joseph proclaimed the sovereignty of God message to them. Joseph demonstrated jubilee forgiveness. So should all overcomer candidates.

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