

Bible Overview: understanding the message in the different books of the Bible.

Video 2—The Patriarchs: Genesis 12-50

What does this part of the Bible tell us about each of the following?

1. What promise did God give to Abraham?

the promise that the Savior would come from his family, (attached also to the promise of the land)

2. What does all of the deceit (lying), struggle and other sins of Jacob and others show us about people we might call heroes of faith in the Bible?

these “heroes” of faith are saved in the exact same way we are, only because Jesus rescued them and their sins are forgiven

3. What special blessing did God give to Jacob and his descendants?

they would be the family the Savior came from

4. Why was Judah important among the sons of Jacob?

His family/tribe would be the one of the people of Israel from whom the Savior, Jesus was descended.

5. What troubles did Joseph experience in his life?

sold into slavery by brothers, falsely accused and thrown into prison

6. What did God work out of those troubles?

used these troubles to bring him to Egypt where God made him a powerful person to save lives during the famine (and also save the life of Judah and the line of the promised Savior!)

7. Why is the life of Joseph such a neat comfort for us?

it's a good example of how God will work good for his people in all things, even in hardship and difficulty

8. How does this section of the Bible help us see Jesus?

God preserved the promise of the Savior through the descendants of Abraham

The book of Genesis over-view for knowing where you are as you read your Bible.

Genesis --“beginnings”

of people, the world, animal and plant life, birth, sin, worship, need for a Savior, people of Israel

Genesis 1-5: Creation, Adam and his family

Genesis 6-10: Noah and his family

Genesis 11-23: Abraham and his family

Genesis 24-26: Isaac and his family

Genesis 27-36: Jacob and his family

Genesis 37-50: Joseph and the family of Israel coming to Egypt

This is also the history of God’s promise of the Savior Jesus, passed on from one generation to the next, God keeping his promise and preparing the people from whom the Savior would come. These lives of these Christians with their ups and downs and above all God’s mercy to them, teach us countless lessons for our faith and every day life.