

Feast or Famine **Genesis 47:13-31**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

God often gives us in the Old Testament, physical situations that reflect greater _____, that become clearer in the New Testament.

“The New is in the Old contained; The Old is by the New _____.”

The Four Pictures of a Greater Spiritual Reality:

1. The life of Joseph _____ the life of Christ.

Look at the life of Joseph and you see the life and _____ of Jesus Christ.

2. The _____ of the Egyptians and the famine reveal our need for a Savior to save us from our spiritual _____.

This famine reminds us that we live and have food to eat only by God’s _____.

Now there is a dramatic _____ between the destitution of the Egyptians and the prosperity of the Israelites.

Note what Joseph did with the Egyptians:

- He collected all the people’s _____ (for food)
- He took their livestock, in _____ for food.
- He _____ all the land in Egypt, for Pharaoh.
- He reduced all the Egyptians to _____.
- He established a _____ tax in Egypt that remained in force.

Joseph had the food they desperately needed, and they had to _____ to get it.

Joseph said, “If you want to live, this is what is required for you to be _____.”

The Egyptians valued their _____ salvation so much that they gave up their money, their material goods, and even themselves to Joseph.

3. Even during a famine, a person belonging to the family of God can _____.

Through God’s favor and blessing, and oath to a covenant promise, He put Joseph in a position to _____ and take care of his family during the famine.

The famine is there so we can value and appreciate the _____ of God in bringing the family of Jacob down to Egypt.

God is working for the _____ of Jacob because God has a greater purpose.

God had a covenant _____ to fulfill through the life of Jacob and his family.

Jacob and his family _____ in the famine.

God's people prospered in a _____ that did not prosper.

God's people prospered in Egypt's darkest _____.

When you give God your _____ and your best, God gives you a _____ back with His first and His best.

Famines are necessary so we can _____ and value every feast.

Some of us will never realize that God is all we need until we realize that God is all we _____.

4. Finish strong trusting in the _____ of God.

God was creating a _____ out of a dysfunctional family and Jacob knew it.

Jacob's concern for the _____ of his burial was based on his faith in the promise of God.

Jacob is stepping up to the plate with relentless faith trusting in the _____ that his faith promises him and his family.

He has promised to make us a great _____, and therefore, do not bury me here.

He wants the symbolism of his burial in the land of Canaan, in the land of his fathers, to stand as a _____ to his descendants that their hope is not in Egypt.

Their hope is in the promise of God, and for them, that means the land of _____.

His great concern is that Joseph and his descendants would be focused upon the _____ of God given to his grandfather, Abraham, and that they would never ever forget it.

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