

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

STUDY 24

ACTS 7:9-16

FORMER ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

After Stephen finishes recounting the story of Abraham and God's covenant which He made with the patriarchs, he moves into the story of Joseph preserving the lives of his family in Egypt. He truncates the story, however, and moves from Joseph's brothers being jealous of him to God's faithfulness to rescue and exalt him over all Egypt.

1. Stephen specifically says in verse 9 that "the patriarchs" were jealous of Joseph rather than identifying them as "his brothers". In light of what is happening with Stephen and with what has just happened in Jerusalem, what point is Stephen emphasizing to the Jews?

1 Samuel 8:7 _____

Isaiah 53:3 _____

Jeremiah 8:9 _____

1 Kings 19:9-14 _____

Nehemiah 9:26 _____

Matthew 23:29-36 _____

Luke 22:3-6 _____

Matthew 10:24-25 _____

2. Stephen points out that, in spite of the treachery of his brothers in selling him to Egypt, Joseph experienced blessings from God. "God was with him," rescuing him and granting him favor and wisdom and ultimately becoming governor over all Egypt. What are some of the main instances of God's intervention in and through Joseph in spite of how circumstances looked at first?

Gen 39:1-6 _____

Gen. 39:15-23 _____

Gen 40:6-15 _____

Gen 41:9-14 _____

Gen 41:37-46 _____

Gen. 45:8-15 _____

3. It has been said that Egypt is the womb of Israel, and Hosea wrote, “Out of Egypt I called my son” (Hos. 11:1), and Matthew quoted this in telling of Joseph and Mary’s flight to Egypt with the young Jesus (Mt. 2:15). What are some of the main times God used Egypt to nurture and protect His son?

Genesis 12:10, 14–13:2 _____

Genesis 47:27-28 _____

Exodus 1:1-7 _____

Hosea 11:1 _____

Matthew 2:13-15 _____

4. Stephen concludes the story of Joseph with a compressed statement of his family being buried “in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.” What land purchases did Abraham and Jacob make which would have been understood by the Jews listening to Stephen, and who was buried where?

Genesis 23:17-20 _____

Genesis 25:7-11 _____

Genesis 35:27-29 _____

Genesis 50:6-14 _____

Genesis 33:18-20 _____

Joshua 24:32 _____

MEDITATE

How is God’s faithfulness to Abraham through His provision for Jacob and his sons in Egypt representative of His faithfulness to every one of us? Have you experienced God calling you, like Joseph, to mediate His care and provision for His people? How have you been mistreated by “brothers” and used by God for His glory? Ask God to show you what He wants you to know and to keep you faithful and willing to do what He asks you to do.
