

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Gen. 41

Review

We began in Genesis with the beginnings of the human race.

I. THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HUMAN RACE, 1:1—11:32

II. THE PATRIARCHAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HEBREW RACE, 12:1—50:26

A. The Progenitor: Abraham, 12:1—25:11

B. The Pilgrim: Isaac, 25:19—27:46

C. The Propagator: Jacob, 28:1—36:43

D. The Provider: Joseph, 37:1—47:26

1. Joseph's Background, 30:24-25
2. Joseph's Boyhood, 37:1-11
3. Joseph's Betrayal, 37:12-36
4. Joseph's Brother, 38:1-30
5. Joseph's Bondage, 39:1—40:23
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 - (1) His Perfect Timing, 41:9
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c. The Peerless Will of God, 41:14-44

(1) To Present Joseph to Pharaoh, 41:13-37

(2) To Promote Joseph Through Pharaoh,
41:38-44

Joseph has been promoted by Pharaoh to second in command in all of Egypt. His life continues to change as he is married to “...Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On.” (41:45) Joseph’s family development will be covered tonight.

7. Joseph’s Bride, 41:45-52

a. Her Favored Place, 41:45-49

(1) Highly Exalted, 41:40, 45,

Gen. 41:40 **Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.**

Heb. 3:6 But **Christ as a son over his own house;** whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

1 Thess. 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received **the word of God** which ye heard of us, ye received *it not as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Gen. 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

Zaphnathpaaneah = The Savior of the World, The Treasury of the Glorious Rest, Revealer of Secrets.

Original Word: צָפְנַת פַּעֲנָח

Transliteration: Tsaphenath Paneach

Definition: "the god speaks and he lives", Joseph's Egyptian name.

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6847.htm>

❖ Asenath = "belonging to the goddess Neith"

(2) Highly Extolled, 41:45-49

Gen. 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

46 And **Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt**. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

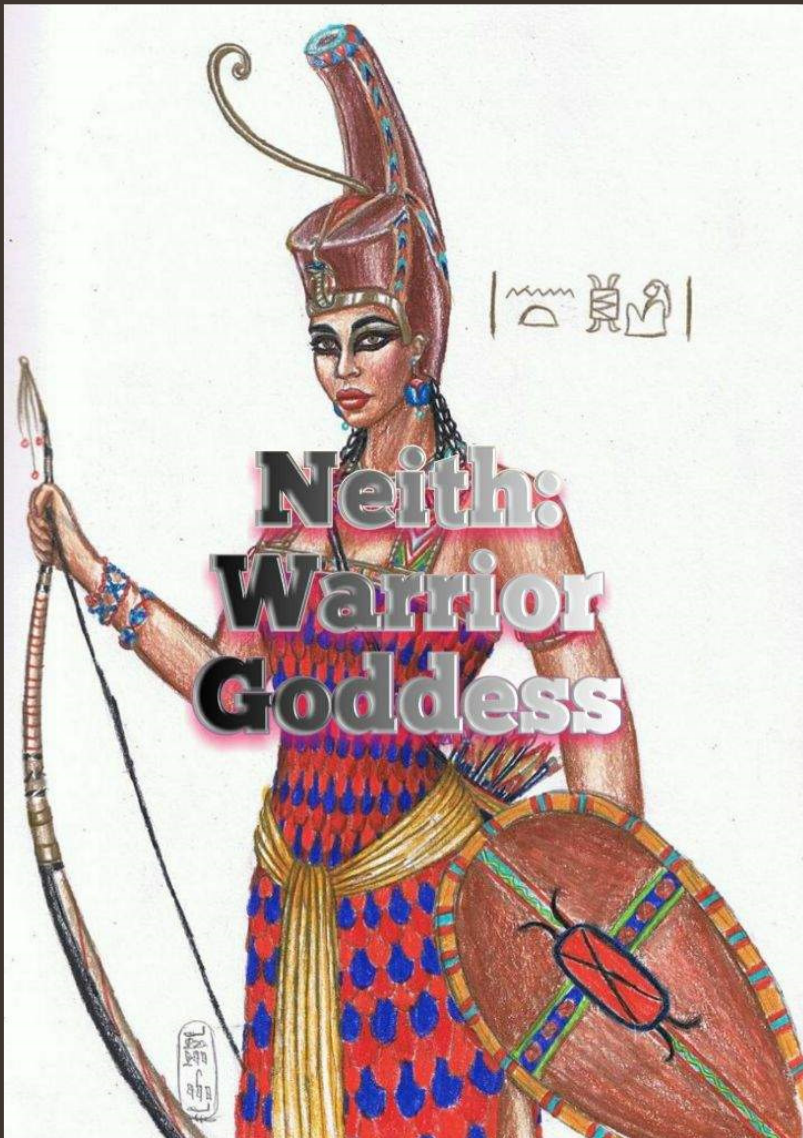
❖ The seven plenteous years is a time of bountiful harvest which Joseph wisely stored.

b. Her Forgotten Past, 41:45

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- ❖ Warrior goddess Neith is considered the mother of all the gods.

❖ Neith was the patron goddess of the Red Crown of Lower Egypt, and was often portrayed wearing her Red Crown. Although known as goddess, Neith was actually androgynous, at least in terms of her role in creation. Neith was the “Virgin Mother Goddess” that predated Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus.



<https://mythology.net/egyptian/egyptian-gods/neith/#:~:text=Warrior%20goddess%20Neith%20is%20considered%20the%20mother%20of,pantheon%20and%20the%20people%20worshipped%20her%20throughout%20Egypt.>

https://aminoapps.com/c/paranormal/page/blog/neith-warrior-goddess/PJBE_jVQHmuQab8LJvYeJamZYp0rvGGZKv

- ❖ Potipherah = "he whom the Ra gave" or "dedicated to the Sun."
- ❖ Ra (also given as Re) is the sun god of ancient Egypt.



[https://www.worldhistory.org/Ra \(Egyptian God\)/](https://www.worldhistory.org/Ra_(Egyptian_God)/)
<https://pixfeeds.com/images/4/265025/1200-154131808-sun-god-ra.jpg>
<https://www.deviantart.com/erebus-art/art/Ra-Sun-God-158393460>

❖ On = "strength or vigour"

The ancient city of On – On, known today as Heliopolis or Ain-Shams, was considered the first Egyptian capital during the predynastic period and was the birthplace of the first ancient Egyptian mythology.

<https://dailynewsegypt.com/2013/02/11/the-ancient-city-of-on/#:~:text=On%20was%20the%20home%20of%20the%20first%20and,to%20light%20up%20the%20dark%20and%20empty%20universe.>

❖ Both Joseph and Jesus were 30 years old when beginning their “ministry.”

Gen. 41:46 And **Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.** And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Luke 3:23 And **Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age**, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,

c. Her Faithful Part, , 41:50-52

(1) Manasseh: “Forgetting” – 41:50-51

Gen. 41:50 And unto Joseph were born **two sons before the years of famine came**, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.
51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

❖ Joseph and Asenath had “...**two sons before the years of famine came...**”

Original Word: מְנַשֶּׁה **Transliteration:** Menashsheh

Definition: "causing to forget", a son of Joseph, also a tribe desc. from him, also a king of Judah, also two Israelites <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4519.htm>

(2) Ephraim: “Fruitful” – 41:52

Gen. 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

Original Word: אֶפְרַיִם **Transliteration:** Ephrayim

Definition: a son of Joseph, also his desc. and their territory

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/669.htm>

Ephraim = "double ash-heap: I shall be doubly fruitful"

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h669/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

❖ As Joseph's life has gone from prison to the palace, God's hand on him is still a time of preparation for being a blessing to Israel. His marriage and children will play a future role in Israel's history.

Summary

- ❖ In tonight's passage, we continue to see the typology of Christ in the life of Joseph.

Remembrance

Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him when he was released from prison.

One thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him. Jesus said to remember Him whenever we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Hair Removal

Joseph shaved himself (Genesis 41:14) before meeting with Pharaoh.

Jesus' beard was plucked out by those who mocked Him.

Promotions

Joseph was promoted to Pharaoh's right hand on his throne.

Jesus was elevated to the right hand of God and His throne.

Marriage

Pharaoh gave his daughter to Joseph to be his wife.
God gave the church to Jesus as His bride.

Savior

Joseph became the savior for his people.
Jesus became the savior of His people.

Conclusion

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning**, that **we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

- ❖ As a believer looks at the life of Joseph, it is easy to see how he was betrayed, despised, disappointed, distressed, discouraged, and more, yet he stayed faithful to God and was eventually delivered and promoted during his lifetime.

❖ Believers can observe the situation and gain hope for the future:

Jas. 1:2 My **brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;**

3 Knowing *this*, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, **that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**