

Bethel Bible Series

United for a Destiny

Week 6

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - How is separation important for God's people?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Study 4 - *Pronouncement of a Destiny*

Shaft of light strikes prism = I will bless you

Light diffuses & passes through figure = so that you will be a blessing

Rays of light extend over earth = by you all on earth shall be blessed

Kneeling Figure = A Proper Posture (Left without questions, built altars)

Facing God = A Childlike Trust (Believed descendant promise, right. faith)

Holding Prism = Action (He went, circumcised household, sacrificed Isaac)

Review of Last Week - *The Ardent Dreams of a Destiny*

Figure sitting on a rock ledge = Israel

Ring encircles figure = Israel is set apart by God for a unique destiny

Figure surveys scenes in misty clouds = Israel considers promises & disciplines of future

Land Scene = Covenant entails promise of a land

Kingdom Scene = Covenant entail promise that seed of Abraham will multiply into a great nation

Small figures encircled by ring = Israel is called to maintain ethnic separation

Sarah / Hagar

Jacob's Leah & Rachel / Esau's Hittite Wives

Small figure separated from circled figures = God brings separation within families to insure destiny

Abraham / Lot

Isaac / Ishmael

Jacob / Esau

Judah / Reuben, Simeon, Levi

Circled figure and land scene = Divine circumstances lead Israel to geographic separation

Abram - Haran (Ur) to Canaan

Jacob - Canaan to Goshen

Prism symbol = Land, kingdom & separation to allow Israel to become the blessing it was called for

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Genesis Memory Concept Review

God created all things good	= Genesis 1
God can use evil for good	= Genesis 50
Blessed to be a Blessing	= Genesis 12
Deliberate Ethnic Separation (Isaac chooses Rebekah)	= Genesis 24
Hagar and Ishmael	= Genesis 16
Separation within Families (Abram-Lot)	= Genesis 13
Geographic Separation in Goshen	= Genesis 47
Divine Intentions	= Genesis 2
The Flood	= Genesis 7
Brother's Keeper	= Genesis 4
Tower of Babel	= Genesis 11
The Fall	= Genesis 3
Circumcision instituted	= Genesis 17

Exodus Memory Concepts - First Half

Birth of Moses	= Exodus 2
The Excuses of Moses when faced with a Challenge	= Exodus 4
Jethro's Advice to Moses to Delegate Responsibility	= Exodus 18
Israel, A Kingdom of Priests	= Exodus 19
The Ten Commandments	= Exodus 20
The Eye for an Eye Code	= Exodus 21

Lesson - *United for a Destiny*

Israelites in Egypt

Why did God bring the Israelites to Egypt?

Genesis 46:1-4 = *I will make you into a great nation. I will go with you ... I will bring you back*

How was separation achieved in the populous land of Egypt?

Genesis 46:31-34 = Geographic separation helped protect ethnic separation

What was significant about the quality of the land in Goshen?

Genesis 47:5-6 = Plushness of Goshen prepared Israelites for Canaan

How did God provide for the Israelites in Goshen?

Genesis 47:12-13 = Joseph provided food although the famine was severe

Genesis 47:27 = They acquired property in Goshen and multiplied

What part of God's promise was especially developed in Egypt?

Exodus 1:6-7 = Israelites multiplied greatly and filled the land - many descendants

How many belonged to the covenant family when Israel moved to Egypt?

Genesis 46:26-27 = 70 direct descendants (7 means total, complete to Hebrew)

How many belonged to the covenant family when they left Egypt 430 yrs later? = Exodus 12:40 – 430 yrs

Exodus 12:37-38 = 600,000 men plus women, children, servants, herds

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Mortar bowl and pestles = Israel was united into a people by specific experiences

In what ways was Israel United for her Destiny?

Exodus 19:5-7 = Chosen out of all people to be kingdom of priests, holy nation

In what ways is the new Israel United for her Destiny?

Ephesians 4:3-6 = One body, Spirit, Lord, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God & Father

Pestle with sharp rock = Circumcision

Why did God appear to Abram when he was 99 years old?

Genesis 17:1-2 = To confirm His covenant (Renamed Abram & Sarai, Promised Isaac)

How were Abraham and his descendants to keep this covenant?

Genesis 17:9-10 = Every male to be circumcised

What does the Hebrew word *circumcise* mean?

= To cut off (Israel was to be cut off from others)

Which members of the covenant family were to be circumcised?

Genesis 17:12-13a = All males 8 days or older, born or bought

How important was it to be circumcised? = Rejecting circumcision was rejection of God's covenant

Genesis 17:14 = Any uncircumcised male would be cut off from people

What was the purpose of circumcision?

Genesis 17:11, 13b = The sign of the covenant in your flesh (present reminder)

How did circumcision serve to unify the Israelites?

Genesis 34:14 = Disgrace for sister to marry an uncircumcised man

1 Samuel 17:26 = David: How dare an uncircumcised Philistine defy armies of God

How was circumcision changed as a sign of the new covenant?

Romans 2:28-29 = Circumcision of the heart, not outwardly

Did the recipients of the new covenant understand the new sign?

Acts 15:1-2 = Some said: Unless you're physically circumcised, you can't be saved

How did Paul respond to circumcision as an end in itself? = vs. a means to an end?

Galatians 5:2-6 = Circumcision has no value unless under law, Faith in Christ is all

Pestle with separation symbol (blue ring) = Ethnic, Within Family & Geographic Separations

Leviticus 20:26 = Be holy to me - *I have set you apart to be my own*

Pestle with land and throne = Common hopes & dreams for the future - Blessed to be a blessing

Numbers 6:27 = Put my name on the Israelites, I will bless them

Isaiah 9:1-7 = No more gloom or distress ... for unto us a child is born ...

Pestle with yoke = Oppression Under Pharaoh

What had God told Abraham about his descendants in a foreign country?

Genesis 15:13-16 = descendants will be enslaved 400 years then returned with wealth

What happened to the Israelites in Egypt?

Exodus 1:8-14 = Enslaved & treated harshly by Egyptians

Why was it important that the Israelites endure hardship in Egypt?

Exodus 3:7-10 = So they wouldn't be complacent & want to stay in Egypt

Isaiah 1:25-27 = God uses oppression to purify his people

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Pestle with law symbol = The law received at Mount Sinai

Exodus 20:1-17 = The Ten Commandments

Exodus 24:3 = The people responded in one voice: *Everything the Lord has said we will do*

Prism symbol on manuscript = Israel's United Destiny was "to be a blessing"

Genesis 12:2-3 = I will bless you, you will be blessing, by you all on earth will be blessed

Isaiah 2:1-3 = Many will come to Israel to seek the Lord & His ways

Zechariah 8:20-23 = Many peoples will come to seek the Lord

Concept Review - *United for a Destiny*

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 6 and Assignment 7

Next Week - *An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland*

Genesis Rule-of-Thumb Timeline

2400	The Flood
2300	The Tower of Babel
2200	
2100	
2000	Abraham
1900	Jacob
1800	Joseph
1700	
1600	
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1400	Moses, The Exodus