## • God's promise of a redeemer:

- A thread woven through the entire scripture.
  - The promise to the serpent of the animosity between him and the seed of the woman.
  - The promise to Abraham that he would be blessed and be a blessing to all nations.
  - The promise to King David to raise up a son to him that would rule Israel.
  - The promise to Moses that he would raise up a prophet like him.
  - The promise to Isaiah that Messiah would redeem Israel.

## • Do you ever get impatient with God?

- Sometimes I do!
- I want the answer to my prayers the way I want it when I want it.

#### • We are to become partakers of the Divine Nature:

• 2Pe 1:3-4 TLV His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue. (4) Through these things He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, since you have escaped the corruption that evil desires have brought into the world.

## • God's promise of a redeemer (2):

- It is a promise of redemption sometimes seems slow to us, but it is exactly what God's design and plan is.
  - 2 Peter 3:8-9 TLV (8) But don't forget this one thing, loved ones, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. (9) The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some consider slowness. Rather, He is being patient toward you—not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

## • God's promise of a redeemer (3):

- We must wait for God's promise:
  - Habakkuk 2:3-4 TLV (3) For the vision is yet for an appointed time. It hastens to the end and will not fail. If it should be slow in coming, wait for it, For it will surely come—it will not delay." (4) Behold, the puffed up one—his soul is not right within him, But the righteous will live by his trust.
  - Romans 8:24-25 TLV (24) For in hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, then we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

- God's promise of a redeemer (4):
  - We must trust God's Ruach to workout his promises and to know what we need.
    - Romans 8:26 TLV (26) In the same way, the Ruach helps in our weakness. For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Ruach Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words.
    - Matthew 6:7-8 TLV (7) And when you are praying, do not babble on and on like the pagans; for they think they will be heard because of their many words. (8) Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

- Joseph learned to wait upon God's promises. As a result:
  - He as made ruler of all Egypt.
  - Saved his family.
  - He became a type of Messiah; a pattern like Yeshua.

## • God gave Joseph a revelation of the future.

- As a result his brothers hated him and sold him into slavery.
  - Gen 37:4-5 TLV When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak to him in shalom. (5) Then Joseph dreamed a dream and told his brothers—and they hated him even more.
  - Gen 37:28 TLV When some men, Midianite merchants, passed by, they dragged Joseph up and out of the pit and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

- Joseph displayed his righteous character, was successful, and caused his master to prosper:
  - As a result he was enticed to sin, falsely accused, and thrown into prison.
    - Gen 39:19-20 TLV Now when his master heard the words his wife spoke to him saying, "Such are the things your slave did to me," his anger burned. (20) Then Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. So there he was, in the prison.

- Joseph revealed the future shown to the Pharaoh's cupbearer in a dream.
  - As a result he was forgotten for two years.
    - Gen 40:20-23 TLV Then it happened on the third day—Pharaoh's birthday—that he held a banquet for all his servants. He lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers among his servants. (21) He restored the chief of the cupbearers as his cupbearer, and he put the cup on the palm of Pharaoh's hand. (22) But the chief of the bakers he hung. It was just as Joseph had interpreted for them. (23) Yet the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph—indeed, he forgot him.

#### • When Joseph was sold into slavery:

• Genesis 37:2 TLV (2) These are the genealogies of Jacob. When Joseph was 17 years old (he was a youth), he was shepherding the flocks with his brothers—with the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

## • When Joseph became ruler of Egypt:

• Genesis 41:46 TLV (46) Now Joseph was 30 years old when he began serving as representative of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and passed throughout the whole land of Egypt.

## • Joseph was in slavery and prison for 13 years.

# • Joseph's faith and patience with God's work in his life gave him the ability to wait on God (1).

• Gen 45:4-5 TLV Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near me." So they came near. "I'm Joseph, your brother—the one you sold to Egypt," he said. (5) "So now, don't be grieved and don't be angry in your own eyes that you sold me here—since it was for preserving life that God sent me here before you.

- Joseph's faith and patience with God's work in his life gave him the ability to wait on God (2)
  - Gen 50:15-21 TLV (15) When Joseph's brothers saw that their father had died, they said, "Maybe Joseph will be hostile towards us and pay us back in full for all the evil we showed him. (16) So they charged Joseph saying, "Before his death, your father gave a command, saying, (17) "Thus you must say to Joseph: 'Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin because they treated you wrongly.' Therefore, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Then Joseph wept when they spoke to him, (18) and his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your slaves!" [next page]

- Joseph's faith and patience with God's work in his life gave him the ability to wait on God (3)
  - Gen 50:15-21 TLV (19) But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. For am I in the place of God? (20) Yes, you yourselves planned evil against me. God planned it for good, in order to bring about what it is this day—to preserve the lives of many people. (21) So now, don't be afraid. I myself will provide food for you and your little ones." So he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

• Joseph was a type of Messiah that foretold Yeshua's suffering and ultimate reign.

#### • Yeshua humbled himself according to God's plan.

• Php 2:5-11 TLV (5) Have this attitude in yourselves, which also was in Messiah Yeshua, (6) Who, though existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be grasped. (7) But He emptied Himself—taking on the form of a slave, becoming the likeness of men and being found in appearance as a man. (8) He humbled Himself—becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (9) For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, (10) that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue profess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord—to the glory of God the Father.

#### • Yeshua was our example (1).

1Pe 2:18-25 TLV (18) Slaves, with all respect submit yourselves to your masters—not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are harsh. (19) For this finds favor if, for the sake of conscience toward God, someone endures grief from suffering undeservedly. (20) For what credit is there if, when you sin and get a beating, you endure? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this finds favor with God. (21) For you were called to this, because Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you might follow in His footsteps: [next page]

- Yeshua was our example (2).
  - 1Pe 2:18-25 TLV (22) "He committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth." (23) When He was abused, He did not return the abuse. While suffering, He made no threats. Instead, He kept entrusting Himself to the One who judges righteously. (24) He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we, removed from sins, might live for righteousness. "By His wounds you were healed." (25) For you like sheep were going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

#### • We become great by our service of others:

• Mat 20:25-28 TLV But Yeshua called them over and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones play the tyrant over them. (26) It shall not be this way among you. But whoever wants to be great among you shall be your servant, (27) and whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave— (28) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

#### • We are to serve:

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- Do we have the faith and are we willing to wait on God's answers and promises THROUGH the difficulties?
  - John 17:14-17 TLV (14) I have given them Your word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world just as I am not of the world. (15) I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. (16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (17) Make them holy in the truth. Your word is truth.

#### • Look unto Yeshua:

• Heb 12:1-4 TLV Therefore, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also get rid of every weight and entangling sin. Let us run with endurance the race set before us, (2) focusing on Yeshua, the initiator and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame; and He has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary in your souls and lose heart. (4) In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of bloodshed.