

Judah: The Transformed Life in the Joseph Narrative (Genesis 37 – 50)

The book of Genesis ends with the familiar story of Joseph. Yet we will see that throughout the Joseph story much attention is also given to Judah. In this session we will trace the remarkable transformation in Judah's life. We will see that he goes from being a man driven by personal gratification to becoming the key figure in uniting the fragmented family. Furthermore, his family line becomes the royal line of Judah that culminates in Christ.

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I. The Story of Joseph

A. The Journey to Egypt

B. Joseph in Egypt

C. Egypt is not my Home

II. The Story of Judah

A. Judah & Tamar

B. A Pledge of Safety

C. Breaking the Chain of Deceit

D. The Blessings of Jacob

III. The Greater Story

A. Joseph as a Type of Christ?

B. The Lion of Judah

Suggested Readings:

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