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Introduction

According to the Bible account on Joseph, God revealed his future to him. In one way or the other, God would have told you the blessed future He has for you.

In Jeremiah 29: 11-13

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

God is telling you this so that you will know that He has a bright future for you as He had for Joseph. He revealed Joseph's future to him. But one thing we shall see in his Bible account is that, when the future is revealed by God, you

do not automatically attain it. It can be lost, wasted or, you can be led away from it. There is a path you must follow to actualize that future.

We are going to look at it in the life of Joseph. As God said in His word, "I know the future I have set for you." Therefore, God has not finished His work on you, youth. God met with Abraham when he was 75 years old. As for Moses, He brought him into the Lord's business at the age of 80, so God has not finished with you. He is just starting. God will use this book to do a great work in you, for you, and through you.

I was a youth like you. God revealed my future to me through dreams and other ways. I cooperated with God through a life of obedience, holy living and fervent prayers. Today, all can see that He has given me great rewards and attainments. A blessed destiny shall be yours. If you are not performing well, your history will change. God will be your Father. He will be your sponsor. God will be your Healer and Deliverer. God will make you succeed.

and minister can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry (2 Tim 2:2).

13. To have ministry campground in various headquarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church. (Colossians 1:28,29).

15. To mentor Churches registered under the ministry on sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local Governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration. (Philippians 4:8,9 Hebrews 13:17)

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6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).
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9. To translate or interpret ministry materials into as many local, national and international languages as possible. (1 Cor. 14:9-13).
10. To place the Ministry book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. 1 (Cor. 9:18-22)
11. To own Satellite Channels for publicising the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival movement in the world.
12. To establish Bible Colleges where believers

Isaiah 41: 9-13

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Chapter 1

DIVINELY REVEALED FUTURE

A careful look at the life of Joseph will show many ways in which the Lord revealed his future to him.

Genesis 37:1-3

1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

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1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints.. (Eph. 4:12-15).
5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).

3.5 Joseph: A Type of Christ

Joseph became a type of Christ. Christ was loved by His Father and sent by His Father for the spiritual welfare of the world. They hated him and planned to kill him; they sold him away to the heathen, to strangers. They sold the Lord and led Him to the Romans to crucify Him. He died and was taken to prison (buried in the grave). He resurrected and went to the throne! Joseph was a type of Christ. Joseph is shining now in heaven. He is speaking today. Follow his path. Follow his lifestyle. Joseph: The youth with a bright future. Work out your future with righteousness and holiness of life.

Romans 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.

The future of Joseph was revealed in some kinds of events, interactions and experiences in his life, which I term the language foretelling his future. You will notice these also in your life in practical sense as you grow up and go through life experiences.

1.1 The Language of Special Love

2 Corinthians 4: 13

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Hebrews 11: 1-3

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so

that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

If you study this example well, you will realize that Jacob's special love for Joseph was a communication that something valuable was in him. There was a divine plan over Joseph's life. Jacob loved Joseph. Something good was coming over his life and the Lord made his father sensed it. The Lord might have signalled someone that He has a good thing for your future and this person is saying, *'I have received information that you will become a special person.'*

1.2 The Coat of Many Colours

Look at it again in **Genesis 37: 3** **Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, ... and he made him a coat of many colours.**

Wonderful! That is another language of Joseph's future. Anytime Joseph wore this coat, he was different from his brethren. This is because; he was the only one that had a coat of many colours. Benjamin was the younger brother of Joseph and was alive, but he did not

academics. You will be a great man. You will be a great woman. Finally, you will go to heaven, and will inherit the mansions of heaven. God has planned your future, child of God, just keep obeying Him, doing His will and walking in His holiness.

Isaiah 48: 17-19

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

Read the last sentence again: **and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.** Worship this great God! Come under the power of God, the word of God and the truth of God; you will be different in your life; your future shall be well established. The Lord will bring you out from the dungeon. The Lord will change your history. The Lord will promote your life. He will put you upon the throne. The Lord will bless your marriage. The Lord will bless your business. The Lord will bless your

have it. His other brothers were there like: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Isacchar, Zebulun, and others, yet they were not given this coat. In simpler terms, Jacob, the father was saying, “Joseph, this unique cloth you have is speaking of your future. It is a language of the future. The cloth will eventually perish, but the message this cloth is passing to you will abide forever.”

1.3 The Language of Undeserved Hatred

Genesis 37: 4

And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

The hatred you experience from your brethren and from others, for reasons you cannot tell, and things you are not responsible for, is a message. They have seen something. Maybe there is a communication in the spirit that you are someone of a great destiny and they do not

like it. They wish it does not happen, that is the reason they hate you. Their hatred for you is speaking of your future, telling you that something great lies ahead for you. If you were nobody, will they be wasting their time on you? No. But it is because they saw something in you that you are becoming bigger, that you are certainly going to become great, that is the reason hatred is coming on you from carnal hearts. If they were righteous, they would have loved you as Jacob did. These ones were manifesting it by hatred. Altogether, whether it is the language of love by your loved ones, or of hatred by your enemies, you should understand that it is a pronouncement of God about your good future.

1.4 The Language of Special Dreams

Genesis 37-5-11

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

3.4 Precious Promises Fulfilled

The second dream got practically fulfilled. The sun and the moon and the stars, bowed down to Joseph! Jacob came to be under Joseph, with the whole family. The Lord had instructed Jacob to move his household to Joseph in Egypt.

Genesis 46: 1-4

1 And Israel took his journey with all that

ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

Cooperate with your brother or sister whom the Lord wants to use to achieve great things so that when that happens, you too can benefit from them. Do not allow Satan to use you against others to frustrate their lives.

Philippians 2: 1-5

1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down

ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

The future was involved in these dreams. Have you ever dreamed a dream that concerns your future? Did you understand the dream? The Lord communicated Joseph's future to him through dreams. But sometimes Satan too can give you a dream spelling a dark future for you. Reject that dream and cancel it in Jesus name. Amen. The dream that God has given you is the one you shall pray and claim. Joseph's future was described to him in a dream, in the language that he did not understand. Such dreams may only communicate a witness of its meaning to your spirit, but you may not understand fullness.

Joseph told his brethren, **We were gathering sheaves, my sheaf stood upright and eleven sheaves bowed down before my sheaf**, which meant that God would lead Joseph steadily forward and his brethren would depend on him. Okay, Joseph dreamed again another dream. **The sun and the moon**

of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Genesis 45: 6 – 10

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a

allow him. But if God allows him, however bad or evil those things are, if you submit to God, if you yield to His word, you will see it end up like Joseph's own. Amen.

God is constructing a bright future for many youths, male and female; join them. Give your life to Jesus Christ and live a righteous and holy life. Worship God among true and righteous worshippers.

Proverbs 23: 26

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

2 Timothy 2: 22

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 3: 14-17

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured

and eleven stars came and bowed down to me. This is great. Ah! Ah! Joseph! You are going to have a universal influence. Your future shall go beyond your immediate family. Your influence shall go to where the sun goes. Your influence shall go to where the moon goes. Your influence shall reach where the stars are. That is the plan of God for your life. **For I know the plans I have for you, saith the Lord.**

Who was Joseph at this time? A small boy of 17 years old or maybe even less! God was telling this small boy of a great future. If you looked at Joseph at that time, what would you say? What naturally would you see in him that is different from others? That is the reason you should not consider your person when God tells you about your future. Do not look at how you are now, **For the just shall live by faith.** Trust in God's word alone. He that promised shall be able to do it. The Lord told Joseph what He would do and it did not require his father, his brethren or anybody around him to help him to bring it to pass. He that promised you is also able to bring it to pass. What God is saying

concerning your future may not require the help of any man. Therefore, do not say, “I have nobody to help me”, for you are dealing with the Living God Himself. God is the One making that promise in your life and He will bring it to pass. Alleluia!

Isaiah 46: 10-11

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

1.5 A Personal Testimony

I remember something. When I was in the University, there was a program a chaplain organized and invited some white preachers to minister. The program was attended by about

benefit from you, make them praise God for you and you will bless God for loving you. This is the reason for your creation and preservation in Christ.

Matthew 5: 16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Psalms 34: 1

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

3.3 The Greatest is Love

Do not be angry with your enemy. If your enemy hungers, feed him. If he thirsts, give him water to drink. All his works shall promote your life. If the work the enemy is doing against you shall not benefit you, then God will stop him from doing it. If what the enemy wants to do will not eventually honour you, will not end up with blessings, he will not do it. God will not

settled in heaven. It shall be your portion, Amen. Joseph's brethren bowed. Enemy of God, who told you that you will never bow before the righteous? You will bow. Enemy of the child of God, you will bow. Haters of the people of righteousness, you will bow. The power of God will make you bow. The God of heaven shall make you bow. Child of God, your opposers shall surrender and submit to you, Amen!

Genesis 45: 4 – 5

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

The success and achievements God wants to give you in your future will make humanity

one thousand people. The Lord came to me and asked, "What do you want Me to do for you in this program?" I said, "Lord, You have been speaking about my future. Lord, You have been telling me about the future, about the ministry you have for me. I am not clear. Here in this program, I don't know how, but since You have asked me what I want, I want You to make the future ministry You have for me clear." The Lord said, "I have heard you. Now I will do that for you but make sure you keep yourself righteous and holy in this program and I will do it for you". This event happened around 1986.

I knew that it was the Lord that spoke to me. I kept myself holy and consecrated to the Lord in the program. Day One and Day Two passed. I think it was on Day Three that a white woman minister came to the stage to minister and was speaking in tongues profusely. After her speech in tongues, one that had the gift of interpretation came up. He said, "There are ten people here that God has called to Christian ministry. The Lord wants you to come forward so that you can be prayed for." When he said

this, the Spirit of the Lord said to me, “You are one of them. Can you stand up and go forward?” I stood up and went forward. Another person stood up from the other angle and came to the front, and a man came forward along with his wife, since they considered themselves as one. So when we stood there at the altar, I asked myself, “how many of us are standing here?” I bent backwards to count the number, we were ten. That man's wife was the eleventh person. Exactly as the Lord had said! When they prayed for us, I was full of joy and said, “Now I know that the Lord has given me a blessed future as He promised.” Amen.

Isaiah 46: 10-11

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also

fulfil them.

Joshua 1: 6-7

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 23: 5-6

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

See it now! Forever O LORD, Thy word is

Learn to write down your good dreams and the prophecies of the Lord on you.

Genesis 45: 1 – 4

1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

You are surely going to win, despite oppositions and attacks from the enemies. God will be faithful to work on your dreams to

bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Numbers 23: 19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

1.6 The Language of Prophecy

Genesis 37: 8b

Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?

What Joseph's brethren said here was indeed a prophecy. "Are you saying that you are going to be greater than us?" Joseph answered them, "Thou sayest it. Amen." When Pilate asked Jesus, "Art Thou the king of the Jews?" He said, **Thou sayest**. Joseph was saying to his brethren "What your mouth says, it is like that." Joseph's father said, "My son, what are you saying? Do you mean that your mother, your brethren and I, shall come under you?" "Father, you have said it. It is what God is

saying, it is not what I am saying. That is what God is saying about me. I do not know how it will be done. I did not manufacture it. The dream came to me. That revelation came to me. I am not responsible, so do not envy me for it. Do not hate me for it, for it is a Divine plan. He that created me has a plan for my life. Let nobody hate me for it. Let nobody envy me for it. Let nobody challenge me for it. He spoke it. He took the initiative. He knows how.” That's it, go forward Joseph! You will see God at work in your life to actualize His word given to you as a dream.

Habakkuk 2: 1-3

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not

What did they do? “And they fell down before him on the ground.” That dream had come to pass. Joseph remembered his dreams, **We were binding sheaves in the field, my sheaf stood upright and eleven sheaves made obeisance to it and bowed down before it.** Can you see it now, after how many years? He was sold to Egypt at the age of 17 years and his brethren came to him when he was 39 years. That was after 22 years. The brethren went for another two years and came back when Joseph was 41 years old. That means, after 24 years, the dream was literally fulfilled.

Habakkuk 2: 2-3

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

success.

Psalm 37: 3-6

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

3.2 God's Word Surely Comes to Pass

Genesis 44: 14.

And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

1.7 Satanic Work to Frustrate Joseph

You can see Satan always frustrating Joseph. He used his brethren to plan to kill him, but what happened? They cast him into the pit. Eventually they sold him into Egypt, the frustrating work of the devil! In Egypt, a lie came up against him and he was thrown into prison, frustrating work of Satan! Whom does the devil frustrate? If your life has no prospect, does Satan bother about you? It is because your life has meaning. There is a future for you that is the reason Satan wants to frustrate your life.

As I write this, I see one Esther smiling. May be, the Lord has made her know that a bright future is waiting for her. Ah! Do you remember the story of Mordecai? Did you see how Mordecai became the number two man in the kingdom? I want you to know God's future plan

for you. Do not mind that you, as Mordecai, are sitting at the gate as a gateman now. Soon, your employment shall change. The Holy Spirit has already given you a witness, a dream, a prophecy. God is speaking to you about your future, and it shall be so. I see Mordecai in you smiling now. I see your Haman, your oppressor, bowing out. Praise the Lord!

Isaiah 43: 18-21

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

promotion of God shall come upon your life. It shall come from God and not from man. Joseph stood on righteousness and got his dreams fulfilled. Joseph became the means by which his brethren, parents, Egypt and the whole world were preserved from death just as God gave the dream. Egypt was then the headquarters of the world. People came from various nations to Egypt for survival. Joseph made them survive because of the wisdom, intelligence and gifts that God gave him. The Lord shall pour gifts upon you. He shall fill you with His wisdom and revelations. May the Lord lift you up in the name of Jesus. The whole world was preserved by Joseph. The sun, the moon and the stars bowed indeed! Joseph's brethren, his father and the whole family came under him in Egypt.

Joshua 1: 8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good

him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

3.1 Joseph's Dreams Fulfilled.

Praise the Lord Jesus! Joseph's dreams came to pass. Joseph's dreams got fulfilled. Believe God, serve Jesus and live for Him, your dreams shall come to pass. God used Pharaoh to promote Joseph. "I am Pharaoh. Only in the throne am I greater than thee. You are the lord of all Egypt." That is wonderful, and they put him on a chariot and said, "Everybody, bow the knee, everybody bow the knee, that is the lord of Egypt, that is the governor of Egypt, Joseph is governor." That is what God will do in your life if you maintain righteousness. That is what God will do in your life if you stand with the truth. Do not compromise in your examinations and in your quest for admission. If you do not compromise in all these things, certainly the future shall see your glory. The

Isaiah 41: 11-13

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

1.8 The Language of Suffering

Suffering is a language announcing your bright future. Jesus passed through it too. In fact, the more you suffer in righteousness, the brighter your future according to God's ordination.

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Is there anybody that is suffering in the manner of Jesus? Then listen to what the scripture is saying, it is a language that is announcing a blessedness coming to you.

Romans 8: 18 – 19

Genesis 41: 37 – 44

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

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.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Read verse 9 again - **And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.**

Joseph lived a life worthy for these dreams to be fulfilled in his life. He lived in righteousness and total trust in God. The Lord was faithful and just to fulfil His promises.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Suffering is a language that is speaking about your future. It is saying that glory is coming upon you. This glory is preceded by suffering. As the rain is preceded by the wind, so is glory preceded by suffering. So, in case you are passing through untold suffering, hatred, you are abandoned or frustrated even from school, confused because nothing is working well for you despite your efforts, it is a message to you that you are going somewhere. It is a language saying that glory is waiting for you and that if you can seek the path of God, you will fly from prison to the throne. Discover the way of God and His righteousness.

The God of heaven is able to change your suffering as He changed that of Joseph. He is able. Remember that He does not need the

help of any man to do it. He does not need the help of any woman to do it. No, He does not! Something good is coming your way after your suffering in righteousness.

2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 18

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The light affliction that you are passing through, is working out a great eternal weight of glory for your life. Just understand this language, otherwise what will you say about all these frustrations in the life of Joseph?

Chapter 3

REVEALED FUTURE ACTUALIZED

Genesis 37:5-11

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

Frustration in the family, sold to Egypt; in Egypt, taken to prison! What type of thing is this? It is the language of the future.

1.9 The Language of Divine Favour

God was interested in Joseph. Do you know that the initial plan of Joseph's brethren was to kill him? But God appeared there. God used Reuben to change that plan. Divine favour! Reuben said, "No! Why should we kill our brother and bear the guilt? There is an empty well there, let us cast him into it, he can die by himself." Reuben was thinking of going to deliver him later. Divine favour! When they were leading Joseph to the pit, he would have done wickedness to them if he was like some of these youths that are dry bones. Joseph could have said, "Before you kill me, I will kill three of you." Being a youth he could have wounded them. But no! **As a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. Being reviled, he reviled not again.** So they carried him peacefully there. They did

not break any of his legs. Divine favour! And as they were throwing him into the pit, they did not throw him recklessly into it. They put him down gently. I believe Reuben must have ensured that Joseph landed safely, without wounds. So, he landed safely and did not break any part of his bones. Divine favour! God is with you in your suffering and He has a future for your life. That is the reason when the people wanted to destroy you, He did not allow it. Yes, more than that, if they had left Joseph there, he would have died of starvation. Joseph needed to eat food. So, another plan came. Judah said, "Why do we have to kill our brother? Let us lift him up and sell him to these people going to Egypt." God ensured that Joseph did not miss a meal in a day! At least, you are able to eat in a day. The God of heaven is helping you. So they carried Joseph and sold him, and they gave him up. Those that bought him gave him food and carried him into Egypt. There in Egypt, divine favour followed him. He was sold to Potiphar, a captain of the guard, an officer of Pharaoh. This boy was getting near the throne! I am telling you, in your sufferings, the God of

heaven is taking you somewhere. If you can be peaceful in your life; if you can be patient and humble, you will reach the place of your desired destiny.

Job 23: 10-12

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

1.10 Joseph in the House of Potiphar

Again, see how he prospered in the house of that man, the man abandoned everything in his hands, because he saw that God was with him. Then the wife of Potiphar started looking at Joseph for immorality. Joseph said, “No, I

cannot do that.” Then the woman told a lie against Joseph and the lie landed him in prison. If he was not an understanding youth, he would have complained or murmured. This is the reason some miss out on their future goodness. They are not patient in tribulation and adversities. They are not able to cooperate with God in their suffering. Because of little suffering or little pain from their father, brother, or from their school, they bow, compromise and miss the future God has for them. But consider Joseph: they told a lie against him and imprisoned him. Again, he had divine favour there. In the prison, he found favour in the sight of the prison warder. The man looked at Joseph and loved him. He made him the head of the prisoners. Understand that the prison was not a common one. It was the prison to where Pharaoh's offenders were taken. Two people offended Pharaoh, the king of Egypt – the chief butler and the chief baker – maybe like the Minister of Finance and Minister of Agriculture. So they put them in that prison and they were there under Joseph's leadership.

Do you see God's favour? This young man

things He has promised concerning you. He will not do them because you have given yourself to iniquity. You have given yourself to wickedness. You are taking hard drugs. You are frustrating God's plan in your life. If you are stubborn and disobedient to your parents, what good future do you have? You are not like

people to sleep with you, how can you get a bright future? You will end up living your life in God's judgment. You will not find God's favour because you will not be worthy in His sight. God will not give holy things to dogs!

Matthew 7: 6

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

God will never give a holy thing to dogs and He cannot cast His pearls before the swine. If you are not a child of God, how do you hope to marry well? If the Lord gives you His child, a holy man of God to marry, you will cause him to lose his ministry. You will cause him to backslide, because you are not standing in Christ. That is the reason God cannot give you a precious man; you are immoral, even a lesbian. God cannot give you His precious daughter: you are homosexual and immoral in your life. God cannot give you a good future. You will perish. God will repent of all the good

was suffering, but the Lord was cooling it down with favours. The Lord is cooling you down. Amen. The Lord is cooling you down in the sufferings of your life. The Lord is pouring cold water on your heart. God made these two prisoners to have dreams and gave Joseph the interpretations of their dreams. The interpretations given by Joseph got him connected to Pharaoh. God's plan is great! You must learn, believe, accept and follow His ways. You must do what the Lord tells you, so that you can have your crown. Now you have understood the language of future brightness.

Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

Joseph rejected the appeal for sexual immorality from his master's wife. Cheap ladies and cheap money from men will not

diseases. Some were affected seriously and some have died. Many youths got into some other things that landed them in prison. I heard of someone that was sentenced to 300 years imprisonment! Which type of human being will live for 300 years to serve that jail term? What they mean is that, he will be in prison till he dies. For such, the future is wasted. A good future is not automatic.

Jeremiah 18: 9 – 10

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

What God is saying is, "At what instant I reveal a man's future that I am going to do this, I am going to do that for him, if that person goes off from My way, becomes an evil man and does not repent from his sins; If he turns off, rejects My gospel and My invitation to salvation, I will cancel the future I have for him. I cannot give

Chapter 2 **WORKING OUT YOUR REVEALED FUTURE**

I do not know how your future shall be. It can be that the Lord is planning to make you a great engineer, so that you will be doing engineering work while serving God; or a medical doctor, to promote His name in the medical field; or an evangelist; or a farmer, to do great things in that area for Him. Wonderful! But whatever it is, you have a future.

God's good plan concerning your future as an individual, is not irreversible. Many people that God planned to give a good future are dead now, many are mad on the streets. I want you to know this. Have you not seen those young boys and girls that gave themselves to drugs, playing madness around? Many who went into immoral lifestyle are now suffering from deadly

subdue the Josephs and Josephines in Christ. He said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" Some married women are looking for young boys to sleep with them. Such things could not seduce righteous Joseph. Hate sexual immorality with all your heart. Fight against it with all your strength. Pray, fast and seek counsel from true Christians in order to overcome immorality. Avoid boyfriend or girlfriend relationships in order to overcome this evil. "How can I do this wickedness!" Some free women are there. Some are even your relations that are asking you to lie with them! Some are your uncles that are telling you to lie with them before they give you money. How can you do this wickedness and sin against God? Satisfy God's righteous demands, not a man's or a woman's demands. How are you doing your own? Do you want a bright future? Do you not know that you have to be involved in working out your future? You have to be involved in fighting against Satan who wants to destroy your future. You have to be involved in making the promises of God fulfilled in your life. If you open your thighs for

holy things to dogs.”

Ezekiel 33:12-13

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, the righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

See what God is saying here concerning the future, “If I make a promise to you, like I promised Joseph and gave him all the signs; if I give you all the dreams, but you reject Me, My righteousness, My truth, and My path, then I will cancel that which I have promised you. It

2.5. Joseph Maintained His Righteousness and Holiness

Joseph maintained his righteousness and holiness despite the pressing temptation of Potiphar's wife.

Genesis 39: 4 – 12

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon

know about it and be peaceful.

Philippians 4: 6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 5: 10-12

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

shall not work. Or if you are in My righteousness and I say, "Oh! My boy or My girl, I am going to use you to do this, I will use you to do that, and you really see good in your ways, but you later turn off and become proud, and compromising in your life, giving yourself to immorality, smoking, joining bad gangs; you become stubborn and disobedient to your parents; you even stop going to Church, I will cancel those plans I have for you because, they are not automatic." Joseph worked out his own bright future. I will show you how Joseph worked out his own future:

2.1. Joseph Hated Sin and Evil

Genesis 37: 2.

These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

Joseph's brethren were living in sin and he reported them to his father because he hated sin. Joseph loved God and righteousness. He did not want to be a friend of sinners. You that love the Lord hate iniquity. That is what the Bible says. You who say you love Jesus, hate sin. Hate what these evil boys and girls do. That is what Joseph was doing. Tell God that you are for Him. Righteous child, display your righteousness before God and let it be seen. Let God know that the man He chose, the boy He chose, the girl He chose is the right person. Hate fornication, lesbianism, homosexuality, pornography, drunkenness, stealing, fighting, abusive language, etc.

Galatians 5: 19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

Can you see? An innocent man in the dungeon! But what could he do? He submitted himself to God.

1 Peter 4: 14

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

In suffering, commit the keeping of your soul to God and say "God, here I am, I am suffering what I cannot understand. I am not guilty. I do not know what has happened, but this thing is happening to my life. Please take care of me." That is what Joseph did. You may be accused or beaten. wrongly. You may suffer persecution for following Jesus. You may be sent out of school or the house for no clear reason. You may be denied your right. Let God

1 Peter 1: 22-23

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

2.4. Joseph Committed Himself to God in His sufferings and Attacks

He committed himself to God. He submitted himself to God.

Genesis 40: 14 – 15

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Proverbs 1: 8-16

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

**15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:
16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.**

Love God and serve Him in righteousness and holiness.

Galatians 5: 22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1 Peter 1: 14-16

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

brethren, and found them in Dothan.

What love! "I seek my brethren." What love! He identified with them. He was going from one place to another in the bush, wandering in the wilderness. What love! He could have gone back to his father to say, "I could not find them," but he wanted to see them personally. Apart from the fact that his father sent him, he loved them. He loved them personally. Love was in the heart of Joseph for his own brethren. The report of their evil deeds that he gave to his father was because he did not want them to commit sin. He wanted them to serve the Lord as he was doing.

1 John 4: 7-8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

2.3 Joseph Loved His Brethren and Sought Their Welfare

It was not easy, but Joseph went about looking for his brethren in the field and was happy to see them, because he wanted to know their welfare.

Genesis 37: 15 – 17

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his

2.2 Joseph Was Obedient To His Parents

Genesis 37: 13 – 14

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

Unlike a child that may say: “No, I cannot go, that place is too far for me, I cannot go alone, I want to rest”, Joseph was ready to obey his father at all times. Stubborn boys can say so. Stubborn girls can say so. Many children do not obey their parents. Some curse or fight their father and mother. Such ones will not receive blessings from God, but His judgment. They may not live long on the earth. Evil may happen to them.

Ephesians 6: 1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Do not join these evil children. Do not treat your parents as they treat their own. God does not have a good future for those youths. If you join them in stubbornness to parents, God will repent of all the good things He has planned for your life and you will perish along with them. But not Joseph! He was obedient to his father like Jesus, "I am here to do your will" Yes. That was what Jesus said. He submitted to His Father. **"I do always those things that please My Father."** So you must please your father, please your parents. Be obedient in matters of righteousness. In the case of Joseph, there was no evil in going on an errand to see the welfare of his brethren; there was no

evil involved, therefore he had to do it. However, sinful parents send their children on evil and sinful errands. Do not agree to obey in that case. Do not commit sin against God because of your father or mother.

Acts 4: 18-20

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 5: 27-29

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with