

Sunday June 10th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Forty Eight
Study Questions

1). What is the focus of the Book of Hebrews and where in the Book do we find this focus clearly stated?

a). Who is at the very heart of this focus?

b). What is the first Chapter of Hebrews at pains to point out about Him?

c). Why is this significant and how is it different from the present system of rulership?

d). What would we know about who will rule in the 7th Day?

e). What does all of this then have to do with Isaac's blessing of Jacob and Esau?

f). Read Genesis 27:1 – What does this teach about the actions of Isaac and what might we learn with respect to ourselves?

2). What are the rights of the firstborn and what would this look like for those Christians adopted as firstborn sons?

a). What would this mean for the repentant and restored nation of Israel?

b). Hebrews 11:21 - *By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.* – What does this verse provide a picture of?

c). What must we do in order to understand what God wants us to learn from it?

3). Read Genesis 41:29-53 – What is going on in these verses?

a). What does Pharaoh call Joseph?

b). What do the 2 sets of 7 years represent and what are they a picture of?

c). Where have we seen this same picture before?

d). What did we note about Joseph's brothers and his sons and the 7 years of plenty?

e). What is pictured for us in the names that Joseph gives his sons?

f). Why do you think the reference is made to the end of the 7 years of plenty ending directly after the naming of Joseph's second son?

4). Read Genesis 42:1-3 – What follows the 7 years of plenty?

- a). Who now reappear on the scene?
- b). Where must they go and why?
- c). Who recognizes whom when the brothers go to Egypt?
- d). What do the events and circumstances engineered by Joseph during this time bring to pass with respect to his brothers?
- e). What then happens following their confession?
- f). What does Joseph tell his brothers in Genesis 45:5-7?

5). Read Jeremiah 30:7 and Revelation 6:15-17 – what is presented in these verses?

- a). What will Jesus's brothers, the nation of Israel, be forced to do at this point?
- b). Who will they really be crying out to?
- c). What will the events and the circumstances of the Great Tribulation force Israel to do?
- d). What will then happen subsequent to this?
- e). What scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- f). What will Christ make known to Israel at this point that Joseph also made known to his brothers?

6). It is after the conclusion of the time of famine that we see Jacob blessing the sons of Joseph – so what is the chronology of events that we see with regards to Joseph’s sons and what does this picture for us?

7). Read Genesis Chapter 48 – What does v10 record about Jacob and what would we say about that?

a). What does Jacob do with respect to Joseph’s sons before blessing them?

b). What would this mean for the division of his inheritance?

c). What does Jacob do in blessing the boys that Joseph seems unhappy with?

d). What is Jacob’s response to Joseph in respect of this?

e). What do you think this blessing of Ephraim over Manasseh pictures for us and why would it be this way?

f). What do you know about Jacob’s firstborn son Ruben?

g). Any final thoughts today?