

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 05/7/12 TO 05/13/12

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 Read Genesis 45:1 to 46:34

Joseph dismisses everyone but his brothers and then makes a startling announcement: "I am Joseph." Then he makes preparations for his brothers to go back to Canaan and to return with their families. When they do return, Joseph and Jacob embrace in tears of joy- a joy Jacob never believed possible.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 Read Genesis 47:1 to 48:22

Jacob, on his death bed, gathers his sons. Moved by the Holy Spirit, he both blesses them and prophesies about their futures. (Note especially the promises about the coming Savior in the blessing to Judah- 49:8-12.) Jacob then asks his sons to bury him in the Promised Land- the future home of his descendants.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 Read Genesis 49:1 to 50:26

Genesis 50 concludes the history of the patriarchs. It records Jacob's burial and Joseph's burial. In between, it paints a beautiful picture of forgiveness. Joseph's full and undeserved forgiveness of his brothers reminds us of the forgiveness Jesus, our Savior and brother, offers to us.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 Read Exodus 1:1-22

Exodus 12 spans nearly four hundred years of history. A few verses sweep us from the days of Joseph to the time of Moses. A change of dynasties in Egypt has radically changed Israel's circumstances. A new king "who did not know about Joseph" (v. 8) has risen to power. Driven by fear, he and the Egyptians enslave God's people and begin the hellish practice of infanticide.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 Read Exodus 2:1-25

Moses, the writer of the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy), now begins to tell us about his role in the history of God's people. The Lord uses the courageous and creative plan of Moses' family to save the infant from murder at the hands of Pharaoh's soldiers. As this plan unfolds, Moses receives the best education available anywhere in the world at this that time- in the palace of Pharaoh himself. When Moses wickedly tries to "speed up" the Lord's plan of deliverance, he must flee for his life.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 Read Exodus 3:1 to 4:31

Moses, now eighty years old, has learned humility during his forty years of exile in the wilderness. Now God's work in him has reached a point where God can work THROUGH him. The Lord calls Moses in a most unusual way to his unusual task. After several objections, Moses strikes out across the desert for Egypt.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012 ATTEND WORSHIP AND SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY WITH YOUR MOM AND FAMILY ON MOTHER'S DAY AND CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED.