

## BACKGROUND:

Two months ago, we began looking at Abraham's life, his calling by God to relocate his family from Mesopotamia to the land of Canaan, the covenant God made with him and his offspring, Christ (and all who would put their faith in Him, the one true God), and his and his wife Sarah's inability to get pregnant. We then read about their bad idea to give Abraham a son, Ishmael, through Sarah's servant, Hagar...and God's promise to Abraham (at age 100) that He would actually give Abraham a son, Isaac, through Sarah (at age 90)...We then read about Isaac's miraculous birth, God's provision for Ishmael despite being sent away, and then finally God's testing of Abraham to find out if Abraham truly trusted him. After stopping Abraham from following through with his command to sacrifice Isaac, God then said, "Now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me...I will surely bless you, and will surely multiply your offspring (Christ)...and your offspring (Christ) shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring (Christ) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." We then read about Abraham's wife Sarah's death...and Abraham sending his servant back to his homeland to find a wife for his son, Isaac, from among his family members...We then read about Isaac and Rebekah giving birth to Esau and Jacob (what was prophesied about them and what was not)...We read about Esau foolishly selling his birthright to Jacob...and the writer of Hebrews exhorting his readers not to be like Esau, but rather to continue trusting the one true God through Jesus the Christ...We then read about Jacob being sent back to Abraham's homeland to escape Esau's wrath and to find himself a wife...We read about him working 7 years before being tricked into marrying Leah...then marrying Rachel and working another 7 years for her...then having twelve sons through four women...fleeing from Laban...and once again deceiving Esau and settling in Shechem...

Last Sunday, we read about Jacob's/Israel's eleventh son, Joseph, being sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers...After wrongfully being thrown into prison, Joseph soon rose to the top due to his integrity...and then eventually found himself second in command over all of Egypt overseeing famine preparations...

Today, we continue our study at Genesis 42...

## PRAY:

## SCRIPTURE:

**Genesis 42-?**

**January 6, 2019**

## OBSERVATIONS:

Gen 42:1...

So whudya hear?

APPLICATIONS: And so what...How does it apply to you/us today?

## PRAY: