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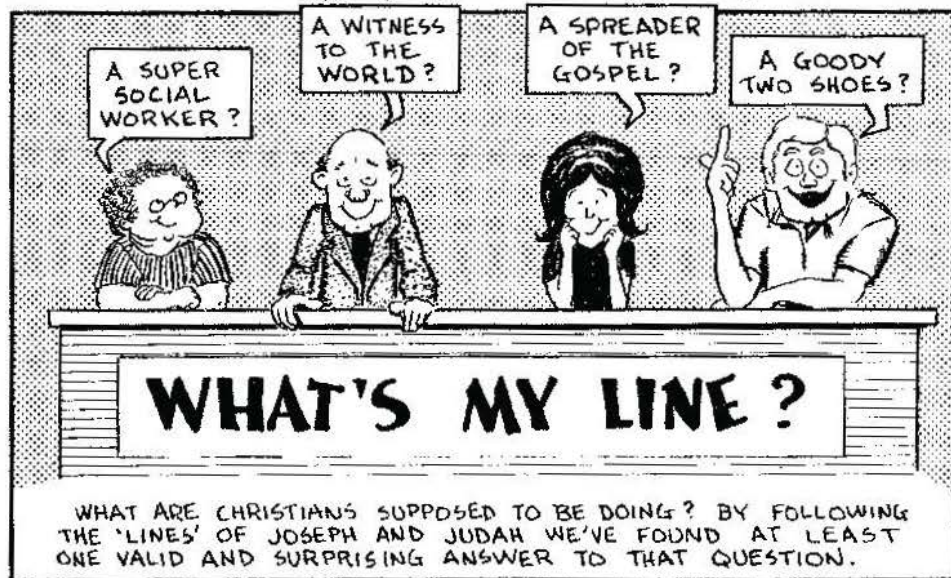
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AN ANSWER FOR YOU TO THAT FAMILIAR OLD QUESTION

WHAT'S MY LINE ??



What's it all about? What are we, as Christians, really doing here on earth? What should we be planning for in the future? We hope to answer these questions and maybe a few more in this issue of the 'Monarch.' We believe, and are going to attempt to show you, that according to Old Testament patterns and New Testament teaching an ultimate goal of the body of Christ is to feed the world.

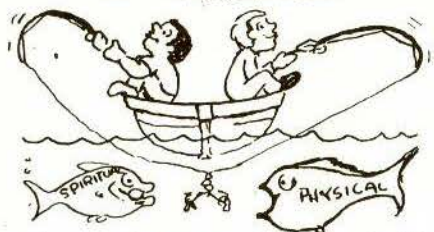


That sounds pretty heady, huh? It means we have a responsibility. We're not here just for our own pleasure. We have things to do. This lesson is going to answer some questions and raise plenty more. It will give you a challenge and a vision like none you've ever had before.

You'll want to look closely at our chart and follow it. It shows two amazing lineages in the Old Testament that carry into the

New. Each line brings a **DIFFERENT** form of salvation. The first line is that of Judah. Most all Christians know that Jesus Christ is descended from Judah. The second line is that of Joseph. The body of Christ, a many membered body, is a descendant of that line. Bear with us, we are not proposing a blood line but rather a spiritual line. The first is natural -- the second spiritual (1 Cor. 15:46). Any race color or nationality can be part of the second line.

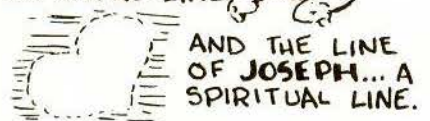
TWO LINES BRING TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF SALVATION.



WE'LL UNTANGLE 'EM AS WE GO.

This teaching is especially exciting to us and should be exciting to you too. We know that, above all things, you want to know what God wants you to do. As soon as you find out what it is you can start doing it. Jesus knew what His life was all about. He knew what He was supposed to be doing, made his decisions accordingly, and did it. So, if we know what we're supposed to be doing we can make our decisions along those lines and do it too.

WE'LL FOLLOW THE LINE OF JUDAH... A PHYSICAL LINE



We'll be following the line of Joseph and Judah and making many parallels. Remember as we go along that all those who have received Jesus Christ as their savior are now in the lineage of Joseph. Every nationality and race can take part. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile or male and female -- this is an equal opportunity organization (Gal. 2:28,29).

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Now when we speak of the Jews we're including at times all twelve tribes of the Jewish Nation. Actually, what are referred to as Jews in the New Testament are only the southern two tribes, Judah and Benjamin. Israel is sometimes comprised of the northern ten tribes which were "lost" or spread among ALL nations. In Biblical usage the issue is clouded because sometimes the term "Israel" includes Jews and other times it doesn't. To further add to the confusion, the Scofield Bible does not point out the difference in its margin notes and many Christians do not pay attention to this technicality.

NOT ALL ISRAEL ARE JEWS..



..BUT ALL JEWS ARE ISRAEL

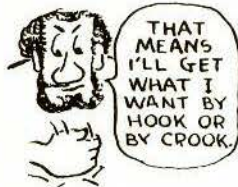
To state it plainly we'll say all Jews are Israel but not all Israel are Jews. Or as a parallel: all Cadillacs are cars but not all cars are Cadillacs. Well, think on that a little. We hope we've cleared a clouded issue.

Abraham came from Ur of the Chaldees. God told him to move to a land he didn't know, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau. They were twins but Esau was the first born, giving him the birthright and blessing of his father, Isaac.

These two boys were almost always at odds with each other. They even fought in their mother's womb (Gen. 25:22). When they were born, Jacob was hanging onto Esau's heel. Esau means 'hairy' which Esau was and Jacob means 'Usurper' which Jacob was.

JACOB MEANS USURPER.



God planted a spirit in Jacob that made him dissatisfied with things the way they were. You've been infected with this same spirit. You're not satisfied with things the

way they are either. Some people can get in the boat and hold things steady but we've found that most of our readers are boat rockers.

JACOB DIDN'T LIKE HIS NAME.



If you could get ahold of a messenger of God, you'd wrestle with him all night too, just like Jacob did. Jacob wasn't satisfied with his life. He didn't like being a usurper. He didn't like being bound by his name and his past. He wanted to be freed from it all so he could go on to bigger and better things.

JACOB WRESTLED ALL NIGHT TO GET A LEGITIMATE BLESSING FROM GOD.



Jacob wrestled with a messenger of God all night long and wouldn't let him go until he received a blessing from him. The man liked Jacob's spirit and asked him "What's your name?" Jacob said his name was Usurper, Supplanter. He wasn't satisfied with his name or his nature. He wanted a change. He wanted something he wasn't born with. He wanted something his background couldn't provide for him. He felt bound by the circumstances of his life and he wanted out of it all.

GOD CAN MAKE SOMETHING SPECIAL OUT OF ANYONE...



REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND,

So, the man gave Jacob a new name "Israel" which means "Prince with God." Jacob was willing to make the changes necessary to overcome situations of life and God rewarded him for it.

Soon after that God spoke to Jacob again telling him for sure that his name was now Israel and that he would father a NATION and a COMPANY of nations (Gen. 35:11).

God brought blessing and salvation through Jacob because he had

power with God and man and he prevailed (Gen. 32:28). Jacob was a successful man. He achieved things that were, according to his background, out of reach.

MANY OF YOU HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION JACOB HAD.



It's not our purpose to go into all the details of Jacob's life but we do want to draw out points of interest that have to do with the parallel we're bringing out.

Jacob bought Esau's birthright from him and stole his blessing from their father. He knew Esau was upset about this and was afraid Esau might even kill him. So he took off and headed for his Uncle Laban's house, hoping he'd be safe there.

While at his uncle's place he met and fell in love with Rachel, Laban's daughter. Laban and he worked out an agreement whereby Jacob could have Rachel for his wife if he worked seven years for Laban.

RACHEL THE BELOVED



LEAH THE TENDER EYED



JACOB HAD TWO WIVES.

Well, when the time came for the wedding, Laban got Jacob soused and then pulled the old 'switcharoo'. He gave Jacob Leah, his oldest daughter, instead of Rachel. Jacob was so drunk that he didn't realize until after he'd already consummated the marriage that Rachel wasn't really Rachel but was Leah instead.

He was understandably upset but Laban cooled him off with some story about it being the custom that the oldest daughter must always marry first. (what a dirty trick!)

So, Jacob agreed to work another seven years for Rachel. (HEW!)... (LUCKY SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE OLDER SISTERS.) Jacob was bound to work for Laban for fourteen years but he did get his beloved as his wife.

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The two girls entered into stiff competition, trying to see who could give Jacob the most sons. They even turned over their handmaidens to Jacob when they themselves could no longer bear.

GOD TOOK MERCY ON LEAH BECAUSE SHE WAS REJECTED BY JACOB.



GOD LOVES ME EVEN IF NO ONE ELSE DOES.

God took mercy on Leah for he saw she was the rejected wife. (see! There is hope for all of us who feel rejected at times.) She started having kids: one... two... three... four... Judah was the last of this series of births, although she did go on later to have two more sons.

LEAH GAVE BIRTH TO JUDAH... HER AND HIS PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO PLAGUE THE JEWS TO THIS DAY.



Now Leah had some sort of eye trouble but she had a strong constitution. She was the rejected wife. Leah's problems pop up constantly in the Jewish line or the line of Judah. The New Testament tells us that Jews have eye trouble when they read the Old Testament. They are, in effect, near sighted -- not able to see beyond the letter of the law and prophets to the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Jews have also always been rejected by men. Especially Jesus, he was rejected above all other Jews. Rom. 11:25; Isaiah 53:3; Matt. 21:42; Mark 8:31.

RACHEL, THE BELOVED, GAVE BIRTH TO JOSEPH... A DREAMER AND HIS FATHER'S FAVORITE SON.



MY FATHER LOVES ME BUT MY BROTHERS HATE ME.

In contrast to Leah, Rachel was beautiful and well favored by Jacob. She was the beloved wife. Although she was beautiful she had a weak constitution. She gave birth to only two sons. These were Jacob's youngest and last sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Rachel died in childbirth.

Joseph became his Father's

favorite son. Either due to Joseph's attitudes or the sheer envy of his brothers, the Bible is not clear but it was probably a combination of both his brothers had a real hatred for him. He dreamed dreams that even his father had a hard time swallowing but Joseph told everyone what they were anyhow.



His brothers finally had all they could take and decided to get rid of him. They wanted to kill him but Judah came to his rescue. **JUDAH SAVED JOSEPH. (THAT'S IMPORTANT!)**

JUDAH WAS MOTIVATED BY PROFIT.

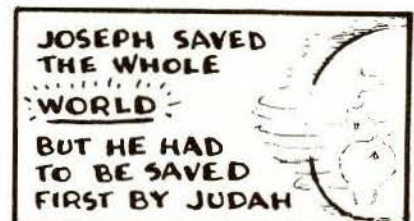


WOW! TWENTY PIECES OF SILVER!

Judah said, look "what **PROFIT** is there in killing him? Let's sell him as a slave to the Midianites." Well, the brothers decided this was a grand idea. They pulled him out of the pit they'd thrown him in and sold him.

Of course, we all know the story. Joseph went on to become the ruler of Egypt and actually the savior of the whole world. **JOSEPH SAVED ALL THE WORLD THROUGH HIS PLANNING AND FORETHOUGHT.** If it wasn't for Joseph we wouldn't be alive today (Gen. 41:54,56,57).

Judah was motivated by **PROFIT** (Gen. 37:28). He sold Joseph into slavery for twenty pieces of silver. He made a profit but it was at the terrible cost of his inner peace and sanity. Judah was so distraught and so plagued by the thoughts of what he had done that when he went to Egypt with his brothers he was ready to give up his life (Gen. 44:33).



The line of Judah (the Jews) has always been profit motivated. It's

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JACOB
(ISRAEL - PRINCE WITH GOD)
GEN. 32:28

LEAH
REJECTED WIFE
TENDER EYED
GEN. 29:17

RACHEL
BELOVED WIFE
GEN. 29:18,30

JUDAH
WHAT PROFIT?
GEN. 37:26

SAVED
GEN. 37:27

JOSEPH
PROSPEROUS MAN
GEN. 39:2

PHAREZ
GEN. 38:18

JEWS
VEIL OVER FACE
II COR. 3:13-18
BABYLONIAN
CAPTIVITY
II KINGS 25:9



JOSEPH SAVED
ALL THE WORLD
IN THE BODY
GEN. 41:54,56,57

MANASSA
GEN. 39:7, 41:45,50

ISRAEL

ASSYRIAN
CAPTIVITY
II KINGS 17:23

**JESUS
CHRIST**

SAVED
ACTS 13:23

**BODY
OF
CHRIST
(CHURCH)**

ROM. 12:5
ICOR. 12:27
EPH. 4:12
EPH. 1:22,23
COL. 1:24

DISPERSION
TO AD



BODY OF CHRIST
TO SAVE ALL THE WORLD
IN BODY

ALL THE
WORLD
MATT. 28:19
JAMES 1:1
AMOS 9:8

MT. ZION
OBADIAH 21
ROMANS 11:26, 11:2
HEBREWS 11:12

obvious in our world today that they've learned how to be very profitable. But there is a tragic flaw in their motivation. Jesus said "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:26.

JOSEPH WAS MOTIVATED BY WHAT HE COULD DO FOR OTHERS.

Joseph, on the other hand, was motivated by what he could do to help others and he became a very prosperous man. He achieved what Judah wanted. Even though Joseph was a slave, everywhere he went in Egypt he rose to a place of importance: Potiphar's house, prison and finally he became the most influential and powerful man in all the land. Only the Pharaoh had more power than he.

JOSEPH ACHIEVED WHAT JUDAH WANTED...  **...HE BECAME A VERY PROSPEROUS MAN.**

The line of Judah is chock full of all kinds of socially unacceptable relationships: David & Bathsheba, Ruth & Boaz, Judah & Tamar, Rahab the harlot.... Well, the point is that your background can be overcome. It doesn't matter what your parents or grandparents were or what the circumstances of your childhood were, they can be overcome. You can go on to achieve many things. Hm.m.m.... that theme keeps popping in here... someone out there must need it pretty badly.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN OR WHERE YOU CAME FROM... GOD CAN MAKE A WINNER OUT OF YOU. 

The line of Judah (that ultimately produced Jesus Christ, the perfect man, the exception to the rule) constantly fell prey to its short sightedness (Remember Leah). This short sightedness led them into many compromising and embarrassing situations. For instance, Judah's twin sons, Pharez & Zarah, were born to his daughter-in-law who, by playing as a harlot, tricked him into impregnating her.

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JUDAH'S SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS CAUSED HIM PROBLEMS.



Okay, back to Joseph. Joseph wasn't like his brother Judah. Joseph bypassed some immediate pleasures and temptations because he was far sighted enough to see their end results. He was falsely accused of having relations with Potiphar's wife but he actually repeatedly put off her advances. He avoided an immoral situation. At first he seemed to suffer for it anyhow by being thrown into prison. But later he was given the daughter of the highest priest in the land for a wife. She bore him two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

JOSEPH BYPASSED TEMPTATION AND ENDED UP WITH THE BEST OF EVERYTHING.



PHEN! Now we're off the ground. The foundation's been laid and we can say what we have to say.

YOU... YOU ARE DESTINED TO FEED THE WORLD. **YOU! Touch yourself... go on, look at yourself. YOU are destined to feed the world, to save the lives of thousands and millions.**

Joseph dreamed the same dream. He saw all the eleven sheaves bow to his sheaf. He saw the sun and the moon and the stars bow to his star (Gen. 37). He was only a boy when he had these dreams. There was no way, absolutely no way he could make them come to pass. In fact, what happened to him after he had those dreams was enough to make him lose hope entirely and laugh the dreams off as a bunch of silliness. But they weren't silliness and he didn't laugh them off. He put his all into everything he did and God set up the circumstances by which Joseph could become the savior of the World.

IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS CAN COME TRUE.



Joseph could never, on his own power, have worked his way into a job as the Pharaoh of Egypt's right hand man. For one thing Joseph was a herdsman and herdsman were an abomination to the Egyptians. He'd have never gotten to the palace steps. But what his brothers meant for evil God used for good (Gen. 45:5; 1 Sam. 16:7) and raised him from the pit all the way to the throne.

But, you see, first Joseph had to be saved. He had to be pulled out of the pit. What good would all the money in the world have done him if he'd never gotten out of the pit? He owed his life to Judah.

THE BODY OF CHRIST HAS THE SPIRIT OF JOSEPH UPON IT.

**PURE MOTIVE
ABUNDANCE
WISDOM**

Okay, now I think we can leave the line of Judah. No one has a problem with that. All Bible students agree that Jesus is descended from Judah (Matt. 1:1-16). But few, if any, realize that the body of Christ is descended **SPIRITUALLY** from Joseph. Remember, we're saying that just as Judah saved Joseph and Joseph went on to save the world, Jesus saved the body of Christ which will go on to save the world.

JESUS CHRIST, A DESCENDANT OF JUDAH, SAVED THE BODY OF CHRIST.



Jesus came to save a called out people, the EKKLESIA, the church, the body of Christ (Col. 1:24; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:12). Now **YOU** are the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). Whether you're red or yellow, black or white you can be part of that body.

You see Ephraim and Manasseh became part of the northern ten tribes of Israel. The tribe of Manasseh had a special

blessing upon it, given by Jacob to Joseph (Gen. 49:22-26). Ephraim unfortunately blew it by usurping the throne from Judah (Ephraim and Dan are not listed in Rev. 7 under the twelve tribes - see our tape "MISSING TRIBES" for a complete explanation of this).

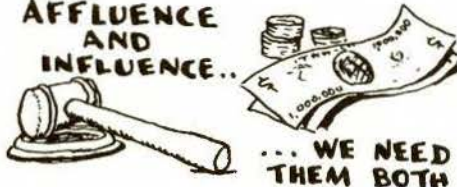
The northern ten tribes were taken into captivity by the Assyrians and NEVER returned to their homeland. This is recorded in II Kings 17:23. The southern two tribes were also later removed from their land but they returned to it.

Israel (the north ten) was spread among all the nations of the world; intermarrying and becoming a part of them. God said He would sift the house of Israel among all nations (Amos 9:8). And James, you'll recall, had the strange idea that when he wrote his letter he was writing to the twelve tribes of Israel which were spread throughout the world (James 1:1).

THE BODY OF CHRIST, SPIRITUALLY DESCENDANT FROM JOSEPH, WILL SAVE ALL THE WORLD IN BODY.....

We've been indoctrinated with the idea that there is only one savior, Jesus Christ. Church teaching has drilled that into us. But the Bible isn't so dogmatic on this point. Paul says in I Tim. 4:16 that it is very possible for each of us to save others. In Obadiah 21 the Bible points out that MANY SAVIORS shall come forth from Mount Zion.

AFFLUENCE AND INFLUENCE..



... WE NEED THEM BOTH

We are in no way taking away from what Jesus did. We are only saying there was a great and tremendous purpose for his sacrifice. Jesus, coming through the line of Judah, gave up his prosperity, his riches, so that we might be rich (II Cor. 8:9).

The same spirit that was upon Joseph is also upon us. That means that at times we have to

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look and plan ahead. According to Romans 11:26, one day all Israel shall be saved. Paul mentions two means by which they'll be saved. He says in Romans 11:11 and 11:14 that Israel must be provoked to jealousy and emulation. He also says that by our mercy they shall be saved (Rom. 11:20).

There is nothing we know of that provokes anyone to jealousy and emulation as well as affluence. That means that in order to save the world the body of Christ must be affluent. Only an affluent individual can grant mercy. In order to help someone else you need the means to do it.

We can't feed and clothe the world if we ourselves are hungry and have nothing to wear. We can't hardly even think of feeding the world until we begin to move into places of affluence and influence.

To properly meet the needs of the world around us we need first to be saved by Jesus Christ. Our spirit must be cleansed and directed toward the Father. We must be lifted out of the pit. We

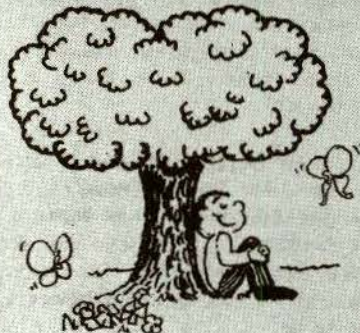
then need to go on to the salvation of our soul - mind, will, emotions and attitudes (I Peter 1:9). At times, in this process, we'll feel, like Joseph, that we've been falsely accused, imprisoned and forgotten. Then as our attitudes continue to change and we learn the ways of God, we'll see the need and proper use for all the earthly riches of this world (Matt. 6:33).

WE'RE GOING TO INHERIT A PHYSICAL KINGDOM.



What a future! We hope you can see more clearly now the need for adding to your faith all the things Peter lists in his letter (I Pet. 1:5-11). We hope the thoughts presented in this lesson will be an encouragement to you. We hope you'll hold on to them like Joseph held on to his dreams. We hope they'll help you develop a farsightedness so you can see past immediate troubles and temptations to the good things God has in store for us. □

NO COMMUNES IN THE KINGDOM!



"...NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP A SWORD AGAINST NATION. NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE. BUT THEY SHALL SIT EVERY MAN UNDER HIS VINE AND HIS FIG TREE; AND NONE SHALL MAKE THEM AFRAID..." (MICAH 4:3&4).

"...I WILL BRING FORTH MY SERVANT THE BRANCH IN THAT DAY, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, SHALL YE CALL EVERY MAN HIS NEIGHBOR UNDER THE VINE AND UNDER THE FIG TREE" (ZECH. 3:8&10).

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVATE POSSESSIONS WITH ENOUGH ABUNDANCE TO SHARE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. IN THE SIMPLIST TERMS, THAT'S THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE WE EXPECT IN THE KINGDOM. □

