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Joseph's Lessons: Good out of Evil

Evil and Good

Genesis 45:4-11 God sent Joseph to Egypt, not his brothers.

Deuteronomy 32:41 Vengeance is mine.

Proverbs 25:21-22 If your enemy is hungry, feed him.

Luke 6:27-36 Show compassion.

Romans 12:19-21 Do not return evil for evil.

Genesis 46:1-7 Evil and good in Egypt.

The Good in Egypt

Genesis 46:29-30 Father and son reunited.

Genesis 47:5-6 Pharaoh, King of Egypt, welcomes Joseph's father and brothers.

Genesis 47:27 Israel multiplies.

Genesis 48:13-16 Jacob blesses Joseph's sons and adopts them, making them tribes of Israel.

Genesis 50:15-21 Joseph does good to his brothers, even after Jacob's death.

The Evil in Egypt

Exodus 1:8-14 Egypt enslaves Israel.

Exodus 1:22 Egypt executes the sons of Israel.

The Good of God

Exodus 2:1-10 Moses is born and raised in Pharaoh's household.

Exodus 3:4-5 Moses encounters God.

Exodus 12:31-36 Pharaoh releases Israel from slavery in Egypt

Genesis 46:3-4 God fulfills the promise of going down into and coming up out of Egypt with Israel.

The Eternal Good of God

Ezekiel 37:21-22 Israel reunited

Ezekiel 37:24-25 King Messiah will rule over Israel and Torah will be its covenant of peace.

Ezekiel 37:27-28 God will dwell among Israel and the Gentile nations will know God.

Matthew 24:30-31 Israel reunited when Messiah returns.

Micah 4:1-5 Let us go up to the Mountain of Hashem and the Temple of the God of Jacob.

Revelation 21:1-4 The old order passes.

Revelation 21:22-27 The Eternal City of God and the Lamb.