

# Seeing Jesus in Genesis: Jacob, Joseph, Judah

Stories & the big story

## JACOB | the ladder & the well

- Jacob's ladder <sup>1</sup>



- Jacob's well <sup>2</sup>



## JOSEPH | the lord & saviour

- the parallels <sup>3</sup>

- the point <sup>4</sup>



## JUDAH | the lion & the king

- the ruler from Judah <sup>5</sup>

- the fulfillment in Jesus <sup>6</sup>



## Conclusion

- The *Geoconda Sapiens* <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Genesis 28:10-22; John 1:51; 2:21

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 33:18-20; John 4:1-42; 7:38

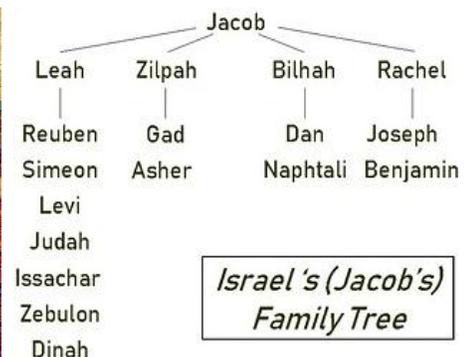
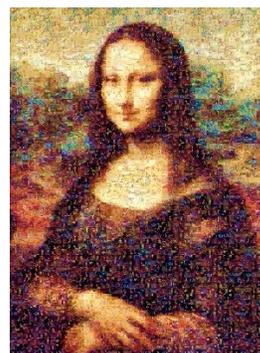
<sup>3</sup> Genesis 37-50 (turn over for my inexhaustive chart)

<sup>4</sup> Luke 24:26-27; Mark 10:9

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 49:8-10

<sup>6</sup> Matthew 1:2; Hebrews 7:14; Amos 3:8;  
Hosea 13:7-8; Revelation 5:5

<sup>7</sup> The *Gioconda Sapiens* (1995) is a large photographic mosaic of the Mona Lisa composed of 10,062 individual portraits of people from 110 countries.



# JESUS THE TRUE AND BETTER JOSEPH

Joseph's father, Israel (Jacob), deeply loved Joseph (Genesis 37:3).	God the Father said of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).
Joseph's own brothers hated him without justifiable cause (Genesis 37:4, 5, 8).	Jesus' brothers rejected him, and his own hated him without just cause (John 7:5; 15:25).
Joseph's brothers resisted all thought of him ruling over them (Genesis 37:8).	Of Jesus it was said, "We don't want this man to rule over us" (Luke 19:14; John 19:15).
Joseph's brothers sold him for shekels of silver (Genesis 37:28).	Jesus was betrayed for coins of silver (Matthew 26:15).
Joseph was betrayed by Judah (Genesis 37:26-27).	Jesus was betrayed by Judas (Matthew 26:14-16).
Joseph succeeded because of God's favour. He was put in charge of Potiphar's household and all he owned (Genesis 39:2-4).	Jesus grew and succeeded with God's favour (Luke 2:52), and all things were placed in his hands (John 3:35).
Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:13-20).	Jesus was accused by false witnesses (Matthew 26:59-60).
Joseph was counted among criminals, imprisoned with two men (Genesis 40:2-3).	Jesus was crucified between two criminals (Mark 15:27).
Pharaoh brought Joseph out of the pit and restored him to his rightful position as his righthand man (Genesis 41:14, 37-40).	Jesus was raised from the dead and restored to his former glory (John 17:5) at the righthand of the Father (Acts 2:32-33).
Joseph was 30 yrs. old when entering the service of Pharaoh (Genesis 41:46).	Jesus was "about 30 yrs. old when he began his ministry" (Luke 3:23).
Joseph provides bread to a world perishing in famine – all must come to Joseph for grain (Genesis 41:55-57).	Jesus is the bread of life – all must come to him for salvation (John 6:35; 14:6).
Joseph saves both Egypt & Israel (his family & progeny) (Genesis 41-47).	Jesus is the Saviour for both Jews and Gentiles (Romans 1:16).
Joseph's identity was hidden until the right moment in Egypt (Genesis 45:1-8).	Jesus' messiahship was revealed at the appointed time (Galatians 4:4; John 7:6-8).
"God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance" (Genesis 45:7).	"[God] sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).
Israel (Jacob) said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive" (Genesis 46:30).	Simeon said of Jesus, "Sovereign Lord...you may dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:29-30).
What Joseph's brothers meant for evil God meant for good to save many lives (Genesis 50:20).	At the cross, men intended for evil what God ordained for our redemption (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28).