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“Lush Zone”

Joseph (Part 17)

**“The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.”**

(Psalm 16:6 NIV)

The Grass is Greener on Our Side

Genesis 47:1-6 – (1) “So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, ‘My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.’ (2) And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. (3) Pharaoh said to his brothers, ‘What is your occupation?’ And they said to Pharaoh, ‘Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.’ (4) They said to Pharaoh, ‘We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants’ flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.’ (5) Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Your father and your brothers have come to you. (6) The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.’”

The Petition

Matthew 7:7-11 – (7) “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (8) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (9) Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? (10) Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? (11) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

Judges 1:14-15 – (14) “When (*Achsah*) came to (*Othniel*), she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, ‘What do you want?’ (15) She said to him, ‘Give me a blessing. Since you have set me in the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water.’ And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.”

The Provision

Psalm 23:1-2 – (1) “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He makes me lie down in green pastures...”

Psalm 33:18-19 – (18) “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, (19) that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.”

Psalm 65:11 – “You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.”

The Partition

Exodus 8:22 – “But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.”

Exodus 9:24-26 – (24) “There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. (25) The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. (26) Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.”

Exodus 10:22-23 – (22) “So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. (23) They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.”

Psalm 91:9-10 – (9) “Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— (10) no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.”

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