

Research Questions for Multicolored Joseph

RQ(1) Did Abraham know that his descendants would become slaves for 400 years?
Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. Genesis 15:13

God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.' Acts 7:6

RQ(2) Name those who went to Egypt for refuge.

Abraham and Sarah (famine)

Joseph (escape his brothers)

Joseph's brothers (famine)

Jacob (famine)

Hadad (fled from King Solomon, 1 Kings 11:17)

Jereboam (fled from King Solomon, 1 Kings 11:40)

Uriah (fled from King Jehoakim, Jeremiah 26:23)

Johanah son of Kareah (fled from Babylonians, Jeremiah 43:4)

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus

RQ(3) Name those who were told not to go to Egypt.

Isaac, by God, in time of famine (Genesis 26:2);

he was told to go to the Philistines

Joseph's brother Benjamin, by Jacob (Genesis)

People of Israel, by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 42)

RQ(4) Name those who dropped their responsibilities when God gave a message.

Noah; Genesis 6

Abraham and family; Genesis 12

Lot and family; Genesis 19

Moses and Aaron; Exodus 3 and 4

Jonah; Jonah

Shepherds at the announcement of the birth of Jesus; Luke 2:15

Peter and Andrew, James and John; Dropped nets; Matthew 4:18-21

Matthew; left the tax collector's table; Matthew 9:9

Crowds following Christ; many instances

Women; who took care of Jesus' needs; Mark 15:41

Paul; Acts 9

RQ(5) What dream interpreters also have recorded dreams?

Joseph

Daniel (Daniel 7, 8); some one else interpreted

RQ(6) Name the cupbearers of the Bible,

Pharaoh's Butler (Genesis 40)

Solomon's cupbearers (Sheba's visit, 1 Kings 10:5)

Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1)

Jesus (communion, Matthew 26:27)

RQ(7) How many recorded (actual) famines were there?

Gen 12:10 (Abraham, Egypt)

Gen 26:1 (Isaac, Gerar)

2 Sam 21:1 (David, Israel)

Ruth 1:1 (Naomi, Israel)

1 Kings 18:2 (Elijah, Samaria)

2 Kings 4:38 (Elisah, Samaria)

2 Kings 6:24 (Ben-Hadad, Syria)

2 Kings 8:1 (Elisha, Shunammite)

Nehemiah 5 (Nehemiah, Israel)

Jeremiah 52 (Jeremiah, Israel)

Acts 11:28 (Agabus, Roman world)

Honorable Mention: Luke 4:25 (parable of Prodigal Son)

RQ(8) When was food delivered miraculously?

[food in Egypt (Gen 41:56)]

manna in wilderness (Ex 16:1)

quail in wilderness (Ex 16:13)

Elijah, ravens (1 Kings 17:1ff)

Elijah, widow (1 Kings 17:13ff)

Elijah, after the contest (1 Ki 19:3ff)

Elisha, feeding 100 (2 Ki 4:43ff)

Jesus – 4000 (Mt 15:29ff)

Jesus – 5000 (Mt 14:13ff)

Jesus -- water into wine (John 2:1ff)

RQ(9) Where else were the people of Israel to set aside produce and store it?

Deuteronomy 14:22ff; The tithe was to be stored for three years in a neighborhood city

RQ(10) Who as governor did not demand the food that was his due, but rather fed more than 150 people every day?

Nehemiah; Nehemiah 5:14ff

RQ(11) What is the food (or bread) of God? This is something for God, not for man.

Sacrifices from man; Leviticus 21:8

RQ(12) What king decreed that no one in his army eat until the battle was finished?

Saul (1 Samuel 14:24ff)

Jonathan ate honey, and was condemned to death by Saul (the people would not permit it)

“Saul management”

Other indications of problems between Saul and Jonathan: 1 Samuel 20:30-33; 22:8

RQ(13) Name the times that Christ was thirsty.

At the Samaritan well (John 4:7)

On the cross (John 19:28)

Assumed: When He was tempted (Luke 4:1ff)

Also, He describes being thirsty when discussing the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:35, 42)

And, when He talked in the beatitudes about hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

PDE: Was He thirsty when he turned the water into wine?

RQ(14) Who asked the first question in the Bible? Who asked the second question?

Satan, to Eve: “Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden?” Genesis 3:1

God, to Eve: But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

Thanks to Benny Benjamin

RQ(15) What two kings, when presented with a problem, proposed to divide disputed resources between the two opposing factions.

David; 2 Samuel 19:29-30 (Mephibosheth's lands)

Solomon; 1 Kings 3:16ff (baby)

Note: one opponent in each case relinquished the right to their half

RQ(16) How old was Joseph when his family came to Egypt?

39 -- 30 (Gen 41:46) + 7 (years of plenty) + 2 (Gen 45:6)

RQ(17) What was the last question asked in the Bible?

Was there ever a city like this great city? The fall of Babylon (Rome) Revelation 18:18

The last question to man? Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scrolls? Revelation 5:2

Perhaps also (PDE):

At the judgment: When did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you? Matthew 25:44

RQ(18) What son of Jacob had the most sons?

Benjamin: 10 Fastest start, but became the smallest tribe

Gad: 7

Simeon: 6

Judah: 5

Reuben: 4

Issachar: 4

Asher: 4

Naphtali: 4

Zebulun: 3

Levi: 3

Joseph: 2

Dan: 1

RQ(19) Who offered a meal that ended up being consumed by fire?

Gideon; Judges 6:20ff

Manoah (father of Samson); Judges 13:18ff

RQ(20) What king killed all of his brothers, and then had all of his sons killed but one?

Jehoram;

2 Chronicles 21:4 (killed his brothers) vs 17 (Arabs killed all of his sons but Ahaziah)

Also, Athaliah (Ahaziah's mother) killed all of his sons but one (Joash escaped)

RQ(21) Who prepared a guest room for others?

The Shunammite Woman, for Elisha (2 Kings 4:8ff)

Philemon, for Paul (Philemon 22)

Man who owned the upper room for the Last Supper (Luke 22:12)

God prepared a great fish for Jonah (Jonah 1:17) -- PDE

Many Mansions prepared for us (John 14)

RQ(22) Who gave a banquet or feast and invited the least and greatest?

Xerxes, Esther 1:5

Laban, Gen 29:22

Also, see Jesus' parable; Luke 14:15-23, where he compelled people from the street to come in

PDE: When Jesus tells Zaccheus that he was going to his house; the meal included Jesus (the greatest) with Zaccheus (a wee little man)

RQ(23) Who or what had the Garden of Eden before them and a desert or wilderness behind them? (reverse of Adam and Eve)

RQ(24) What tribes did the faithful spies come from?

Caleb came from Judah (Numbers 13:6)

Joshua came from Ephraim (Numbers 13:8)

RQ(25) Find laws given by Moses that "fixed" two of the problems in Joseph's life (caused by things Jacob did).

- marrying sisters
- having a favorite wife and showing favoritism to her sons

Leviticus 18:18

" 'Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

If a man has two wives, and he loves one but not the other, and both bear him sons but the firstborn is the son of the wife he does not love, when he wills his property to his sons, he must not give the rights of the firstborn to the son of the wife he loves in preference to his actual firstborn, the son of the wife he does not love. He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him.

[For General purposes, God directs men back to the rights of the firstborn.]

Later came the limitation to only have one wife. 1 Timothy 3