

SCCC- GOD'S PLANS ARE PERFECT

S - Scriptures

“Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven.” Genesis 47: 28

C – Consideration

The Scriptures tell us the exact time frame that Joseph lived with his father before he was sold to Egypt: “This is the account of Jacob’s family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers...” Joseph had lived in Egypt for about twenty-two years. During this time he never saw his father again, until Jacob moved there.

C – Commitment

Jacob had a special love for his son, “Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.” God loved Jacob, yet He took Joseph from him when he was seventeen, to fulfill His purpose, though God’s plan was hidden from Jacob, and had caused a deep grieving in both, father and son. However, the Lord gave precisely another seventeen years for Jacob and Joseph until Jacob’s death. He showed Jacob and Joseph that their grieving at the end was rewarded. His entire family was saved through his beloved son Joseph. The ways of the Lord are amazing, but many times we can’t comprehend them. The prophet Isaiah answers the famous WHY LORD questions we always ask in times of trouble. He wrote: “my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, your ways are perfect, you are our loving Father, merciful and mighty. You had blessed Jacob, Joseph, their children, and even the pagan Egyptian king and his people. Help me Lord, when I don’t understand your plans to wait in peace, not murmuring. Lord, even in times when someone I love departs, that I will still praise you and acknowledge your name among believers and non-believers, as Joseph always did. Help me Lord, to lay down my plans, and to surrender all my heart’s desire to you. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

