

# SACRED SCRIPTURES OF SAINT JOSEPH

## NEW TESTAMENT

### SAINT MATTHEW, Chapter 1

:16 And Jacob begot **Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

:17 So all the generations, from Abraham to David, are fourteen generations. And from David to the transmigration of Babylon, are fourteen generations: and from the transmigration of Babylon to Christ are fourteen generations.

:18 Now the generation of Christ was in this wise. When as his mother Mary was espoused to **Joseph**, before they came together, she was found with child, of the Holy Ghost.

:19 Whereupon **Joseph** her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately.

:20 But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: **Joseph**, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost.

:21 And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name JESUS. For he shall save his people from their sins.

:22 Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying:

:23 *Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,* which being interpreted is, *God with us.*

:24 And **Joseph** rising up from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took unto him his wife.

:25 And he knew her not till she brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

### SAINT MATTHEW, Chapter 2

:13 And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to **Joseph**, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him.

:14 Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod:

:15 That it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying:  
*Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

:19 But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to **Joseph** in Egypt,

:20 Saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the child.

:21 Who arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

:22 But hearing that Archelaus reigned in Judea in the room of Herod his father, he was afraid to go thither: and being warned in sleep retired into the quarters of Galilee.

:23 And coming he dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was said by prophets: That he shall be called a Nazarene.

### **SAINT MATTHEW, Chapter 27**

:56 Among whom was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and **Joseph**, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

:57 And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named **Joseph**, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus.

:58 He went to Pilate, and asked the body of Jesus.  
Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered.

:59 And **Joseph** taking the body, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth.

:60 And laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewed out in a rock.  
And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument, and went his way.

### **SAINT LUKE, Chapter 2**

4 And **Joseph** also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David,

5 To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

6 And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying:

14 Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

16 And they came with haste; and they found Mary and **Joseph**, and the infant lying in the manger.

21 And after eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised, his name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord:

23 As it is written in the law of the Lord: *Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord:*

24 And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons:

25 And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him.

26 And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law,

33 And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this *child* is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted;

35 And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.

39 And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth.

41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch,

42 And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast,

43 And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not.

44 And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance.

45 And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers.

48 And seeing *him*, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold thy **father** and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must be about my father's business?

50 And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart.

52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men.

### **SAINT LUKE, Chapter 3**

21 Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, heaven was opened;

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, as a dove upon him; and a voice came from heaven: Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus himself was beginning about the age of thirty years; being (as it was supposed) the son of **Joseph**, who was of Heli, who was of Mathat,

#### **SAINT LUKE, Chapter 4**

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he was brought up: and he went into the synagogue, according to his custom, on the sabbath day; and he rose up to read.

17 And the book of Isaias the prophet was delivered unto him.  
And as he unfolded the book, he found the place where it was written:

18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Wherefore he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the contrite of heart,*

19 *To preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of reward.*

20 And when he had folded the book, he restored it to the minister, and sat down.  
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 And he began to say to them: This day is fulfilled this scripture in your ears.

22 And all gave testimony to him: and they wondered at the words of grace that proceeded from his mouth, and they said: Is not this the son of **Joseph**?

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

##### **GENESIS, Chapter 37**

3 Now Israel loved **Joseph** above all his sons, because he had him in his old age:  
and he made him a coat of divers colours.

4 And his brethren seeing that he was loved by his father, more than all his sons, hated him,  
and could not speak peaceably to him.

5 Now it fell out also that he told his brethren a dream, that he had dreamed:  
which occasioned them to hate him the more.

6 And he said to them: Hear my dream which I dreamed.

7 I thought we were binding sheaves in the field: and my sheaf arose as it were, and stood,  
and your sheaves standing about, bowed down before my sheaf.

8 His brethren answered : Shalt thou be our king? or shall we be subject to thy dominion?  
Therefore, this matter of his dreams and words ministered nourishment to their envy and hatred.

9 He dreamed also another dream, which he told his brethren,  
saying: I saw in a dream, as it were the sun, and the moon, and eleven stars worshipping me.

10 And when he had told this to his father and brethren, his father rebuked him, and said: What meaneth this dream that thou hast dreamed? shall I and thy mother, and thy brethren worship thee upon the earth?

11 His brethren therefore envied him: but his father considered the thing with himself.

12 And when his brethren abode in Sichem feeding their father's docks,

13 Israel said to him: Thy brethren feed the sheep in Sichem: come, I will send thee to them.  
And when he answered:

14 I am ready: he said to him: Go, and see if all things be well with thy brethren, and the cattle:  
and bring me word again what is doing. So being sent from the vale of Hebron, he came to Sichem:

15 And a man found him there wandering in the field, and asked what he sought.

16 But he answered: I seek my brethren; tell me where they feed the docks.

17 And the man said to him: They are departed from this place: for I heard them say:  
Let us go to Dothain. And **Joseph** went forward after his brethren, and found them in Dothain.

18 And when they saw him afar off, be-fore he came nigh them, they thought to kill him.

19 And said one to another: Behold the dreamer cometh.

20 Come, let us kill him, and cast him into some old pit: and we will say :  
Some evil beast hath devoured him: and then it shall appear what his dreams avail him :

21 And Ruben hearing this, endeavoured to deliver him out of their hands, end said:

22 Do not take away his life, nor shed his blood: but cast him into this pit, that is in the wilderness, and keep your  
hands harmless: now he said this, being desirous to deliver him out of their hands and to restore him to his father.

23 And as soon as he came to his brethren, they forthwith stript him of his outside coat, that was of divers colours:

24 And cast him into an old pit, where there was no water.

25 And sitting down to eat bread, they saw some Ismaelites on their way coming from Calaad,  
with their camels, carrying spices, and balm, and myrrh to Egypt.

26 And Juda said to his brethren: What will it profit us to kill our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 It is better that he be sold to the Ismaelites, and that our hands be not defiled: for he is our brother and our  
flesh. His brethren agreed to his words.

28 And when the Madianite merchants passed by, they drew him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ismaelites,  
for twenty pieces of silver: and they led him into Egypt.

29 And Ruben, returning to the pit, found not the boy:

30 And rending his garments he went to his brethren, and said: The boy doth not appear and whither shall I go?

31 And they took his coat, and dipped it in the blood of a kid, which they had killed:

32 Sending some to carry it to their father, and to say: This we have found: see whether it be thy son's coat, or not.

33 And the father acknowledging it, said: It is my son's coat, an evil wild beast hath eaten him,  
a beast hath devoured **Joseph**.

34 And tearing his garments, he put an sackcloth, mourning for his son a long time.

35 And all his children being gathered together to comfort their father in his sorrow, he would not receive comfort, but said: I will go down to my son into hell, mourning. And whilst he continued weeping,

36 The Madianites sold **Joseph** in Egypt to Putiphar, an eunuch of Pharao, captain of the soldiers.

### **GENESIS, Chapter 39**

1 And **Joseph** was brought into Egypt, and Putiphar an eunuch of Pharao, chief captain of the army, an Egyptian, bought him of the Ismaelites, by whom he was brought.

2 And the Lord was with him, and he was a prosperous man in all things: and he dwelt in his master's house,

3 Who knew very well that the Lord was with him, and made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And **Joseph** found favour in the sight of his master, and ministered to him: and being set over all by him, he governed the house committed to him, and all things that were delivered to him:

5 And the Lord blessed the house of the Egyptian for **Joseph's** sake, and multiplied all his substance, both at home, and in the fields.

6 Neither knew he any other thing, but the bread which he ate.  
And **Joseph** was of a beautiful countenance, and comely to behold.

7 And after many days his mistress 'cast her eyes on **Joseph**, and said: Lie with me.

8 But he, in no wise consenting to *that* wicked act, said to her:  
Behold, my master hath delivered all things to me, and knoweth not what he hath in his own house:

9 Neither is there any thing which is hot in my power, or that he hath not delivered to me, but thee, who art his wife: how then can I do this wicked thing, and I sin against my God?

10 With such words as these day by day, both the woman was importunate with the young man, and he refused the adultery.

11 Now it happened on it certain day, that **Joseph** went into the house, and was doing some business without any, man with him:

12 And she catching the skirt of his garment, said: Lie with me.  
But he leaving the garment in her hand, fled, and went out.

13 And when the woman saw the garment in her hands, and herself disregarded,

14 She called to her the men of her house, and said to them: See, he hath brought in a Hebrew, to abuse us: he came in to me, to lie with me: and when I cried out,

16 And he heard my voice, he left the garment that I held, and got him out.

16 For a proof therefore of her fidelity, she kept the garment, and shewed it to her husband when he returned home:

17 And said: The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought, came to me to abuse me.

18 And when he heard me cry, he left the garment which I held, and fled out.

19 His master hearing these things, and giving too much credit to his wife's words, was very angry.

20 And cast **Joseph** into the prison, where the king's prisoners were kept, and he was there shut up.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph and having mercy upon him gave him favour in the sight of the chief keeper of the prison:

22 Who delivered into his hand all the prisoners that were kept in custody: and whatsoever was done was under him.

23 Neither did he himself know any thing, having committed all things to him: for the Lord was with him, and made all that he did to prosper.

## **GENESIS, Chapter 40**

4 But the keeper of the prison delivered them to **Joseph**, and he served them. Some little time passed, and they were kept in custody.

5 And they both dreamed a dream the same night, according to the interpretation agreeing to themselves:

6 And when **Joseph** was come in to them in the morning, and saw them sad,

7 He asked them, saying: Why is your countenance sadder to-day than usual?

8 They answered: We have dreamed a dream, and there is nobody to interpret it to us. And **Joseph** said to them: Doth not interpretation belong to God? Tell me what you have dreamed.

9 The chief butler first told his dream: I saw before me a vine,

10 On which were three branches, which by little and little sent out buds, and after the blossoms brought forth ripe grapes :

11 And the cup of Pharaoh was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into the cup which I held, and I gave the cup to Pharaoh.

12 **Joseph** answered: This is the interpretation of the dream: The three branches are yet three days:

13 After which Pharaoh will remember thy service, and will restore thee to thy former place. And thou shalt present him the cup according to thy office, as before thou wast wont to do.

14 Only remember me, when it shall be well with thee, and do me this kindness: to put Pharaoh in mind to take me out of this prison:

15 For I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here without any fault was cast into the dungeon.

16 The chief baker seeing that he had wisely interpreted the dream, said: I also dreamed a dream, that I had three baskets of meal upon my head:

17 And that in one basket which was uppermost, I carried all meats that are made by the art of baking, and that the birds ate out of it.

18 **Joseph** answered: This is the interpretation of the dream: The three baskets are yet three days:

19 After which Pharaoh will take thy hand from thee, and hang thee on a cross, and the birds shall tear thy flesh.

20 The third day after this was the birthday of Pharaoh: and he made a great feast for his servants, and at the banquet remembered the chief butler, and the chief baker.

21 And he restored the one to his place to present him the cup:

22 The other he hanged on a gibbet, that the truth of the interpreter might be shewn.

23 But the chief butler, when things prospered with him, forgot his interpreter.

## **GENESIS, Chapter 41**

9 Then at length the chief butler remembering, said: I confess my sin:

10 The king being angry with his servants, commanded me and the chief baker to be cast into the prison of the captain of the soldiers:

11 Where in one night both of us dreamed a dream foreboding things to come.

12 There was there a young man a Hebrew, servant to the same captain of the soldiers: to whom we told our dreams,

13 And we heard what afterwards the event of the thing proved to be so. For I was restored to my office: and he was hanged upon a gibbet.

14 Forthwith at the king's command, **Joseph** was brought out of the prison, and they shaved him, and changing his apparel, brought him in to him.

15 And he said to him: I have dreamed dreams, and there is no one that can expound them: Now I have heard that thou art very wise at interpreting them.

16 **Joseph** answered: Without me, God shall give Pharaoh a prosperous answer.

17 So Pharaoh told what he had dreamed: Methought I stood upon the bank of the river,

18 And seven kine came up out of the river exceeding beautiful and full of flesh: and they grazed on green places in a marshy pasture.

19 And behold, there followed these, other seven kine, so very ill favoured and lean, that I never saw the like in the land of Egypt:

20 And they devoured and consumed the former,

21 And yet gave no mark of their being full: but were as lean and ill favoured as before. I awoke, and then fell asleep again,

22 And dreamed a dream: Seven ears of corn grew upon one stalk, full and very fair.

23 Other seven also thin and blasted, sprung of the stock:

24 And they devoured the beauty of the former: I told this dream to the conjecturers, and there is no man that can expound it.

25 Joseph answered: The king's dream is one: God hath shewn to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven beautiful kine, and the seven full ears, are seven years of plenty: and *both* contain the same meaning of the dream.

27 And the seven lean and thin kine that came up after them, and the seven thin ears that were blasted with the burning wind, are seven years of famine to come:



28 Which shall be fulfilled in this order:

29 Behold, there shall come seven years of great plenty in the whole land of Egypt:

30 After which shall follow other seven years of so great scarcity, that all the abundance before shall be forgotten: for the famine shall consume all the land,

31 And the greatness of the scarcity shall destroy the greatness of the plenty.

32 And for that thou didst see the second time a dream pertaining to the same thing: it is a token of the certainty, and that the word of God cometh to pass, and is fulfilled speedily.

33 Now therefore let the king provide a wise and industrious man, and make him ruler over the land of Egypt:

34 That he may appoint overseers over all the countries: and gather into barns the fifth part of the fruits, during the seven fruitful years,

35 That shall now presently ensue: and let all the corn be laid up under Pharaoh's hands and be reserved in the cities.

36 And let it be in readiness, against the famine of seven years to come, which shall oppress Egypt, and the land shall not be consumed with scarcity.

37 The counsel pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.

38 And he said to them: Can we find such another man, that is full of the spirit of God?

39 He said therefore to **Joseph**: Seeing God hath shewn thee all that thou hast said, can I find one wiser and one like unto thee?

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and at the commandment of thy mouth all the people shall obey: only in the kingly throne will I be above thee.

41 And again Pharaoh said to **Joseph**: Behold, I have appointed thee over the whole land of Egypt.

42 And he took his ring from his own hand, and gave it into his hand: and he put upon him a robe of silk, and put a chain of gold about his neck.

43 And he made him go up into his second chariot, the crier proclaiming that all should bow their knee before him, and that they should know he was made governor over the whole land of Egypt.

44 And the king said to **Joseph**: I am Pharaoh; without thy commandment no man shall move hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And he turned his name, and called him in the Egyptian tongue, The saviour of the world. And he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Putiphare priest of Heliopolis. Then **Joseph** went out to the land of Egypt:

46 (Now he was thirty years old when he stood before king Pharaoh) and he went round all the countries of Egypt.

47 And the fruitfulness of the seven years came: and the corn being bound up into sheaves was gathered together into the barns of Egypt.

48 And all the abundance of grain was laid up in every city.

49 And there was so great abundance of wheat, that it was equal to the sand of the sea, and the plenty exceeded measure.

50 And before the famine came, **Joseph** had two sons born: whom Aseneth the daughter of Putiphare priest of Heliopolis bore unto him.

51 And he called the name of the first born Manasses, saying: God hath made me to forget all my labours, and my father's house.

52 And he named the second Epharaim, saying: God hath made me to grow in the land of my poverty.

53 Now when the seven years of the plenty that had been in Egypt were past:

54 The seven years of scarcity, which **Joseph** had foretold, began to come: and the famine prevailed in the whole world, but there was bread in all the land of Egypt.

55 And when there also they began to be famished, the people cried to Pharao for food. And he said to them: **Go to Joseph:** and do all that he shall say to you.

56 And the famine increased daily in all the land: and Joseph opened all the barns, and sold to the Egyptians: for the famine had oppressed them also.

57 And all provinces came into Egypt, to buy food, and to seek some relief of their want.

## **ISAIS, Chapter 19**

1: THE burden of Egypt. Behold the Lord will ascend upon a swift cloud, and will enter into Egypt, and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst thereof.