

## C Puzzle – People in Philippi

Throughout the New Testament we read of people who were connected with the Philippians. Some of them are listed below. Write their names and then find them in the wordsearch.

A messenger who was very ill \_\_\_\_\_ *Philippians 2*

A seller of purple \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 16*

Paul and \_\_\_\_\_ were put in jail in Philippi *Acts 16*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the prison was converted *Acts 16*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were women who had disagreed on something *Philippians 4*

Paul hoped to send \_\_\_\_\_ to Philippi shortly *Philippians 2*

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## A Joseph

Jacob had many sons, but Joseph was the favourite son, the first son of Jacob's wife Rachel. Jacob showed his love by making Joseph a coat of many colours. When Joseph's brothers saw that Jacob loved him most, they hated him.

God gave Joseph two dreams. In the first dream, Joseph and his brothers were binding sheaves (grain), and the brothers' sheaves bowed down to Joseph's. In his second dream, the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him. These symbolised his family. When Joseph told his dreams to his brothers, they hated him even more.

One day when Joseph's brothers were feeding sheep in Shechem, Jacob sent Joseph to check on them. When the brothers saw Joseph coming, they made a

plan to kill him but instead sold him as a slave to Midianite merchantmen passing by. The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colours and dipped it in the blood of a kid goat before showing it to their father, Jacob, who assumed Joseph had been killed by an animal.

Joseph was sold as a slave in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh (the Egyptian king). The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered in the house of his master who made him overseer of his house. However, Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph sin, and when Joseph refused she lied to her husband who put Joseph in prison. Again, the Lord was with Joseph in prison, and he gained favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

*Genesis 39.21*



And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none so discreet and wise as thou art*: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Genesis 41.39–40



which Joseph interpreted for them. In three days the butler would be released from prison and get his job back, while the baker would be killed. Joseph asked the butler to mention him to Pharaoh in

the hope that he would be released from prison too. Sadly, the butler forgot all about Joseph.

Two years later, Pharaoh had a strange dream that no one could interpret. The butler then remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about his ability to interpret dreams. Pharaoh called for Joseph

And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

Genesis 45.4–5



Pharaoh's butler and baker were cast into prison for offending their master. While in prison, they both had dreams,

to interpret his dream. Joseph was able to do this and told him that there was going to be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine, and what he should do to prepare for it. Pharaoh was amazed and appointed Joseph to rule over Egypt and prepare for the upcoming famine.

When the famine arrived, Jacob sent ten of his sons to Egypt to buy food. When they arrived, Joseph recognised them, but they did not know him. Joseph sent them back to Canaan with food, but kept Simeon in Egypt until they could return with Benjamin. When they did return with Benjamin, Joseph eventually revealed himself to his brothers. He told them how God had planned his time in Egypt to help his family through the famine. He sent food with his brothers and told them to bring their families and Jacob to Egypt. When Jacob and his family arrived in Egypt, Pharaoh allowed them to settle in Goshen.

Joseph lived to be 110 years old and had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.



But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

Genesis 50.20



## B About the Bible – Philippians

Philippi was a major city in Greece. Paul had first visited Philippi during his second missionary journey. He wrote this letter while in prison and exhorted the Philippians to remain steadfast in their faith and rejoice in the Lord.

Fill in the blanks below to read some of the remarks Paul made to the people of Philippi:

- 1 Being \_\_\_\_\_ of this very thing, that he which hath begun a \_\_\_\_\_ work in you will perform *it* until the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ *Philippians 1.6*
- 2 If *there be* therefore any \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, if any comfort of \_\_\_\_\_, if any \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my \_\_\_\_\_, that ye be likeminded, having the same \_\_\_\_\_, *being* of one accord, of one \_\_\_\_\_. *Philippians 2.1–2*
- 3 Do all things without \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ nation, among whom ye shine as \_\_\_\_\_ in the world *Philippians 2.14–15*
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, \_\_\_\_\_. *Philippians 4.4*
- 5 Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in every thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made known unto God. *Philippians 4.6*
- 6 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things are of \_\_\_\_\_ report; if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, and if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ on these things. *Philippians 4.8*