

We can deduce a lot about what will take place during the last days by looking at the history of Joseph and comparing it to what happened to the Lord Jesus. Joseph is considered to be a type of the Lord Jesus and a lot of what happened to him was prophetic of the suffering of the Lord Jesus. Instead of giving long explanations about this, I will merely quote the relevant scriptures regarding their respective lives.

**God intervened to bring about his birth.**

Gen 30:22 - Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and opened her womb.

Matt 1:20 - ...what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**He was a shepherd.**

Gen 37:2 - Joseph, a young man of seventeen, tended the flocks with his brothers.

John 21:16 - Jesus told Peter: Take care of my sheep.

John 10:11 - I am the good shepherd.

**His father loved him the most.**

Gen 37:3 - Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons.

Matt 3:17 - This is my Son, whom I love.

**He had a dream in which his brothers bowed down before him.**

Gen 37:9 - The sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.

Phil 2:10 - ...that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

**His father sent him to his brothers and he immediately agreed.**

Gen 37:13 - Come, I am going to send you to them. Very well, he replied.

Matt 21:37 - Last of all, he sent his son to them.

**They slyly plotted to kill him.**

Gen 37:18 - ...they plotted to kill him.

Matt 27:1 All the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.

**They threw him into a cistern.**

Gen 37:24 - ...and they took him and threw him into the cistern.

Matt 27:60 - ...and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock.

**But the cistern was empty.**

Gen 37:24- ...the cistern was empty.

Gen 37:29 - When Reuben returned to the cistern, Joseph was not there!

Luke 24:3 - But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

**They asked themselves what they would gain by his death.**

Gen 37:26 - What will we gain if we kill our brother?

John 18:14 - Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

**He was sold for twenty shekels of silver.**

Gen 37:28 - ...Joseph was sold to the Midianites for twenty shekels of silver.

Matt 26:15 - What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you? So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

**His robe was covered in blood.**

Gen 37:31 - Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood.

Rev 19:13 ...is dressed in a robe dipped in blood.

**He undertook a long journey to find his brothers**

Gen 37:14 Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.

Luke 19:12 - A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.

**He was taken prisoner and thrown in prison.**

Gen 39:20 - Joseph's master took him and put him in prison.

Matt 26:57 - Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas.

**Both were innocent.**

Gen 40:15 - ...I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.