

# WOMB OR TOMB?

<sup>24</sup> *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*

John 12:24

<sup>22</sup> *But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."*

Matthew 8:22

<sup>31</sup> *Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above.*

Isaiah 37:31

## I. The way of analogy / Similar but different / Burial vs. planting

A. Are you buried or planted?

B. Proper interpretation is absolutely necessary in the garden and other sowing fields in this season.

C. We bury dead things to get rid of them. An end.

D. We plant seeds in order to release their potential for above ground harvest. A means to an end.

E. Both burial and planting involve digging darkness. Hiddenness and corruption.

F. Yet seeds planted are released to fulfill their potential harvests. Death is only a beginning.

G. Are you locked in a womb or a tomb? (1 Corinthians 15:36)

<sup>36</sup> *How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.*

## II. Joseph and God's planting program. (Psalm 105:16-22)

<sup>16</sup> *He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;*

<sup>17</sup> *and he sent a man before them--Joseph, sold as a slave. <sup>18</sup> They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, <sup>19</sup> till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true. <sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free. <sup>21</sup> He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed, <sup>22</sup> to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.*

- A. God sends the supply before the demand. / God's way of planting.
  - B. He sends a person, not a principle. / The nature of the seeds God sows.
  - C. He brings a famine at the perfect time to surface each seed's perfect harvest time. / God's timing in planting and harvesting.
- III. Don't listen to the devil's interpretations of your reality in this season.
- A. He will always say you're buried because you're dead and utterly useless.  
(Tomb wisdom)
  - B. God says you're planted because there is a harvest destiny ahead of you!  
(Womb wisdom)