

1. Please read chapters 11 - 12 (pp. 143-164) in the Arnold text and report your reading here. (Did you read it all, or what portion did you read?)

2. Describe several ways in which the Joseph narrative is different from the rest of Genesis, and several ways in which it is the same.

3. The custom of levirate marriage was intended to provide for some important social/economic needs. What were those needs?

4. What are the three possible reasons Arnold identifies for the inclusion of the Joseph narrative, even though Joseph is not one of the patriarchs, and not in the line of the Messiah?

5. Explain how there came to be only twelve landed tribes in Canaan despite the fact that Joseph's two sons were adopted by Jacob.

6. What lessons regarding faith do you draw from the Joseph narrative?