

Joseph Sold into Slavery in Egypt Israel

A. Joseph the Privileged Son (Gen. 37:1-11)

1. How would you describe the relationship of Joseph with his brothers? (37:2-4) _____

2. Joseph had two dreams. Summarize them. (37:5-11)
 - a. Dream #1. Sheaves of grain. (37:5-7) _____

 - b. Brothers' response: (37:8) _____
 - c. Dream #2. Sun, moon, 11 stars. (37:9) _____
 - d. Brothers' response: (37:10-11) _____

B. Joseph's Brothers Sell Him as a Slave (Gen. 37:12-36)

1. What was Joseph's errand? (37:12-17) _____

2. What did the brothers plot to do against Joseph? (37:18-24) _____

3. To whom did the brothers sell Joseph? (37:25-28) _____

4. How did the brothers deceive their father, Jacob? (37:29-35) _____

5. Sadly, Jacob who once deceived his own father (Gen. 27:1-41) now was horribly deceived by ten of his sons. This is a horrible illustration of Galatians 6:7, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Have you ever seen this happen? _____

6. Where did Joseph end up? (37:36) _____

C. How God blessed Joseph in very strange circumstances. (Gen. 39:1-23)

1. How did God bless Joseph in the house of Potiphar, his owner? (39:1-6) _____

2. How and why did Potiphar's wife "frame" (falsely accuse) Joseph? (39:7-18)

3. How did Joseph rise to the position of Assistant Prison Warden even though he had been wrongly accused and tossed in prison? (39:19-23) _____

D. Joseph's God-given Ability to Interpret Dreams. (Genesis 40, 41)

1. Pharaoh's chief cupbearer and baker were confined in Joseph's prison. Each of them had a dream. (40:1-5)
 - a. What was the cupbearer's dream, and how did Joseph interpret it? (40:6-15) _____

 - b. What was the baker's dream, and how did Joseph interpret it? (40:16-19) _____

 - c. How accurate were Joseph's interpretations? (40:20-23) _____

2. The Dreams of Pharaoh
 - a. Briefly describe Pharaoh's two dreams (41:1-8). _____

 - b. Whom did the cupbearer finally remember? (41:9-13) _____

 - c. Pharaoh related his dreams to Joseph (41:14-24). How did Joseph interpret them? (41:25-32) _____

 - d. What did Joseph recommend to Pharaoh? (41:33-36) _____

3. Describe how Joseph became 2nd in Command in Egypt. (41:37-57) _____

4. One of the important verses in the whole Bible is Romans 8:28. (NIV 1984) 28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
5. Explain how God fulfilled this in the life of Joseph. _____

6. Have you seen God fulfill this truth in your own life? Explain. _____

