

## Sunday School Notes

### **August 23, 2020 Joseph from Assistant Prison Warden to Prime Minister of Egypt**

Genesis 40:23-41:40 **God opens prison doors and opportunities for Joseph.** Deflecting his gifting back to God (Genesis 41:16, 25, 28, 32, 38-40).

Things happening in pairs in Joseph's life: twice checking up on his brother's shepherding, his own two dreams, his two imprisonments, two dreamers in prison, Pharaoh's two dreams.

What did God give Joseph besides the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams to benefit the people of Egypt?

Genesis 41:41-57 **Joseph as prime minister of Egypt implementing wisdom learned through his hard journey.**

What do the names of Joseph's son tell you about Joseph's attitude and mindset after his years of hardships?

God wants to use his people in the halls of secular institutions. What qualifies people for God to use them in these mighty ways?

Moses (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-26), Obadiah (in charge of Ahab's palace) Daniel (Daniel 4:7-9, 18; 5:11-14) Nehemiah, Ezra (Ezra 7:6 and 10, 11, 21, 25-28) Esther and Mordecai, and David as Saul's harp player and soldier (1 Samuel 16:13, 18).

Psalms 105:16-22; Acts 7:9-11

### **August 16, 2020 Joseph Waiting Not Knowing What God was Doing**

Genesis 39:8-40:23 Punished for doing the right thing. Note Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 2:11-12, 18-22; 3:14-17

Examine Potiphar's wife's strategy to incriminate Joseph (Genesis 39:13-18). The "evidence", repeating lies, and playing the race card.

Joseph is more righteous in the sexual realm than his older brothers Reuben (Genesis 35:22) and Judah (Genesis 38:15-18).

The uncertainty of Joseph's waiting. God was with him during his suffering, blessing him wherever he was called. Compare Genesis 39:2-6 and Genesis 39:21-22 and Psalm 1. Joseph did whatever job he was at well. See Genesis 40:6.

What emotional Satanic attacks might have Joseph had to deal with? Genesis 40:14 and Genesis 49:22-24

Joseph was sold into slavery at 17, now he is about 28 when he interprets the cupbearer and bakers dreams.

Why do you think the cupbearer and baker were put in prison?

### **August 9, 2020 Joseph the Patriarch and His Trials and Tests**

Genesis 37:36, Acts 7:9; Psalm 105:17-18;

Genesis 39:1-6 Favor as a slave under Potiphar.