

Sunday School Notes

August 30, 2020 Joseph's Brothers Bow to Him in Egypt

Genesis 41:49-42:38

Joseph first recognized them, (verses 7 and 8) then he remembered about his dreams.

Why did Joseph accuse his brothers of being spies?

Why did Joseph keep his brothers in custody for three days?

Why did Joseph change his mind about the way would send his brothers back to their father Jacob in Canaan?

After three days guilty consciences cause a confession when Joseph is listening with an interpreter for a cover.
Genesis 37:17-36 The event that caused the guilty consciences

Who all was watching this playing out?

What sin was Joseph's questioning of his brothers and sending them back home focused on?

Why did Joseph send back their silver putting it in their grain bags?

Is Jacob relaying favoritism in Genesis 42:37-38?

Genesis 43:1-14 **A hard decision delayed.**

Psalms 105:16-22; Acts 7:9-12

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 does 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).