

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
GENESIS 37- JOSEPH'S COAT OF MANY COLORS,  
GENESIS 38 - JUDAH, GENESIS 39 - JOSEPH IN EGYPT

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we begin our study of the great story of Joseph. This is one of my favorite Bible stories. Even though there are some very tough and sad times for Joseph and his brothers, we will learn the story of Joseph has not been completed. However, in the future, we know through God's plan there will be a very happy ending to this great story which you are all a part of. I hope you will come to love this story as much as I do. As we study, remember everything in this great story is directed by God's divine hand.

### **Genesis 37**

Say - Verses 2-36 are of Joseph in Canaan with his brothers.

<sup>1</sup>And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father (Isaac) was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup>These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah (Remember Bilhah was Rachel's servant girl and the two sons she gave to Jacob were Dan and Naphtali.), and with the sons of Zilpah (Zilpah was Leah's servant girl and she gave Jacob two son, Gad and Asher.), his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel (Jacob, remember Israel and Jacob are interchangeable.) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours (The coat of many colors typified the garment that was Christ's that was sold for 30 pieces of silver. The "coat of many colors" was worn only by the chief and his heir; the colors marked it as royal, Exodus 28:4, 39.).

<sup>4</sup>And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

Say - Verses 5-11 are of Joseph's dreams.

<sup>5</sup>And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. <sup>6</sup>And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

<sup>7</sup>For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

<sup>8</sup>And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

<sup>9</sup>And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

<sup>10</sup>And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother (Rachel) and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

<sup>11</sup>And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying (Israel/Jacob began to realize there was something to this dream Joseph had.).

<sup>12</sup>And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem (Shechem in the land of Canaan had a lot of water for the flocks and rich pasture land.).

<sup>13</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

Say - Verses 14-18 are of Joseph looking for his brothers.

<sup>14</sup>And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron (south of Jerusalem), and he came to Shechem (north of Jerusalem).

<sup>15</sup>And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

<sup>16</sup>And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

<sup>17</sup>And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan (This was on the road to Egypt and were waiting for caravans.). And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan (North of Shechem. It would be good to find a Bible map showing these cities.).

<sup>18</sup>And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him (The brothers plotted against Joseph; we will see that Joseph was a type of Christ.).

<sup>19</sup>And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

Say - Verses 20- 36 are of the brothers plotting against Joseph.

<sup>20</sup>Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

<sup>21</sup>And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands (1st born son of Leah so he prevails.); and said, Let us not kill him.

<sup>22</sup>And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

<sup>24</sup>And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery (from India) and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt (Remember the Ishmeelites were from the son of Abraham and Hagar the Egyptian handmaid of Sarah's. They were people of the desert, nomads and merchants. In verses 28 and 36 are called Midianites.).

<sup>26</sup>And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood (They still have the intent to kill Joseph.)?

<sup>27</sup>Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites (Midianites), and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content (Slaves were in great demand in Egypt.).

<sup>28</sup>Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt (The Midianites were from Abraham and Keturah, Genesis 25:2. Remember Moses was a shepherd to a High Priest of the Midianites and married his daughter. Most slaves were sold for 30 pieces of silver but because Joseph was so young, was not worth as much.).

<sup>29</sup>And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

<sup>30</sup>And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? (The brothers were guilty of the fate of their brother because they hated him and were jealous. God tells us hate is the same as murder.)

<sup>31</sup>And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood (Trying to deflect the guilt they have onto an animal.);

<sup>32</sup>And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

<sup>33</sup>And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces (Jacob was deceived by the blood of a kid goat just as he had deceived Isaac with the skin of a kid goat.).

<sup>34</sup>And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days (Jacob/Israel mourned for many days, in fact we will see he mourned for 21 years.).

<sup>35</sup>And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

<sup>36</sup>And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard (The word "Midianites" used here means "men of strife"; "Potiphar" means "belonging to the sun". Potiphar was consecrated to the one of the gods of Egypt called Ra. Potiphar was an officer to Pharaoh and had charge of the police and military duties.).

## **Genesis 38**

Say - Historically this chapter comes before chapter 37. Both Pharez and Zarah and Tamar are in the genealogy of Christ, Matthew 1:3; that is why this chapter is inserted here.

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah (Judah, like Esau, married a Canaanite woman.).

<sup>2</sup>And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

<sup>3</sup>And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er (oldest son of Judah and means "awake").

<sup>4</sup>And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan (means "strength").

<sup>5</sup>And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

<sup>6</sup>And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

<sup>7</sup>And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

<sup>8</sup>And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

<sup>9</sup>And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother (He was supposed to care for his brother's wife.).

<sup>10</sup>And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

<sup>11</sup>Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

<sup>12</sup>And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath (later becomes part of Dan), he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

<sup>13</sup>And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

<sup>14</sup>And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife (this was a custom of a widow).

<sup>15</sup>When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

<sup>16</sup>And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

<sup>17</sup>And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

<sup>18</sup>And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him (working out the terms of a sexual encounter and wanted to have a child by him).

<sup>19</sup>And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood (Judah thought she was a temple prostitute which was legal but not unto God.).

<sup>20</sup>And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

<sup>21</sup>Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

<sup>22</sup>And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

<sup>23</sup>And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

<sup>24</sup>And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

<sup>25</sup>When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

<sup>26</sup>And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

<sup>28</sup>And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand (why did this happen, God was in control), that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

<sup>30</sup>And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah (Both Pharez and Zarah and Tamar are in the genealogy of Christ, Matthew 1:3; that is why this chapter is inserted here. Historically this chapter comes before chapter 37.).

## **Genesis 39**

Say - Joseph in Egypt.

<sup>1</sup>And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

<sup>3</sup>And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand (Even though the Egyptians did not worship the Hebrew God, they were aware there was one. Joseph still worshipped the True God though he lived with an idolatrous person, Potiphar.).

<sup>4</sup>And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him (was a personal servant of the Potiphar.): and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand (All of this was guided by the hand of God).

<sup>5</sup>And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field (Wherever God's people are today, nations are blessed and still the very same today. Paul told the Ephesians they were people without hope but because God grafted them in to the body of Christ, now would have spiritual and physical blessings.).

<sup>6</sup>And he (Potiphar) left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured (good looking person).

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me (This is a test from God for Joseph; the woman wants children and has no morals.).

<sup>8</sup>But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not (knoweth not) what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

<sup>9</sup>There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God (Joseph was observing the royal law; "do unto others as you would have them do unto you".)?

<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her (Joseph was able to overcome this temptation because of the respect and fear of God).

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

<sup>12</sup>And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out (She had plotted and planning everything and there were no witnesses.).

<sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth (Natural reaction of a man who fears God.),

<sup>14</sup>That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice (Do we see how this is a Satanic mind; she twisted the entire event. She was upset Joseph had turned away from her and accused Joseph to the "men of the house" and then to her husband.):

<sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

<sup>16</sup>And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

<sup>17</sup>And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me (flirt or entice me):

<sup>18</sup>And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out (He did not check out the matter; just believed what she said.).

<sup>19</sup>And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

<sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison (Some people would have lost faith in God but we have to wait on God even though at the moment it seems hopeless for God is with His people. Read on.).

<sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy (kindness), and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper (governor) of the prison.

<sup>22</sup>And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

<sup>23</sup>The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

### MEMORY VERSES

Now Israel (Jacob, remember Israel and Jacob are interchangeable.) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

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GENESIS 37:5, 7, 9

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH



JOSEPH AND THE COAT OF MANY COLORS  
JOSEPH AND HIS DREAMS  
JOSEPH IS SOLD TO MIDIANITES AND TAKEN TO EGYPT

THE STORY OF JOSEPH, WHO WAS A TYPE OF CHRIST, IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE STORIES. THERE WERE MANY SAD AND TOUGH TIMES IN THE STORY OF JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS STORY IS NOT COMPLETED YET. IN THE FUTURE, THROUGH GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION, THERE WILL BE A VERY HAPPY ENDING TO THIS STORY. REMEMBER YOU ARE A PART OF THIS STORY IF WE HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER GOD AS JOSEPH DID. I HOPE YOU WILL LEARN TO LOVE THIS STORY AS MUCH AS I DO.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER, IN JOSEPH'S LIFE, JUST AS IT WAS FOR ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB, ALL WAS DIRECTED BY GOD'S DIVINE HAND. GOD WILL DIRECT OUR LIFE IF WE LIVE FOR HIM ALSO.

THE STORY OF JOSEPH BEGINS IN THE LAND OF CANAAN. JACOB/ISRAEL WAS JOSEPH'S FATHER AND RACHEL WAS HIS MOTHER. AT THE AGE OF 17, JOSEPH WITH HIS BROTHERS, DAN, NAPHTALI, GAD AND ASHER WERE CARING FOR HIS FATHER'S SHEEP.

ISRAEL LOVED JOSEPH MORE THAN ALL OF HIS CHILDREN BECAUSE JOSEPH WAS THE SON OF HIS OLD AGE AND RACHEL, JOSEPH'S MOTHER, HE LOVED THE MOST OF ALL HIS WIVES.

ISRAEL MADE JOSEPH A COAT OF MANY COLORS. THIS COAT OF MANY COLORS TYPIFIED OR WAS SYMBOLIC OF THE GARMENT WHICH WAS CHRIST'S THAT WAS SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER. THIS COAT OF MANY COLORS WAS WORN ONLY BY THE CHIEF AND HIS HEIR AND THE COLORS MARKED THE COAT AS A ROYAL COAT JUST AS CHRIST'S.

ALL OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS KNEW ISRAEL LOVED JOSEPH MORE THAN ALL OF THEM AND IT MADE THEM JEALOUS OF JOSEPH. THEY HATED JOSEPH AND WERE SET ON DESTROYING HIM AND THEY WERE NOT NICE TO HIM.

ONE DAY JOSEPH HAD A DREAM AND THIS MADE HIS BROTHERS HATE HIM EVEN MORE. JOSEPH TOLD HIS FAMILY OF HIS DREAM. HE SAID, "WE WERE BINDING WHEAT SHEAVES IN THE FIELD AND MY WHEAT SHEAF STOOD UPRIGHT. BUT ALL OF YOUR WHEAT SHEAVES BOWED DOWN TO ME. HIS BROTHERS, SAID, "ARE YOU GOING TO REIGN OR RULE OVER US" AND THEY HATED JOSEPH EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE.

SOON JOSEPH HAD ANOTHER DREAM AND HE TOLD HIS FAMILY THE SUN, AND THE MOON AND ELEVEN STARS, WHICH REPRESENTED HIS BROTHERS, BOWED DOWN TO JOSEPH ALSO. JOSEPH SOON TOLD HIS FATHER, ISRAEL. HIS DAD REALIZED THERE WAS SOMETHING DIVINELY PROPHETIC ABOUT JOSEPH'S DREAMS.

IT WAS TIME FOR JOSEPH'S BROTHERS TO FEED THE SHEEP IN SHECHEM. SHECHEM WAS IN THE LAND OF CANAAN AND HAD A LOT OF WATER FOR THEIR FATHER'S FLOCKS AND THE LAND WAS VERY RICH WITH GREEN PASTURELAND.

JOSEPH'S DAD SENT JOSEPH TO FIND HIS BROTHERS. SOON JOSEPH FOUND HIS BROTHERS IN DOTHAN. DOTHAN WAS ON A WELL-TRAVELED ROAD TO EGYPT. CARAVAN AFTER CARAVAN TRAVELED THIS ROAD TO EGYPT.

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS SAW JOSEPH COMING AND THEY PLOTTED TOGETHER HOW THEY MIGHT SLAY HIM. THEY SAID, "HERE COMES THE DREAMER" IN A TAUNTING VOICE MAKING FUN OF HIM. "LET'S SLAY HIM AND CAST HIM INTO A PIT AND WE WILL TELL OUR FATHER SOME EVIL BEAST DEVoured HIM. THEN WE WILL SEE WHAT BECOMES OF HIS DREAMS.

BUT REUBAN HEARD WHAT THEY HAD PLOTTED AGAINST JOSEPH AND BECAUSE REUBAN WAS THE OLDEST BROTHER, THEY LISTENED TO HIM WHEN HE SAID, "WE WILL NOT KILL HIM".

WHEN JOSEPH DREW NEAR THE BROTHERS THEY STRIPPED HIM OF HIS COAT OF MANY COLORS HIS FATHER HAD MADE FOR HIM. THEY

TOOK HIM AND CAST HIM INTO A PIT WHICH WAS EMPTY OF WATER.

AS THEY SAT DOWN TO EAT THEIR FOOD IN THE DISTANCE THEY SAW ISHMELLITES COMING WITH THEIR CAMELS CARRYING SPICES, BALM AND MYRRH ON THEIR WAY TO EGYPT. REMEMBER THE ISHMELLITES WERE FROM THE SON OF ABRAHAM AND HAGAR, SARAH'S HANDMAID. ISHMELLITES WERE PEOPLE OR WONDERING NOMADS OF THE DESERT

THE BROTHERS SAID, "LET'S SELL HIM TO THE ISHMEELITES AND ALL OF THEM AGREED TO THIS PLOT AGAINST JOSEPH. THEY LIFTED JOSEPH UP OUT OF THE PIT AND SOLD JOSEPH TO THE ISMEELITES FOR TWENTY PIECES OF SILVER. MOST SLAVES WERE SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER BUT BECAUSE JOSEPH WAS SO YOUNG, HE WAS NOT WORTH AS MUCH MONEY. NOW JOSEPH WAS ON HIS WAY TO EGYPT.

THE BROTHERS TOOK JOSEPH'S COAT OF MANY COLORS THEY HAD TAKEN FROM HIM AND KILLED A GOAT AND DIPPED HIS COAT IN THE BLOOD OF THE GOAT. THEY TOOK THE COAT OF MANY COLORS, STAINED WITH BLOOD, TO THEIR FATHER AND SAID WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS JOSEPH'S COAT.

ISRAEL KNEW IT WAS JOSEPH'S COAT AND ISRAEL MOURNED AND MORUNED MANY DAYS FOR HIS SON FOR HE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD FROM THE BLOOD ON THE COAT. IN FACT ISRAEL MOURNED FOR 20 SOME YEARS FOR JOSEPH.

HOW WAS JOSEPH DOING IN EGYPT? SOON THE MIDIANITES SOLD JOSEPH AS A SLAVE TO POTIPHAR, AN OFFICER OF THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH. GOD WAS WITH JOSEPH WHEREVER HE WENT. POTIPHAR, AN IDOLATROUS MAN, SAW THAT GOD WAS WITH JOSEPH BECAUSE POTIPHAR REALIZED IT WAS GOD WHO MADE JOSEPH PROPEROUS.

EVEN THOUGH THE EGYPTIANS DID NOT WORSHIP THE TRUE GOD, THEY WERE AWARE THERE WAS ONE. JOSEPH NEVER GAVE UP

WORSHIPPING THE TRUE GOD. JOSEPH NEVER GOT DISCOURAGED OVER BEING SOLD TO THE EGYPTIANS.

JOSEPH WAS WELL LIKED BY POTIPHAR AND THE PHARAOH AND MADE HIM OVERSEER OF THEIR HOUSE. ALL OF THIS WAS GUIDED BY GOD AND GOD BLESSED THE EGYPTIAN HOUSEHOLD AND THEIR HARVESTS OF THEIR FIELDS BECAUSE OF JOSEPH'S SAKE.

SOON POTIPHAR LEFT THEIR HOME AND LEFT JOSEPH IN CHARGE. SOON POTIPHAR'S WIFE WAS FLIRTING WITH JOSEPH BUT JOSEPH WAS TRUE TO GOD AND OBSERVED THE ROYAL LAW, "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU". JOSEPH WAS NOT INTERESTED IN POTIPHAR'S WIFE.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE WAS STILL NOT HAPPY SO SHE PLOTTED AND PLANNED TO CATCH JOSEPH. WHEN NO ONE WAS AROUND, SHE CAUGHT JOSEPH BY HIS GARMENT AND HE TOOK OFF AND LEFT HIS GARMENT WITH HER.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE CALLED UNTO THE MEN OF THE HOUSE AND TO HER HUSBAND AND TWISTED THE ENTIRE EVENT. SHE WAS SO UPSET WITH JOSEPH BECAUSE HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HER.

UNFORTUNATELY HER HUSBAND DID NOT CHECK OUT THE MATTER AND BELIEVED THE LIE HIS WIFE TOLD HIM ABOUT JOSEPH. POTIPHAR TOOK JOSEPH AND PUT HIM IN PRISON. JOSEPH STILL DID NOT GET DISCOURAGED OR LOSE FAITH IN GOD.

GOD WAS WITH JOSEPH IN PRISON AND SHOWED MERCY AND KINDNESS TO THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON. THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON MADE JOSEPH THE OVERSEER OF ALL THE OTHER PRISONERS AND HE NEVER QUESTIONED JOSEPH BECAUSE GOD WAS WITH HIM BECAUSE ALL THAT JOSEPH DID, GOD MADE IT TO PROSPER.

WE SHOULD NEVER GIVE UP EITHER EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM HOPELESS. FOR GOD IS STILL WITH HIS PEOPLE TODAY AND THAT MEANS **YOU!!** WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE US OR FORSAKE US NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE. WE CAN BE

THROWN IN PRISON, OR PUT IN A PIT OR PUT IN CAPTIVITY BUT GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR HIS PEOPLE JUST AS HE DID TO OUR FATHERS: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB AND JOSEPH. WE MUST BE LIKE JOSEPH AND HAVE FAITH AND NEVER GIVE UP. TRUST IN GOD ALWAYS.



*Joseph dreamed a dream, ... we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about and made obeisance (bowed) to my sheaf. And he dreamed yet another dream... the sun and moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.*

*Genesis 37: 5, 7, 9*