

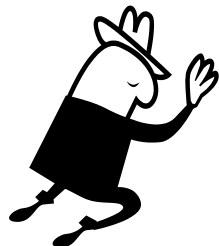
READ Genesis 40 Dreams feature again .. Baker and Cupbearer have dreams in prison which lead to the revelation of Joseph's God given ability. God is still revealing Himself and as Pharaoh is disturbed by dreams it is soon clear whose God is in control. Joseph moves from a PIT to a PALACE .. "2IC" to Pharaoh .. some other dreams are coming true!

Heartache and pain have been a constant in Joseph's life but what "circumstances" show that God has been with Joseph?

Why did God take Him through all these trials?

What can you say the Lord has taught you through the TRIAL and SUFFERING in your life? Do we learn easily?

What on earth is God doing? (**Romans 8:28-29**)



PRAYER POINTS (either in pairs or as group)

- Pray that we prayerfully deal with all the challenges that face us as we walk this earth
- Pray that we will seek to prayerfully learn from all the trials in our lives .. that we would have a heart that want to be conformed to Jesus



The **BEGINNING** ...
Of The **END!**

Genesis 37-41

STUDY Sixteen



When Dreams Come True!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET RID OF ALL
THE PAIN IN YOUR LIFE?

Read **Genesis 37** ... *Meet the Family*

What is the relationship between :



Jacob and Joseph

Jacob and his OTHER sons

Joseph and his BROTHERS

The Future of the Family Favourite

READ Genesis 37

What examples of DYSFUNCTIONAL parenting do you find in **Genesis 37**?

We are left in no doubt about Jacob's feelings for Joseph (v.3) what's the significance of Jacob being given a **a richly ornamented robe** Is this just an indulgence or is there more indicated by these actions? (c.f. **2 Sam.13:18**)

Joseph's dreams (v.5-11) are a major piece in the future of this family. What do these verses reveal to you about Joseph's character? Do you think Joseph was wise to reveal these dreams? How would events been different in the future if Joseph HADN'T told his dreams?

How would you account for the different reactions from the BROTHERS and HIS DAD to the dreams .. v.11

What is that has made the brothers mad enough to kill Joseph?

Who stands out as the "good guy" in these plans to dispose of Joseph?

Genesis 38 .. read through the chapter .. JUDAH is tricked into sleeping with his widowed daughter in law to continue the family line
NB Judah thinks nothing of sleeping with a prostitute and condemning her to death ... he is caught red handed .. TAMAR (gentile) is "more righteous" than JUDAH twins are born Perez

READ Genesis 39

Joseph is sold into Potiphar's house as a slave .. what becomes obvious ... ?
verses 2,3,5,20,21,23

Mrs Potiphar takes an immediate liking to the young good looking intelligent Hebrew but Joseph shows integrity in a number of ways ... what are Joseph's firm beliefs here?

What's his remedy to this temptation?

From Prison To Palace

Two years in prison for crimes he didn't commit .. what is Joseph's reaction?
What would be **your** reaction?

What is happening in prison as Joseph becomes part of the "system"? Had God abandoned him?