

LESSON 3

Genesis 37:36 • Joseph is bought as a slave by Potiphar

This verse introduces the next stage of Joseph's journey—he is sold into slavery in Egypt. In case you didn't know!

God has each step of Joseph's saga carefully crafted to bring about a great deliverance for Israel. Joseph doesn't understand how his dream would be fulfilled, but he was trusting God that everything was under control.

*File this one away under **PROVIDENCE**.*

Genesis 38 • Skip it! Summary...

Genesis 38 is a story about Joseph's brother Judah. This story is a sad and sordid tale—and some “adult” themes, so your parents will have to walk you through this one if they want to cover it. Also—we don't have enough time to cover everything in Joseph's saga, so this is one chapter that will have to go.

BUT—there is an important reason why God interposed this chapter into Joseph's story. Judah horrid behavior highlights how upright, moral, and virtuous Joseph was. We'll see the contrast to Judah later when Joseph deals with Mrs. Potiphar.

*File this one away under **PURITY**.*

Genesis 39:1–6a • Everything prospers under Joseph's management.

There aren't too many “Sure Fire” investments. There is always some amount of risk involved when put your trust into things of earth.

Joseph, though, represented a perfectly reliable investment plan for one's wealth, business, and property. Anything placed into his care would multiply and prosper.

Potiphar quickly learned that whatever Joseph was put in charge of turned out awesome. When Potiphar turned his life over to Joseph, he was blessed and free of concern, and the Potiphar home and business blossomed. And this was more than just good management and wise decisions on Joseph's part—there was a miraculous element to it. God's hand was clearly seen in this.

*This shows us Joseph's **PRUDENCE**.*

Potiphar turning everything over to Joseph is actually an amazing parallel to the Christian life!

List some things we can turn over to Jesus

Isaiah 53:4, 6, 11 • _____

Matthew 6:25–32 • _____

1 Peter 5:7 • _____

Philippians 4:6–7 • _____

Luke 12:11–12 • _____

Let's dig deeper...

Mark 10:45 • This verse is about Jesus being the sacrifice for sin for the whole world—but how does it also describe Joseph? _____

1 Corinthians 4:1–2 • What are stewards required to be? _____

How did Joseph demonstrate this? _____

1 Peter 4:10–11 • How are we to serve one another? _____

What is similar in each service that Peter mentions? _____

What does this teach? _____

2 Corinthians 4:7–11 & 6:3–10 • Why do you suppose Paul described his ministry this way? _____

How do people normally respond to this kind of life? _____

Why do Christians endure such things? _____

Genesis 39:6b–12 • Joseph & Mrs. Potiphar

Mrs. Potiphar tries to tempt Joseph—but, look carefully: is he actually *tempted* by her? Do you read anywhere that he wanted to be with her, but had to restrain himself? _____

*This is all about Joseph's **PURITY**.*

