

Genesis Bible Study Assignment

July 22, 2021

Reading: Genesis Chapters 39-41

Discussion Questions

Genesis 39

1. The author of Genesis 39 wrote that the LORD was with Joseph. In what ways did the author show this to be true?
2. The words used to describe Joseph in Genesis 39:6 were the same Hebrew words used to describe Rachel in Genesis 29:17. In what ways were the responses of Jacob (to Rachel's appearance) and Potiphar's wife (to Joseph's appearance) similar? In what ways were they different?
3. Do you believe that Potiphar contributed to the situation that resulted in Joseph's imprisonment? If so, how?
4. Joseph had two garments that led to bad circumstances. What were these garments? How did they cause Joseph's misfortune?
5. What were the similarities between Joseph's position with Potiphar and Joseph's position with the chief jailer?

Genesis 40

6. Who does Joseph say interprets dreams? What does this imply when Joseph then asks the chief cupbearer and the chief baker to tell him what they dreamed?

7. In what ways are the heads of the chief cupbearer and chief baker lifted up?

8. Do you believe dreams can be predictive? Why or why not?

9. In Genesis 40:14, Joseph asks the chief cupbearer to “remember” him when his situation improves. What do you think Joseph is asking him to do, and why? Why do you think the chief cupbearer didn’t do it?

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10. In ancient Egypt, dream interpretation was regarded as science that required formal instruction, yet the wise men called upon by Pharaoh were unable to interpret his dreams. How do you think Pharaoh felt when they failed to do so?

11. Give an example of when science has failed to explain something. How did that make you feel?

12. What did Joseph recommend that Pharaoh do in response to his dreams?

13. What effect do you think preparing for the famine had on ...
 - a. Joseph –

 - b. Egypt –

 - c. The world –