

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 41:29****IN THE BEGINNING 11-1**

Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine will deplete the land.

**"FROM PRISON TO PALACE"****Genesis 38:1 – 41:57**

1. What thought impressed you from last week's lesson?

**AY 1 – READ Genesis 38:1-30**

2. Judah established his own family. Name his children.
3. a. Er married Tamar. What happened to him?
  - b. Why did God kill Onan?
  - c. What was Judah's plan for Tamar with regard to his third son?
4. a. As a widower, how did Judah encounter Tamar?
  - b. What pledge did Judah give?
  - c. Unable to redeem the pledge for a goat, what did Judah say in verse 23?
5. a. Accused of prostitution, what was Tamar's defense?
  - b. What did Judah acknowledge?
6. What did Tamar name her twins and what was unusual about their birth?
7. a. Identify some sins you see in this chapter.
  - b. Sin in our family tree does not negate our personal relationship to God. What do we learn about this family from Matthew 1:1-3?

**DAY 2 – READ Genesis 39:1-23**

8. a. Potiphar purchased Joseph. What did he notice about Joseph?
  - b. What responsibility was entrusted to Joseph?
9. a. What problem did Joseph face as he fulfilled his duties in Potiphar's house?
  - b. Why did he refuse Potiphar's wife?
  - c. Write Colossians 3:22.

**DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Genesis 39:1-23**

10. Briefly, what happened in verses 11-18?
11. How was Joseph treated by . . .
  - a. . . . Potiphar?
  - b. . . . God?
  - c. . . . the warden?
12. What do we know from Romans 8:28?
13. Joseph gave loyal service regardless of where God placed him. For that to be true in your life, what attitude do you think is necessary? Please share.

**DAY 3 – READ Genesis 40:1-23**

14. a. Who in the king's household encountered Pharaoh's wrath?
  - b. How did Joseph show concern for these men?
  - c. How is your attitude toward others when you have problems of your own? Please share.
15. a. What was Joseph's interpretation of the chief cupbearer's dream?
  - b. . . . and his request?
16. How did Joseph correctly interpret the chief baker's dream?
17. a. How do you think Joseph felt when he realized the cupbearer forgot his promise?
  - b. Share why you think people sometimes forget their promises.
  - c. What promise of God can you depend on in John 14:3?

**DAY 4 – READ Genesis 41:1-40**

18. When \_\_\_\_\_ years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream. Describe the dream the wise men could not interpret.
19. a. What did the chief cupbearer declare in verse 9?
  - b. What testimony did Joseph give before Pharaoh in verse 16?

**DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Genesis 41:1-40**

20. How did Joseph interpret the dream and why was it given in two forms?
21. a. What wise counsel did Joseph give to Pharaoh?
- b. What happened as a result of his recommendation?
- c. What characteristics do you see in Joseph that allowed others to entrust him with responsibility?
22. In Potiphar's service and in prison, God used hard times to prepare Joseph for later opportunity. How has He done that in your life? Please share.

**DAY 5 – READ Genesis 41:41-57**

23. In verses 41-44, how did Pharaoh help Joseph in the job to which he was appointed?
24. What biographical facts are given about Joseph?
25. How productive were the years of abundance?
26. Why did Joseph name his sons Manasseh and Ephraim?
27. God's word is true . . . famine came.
- a. What indicated Pharaoh still had confidence in Joseph?
- b. How extensive was the famine?
- c. If Scripture is your "daily bread," how are you keeping famine from your door?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**