

THE BIBLE IN STORY NUMBER 10—Genesis 39-41

Introduction:

Men to remember: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
Joseph's brothers had to live with their sin in selling him and lying to their father.
Because of their sin, their father had to suffer much.
Joseph was sold into a country where trials awaited him.
Was God in this plan?

I. Joseph in Potiphar's House—39:1-23

Joseph is made ruler over Potiphar's servants.
He is is tempted by the ruler's wife.
He is falsely accused by her.
Then he is cast into prison.
But God was with him.

II. Joseph in prison—40:1-23

He is made ruler of the prisoners.
The butler's dream of the vine and three branches.
The baker's dream of three baskets of bread
Joseph tells them the meaning of the dreams.
Pharaoh's birthday feast.

III. Pharaoh's dream—41:1-45

The first dream—seven fat cattle and seven skinny cattle
The second dream—seven large ears of grain and seven small ears of grain.
Joseph interprets these dreams.
Each dream meant the same.
Seven years of plenty.
Followed by seven years of famine.
Joseph is made ruler over Egypt, second in command to Pharaoh.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. If God was with Joseph, why did Joseph have to suffer so many hardships?
2. Show times when God was with Joseph.
3. What influence did the life of Joseph have on Pharaoh?
4. How faithful to God would you remain if you were put in prison on false charges?
5. Did the butler appreciate the help of Joseph?
6. Can you think of times when you have not appreciated the help of someone in the way that you should have?