

The Study of Genesis

Lesson #26: "Joseph Exalted and Reunited With His Brothers"

Genesis 41:1-42:38



Introduction

Co-incidence? No. GOD-incidence! Yes.

James 2:17b (NIV) "... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Revelation 4:8b (NIV) "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come!"

Genesis 39:21 (ESV) "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor . . ."

Genesis 37:7 (ESV) "Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."

Genesis 37:9 (ESV) "Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."'

1 Corinthians 1:19 (NIV) "For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' "

Genesis 40:5 (ESV) "And one night they both dreamed — the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison — each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation."

Genesis 40:8 (ESV) "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

Genesis 40:9 (ESV) "So, the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph . . ."

Genesis 40:16 (ESV) "When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream . . ."

Division 1: God was with Joseph, the imprisoned slave, and through many God-incidences, the dreams Joseph interpreted, were fulfilled.

Genesis 41:1-36

**Principle #1:** God has woven together an intricate plan and begins to execute it through His servant Joseph.

James 1:23 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:24 (NIV) Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

James 1:25 (NIV) and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

"to be in the world, not of the world" John 15:19 (NIV) If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

1 John 4:19 (ESV) We love because He first loved us.

**Division 2: Through successive God-incidences, Joseph carefully positions Egypt to endure the drought.**

Genesis 41:37-57

Genesis 39:6 (ESV) So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

**Principle #2:** Joseph faithfully executes God's plan.

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) "the peace that passes all understanding"

Matthew 7:7 (NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Ephesians 1:13 (NIV) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:14 (NIV) who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of His glory."

Mark 9:24 (ESV) "I believe; help my unbelief!"

**Division 3: Through God-incidences, Joseph's brothers travel to Egypt to buy food and the journey of reconciliation begins.**

Genesis 42:1-38

**Principle #3:** God is sovereign and His justice prevails at the time He determines.