

Joseph's Rise to Power in Egypt

Study 15: Genesis 40 & 41

1. How did Joseph end up in Egypt? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 37:1-36*
2. How did Joseph end up in the Egyptian prison? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 39:1-20*
3. What does the LORD do for Joseph soon after he is put in prison? Why do you think that God did this for Joseph? What were the results of God's favor to Joseph? What, if anything, is the message to you in this? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 39:19-23*

Please read the below passages and answer the following questions

4. Read **Genesis 40:1-23**. What does Joseph do for Pharaoh's chief cup bearer and chief baker? According to Joseph, how did Joseph provide accurate interpretations to these men?
5. What does Joseph request of the chief cup bearer as a favor for Joseph's successful service to him? How does the cup bearer ultimately respond when he leaves prison?
6. Read **Genesis 41:1-57**. What does Joseph do for Pharaoh? According to Joseph, why was Joseph so confident that his interpretations were accurate? What specifically does Joseph advise Pharaoh to do as a result of his dreams (v. 33-36)? What does Pharaoh do for Joseph as a result of Joseph's advice to Pharaoh? What happens in the land not too long after Joseph is put in charge (v. 46-57)?
7. What is the message to you in these events in Joseph's life? In your opinion, who or what caused Joseph to go from betrayed brother to falsely accused criminal to forgotten man in prison to the second most powerful person in Egypt?